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Echoes of Our War: Vietnam Veterans Reflect 50 Years Later

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HAUNTING WAR MEMORIES RESURFACE...TEN MARINE COMBAT VETERANS REFLECT

Fifty years after serving as an advisor to the Vietnamese Marine Corps, Marine Colonel Robert Fischer, a former lecturer on "Strategy and Tactics of the Insurgent" at the Naval War College, has "shot an azimuth" (set a compass course). He has assembled written works by selected Vietnam veterans. Their roles varied, yet these men's reflections, taken from their experiences, represent some of the best lessons learned. Each veteran has a unique story to tell, and an open-minded reader will discover answers to a wide range of lingering questions from that conflict. The lessons included are presented in various forms. Stories and personal narratives are the preferred formats, accompanied by references to command chronologies. Some lessons are offered, with suggestions for further reading and study. There are rebukes as well as simple reflections. But clearly, all the information shared has been earned through hard experience.

What some are saying about this newly written book:

"Echoes of Our War: Vietnam Veterans Reflect 50 Years Later" does a tremendous job of capturing some of them. The stories shared are not limited to battlefield experiences. They include the war fought afterward against Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Agent Orange exposure, and the memories of warrior bonds only death terminated. Each story bears a lesson unto itself. Each storyteller seems to have been haunted by the ghost of Vietnam past—one in need of expungement in order to regain a life of normalcy. For some, defeating that ghost was more difficult than others: yet in the end, so many came so far to do so. This book is a testimonial to all who served. It tells of a war that, despite being poorly planned, was courageously fought. It tells of a brotherhood forged on battlefields that remains intact for survivors half a century later. It dispels the myth that many of those who returned fell on hard times, unable to rejoin and contribute to society. Into Vietnam's valley of death marched 2.7 million warriors; 58,220 failed to march back out. For those who did, the reflections in this book let them know they are not alone.

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