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Called To Honor: Memoirs Of A Three-War Veteran



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A gripping true! story that reads like an action adventure! "John Edward Gray came of age during the Great Depression, worked hard and resourcefully to support his family, and fought in three bloody wars within a quarter of a century. Additionally, an abiding sense of duty caused him to seek responsibility in all things, taking action where needed, taking charge when others held back. Everything John Gray undertook reflected this selfless sense of duty to others. He never hesitated to step forward, pick up a fallen banner, rally the troops, and accomplish the mission. This is his remarkable story six decades of service and sacrifice on the ramparts of America." --From the Introduction by Joseph H. Alexander, Colonel, USMC (ret.), Military historian, and frequent military history commentator on cable television

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John Edward Gray is a thirty-year military career veteran, beginning in World War II when he volunteered at seventeen as a Marine. He served on the USS Maryland as an anti-aircraft gunner in five campaigns against the Japanese in the Pacific. After the war, Gray transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve, resumed his education at Davidson College, and graduated with a BS degree and a commission in the Regular Army. When the Korean War broke out, Gray joined the combat there as mortar platoon leader of M Company, 31st Infantry, 7th Infantry Division. In Korea, he participated in

the Inchon Invasion, and later became one of the few members of Task Force Faith at the Chosin Reservoir to survive the overwhelming, brutal, five-day assault of massive Chinese forces, while enduring temperatures of thirty-five degrees below zero at Frozen Chosin. After recovering from his wounds and cold injuries and completing his Korean War tour as a machine gun platoon leader, Gray transferred to the Corps of Engineers and served in many diverse command, instructor, field staff, Pentagon staff, and management positions, including additional combat service in Vietnam as an engineer battalion and group commander. His many decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism; the Silver Star for gallantry in action; the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters; the Bronze Star for valor; the Purple Heart with three oak leaf clusters; the Army Commendation Medal; and the Republic of Korea's highest award for valor, the Chungmu Distinguished Military Service Medal with Gold Star. (Refer to Appendix D for a complete list of decorations and campaign awards.) He also holds the prestigious U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Silver de Fleury Medal for outstanding accomplishments and service. Academic achievements include an MBA from Syracuse University, an MS from American University, and diplomas from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army Wa

Well written by someone with keen insight. We're fortunate to have had him fighting for us.

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