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"[An] intimate account of a Forward Air Controller working with the Special Forces on their secret operations in South Vietnam and Laos . . . Don't miss it!" (John Prados, author of Storm Over Leyte). Originally

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published in 1991, this classic work has now been revised and updated with additional photos. It is the story of how, in Vietnam, an elite group of Air Force pilots fought a secret air war in Cessna 0-2 and OV-10 Bronco prop

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planes—flying as low as they could get. The eyes and ears of the fast-moving jets who rained death and destruction down on enemy positions, the forward air controller made an art form out of an air strike—knowing the

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targets, knowing where friendly troops were, and reacting with split-second, life-and-death decisions as a battle unfolded. The expertise of the low, slow FACs, as well as the hazard attendant to their role, made for

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*a unique bird's-eye perspective
on how the entire war in Vietnam
unfolded. For Tom Yarborough,
who logged 1,500 hours of
combat flying time, the risk was
constant, intense, and
electrifying. A member of the*

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super-secret "Prairie Fire" unit, Yarborough became one of the most frequently shot-up pilots flying out of Da Nang—engaging in a series of dangerous secret missions in Laos. In this work, the reader flies in the cockpit

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*alongside Yarborough in his
adrenaline-pumping chronicle of
heroism, danger, and wartime
brotherhood. From the rescuing
of downed pilots to taking out
enemy positions, to the most
harrowing extended missions*

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*directly overhead of the NVA,
here is the dedication, courage
and skill of the fliers who took the
war into the enemy's backyard.
The book starts out picturing a
young man who foolishly wants
to go to war where he in vision's*

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himself receiving all these high class medals for heroism but never once taking into account what it is going to take physically and mentally to get those medals. He's constantly playing a head game within himself and

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*those that surround him. He like
so many other young men of
past eras are trying to be
something that they're not and
that small initial lie grows into a
tremendous reputation that he
has to live with and soon regrets*

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*that he's known by such. Come
walk with the author and his
brothers of the sword through the
dark, humid, unforgiving jungles
of Vietnam and experience the
death, destruction, and mental
sacrificial anguish they had to*

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*endure. Come see why you fear
being alone in the denseness of
a jungle or a forest that you have
never entered before. Feel the
heat of the Asian jungle floor
intermixed with the leaches,
ants, mosquitoes, snakes and*

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*humans searching you out only
to destroy you at any cost. You
see our author starts out
innocently enough but soon finds
out that war is not only a physical
hardship demanding its pounds
of flesh, but also is a horrendous*

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*mental agonizing hazard from
which there is only one means of
escape and/or retreat. That
means to an end is death. Yes
the author and his brothers of the
sword will take their heroic
missions and sacrificial*

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allegiances to the grave with them. But, the real tragedy of it all is no one really cares about them in the first place. For they were and still are the "Secret Soldiers of the Second Army" willing to go anywhere, any time,

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*to do the impossible for the
ungrateful.*

*Nicknamed "Mini-Man" for his
diminutive stature, a mere five-
foot-three and 125 pounds in his
flight boots, chopper pilot Ron
Alexander proved to be a giant in*

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*the eyes of the men he rescued
from the jungles and paddies of
Vietnam. With an unswerving
concern for every American
soldier trapped by enemy fire,
and a fearlessness that became
legendary, Ron Alexander*

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earned enough official praise to become the second most decorated helicopter pilot of the Vietnam era. Yet, for Ron, the real reward came from plucking his fellow soldiers from harm's way, giving them another chance

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to get home alive. In Taking Fire, Alexander and acclaimed military writer Charles Sasser transport you right into the cramped cockpit of a Huey on patrol, offering a bird's eye view of the Vietnam conflict. Packed with

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riveting action and gritty "you-are-there" dialogue, this outstanding book celebrates the everyday heroism of the chopper pilots of Vietnam.

In this long-awaited autobiography, Kittinger joins

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*author Craig Ryan to document
an astonishing career exploring
aeronautical feats and propeling
Americans into space using the
worlds oldest flying machinethe
balloon.*

An Encyclopedia of Quotations

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*The US Air Force in Korea,
1950–53*

*Adherence to Long-term
Therapies*

Uncommon Valor

*A Pilot's Dramatic Story of His
Secret Missions Over Laos*

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During the Vietnam War

I Pledge Allegiance

*A Memoir of My Year as an Army
Nurse in Vietnam*

"In 1963...there was no way I
could have known, sitting in a
classroom on that beautiful

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campus in Ohio, that by raising my hand I would be going to war in Vietnam and that I would see things, hear things and do things that most people cannot imagine."--James Joyce. The

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author was drawn into the United States Army through ROTC, and went through training to fly helicopters in combat over Vietnam. His experiences are notable because he flew both Huey

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"Slicks" and Huey

"Gunships": the former on
defense as he flew troops into
battle, and the latter on
offense as he took the battle to
the enemy. Through this book,
the author relives his

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experiences flying and
fighting, with special attention
given to his and other pilots'
day-to-day lives--such as the
smoke bombing of
Disneyland, the nickname
given to a United States Army-

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sponsored compound for prostitution. Some of the pilots Joyce served with survived the war and went on to have careers with commercial airlines, and many were killed. Riveting, novelistic, and

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startlingly candid, John T. Halliday's combat memoir begins in 1970, when Halliday has just landed in the middle of the Vietnam War, primed to begin his assignment with the 606th Special Operations

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Squadron. But there's a catch: He's stationed in a kind of no-man's-land. No one on his base flies with ID, patches, or rank. Even as Richard Nixon firmly denies reporters' charges that the United States

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has forces in Laos, Halliday realizes that from his base in Thailand, he will be flying top-secret, black-ops night missions over the Laotian Ho Chi Minh Trail. A naive yet thoughtful twenty-four-year-

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old, Halliday was utterly unprepared for the horrors of war. On his first mission, Halliday's C-123 aircraft dodges more than a thousand anti-aircraft shells, and that is just the beginning. Nothing is

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as he expected -- not the operations, not the way his shell-shocked fellow pilots look and act, and certainly not the squadron's daredevil, seat-of-one's-pants approach to piloting. But before long,

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Halliday has become one of those seasoned and shell-shocked pilots, and finds himself in a desperate search for a way to elude certain death. Using frank, true-to-life dialogue, potent imagery, and

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classic 1970s song lyrics, Halliday deftly describes the fraught Laotian skies and recreates his struggle to navigate the frustrating Air Force bureaucracy, the deprivations of a remote base

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far from home and his young wife, and his fight to preserve his sanity. The resulting nonfiction narrative vividly captures not only the intricate, distorted culture of war but also the essence of the

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Vietnam veteran's experience of this troubled era. A powerhouse fusion of pathos and humor, brutal realism and intimate reflection, *Flying Through Midnight* is a landmark contribution to war

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literature, revealing previously top-secret intelligence on the 606th's night missions. Fast-paced, thrilling, and bitingly intelligent, Halliday illuminates it all: the heart-pounding air battles, the close friendships,

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the crippling fear, and the astonishing final escape that made the telling of it possible. Focuses on a crucial two-day battle in Vietnam that was also marked by an ill-fated protest by University of Wisconsin

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students at the Dow Chemical Company, in an hour-by-hour narrative.

Describes and analyzes, in the context of national policy and international rivalries, the evolution of land-based air

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power since the United States Army in 1907 established an Aeronautical Division. Provides a clearer understanding of the central role of the Air Force in current American defense policy.

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Vietnam Above the Treetops
The True Story of a Decorated
Chopper Pilot
Da Nang Diary
Basics of Qualitative Research
Naked in Da Nang
The Routledge Dictionary of

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Modern American Slang and
Unconventional English
American Combat Operations
in the Valley of Death,
1963-1971

This report is based on an exhaustive
review of the published literature on the

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definitions, measurements,
epidemiology, economics and
interventions applied to nine chronic
conditions and risk factors.

The “hair-raising details of the second-
by-second events” of a Special Forces
medic’s covert operations during the

Get Free DA Nang Diary: A Forward Air Controller's Year Of Combat Over Vietnam Vietnam War (On Point: The Journal of Army History Online). In the years since the Vietnam War, the elite unit known as the Studies and Observations Group (SOG) has spawned many myths, legends, and war stories. Special Forces medic Joe Parnar served with

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SOG during 1968 in FOB2/CCC near the tri-border region that gave them access to the forbidden areas of Laos and Cambodia. Parnar recounts his time with the recon men of this highly classified unit, as his job involved a unique combination of soldiering and

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lifesaving. His stories capture the extraordinary commitment made by all the men of SOG and reveal the special dedication of the medics, who put their own lives at risk to save the lives of their teammates. Parnar also discusses his medical training with the Special

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Forces. “A well-written, interesting account of Parnar’s three-year term of enlistment in the US Army, culminating as a Special Forces medic in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 . . . Parnar takes the time to provide context, circumstance and motivation for heroism and

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tragedy—for US soldiers and the indigenous Vietnamese soldiers and civilians with whom he worked . . . The service, sacrifice and valor of a generation are vividly documented in the pages of SOG Medic.” —ARMY Magazine

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Popular representations of the Vietnam War tend to emphasize violence, deprivation, and trauma. By contrast, in *Armed with Abundance*, Meredith Lair focuses on the noncombat experiences of U.S. soldiers in Vietnam, redrawing the landscape of the war so that

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swimming pools, ice cream, visits from celebrities, and other "comforts" share the frame with combat. To address a tenuous morale situation, military authorities, Lair reveals, wielded abundance to insulate soldiers--and, by extension, the American public--from

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boredom and deprivation, making the project of war perhaps easier and certainly more palatable. The result was dozens of overbuilt bases in South Vietnam that grew more elaborate as the war dragged on. Relying on memoirs, military documents, and G.I.

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newspapers, Lair finds that consumption and satiety, rather than privation and sacrifice, defined most soldiers' Vietnam deployments. Abundance quarantined the U.S. occupation force from the impoverished people it ostensibly had

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come to liberate, undermining efforts to win Vietnamese "hearts and minds" and burdening veterans with disappointment that their wartime service did not measure up to public expectations. With an epilogue that finds a similar paradigm at work in Iraq, Armed with

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Abundance offers a unique and provocative perspective on modern American warfare.

The quiet of the night was again shattered by the thunderous roll of incoming artillery shells, spaced five seconds apart, ripping the jungle to

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pieces, as huge chunks of earth and vegetation blew skyward under the brilliant flashes of orange and white explosions . . . The possibility of encountering more NVA troops moving through our area was high, as we had pushed a very great stick into their nest.

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But our demonstrated ability to find the enemy and wait for the most opportune time to hit him, while remaining totally undetected, gave us reason to be pleased. It also gave the NVA reason for concern. In Force Recon Diary, 1970, Bruce "Doc" Norton offers a

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harrowing sequel to his best-selling Force Recon Diary, 1969, continuing the true story of a navy corpsman who became a Force Recon Team Leader behind enemy lines in the jungles of Vietnam. In the midst of a war set deep in the jungle, the Force Recon Marines

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often found themselves lacking food, drinkable water, explosives, or even enough radio batteries. Armed with only their own courage, skills, and loyalty to their brothers in arms, the Marines used stealth and cunning to survive in the harsh conditions of

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Vietnam, where one mistake could prove fatal not just for an individual Marine, but for the entire unit.

Flying Through Midnight

Secret War in Laos

Stories from Vietnam and Over the
Fence

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An Inside Account of the Bloodiest Six
Months of the Vietnam War

How Canada Fought the Vietnam War
Force Recon Diary, 1970

Secret Soldiers of the Second Army
*A trailblazing approach
to choosing executives*

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*who both match the needs
and fit the cultures of
the organizations they
will lead Leadership
failures damage or even
destroy companies every
day. To reduce the costs*

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*of leadership failure,
the author has developed
a revolutionary process
for selecting executives
based on his yearsof
consulting for some of
America's largest*

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*corporations. The
RightLeader details this
new approach and how it
eliminates the leadership
failures that plague so
many companies around
the world today. When*

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*executives don't address
the right needs, or
can't lead the
organization because of
a poor fit with the
corporation's cultures,
the company loses*

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*competitive advantage,
talented people, and
momentum. The Right
Leader introduces the
revolutionary Match-Fit
Model and explains how
it reduces the risks and*

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*costs of executive
failure by changing the
factors that are
considered and by taking
into account the
cultural dynamics at
play in any organization.*

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for senior executives.

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*sectors.***

*Uncommon Valor is a look
into the formation and
operation of an advanced
Special Forces recon
company during the
Vietnam War. Code-named*

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*the Studies and
Observations Group, SOG
was the most covert U.S.
military unit in its
time and contained only
volunteers from such
elite units as the*

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Army's Green Berets,
Navy SEALs, and Air
Force Air Commandos. SOG
warriors operated in
small teams, going
behind enemy lines in
Laos and Cambodia and**

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*along the Ho Chi Minh
Trail, tasked with
performing special
reconnaissance,
sabotaging North
Vietnamese Army
ammunition, attempting*

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*to rescue downed U.S.
pilots and other black
ops missions. During
that time, Forward
Operating Base-2's
(FOB-2's) recon company
became the most highly*

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*decorated unit of the
Vietnam War, with five
of its men earning the
Medal of Honor and eight
earning the
Distinguished Service
Cross—America's second*

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*highest military award
for valor. Purple Hearts
were earned by SOG
veterans at a pace
unparalleled in American
wars of the twentieth
century, with casualties*

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at times exceeding 100 percent. One, Bob Howard, was wounded on fourteen different occasions, received eight Purple Hearts, was written up after three

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*different missions for
the Medal of Honor, and
emerged from Vietnam as
the most highly
decorated soldier since
World War II's Audie
Murphy.*

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*The tale of a young
Green Beret medic,
Vietnam combat veteran
with the top secret
Studies and Observations
Group (SOG) who was
recruited by the US*

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*Agency for International
Development*

*(USAID). Schofield worked
5 1/2 years providing
medical support for the
Hmong and other Hill
Tribes who fought the*

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*CIA's secret war in
Northern Laos, and was
among the last Americans
to leave SE Asia in May
1975. It was a surreal
time and place that
would be impossible to*

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even imagine

*today." Schofield's book
reflects a genuine love
for the Hmong and their
culture, as well as a
vast knowledge of their
efforts during our*

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*'secret war' in Laos in
the 1960s and 1970s.*

*Read and learn some
actual facts; not
overblown rhetoric from
another barstool hero."*

-Stephen R. Leopold is

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Colonel, SF, USA

*(Ret) "Schofield's book
will be a welcome,
informative addition to
recent books released on
the early days of Green
Beret history in*

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*Southeast Asia. De
Oppresso Liber."* -John
Stryker Meyer is author
of *SOG Chronicles,*
*Across the Fence and On
the Ground*
Presents a collection of

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quotations concerning events and experiences related to the Vietnam War, including text regarding the Hmong tribe, "pacified" villages, and the

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*Vietcong discipline
code.*

SOG Medic

Taking Fire

Come Up and Get Me

They Marched Into

Sunlight

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*A Forward Air Controller
Reports*

*Ban Bak: A Historian's
Notebook, 2014*

Evidence for Action

***FACs (forward air controllers)
in Vietnam flew low and slow,***

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***searching for signs of an
elusive enemy. Often they
trolled themselves as bait for
the NVA troops to try to shoot
down. When a friendly unit
made contact, having a FAC
overhead made their day***

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because the FACs controlled the bomb-, rocket-, and napalm-laden fast movers, fighter jets and attack aircraft whose ordnance often made the difference between life and death. They were regarded by

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***many of their airforce and
naval aviator brethren as
insane, suicidal, or both. In
addition to the perils of enemy
fire which ranged from lucky
AK-47 shots to .51 caliber
machine guns and SA-7***

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***shoulder-fired surface-to-air
missiles, you had to watch out
to keep from being blown up in
a B-52 Arc-Light strike or
knocked down by friendly
artillery. As the title suggests,
however, Naked in Da Nang is***

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***not an angst ridden account of
mortal combat. Following in
the footsteps of Richard
Hooker's classic M*A*S*H: A
Novel About Three Army
Doctors, author Jackson has a
keen eye for the absurdities***

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***that abound in a combat zone.
That the humor is often dark
only serves to sharpen its
comic edge.- These pilots
were considered the
"Guardian Angels" of the
Vietnam ground soldier-***

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***Refers to the "unarmed"
nature of FAC (Forward Air
Controllers) aircraft- Low-tech
aircraft that survived combat
on pilot skills only
Titled after the wartime
nickname for the part of North***

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***Korea that was the epicentre
of a bitter struggle for air
superiority over the Korean
Peninsula, MiG Alley offers an
in-depth analysis of the US Air
Force's war in Korea, packed
with interesting and exciting***

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***personal stories based on first-
person testimony from both
American and Soviet sources.
Following the end of the
Korean War, the prevailing
myth in the West was that of
the absolute supremacy of US***

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***Air Force pilots and aircraft
over their Soviet-supplied
opponents. The claims of the
10:1 victory-loss ratio
achieved by the US Air Force
fighter pilots flying the North
American F-86 Sabre against***

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their communist adversaries, among other such fabrications, went unchallenged until the end of the Cold War, when Soviet records of the conflict were finally opened. Packed with

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***first-hand accounts and
covering the full range of US
Air Force activities over Korea,
MiG Alley brings the war
vividly to life and the record is
finally set straight on a
number of popular***

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***fabrications. Thomas
McKelvey Cleaver expertly
threads together US and
Russian sources to reveal the
complete story of this bitter
struggle in the Eastern skies.
The true story of a man who***

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***flew for Air America the secret
air line for the CIA during the
Cold War The stress drove him
into descent of character until
he reached the bottom-where
he could no longer fall and
then finding redemption***

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***turned and began his rise to
the surface.***

***From the author of Da Nang
Diary: A military history of the
Battle of Hamburger Hill and
other fights between the NVA
and the US and its Vietnamese***

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allies. Throughout the Vietnam War, one focal point persisted where the Viet Cong guerrillas and Army of the Republic of Viet Nam (ARVN) were not a major factor, but where the trained professionals of the

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***North Vietnamese and US
armies repeatedly fought head-
to-head. A Shau Valor is a
thorough study of nine years
of American combat
operations encompassing the
crucial frontier valley and a***

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***fifteen-mile radius around
it—the most deadly killing
ground of the entire war.
Beginning in 1963, Special
Forces A-teams established
camps along the valley floor,
followed by a number of top-***

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***secret Project Delta
reconnaissance missions
through 1967. Then, US Army
and Marine Corps maneuver
battalions engaged in a series
of sometimes-controversial
thrusts into the A Shau,***

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***designed to disrupt NVA
infiltrations and to kill enemy
soldiers, part of what came to
be known as Westmoreland's
"war of attrition." The various
campaigns included Operation
Pirous (1967); Operations***

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***Delaware and Somerset Plain
(1968); and Operations Dewey
Canyon, Massachusetts
Striker, and Apache Snow
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Hill—culminating with***

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the fighting had once again***

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the Laos. He continued to fly combat support missions from Travis AFB, California until the Vietnamese capitulation in 1975, in the C-141 and C-5A.

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His many medals include the Humanitarian Service Medal and Vietnamese Service Medal with four battle stars. Col Matheson is a graduate of Utah State University in Engineering, he

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support than all the other naval squadrons combined during the three years they saw action. Author Kit Lavell was part of this squadron of black sheep given a chance to make something of themselves flying these dangerous missions. The U.S. Navy's

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Sherwood Lett arrived in Vietnam
over a decade before American troops,
he and the Canadians under his
command risked their lives trying to*

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*enforce an unstable peace while
questioning whether they were merely
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American battleships steamed across
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Hanoi with North Vietnam's prime*

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