

DEDICATIONS

This book is dedicated to all the men and women who served in Southeast Asia and the airspace and waters surrounding during , to date , the longest war in American history.

Special thanks to John Wavra who oversees an excellent website called [Quan Loi . org](http://QuanLoi.org). As a former cannoneer with Battery B 6th Battalion 27th Artillery I highly recommend this website for anyone interested in the oft untold story of artillery in Vietnam. Thanks John. Cannon Kings!

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Finally , I must give a shout out to my buddy Marcel Thibeault who was with me the entire journey during the war. "T-Bone" , as we all called him , has symptoms of Agent Orange exposure as do I. Hang in there my friend. Along with Steve Simpson ,I dedicate this book to you.

This book is a work of fiction. While several characters such as General Creighton Abrams , Ellsworth Bunker and William Colby are real , any resemblance to anyone living or deceased is strictly unintentional. While many have traits and personalities similar to acquaintances of mine they are composites and are fictional characters.



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BOOK ONE
OF THE GHOST SIX TRILOGY:
A VIETNAM WAR STORY

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