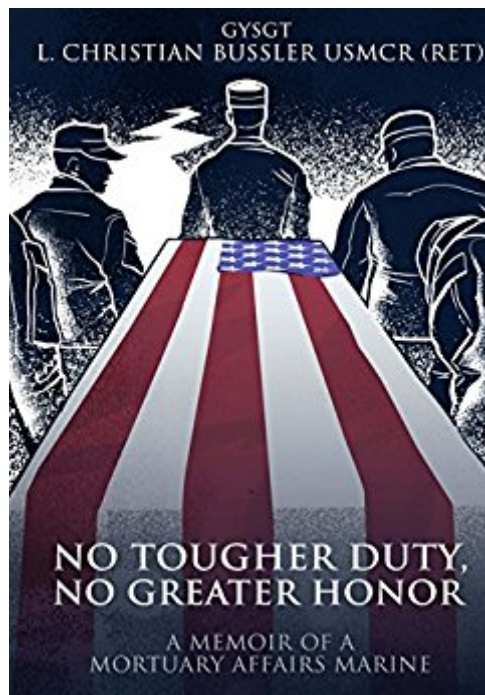




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# No Tougher Duty, No Greater Honor: A Memoir Of A Mortuary Affairs Marine



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An autobiographical account of one US Marine Reservists tours as a Mortuary Affairs Marine. His story begins in 2002 as an everyday postal letter carrier in Springfield, Ohio when he gets the call to muster. In the next three years, his life is thrust onto the world stage as an active participant in combat. His unique experiences as an MA (Mortuary Affairs) Marine puts him and his fellow teammates directly into the path of war. Told in first person view, the read what it was like to witness a despotic regime crumble, walk the streets of terrorist held cities on foot patrols, go on Search and Recovery missions to recover the fallen off of the battlefields, and feel the sting of loss of a friend to the harsh realities of war. These are the stories that are never spoken, by a Marine who was there, to return the fallen home with honor.

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all i can really say is wow. I have laughed and cried, and been terrified for you and with you all in the same moment more than once. It gives those of us that have never had to experience anything

close to what you and your men did an amazing and tasteful insight. Your deep honor and commitment, there just are not words to describe it.

An up close and personal account of a Marine Gunnery Sergeant's deployments to the big sand box as a Mortuary Affairs Marine. His writing style is so descriptive that one can use all their senses on every page. I am sad to say as a retired Marine First Sergeant, I had no idea there were any mortuary duties outside of Dover, Delaware. The Marines depicted in this outstanding book took on the awful responsibilities of digging through melted steel and wires of Army Bradley's to recover whatever remains of their Army and Marine brothers. No way can anyone come out of those experiences without having full blown PTSD. These Marines are my absolute heroes. Thank you so much, GySgt Bussler for taking pen to paper. I pray it soothes your gentle soul.

After reading this book, I can honestly say that I have a greater appreciation for our military. I didn't think that was possible, but Chris Bussler made it happen. I met Chris two years ago in Jackson, Wyoming while I was helping out with a Honoring Our Vets outing. He hinted that he might write a book about his three tours in Iraq. It sounded interesting at the time. But once I read his book, I found out what his job really entailed as a Mortuary Affairs Marine. This story will give you an in depth look into the life of a soldier in combat under the most extreme conditions. What Chris and his team did to recover and honor the fallen and then return them home to their families will move you to tears. Tears of respect and pride for what these fine Marines do for our country. I strongly recommend that everyone read this autobiography of a true hero. Dana McWhirter

It is with great honor that I have the privilege to say that this is one of the most amazing books I have ever read. I felt like I was right there on the battle field during the chaos and turmoil that was everyday life for GySgt Bussler. Never having stepped foot a day in battle, yet filled with all the emotions as if I had, while reading this soon to be best selling book. I also have the honor and privilege of knowing GySgt Bussler from our youthful high school days when life seemed much easier. This man is a true hero for the way that he conducted himself as a MA Marine and for his attention to detail when it came to the care of our fallen heroes. For the way that he came up with the Bussler fold for the flag that adorns the caskets of our fallen heroes in such a way that it brings honor and dignity both to the fallen and to the families that received their loved ones on the other side of world. Thank you Sir for your service to our country and God Bless the U.S.A.

Highly detailed and intriguing. A read that leaves you wanting to know what happened next from the first chapter on. Wonderfully written with a first hand experience that takes you through the thoughts and emotions of some of Americas best, the US Marines. This is a must read for anyone who enjoys real stories, about real people.

WOW!!!! Attention to detail, of course because he is a Marine! Reliving every step GySgt C Bussler took along his journey! A must read! This Marine, this leader, prepared me for this job before I even stepped foot in theater! So lucky to call him my friend! Read this to realize the complete cost of War.

Great read. A very vivid look into the world of our nations heros in the time of their duties. I highly recommend reading this

Outstanding! Chris does an outstanding job of weaving the story so that your walking along with him through his tours. (Having been there) I could see Iraq as Chris travels around and details events. Have the tissues on stand by! I appreciated the history and level of detail he poured into this book. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our brothers and sisters in arms Chris! Semper Fi.

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