

Heroes Among Us

Reflections from Pearl Harbor to the streets of Baghdad

Stewart Portela

Available now from the author and in book stores in March

A remarkable piece of history, paid for with the blood of American soldiers, is being lost with the passing of thousands of veterans each year. *Heroes Among Us, Reflections from Pearl Harbor to the Streets of Baghdad* is a historical and inspirational look at America's veterans from World War II through our current conflict in Iraq. Author Stewart Portela honors all U.S. veterans, young and old, male and female, in all branches of the military. Each chapter even contains unique advice from veterans themselves. Reading these oral histories will spark within you a greater love and respect for our veterans.

There are two veterans from the 6th Marine Division in this book. Mr. Jim White and Mr. Bill Pierce tell of their training, experiences on Okinawa, and offer words of advice to the reader. These oral-histories provide the "soldiers" story of the desperate fighting on the island of Okinawa.

Endorsements:

How fitting that a seasoned and expert educator reaches from the lessons of the classroom and calls upon us to remember and reflect upon the sacrifice and service of our nation's honored veterans. I'm honored to offer my congratulations and heartfelt appreciation for this inspiring and intensive work. Be prepared to take a journey of tears, awe, and appreciation for the lives and service of current and past veterans who have "laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom." (Abraham Lincoln, Nov. 1864)

Marilyn Whyte, author of Reasons To Remember (Little Green Apples, Windows Of Light, and Life's interruptions).

I have read them all from Ambrose to Keenan and I would put Portela's work with them all. It is a masterpiece. This book touched me both emotionally and intellectually. It is a must read for every military history buff.

Sergeant Samuel I. Walton, 2/17 Cavalry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division

This book provides some of the most wonderful stories of the WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War generations. They are a priceless tribute to the men and women of our armed forces all over the world. I highly recommend this book to every patriotic American. This book is time well spent.

Calvin Davidson, MSgt. 27th Marine Regiment, 5th Division, WIA on island of Iwo Jima, March 13, 1945

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