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UPCOMING RELEASES
Phase Line Attila
The Amphibious Campaign for Cyprus

by Edward J. Erickson and Mesut Uyar

*Phase Line Attila* presents a campaign analysis of the Turkish 1974 joint expeditionary operation to seize the northern third of Cyprus. The author focuses on how the Turkish armed forces successfully planned and executed a complex amphibious assault from the sea against Cyprus. Termed Operation Yildiz 70 (Operation Star 70) by Turkish planners, the operation was a carefully planned and executed operational level, joint amphibious assault against a defended island. Arguably, it is the only successfully completed operational level amphibious landing on an opposed shore since 1945.

The operation involved the Turkish army, navy, and air force units in a textbook example of solid joint planning using United States Marine Corps doctrines and tactics. While the Turks made mistakes—famously sinking their own destroyer, the TCG Kocatepe, in the worst episode of fratricide in the postwar world—in overall terms the operation was a brilliant success. The authors are retired army officers from the U.S. and Turkish armies with substantial combat and operational experience, as well as distinguished military historians.

Cloth | 6 x 9 | 2019
Disaster Labs
How American States Use Partnerships to Manage the Unthinkable

by Austen D. Givens

"Disaster Labs: How American States Use Partnerships to Manage the Unthinkable explores how state governments partner with businesses and nonprofits to manage large-scale emergencies. Using extensive one-on-one interviews with senior government and private sector leaders in California, Florida, New York, and Virginia, coupled with analyses of government policy documents, laws, regulations, and press accounts, Disaster Labs examines how public-private sector coordination is now essential for emergency management nationwide.

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~ Irwin Redlener,
Director, National Center for Disaster Preparedness,
Columbia University

Paper | 6 x 9 | 2020
Great political and military leaders understand that communication strategies are key to victory in any conflict. Seizing the narrative can enable victory while failure to do so yields that advantage to the adversary. Gone are the days when competing armies confronted one another across battlefields. The information environment has made engagements and conflict both local and global all at once such that—as never before—information warfare is critical to victory. Understanding culture, history, local political dynamics, the interactions of different players, and the need to forge cohesive communication plans at the strategic, operational, and tactical levels matters more than ever to commanders and operators. In *Information Warfare*, James P. Farwell describes how commanders and operators must and can define winning outcomes and the strategies, operations, and tactics to achieve them. He lays out concrete, actionable steps to get results and places them in historical context, then provides a workbook to assist readers in devising communication strategies that produce victory in the sphere of information warfare.
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Patterns of Influence
Strategic Culture Case Studies and Conclusions

edited by Matthew R. Slater

Patterns of Influence: Strategic Culture Case Studies and Conclusions is a timely book because of its applicability to the emerging strategic environment. The world is realigning into a multipolar power structure. Patterns of Influence relies on a practical application of the strategic culture approach to promote a better understanding of both state decision making and their range of behaviors and actions. Not only can it help researchers to better understand emerging threats, but the strategic culture approach emphasized in this book can help bridge the gap between academic and military disciplines. Patterns of Influence provides a framework for analysts and researchers who are interested in applying strategic culture to a given case study. Included are chapters on the strategic cultures of China, Afghanistan, Brazil, and Kosovo.

Paper | 6 x 9 | 2020
For millennia, people have moved from the countryside to villages and towns that have grown to cities and, increasingly, megacities. In the West, this urban trend accelerated with industrialization in the nineteenth century. Globally, urbanization is now on the uptick and it is one of the fundamental trends driving the evolution of human societies worldwide. But, as global population growth continues, so too will security problems of and in cities, including those where military means are perceived warranted, utile, and legitimate. *Complex Terrain* explores military operations, including indirect support to other interagency actors and functions, in dense urban terrain and megacities. Dense urban terrain describes urban areas with high population densities that, in the developing world, often outstrip the capacity of local governance systems to exert formal control.
**RAGING WATERS**  
China, India, Bangladesh, and Brahmaputra River Politics

by Nilanthi Samaranayake, Satu Limaye, and Joel Wuthnow

*Raging Waters: China, India, Bangladesh, and Brahmaputra River Politics* provides greater understanding of the equities and drivers fueling water insecurity and resource competition in the Brahmaputra River basin. It also considers security implications at the subnational, bilateral, and basin-wide levels of analysis. Drawing on original research conducted in the three countries—China, India, and Bangladesh—the authors offer recommendations for policy makers to take steps to manage rising water resource competition. By focusing on shared interests and solutions that address underlying long-term water needs and economic development of the basin, Brahmaputra stakeholders can draw on the book’s findings to strengthen regional security.

Paper | 5.5 x 8.75 | 2018
A NEW CONCEPTION OF WAR
John Boyd, The U.S. Marines, and Maneuver Warfare

by Ian T. Brown

A New Conception of War traces the origins and development of the combat theory the Marine Corps came to call “maneuver warfare” in the post–Vietnam years. The text follows two paths that ultimately merge into the codification of maneuver warfare doctrine in Fleet Marine Force Manual 1, Warfighting. The first path focuses on the conflict theories of Colonel John Boyd, USAF, which were shaped by a career during the Cold War and his own passion for challenging conventional wisdom in the search for new and useful ideas. The second path covers a period of institutional soul-searching within the Marine Corps after Vietnam, driven by the Corps’ historical desire to adapt itself to the exigencies of the day and thus remain a useful contributor to national defense. A New Conception of War uses new and previously unpublished material from the major players, including excerpts from the transcript of Boyd’s “Patterns of Conflict” briefing.
This collection of papers helps readers understand the implications for strategy and military planning behind Russia’s failure to integrate (as was maybe too naively expected) into the Euro-Atlantic and global economic and security architecture. Russia’s renewed assertiveness has created what might look like a new adversarial geopolitical context. This unexpected reality prompted authors to analyze once again Russian military capability, tactics, and operational concepts through the contemporary filter of events in Georgia, Ukraine, and Syria, as well as the historical legacy of the Soviet Union. All of the authors, whether writing about the idea of hybrid warfare or the potential for conventional conflict in the Baltic region, uncover the continuities and novelties of the current situation. They also offer recommendations grounded in their professional experience with U.S. national security policy as well as the Marine Corps.

Paper | 7 x 10 | 124pp
Rethinking the Drone War
National Security, Legitimacy, and Civilian Casualties in U.S. Counterterrorism Operations

by Larry Lewis and Diane Vavrichek

*Rethinking the Drone War* provides concrete recommendations for policy makers as well as military commanders, a number of which have been incorporated into the recent U.S. policy guidelines related to civilian casualties. Although this volume focuses specifically on current counterterrorism practices, its analyses, frameworks, and conclusions can be applied in varying degrees to emerging technologies as well. These considerations can help a government ensure that its use of force is not only effective, but also responsible and consonant with larger interests.

Paper | 5.5 x 8.75 | 254pp
The Dilemma of Lawlessness
Organized Crime, Violence, Prosperity, and Security along Guatemala’s Borders

by Ralph Espach, Daniel Haering, Javier Meléndez Quiñonez, and Miguel Castillo Giron

The Dilemma of Lawlessness explores in-depth three towns typical of Guatemala’s border regions and examines the economic, political, and security effects of the amplification of the drug trade in their streets, across their rivers, and on their footpaths. The cases reveal that trade has brought prosperity, but also danger, as illegal profits penetrate local businesses, government offices, and churches while longstanding local smuggling networks must contend with or accommodate the interests of Mexican cartels. The authors argue persuasively for the importance of cultivating local community capital to strengthen these communities’ resiliency in the face of these threats.

Paper | 6 x 9 | 98pp
Marines at War
Stories from Afghanistan and Iraq

edited by Paolo G. Tripodi and Kelly Frushour
foreword by Carroll J. Connelley

Marines at War brings together the short stories of 10 Marines and a sailor who served in either Afghanistan or Iraq, some in both. The authors reflect on their time in combat, focusing on preparation, particular moments, and the lessons or conclusions drawn from their experiences. While every servicemember has a different story, and despite these remembrances being very personal, this collection represents and provides insight into the ordinary experiences of Americans serving during an extraordinary set of circumstances: war. This collection examines both the monotony and the intense moments that these men and women experienced from a diverse set of perspectives. From the Bell AH-1 Cobra helicopter pilot to the logistician to the chaplain and beyond, each experience is different and informative in its own particular sphere.

Paper | 6 x 9 | 260pp

ALSO BY THESE AUTHORS
Aspects of Leadership
Ethics, Law, and Spirituality
Edited by Carroll Connelley and Paolo G. Tripodi
**The Crisis of the African State**

Globalization, Tribalism, and Jihadism in the Twenty-First Century

edited by Anthony N. Celso and Robert Nalbandov

*The Crisis of the African State* focuses on security problems facing the twenty-first-century African state. Through multiple essays, the authors explore current and past security issues associated with tribal warfare and jihadist terrorism within a rapidly changing global context where state sovereignty and institutional capability are in decline. Historic and modern situations have coalesced to create unique security challenges for many African states.

Paper | 7 x 9 | 246pp
China’s Emerging National Security Interests
and Their Impact on the People’s Liberation Army

by Murray Scot Tanner and Peter W. Mackenzie

As a result of 30 years of China’s rapid development and increasing global engagement, security interests extend well beyond Chinese shores. Beijing’s response to the Arab Spring underscores how the growth of China’s global security interests may be threatened even by distant events. At the same time, China’s emerging interests—and calls from within the security community for greater assertiveness in their pursuit—have attracted attention and concern among China’s neighbors and other major powers in Asia.

This book focuses on two main objectives:

• Analyze evolving perceptions by China’s national security community of its national security interests and the potential threats to those interests; and

• Examine the challenges that China’s emerging security concerns create for the PLA, and how these challenges shape its roles, missions, and activities.

Paper | 7 x 9 | 152pp
The End of Don’t Ask Don’t Tell
The Impact in Studies and Personal Essays
by Service Members and Veterans

edited by J. Ford Huffman and Tammy S. Schultz

The End of Don’t Ask Don’t Tell (DADT) contains reports that shed light on the way forward for the Services and policy makers and it gives voice to those who have served under DADT, both gay and straight, and highlights their personal experience under this policy. The editors include policy recommendations and ways of looking at this change that will help smooth the repeal’s implementation for the force. We believe strongly that only by starting a debate, or engaging in one, does change become possible. The book’s second half provides servicemembers with the opportunity to speak for themselves. These personal essays peel back the curtain of the shame, uncertainty, homophobia, anger, fear, and other emotions of living under DADT.

AWARD
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REVIEW
“At a time when the first portside kiss in Virginia Beach for the U.S.S. Oak Hill was awarded to a gay couple (via a ship-wide raffle); when gay pride groups are beginning to appear at U.S. military academies; and when the Pentagon is hosting gay pride events, the editors of The End of Don’t Ask Don’t Tell are to be commended.”

—Brian Turner,
Washington Post

Paper | 6 x 9 | 275pp
Aspects of Leadership
Ethics, Law, and Spirituality
edited by Paolo Tripodi and Carroll Connelley

Aspects of Leadership is comprised of essays by a group of 20 leadership and ethics scholars and practitioners. The Lejeune Leadership Institute Ethics Branch, Marine Corps University, provides current and relevant scholarly research and instruction on ethics and moral leadership and the law of war. This collection of essays provides timely and insightful views on current leadership behavior and ethical concerns that men and women of the armed forces face in the demanding, complex, and prolonged decade of armed conflict. While leadership has many aspects, this book focuses on the ethical, legal, and spiritual because of their foundational nature.

REVIEW
“The essays in the book have been written by professional [M]arine [C]orps officers, academics, legal luminaries and chaplains, amongst others. This brings a wealth of diversity and expertise to the volume. It is relevant for both individuals interested in the subject, officers at the middle and senior leadership level, academics and strategic study centres.”

—Vivek Chadha
Journal of Defence Studies

Paper | 6 x 9 | 490pp
Environmental security is an emerging mission for the U.S. military; for these nontraditional missions, we need problem solvers and innovators. We have to constantly look beyond the short-term problems and try to identify the security issues that will become critical in the years ahead. As we look to each new crisis, there seems to be an underlying element of water or resource scarcity that seems to make the problem unsolvable. Strategic Water not only identifies a threat that is not often analyzed, it also makes detailed recommendations on how to deal with it effectively.
The Best-Laid Schemes
A Tale of Social Research and Bureaucracy

by Seymour J. Deitchman

The revised reprint of The Best-Laid Schemes contains two overarching lessons for current and future efforts. First, the practices, ethics, and capabilities of social scientists and anthropologists are often at odds with—even diametrically opposed to—DOD’s needs, institutional structure, entrenched ideas, and preconceptions about social science. Each must adapt to and understand the capacities of the other to effect integration.

Second, for social science to effectively be integrated into DOD, scientists’ efforts must be toward long term goals and sustainability, and toward fully entangling social science with DOD’s bureaucracy so it can’t be excised, without allowing the institution to alter the science to fit its comfort zone.

Paper \( 6 \times 9 \) \( 342 \)pp
Iwo Jima and the Bonin Islands in U.S.-Japan Relations
American Strategy, Japanese Territory, and the Islanders In-Between

by Robert D. Eldridge

Originally published in Japanese, Iwo Jima and the Bonin Islands in U.S.-Japan Relations will undoubtedly engender different opinions and feelings with regard to U.S. history and World War II, especially as it relates to the Battle of Iwo Jima. For the Japanese, it is an island mourning the dead. For the Americans, it is an island to glorify a victory. This book is an attempt to bridge the gap—and show the similarities—in understanding this issue on both sides, as well as to examine the dynamics of the interplay between the United States and Japan over the destiny of the islands. Iwo Jima and the Bonin Islands is not only a historical study of U.S.-Japan relations and Japanese political and diplomatic history but is also an attempt to contribute to Bonin-and Iwo Jima-related studies.

Paper | 7 x 10 | 570pp
Acknowledging Limits
Police Advisors and Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan

by William Rosenau

Although academic and policy specialists have examined the role of police in postconflict environments, the question of how police should be organized, trained, and equipped for counterinsurgency campaigns has received little systematic attention. Similarly, U.S. military doctrine and the professional military literature do not consider it in any systematic way. Yet U.S. forces have played a prominent role in training indigenous police and other security forces in counterinsurgency campaigns from Vietnam to Afghanistan.

The subject of mentoring foreign police forces is even more neglected. American forces preparing to deploy to Afghanistan for the police mentoring mission have few sources of information and analysis available to them. Acknowledging Limits addresses that gap. Using a series of 10 vignettes, this monograph examines in depth the experiences of individual American and British soldiers and Marines who served as mentors in Afghanistan during 2007–9.

Paper | 7 x 9 | 101pp
Among Heroes
A Marine Corps Rifle Company on Peleliu

by First Sergeant Jack R. Ainsworth
edited by Ambassador Laurence Pope
foreword by General Anthony C. Zinni

Among Heroes offers readers First Sergeant Jack R. Ainsworth’s personal account and narrative from six days of combat on Peleliu. His account tells the story of Company C, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, from the landing on 15 September 1944 to the withdrawal from the front lines five days later.

REVIEW
“‘This very personal narrative of the battle for Peleliu provides an outstanding perspective of a difficult fight that is often lost in the overarching ‘official’ history describing the entire battle. Pope notes that there are several firsthand accounts of Peleliu but they were written well after the events. . . . 1stSgt Ainsworth’s narrative stands out among these other notable books for its raw account of the battle and is well worth reading.’”

~ Colonel Curt Marsh, USMCR (Retired)
Naval Historical Foundation

Paper | 6 x 9 | 98pp
Rethinking a Middle East in Transition

Edited by Kenneth H. Williams

Rethinking a Middle East in Transition presents an array of expert opinions on the region, drawn from their presentations at the Middle East Institute’s 64th Annual Conference in November 2010, on the eve of the Jasmine Revolution. Participants addressed the Arab–Israeli peace process; Iran and its role in the region; the challenges of the ongoing conflict in Afghanistan and Pakistan; the difficulties of confronting and negotiating with nonstate actors, such as Hezbollah, al-Qaeda, and the Taliban; public opinion in the Arab world; Turkey’s growing influence; Israel’s perspectives on recent developments; conditions in Iraq as the United States withdraws its forces; and the Obama administration’s policies in response to all of these issues.
War, Will, and Warlords
Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan and Pakistan, 2001–2011
by Robert M. Cassidy

War, Will, and Warlords highlights three essential realities to explain the environment in Afghanistan and Pakistan. First, the Afghan people have faced tumult, conflict, and war since 1973. Second, insurgents use the art of the ambush, armed propaganda, and cross-border sanctuaries to protract the war to erode the will of the counterinsurgents. Third, warlords, run criminal patronage fiefs or insurgent-terrorist networks that operate across borders and exist outside and inside the states and serve as state proxies in some cases. The growth and scope of warlord-led insurgent and criminal networks have helped catalyze support for the insurgencies by their predatory, venal, and violent practices against the people. War, will, and warlords, therefore, are central to any understanding of what has transpired in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

REVIEW

“War, Will, and Warlords is an important read for all scholars, diplomats and military practitioners seeking to further understand the Afghanistan-Pakistan nexus. . . . Cassidy’s work is unique in that it is the only book that currently compares the insurgencies in Afghanistan and Pakistan using a deliberate and consistent analytical framework.”

—Dr. Kevin D. Stringer
RUSI Journal
The Iranian Puzzle Piece
Understanding Iran in the Global Context

edited by Amin Tarzi

The Iranian Puzzle Piece was based on a symposium held at Marine Corps University in September 2008, which sought to examine the “puzzle piece” labeled Iran and understand how it fits into the larger, global puzzle. Out of that symposium came these papers, which provide insight into the multifaceted nature of Iran and its regime, examine the feasibility and possible outcomes of official engagement of the regime, and discuss the domestic, regional, and international implications of Iran’s nuclear ambitions.

Paper | 6 x 9 | 114pp
Among the People
U.S. Marines in Iraq

by Lieutenant Colonel David A. Benhoff
foreword by General Anthony C. Zinni

Among the People photographically illustrates the human side of war, or in this instance, Marines interacting with the Iraqi population at the personal level. This interaction is most often found among units that spend the vast majority of their time “outside the wire,” among the people, working to rebuild, restore, and improve security and infrastructure. The first section of this photo essay depicts activities occurring at one of the civil-military operations centers, while the next section focuses on civil affairs group tactical teams. The final section addresses those Marines interacting with the Iraqi Security Forces, known as Advisory Support Teams (ASTs) and Military Training Teams (MTTs) in 2005.

Cloth | 13 x 11 | 115pp
Afghanistan
Alone & Unafraid

by Lieutenant Colonel David A. Benhoff
foreword by Charles Neimeyer

*Alone & Unafraid* is a photographic essay of embedded training teams in Afghanistan, though there are few images of Marines in these pages. The Corps’ emphasis was on the Afghan National Army taking the lead while the American boots on the ground gave advice and mentored their activities. The reader will come away with a clear understanding of this unique mission.

Cloth | 13 x 11 | 112pp
Counterinsurgency Leadership in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Beyond

edited by Nicholas J. Schlosser and James M. Caiella

Counterinsurgency Leadership in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Beyond is based on the proceedings of Marine Corps University’s “Counterinsurgency Leadership in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Beyond” symposium, held in Washington, DC, in September 2009. This monograph contains the thoughts, arguments, experiences, and observations of 20 scholars, soldiers, Marines, and policy makers. The collection presents an exploration of COIN leadership in all of its facets and includes chapters on the roles that civilian leadership, military leadership, civil-military cooperation, advisory operations, and alliance relations play in confronting and defeating insurgencies.

Paper | 6 x 9 | 212pp
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NEW TITLES
This pamphlet battle study, one in a series dedicated to U.S. Marines in battle, chronicles the actions of a small Marine force during the Spanish-American War in the summer of 1898. Their actions at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, to secure an advanced naval base would provide a forward anchorage to enable U.S. Navy ships to recoal and repair in safety and ultimately altered the nineteenth-century American military’s focus from defense of the homeland to global power projection via the seas. The operations in Cuba also helped spur the Marine Corps’ evolution from a naval guard force to the expeditionary force recognized today. Author Jerry A. Roberts, USMC (Ret), traces the 400-strong First Marine Battalion’s journey from the Brooklyn Navy Yard to Cuba on board the USS Panther, its preparatory training in Key West, its arrival and landing at the deep-water bay of Guantánamo, its victory over the Spanish at Cuzco Well, the accompanying naval actions that secured the bay for the United States, and the battalion’s return home.
The Battle of Belleu Wood in June 1918 was the first major engagement between the Germans and U.S. Marines. The Germans were stunned to find that not only could the Marines fight, but they were also deadly marksman who were incappable of quitting the field of battle until it was theirs.
RINGED BY FIRE
U.S. Marines and the Siege of Khe Sanh, 21 January to 9 July 1968

Colonel Rod Andrew, USMCR

For many of the Marine Corps replacements in 1968, the first sight of Khe Sanh Combat Base during the siege came from the porthole of a transport helicopter flying several thousand feet above the plateau. The base was clearly visible, set against a backdrop of red clay soil, the distinctive earth color of the plateau, and the deep green jungle surrounding the perimeter wire. Flights into Khe Sanh took on an added dimension during the siege.

Paper | 8.5 x 11 | 2018
The Bravest Deeds of Men: A Field Guide for the Battle of Belleau Wood

Col William T. Anderson, USMCR (Ret)

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The Very Few, the Proud:

Colonel Nancy P. Anderson, USMC (Ret)

The Very Few, the Proud covers it all, from training to uniforms to deployments. It also covers a period of extreme activity and a number of changes for women in the Corps. Some studies have been done on specific topics, but this is the first comprehensive history of women who have earned the title “Marine” and served between the post-Vietnam War era and the inception of the Global War on Terrorism. There were tremendous changes made to female officer and enlisted training during this period; the first combat deployment of women with their units happened as well. Other firsts during this period include selection of the first female general officers, the first females (to include sergeants major) being assigned to deployable units, the first female aviators and naval flight officers, and other trailblazers.

Paper | 8.5 x 11 | 2018
U.S. Marines in Afganistan, 2001–2009

ANTHOLOGY AND ANNOTATED
BIBLIOGRAPHY

Compiled by Major David W. Kummer, USMC

Given the unique circumstances surrounding Marine deployments, this anthology is organized into four parts that follow Marine Corps participation in America’s longest conflict through 2009. Source materials present an overview of the role of the Marine Corps in U.S./Coalition efforts to bring stability to Afghanistan. Given the spectrum of roles filled by Marines, the information generally follows the chronological timeline or is arranged by function. This work is not meant to be an authoritative history, but rather is a selected record of Marine contributions to the Afghan war effort as captured by the media and other sources. It is intended to be used as a starting point for the general public and academic researchers.

Cloth | 8.5 x 11 | 2014
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Compiled by Paul W. Westermeyer and Christopher N. Blaker

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Cloth | 8.5 x 11 | 2017
CAMP PENDLETON
The Historic Rancho Santa Margarita y Las Flores and the U.S. Marine Corps in Southern California

Breanne Robertson, PhD

This publication was created in cooperation with the 1st Marine Division and the History Museum Branch, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton, dedicated on 25 September 1942. Since the founding of Camp Pendleton in 1942, base expansion, natural disasters, and decades of benign neglect have threatened to diminish the historic legacy of the Rancho Santa Margarita y Las Flores and the Marine Division Command Post. Today, the Marine Corps proudly protects these heritage assets, preserving the rich history of the base and assuring their continuing place in military history.

Paper | 9 x 9 | 2017
MARINES IN THE VIETNAM WAR
COMMEMORATIVE SERIES
THE PATH TO WAR
U.S. Marine Corps Operations in Southeast Asia, 1961 to 1965

Colonel George R. Hofmann, USMC (Ret)

The Path to War chronicles the activities of the U.S. Marine Corps in Southeast Asia from January 1961 to March 1965. The period witnesses increasing Marine Corps involvement in the region as the nation’s leaders responded to Communist aggression and sought to protect the United States’ national interests.

Paper | 8.5 x 11 | 2014

Review
“I highly recommend this book to all interested in the development of helicopter tactics and how mission creep can change the best of plans.”

—Charles H. Bogart
for Naval Historical Foundation
Operation Starlite, as the Marines called it, took place on the Van Tuong Peninsula, about 10 miles south of the Marine base at Chu Lai. It was a significant battle for many reasons. Though the Marines and Viet Cong had encountered each other in small-sized patrols and ambushes before, Operation Starlite was the first time they met in open battle in regimental-sized formations. Both sides learned several lessons about how the enemy fought, and each came to appreciate the other as a formidable foe. In the short term, the tactical victory won by the Marines validated such operational concepts as vertical envelopment, amphibious assault, and combined arms that had not been put into practice on a large scale since the Korean War.
HILL OF ANGELS
U.S. Marines and the Battle for Con Thien, 1967 to 1968

Colonel Joseph C. Long, USMCR (Ret)

*Hill of Angels* examines U.S. Marine and North Vietnamese Army actions throughout much of the northern half of a region that became known as “Leatherneck Square,” an area bounded by Con Thien and Gio Linh to the north—just below the demilitarized zone (DMZ)—and Cam Lo and Dong Ha to the south. The Battle of Con Thien also included activities within the DMZ north and west of Con Thien as far as the Ben Hai River. More than a dozen Marine operations were involved in varying degrees with the Battle of Con Thien. This account deals with the battle’s most significant and costly operations: Operation Hickory (18–28 May 1967), Operation Buffalo (2–14 July 1967), Operation Kingfisher (16 July–31 October 1967), and Operation Kentucky (1 November 1967–28 February 1968). The Battle for Con Thien was therefore not a single event. Rather, it was an amalgamation of unit actions that can arguably be said to have lasted for years but the dates given only span under 1 year—unless other actions not listed are included in this assessment, the result of the strategies and attitudes of senior leadership generally far removed from the battlefield.

Paper | 8.5 x 11 | 2016

Award

Notable Government Documents, 2016
IN PERSISTENT BATTLE
U.S. Marines in Operation Harvest Moon,
8 December to 20 December 1965

Nicholas J. Schlosser, PhD

Operation Harvest Moon has largely been overlooked in histories of the Vietnam War. While Operation Starlite was considered a major success and a clear demonstration of the superiority of America’s conventional military forces compared to the Viet Cong, Harvest Moon was less decisive. The following year, the Marine Corps’ attention also began to shift north toward the demilitarized zone as more regular North Vietnamese combat forces put pressure on the Marines’ area of operations. Consequently, the battle was overshadowed by larger engagements. Nevertheless, the operation was important for a number of reasons. Harvest Moon was the Marines’ last large-scale conventional operation of 1965 in Vietnam.
HILL FIGHTS
The First Battle of Khe Sanh, 1967

Colonel Rod Andrew, USMCR

Hill Fights does not tell the story of the 1968 siege, but rather describes the equally heroic, brutal, and bloody fighting that took place around Khe Sanh during the preceding year. In spring 1967, various units from 3d Marine Division fought a number of ferocious battles with elements of the North Vietnamese Army, some of the best-trained and most motivated troops of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. These fierce clashes, erupting suddenly in steep mountainous terrain at close range and resulting in heavy casualties on both sides, included some of the most desperate fighting of the Vietnam War. In Marine Corps lore, they were known as the “Hill Fights” or the “First Battle of Khe Sanh.”

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Within the context of the Vietnam War, the battle for Hue City stands as an example of urban warfare and how the U.S. military and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam were able to secure victory in the face of severe odds. This commemorative begins with an overview of the city and its geographical, political, and cultural importance to the region.
When the Marine regiment arrived in France in June 1917 as leading elements of what would become the 4th Brigade, they found the western front in somewhat of a stalemate, with the French and British faced off against the German Army in a gory line of trenches stretching from Nieuport, Belgium, in Flanders on the North Sea, all the way to the Swiss border. After two and a half years of furious back and forth between the Allies and the Germans along a 468-mile strongly fortified line, the German armies still retained the initiative and Allied morale was low. Along this battle line, just east of Verdun, sat a longstanding German-held “hernia” on the French side that French forces had repeatedly attempted to reduce between 1914 and 1916—the Saint-Mihiel salient. Here, in September 1918, the American Expeditionary Forces, led by General John J. Pershing, with its one Marine brigade—the 4th Brigade—would win the first large-scale American-led victory of World War I.
This collection gives readers the broad historical strokes to U.S. Marine Corps’ participation in World War I, as well as to show that the Corps’ contribution to the war effort was not limited to the 4th Brigade. Part 1 reflects the articles that Marines were reading before and during the war. Part 2 of the anthology looks at the war through the lens of devotees who have kept these stories alive. Lastly, a simple order of battle would not suffice; part 3 offers prolific users of, and fans of, Gordon L. Rottman’s annotated order of battle with appendices as the perfect bookend of this work. The order of battle includes descriptions of most of the smaller detachments and various shore duties of the Corps in direct support of the war. This volume concludes with a selected bibliography that was modified and updated for today’s historians and researchers.

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