

*** BOOK LIST ***

The following books are recommended as educational reading by your Association. They are all available through Amazon and favorite book stores. Kindle and digital editions may also be purchased at lower prices.

TITLE	AUTHOR	HARD / SOFT COVER	PRICE
A Marine Named Mitch: Medal of Honor WW II	Col. Mitchell Paige	Soft	\$9.99 to \$12.29
An honest story written entirely by one extraordinary Marine, Mitch Paige, who received the Medal of Honor on Guadalcanal, 26 October 1942, fighting against overwhelming odds and immersed in a horrific surrounding.			
With The Old Breed: At Peleliu And Okinawa	E. B. Sledge	Soft & Hard	\$2.58 to \$205.07
An Alabama boy steeped in American history and enamored of such heroes as George Washington and Daniel Boone, Eugene B. Sledge became part of the war's famous 1st Marine Division - 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. Even after intense training, he was shocked to be thrown into the battle of Peleliu, where "the world was a nightmare of flashes, explosions, and snapping bullets." By the time Sledge hit the hell of Okinawa, he was a combat vet, still filled with fear, but no longer with panic.			
Based on notes Sledge secretly kept in a copy of the New Testament, "With the Old Breed" captures with utter simplicity and searing honest experience of a soldier in the fierce Pacific Theater. Here is what saved, threatened, and changed his life. Here, too, is the story of how he learned to hate and kill, and came to love his fellow man.			
One Magnificent Bastard: BGen William Weise, USMC (Ret)	Mark Huffman	Soft	\$11.76 to \$16.24
Bill Weise didn't plan on a career in the United States Marine Corps. He planned to become a lawyer, but life has a funny way of taking you to places you never expect, serving up experiences that change your life and your outlook forever.			
From his early life in a working class neighborhood in South Philadelphia during the Great Depression to battlefields in Vietnam to the halls of the Pentagon, Bill Weise was guided by core values he gained from his parents, his faith, and his community. Those values he brought to the Marine Corps, as well as a creative mind and a sense of daring that made him a great leader in both war and peace.			
Throughout his life Bill Weise has been presented with challenges. Some were economic, some were military and some were deeply personal. How he met and overcame these challenges provides a true measure of him as a man.			

Noble Warrior: The Story of MGen James E. Livingston, USMC (Ret), Medal of Honor James E. Livingston Hard 18.60
Colin D. Heaton

Major General James E. Livingston received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his role as an infantry company commander at Dai Do, Vietnam, during a three-day grinding battle of attrition in which the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, numbering only 800 men, victoriously battled 10,000 or more NVA. His remarkable life and career is recounted in a book that has it all: exciting first-person eyewitness accounts of the historic battle; the history of the development of tactics and strategies used in today's war on terror; and, a compelling story of leadership in action and individual courage in combat.

Triumph Forsaken: The Vietnam War, 1954-1965 Mark Moyar Hard & Soft \$8.51 to \$42.23

This thoroughly researched and richly informative history of the Vietnam War examines first the war's central characters and countries in the years leading up to 1954. Moyar contends that South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem, who has been incessantly depicted as an obtuse, tyrannical reactionary by some historians, was in reality a very wise and effective leader. Moyar states that supporting the November 1963 coup was the worst American mistake of the war, that President Kennedy had no plans to abandon his South Vietnamese allies after the 1964 election, and that President Johnson's lack of forcefulness in Vietnam in late 1964 and early 1965 squandered America's deterrent power and led to a decision in Hanoi to invade South Vietnam with large North Vietnamese army units. Moyar notes that historians have argued that an American ground-troop presence in Laos would not have stopped most of the infiltration, but much new evidence contradicts this contention. Where the U.S. committed major errors, he writes, was in formulating strategies for defending South Vietnam.

No True Glory: A Frontline Account of the Battle for Fallujah Bing West Soft \$12.90 to \$25.02

Based on months spent with the battalions in Fallujah and hundreds of interviews at every level: senior policymakers, negotiators, generals, soldiers and Marines on the front lines. "No True Glory" is a testament to the bravery of the American soldier and a cautionary tale about the complex—and often costly—interconnected roles of policy, politics, and battle in the twenty first century.