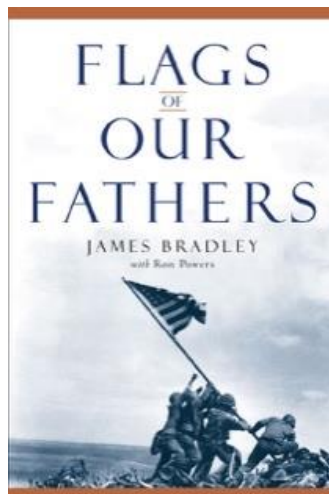


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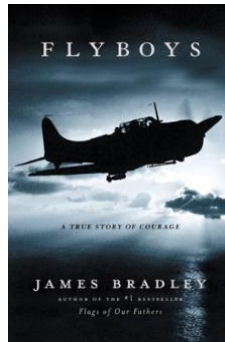
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President Donald Trump has requested that the Department of Defense be returned to its original name, the War Department. While I have spent my life pointing out the general uselessness of war for us peons, I support this. It might be one of the few honest things the United States military has done in the last eighty years.



Doc Bradley fought in a Constitutionally declared war.

My father served under Secretary of War Henry Stimson. In that case, the United States followed the Constitution, declared war and my father fought and was gravely wounded.

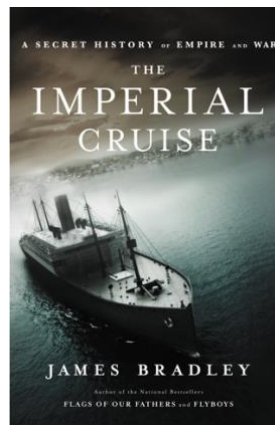


FLYBOYS

Acquired by Stephen Spielberg and Tom Hanks
for their *HBO* series *The Pacific*.

The story of how the Japanese had planned to behead George Herbert Walker Bush on the island of Chichi Jima, but the former president lived most of his life without knowing the details until James Bradley walked into his life.

FLYBOYS was about President George Herbert Walker Bush's military service. Navy Lt. Bush bombed Chichi Jima next to Iwo Jima, where my father fought. Two years earlier at his graduation, the young student George Bush heard Secretary of War Stimson speak at his school. The Constitution was followed. The United States declared war and young George went off to war.



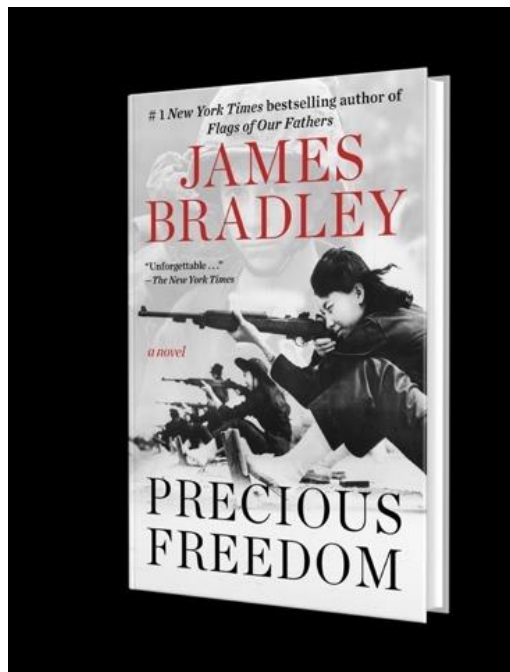
The untold story of Secretary of War William “Big Bill” Taft’s fumbled diplomatic mission to Asia which lit the fuse on World War II, the Korean War and the American War in Vietnam.

The Imperial Cruise recalls how Secretary of War William Howard Taft got tangled in America’s first quagmire in Asia. Few people realize that President Teddy was the Lyndon Johnson of his time, a Vice President who rose due to the assassination of a president and then spun the US military’s wheels in a dirty Asian war America could not win. But at least there had been debate in the US Congress, the constitution was followed and we went to war.



Warren Delano—Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s beloved Grandfather—was the American Opium King of China.

The China Mirage features President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who won WWII with Secretary of War Stimson. Again, Congress declared war.



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Now ***Precious Freedom*** is breaking and it shows that ever since we changed the name of the “War Department” to the “Defense Department,” the United States military has been fumbling and bumbling, unable to fight its way out of a bag in eighty years.



Secretary of Defense R. Strange McNamara

The neocon genius Secretary of Defense during the American War in Vietnam was Robert Strange McNamara. Yes, one of Bob's names was actually Strange. Stranger still is American' belief that they have a Department which is defending them.



It was very clear after the September 11, 2001 attack that our so-called “Defense Department” was not in the business of defence. It was and is an Offense Department with almost one thousand fabulously expensive bases circling the world, but all our hundreds of thousands of heroes serving overseas somehow are unable to defend us Americans who are paying them. “Not our job,” the asleep-at-the-wheel Pentagon says.

We were required to establish the Department of Homeland Security—which is modelled upon the macabre skeleton of the Phoenix Operation, the scandalous CIA torture program in Vietnam. So now we have a massive “Homeland Security Department”—did George Orwell make this up?-- making sure that Grandma gets out of her wheelchair to be

checked by worthless TSA agents, because our \$1 trillion “Defense Department” is too busy being offensive.

US military veterans might read this and scoff, “This is just James Bradley, doing his Monday morning quarterbacking.” But, no, a valorous Marine had warned Americans of the inanity of US foreign wars back in the 1960’s. His name was US Marine Commandant David Shoup.

Shoup—who had recently retired--was a down-to-earth Midwesterner from Indiana who had gone on to serve as Commandant of the Marine Corps. He had been appointed by President Eisenhower but had opposed the Bay of Pigs invasion and retired in 1963, objecting to America’s increased troop deployments to Vietnam.



US Marine Commandant David Shoup

Medal of Honor. Tarawa November 1943. Served under the War Department

Shoup, wounded in his neck and leg, paid no attention to his serious injuries, and with no rest, took command of the harried Marines and led them to victory.

Shoup recalled that President Eisenhower warned of the military-industrial complex because he saw how the vast defense industry was molding public opinion. He warned that at

the root of the military professionals' duty is the need to follow orders—not to question and challenge.

Shoup said he was worried that the word “communist” had become synonymous with “bad guys” in the military mind and that all communism was conveniently interpreted by the military and portrayed to civilians as a mortal threat to the United States.

He also said that civilians don't want to believe that ambitious military professionals yearn for war, but he pointed out that glory and distinction can only come in combat, and that it takes a war to become a military hero.

In the early 1960s, Shoup had witnessed various services “itching to get into the game” in Vietnam, and he knew that the Tonkin Gulf incident gave the Navy and the Air Force the opportunity to bomb Vietnam, which they both yearned for. He said it was now apparent that the US bombing effort has been “one of the most wasteful and expensive hoaxes ever to be put over on the American people.”

Shoup said that the armed forces chiefs, including Shoup, had deemed it unwise for US forces to become involved in any ground war in Southeast Asia. But in 1964, the year after Shoup retired, there had been changes in the composition of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and a few months into the Johnson administration, aggressive new military officers hastened the services into the “quagmire of Vietnam.”

Shoup said that it had somehow become unpatriotic to question our military strategy and tactics or the motives of military leaders and that if the Johnson administration suffered from lack of credibility in its reporting on the war, the truth would reveal that much of the hocus-pocus stemmed from “schemers in the military services, both at home and abroad.”

Shoup concluded:

“We were first told that we should fight there so that the South Vietnamese could determine their own destiny, but at the same time we were fighting almost 99 percent against the South Vietnamese. The second reason was that if we don’t stop them there, the communists will be soon attacking Pearl Harbor or crawl up on the beaches of Los Angeles. And now the third reason that has come out is the containment of China. I don’t think any of those reasons are valid.”

“It’s always been my contention that if we leave the South Vietnamese alone to solve their own problems in the manner that they want to solve them, they would be proud of their solutions, support whatever conclusions they finally come to, and go ahead in the business of being a nation.”

“South Vietnam, from a strategic military standpoint, is not vital to our national security. I do not think that what we have gained, no matter how greatly it may be embellished, will ever equal 1/1000 of the cost. There’s some tin and rubber out there but we can buy it a lot cheaper on the market than by taking it with troops.”

“There is a solid dislike of the South Vietnamese people for the United States. They don’t like the corruption in the government of South Vietnam. The entire country is with us in the daytime, and they are against us at night. Our armed forces have never experienced anything like that . . . The image of the United States is beginning to erode in foreign countries and I can hardly blame them when they now view the greatest country in the world, the greatest armed forces, the greatest this, the greatest that, we are now convulsed by what a few months ago was referred to as a little affair in Southeast Asia.”

“As far as the bombing goes, we have examples from World War II that it increases the will of the people to resist. We didn’t decrease the will of the Japanese to resist by bombing. . . . It didn’t stop London. . . . Look at Germany. . . . There is no evidence that our bombing is going to be successful.”

“It’s dangerous to be fighting a war with no goals, only vaguely stated aims such as “victory” or “freedom from aggression,” or “the right of the people to choose their own government.” These generalities make admirable slogans but what is the specific goal we are trying to reach? . . . Unfortunately, there will be no victory in Vietnam, only more victims.”

The military operations in Vietnam make no sense if the people of the country like the guerrillas better than they like the government, that the foreign troops are supporting the mere pouring in of more and better equipped ground troops.

“During my time of service, officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines always concluded after every study, every discussion, that under no circumstances should we get engaged in a land warfare on the Asian mainland. I heard three presidents say the same thing. And yet here we are bogged down in the same manner that had been predicted over the last 25 years by all those military people who studied the situation and advised against it.”

“I feel our national interest in Southeast Asia is not worth the death of another American young man.”

Shoup said things about Ho Chi Minh which Americans still resist:

“The South Vietnamese . . . have no loyalty to the Saigon government, in contrast to the North Vietnamese who have a George Washington . . . Ho Chi Minh.”



Uncle Ho declared Vietnam free on September 2, 1945.

“George Washington=Ho Chi Minh.”-- US Marine Commandant David Shoup

**Unfortunately for France, the United States and China,
Uncle Ho had to then defeat them before they understood.
September 2, 2025. Eighty years since Uncle Ho spoke.**

So let's have the US military be honest for once and call itself the War Department.

Then let's have the American people require some honesty of themselves.



Walter & Ken

Problem . . . these pressititutes doing the Defense Department's bidding

US Marine Commandant David Shoup--awarded his Medal Honor by the War Department—complained about the newly created Defense Department—and their bought and paid for media hacks—proclaiming “the United States. . . the greatest country in the world, the greatest armed forces, the greatest this, the greatest that”

The next time our Washington warriors and their CIA-controlled media tries to scare us sheeple to gin up support for the military industrial complex's next snafu, let's debate the issues and declare war. Or best, not.

