

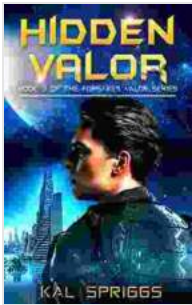
# Hidden Valor, Forsaken Valor: America's Forgotten Heroes

In the annals of American history, the stories of our greatest warriors are often celebrated and passed down through generations. However, there are countless other veterans whose contributions have been lost to time, their sacrifices and bravery forgotten or overlooked. "Hidden Valor, Forsaken Valor" is a powerful and evocative account that brings to light these unsung heroes, revealing the extraordinary lives they led and the profound impact they have had on our nation's fabric.

The Medal of Honor is the highest and most prestigious military award bestowed upon members of the United States Armed Forces. Yet, there are countless recipients whose stories have been relegated to obscurity. In this chapter, we meet some of these forgotten heroes, including:

- **Sergeant Henry Johnson**, an African American soldier who fought off a German raiding party during World War I, earning the Medal of Honor but facing discrimination and prejudice upon his return home.
- **Captain Lewis Millett**, a Native American pilot who flew over 100 combat missions during the Korean War, earning the Medal of Honor but struggling with alcoholism and PTSD after the war.
- **Lieutenant Colonel James Doolittle**, a legendary airman who led the daring Doolittle Raid on Japan during World War II, earning the Medal of Honor but facing criticism for his controversial tactics.

Women have played a vital role in America's military history, but their contributions have often been marginalized or ignored. This chapter sheds light on the remarkable stories of women who served in combat, earned medals, and made significant sacrifices despite facing systemic barriers and prejudice.



### Hidden Valor (Forsaken Valor Series Book 3) by Kal Spriggs

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- **Dr. Mary Walker**, the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor for her service as a surgeon during the Civil War.
- **Lieutenant Colonel Charity Adams**, who became the first female African American nurse to earn the Purple Heart after being wounded in Vietnam.
- **Major Margaret Breckinridge**, who commanded the 805th Medical Air Evacuation Squadron during the Vietnam War, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

War can leave lasting scars, both physical and emotional. This chapter explores the challenges faced by veterans who suffer from post-traumatic

stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and other invisible wounds of war.

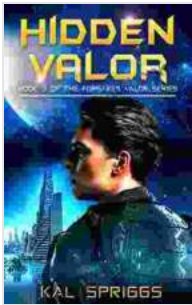
- **Sergeant John Ripley**, a Marine who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, struggled with PTSD upon his return home and became an advocate for mental health awareness.
- **Captain Brian Steidle**, an Army Ranger who suffered a severe brain injury in Afghanistan, overcame incredible obstacles to recover and became a successful author and speaker.
- **Master Sergeant Kenyatta Jefferson**, a Special Forces operator who served in Afghanistan and Iraq, battled PTSD and depression but found healing through art and community outreach.

The service of America's veterans extends far beyond the battlefield. This chapter highlights the ways in which veterans have made significant contributions to society, including:

- **General Colin Powell**, a four-star general who served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Secretary of State, becoming a respected diplomat and leader in foreign policy.
- **Senator Max Cleland**, a triple amputee veteran of the Vietnam War, who became a prominent advocate for veterans' rights and disabilities.
- **Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth**, a Purple Heart recipient and double amputee veteran of the Iraq War, who served as Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs and is currently a U.S. Senator.

"Hidden Valor, Forsaken Valor" is a testament to the indomitable spirit and extraordinary sacrifices of America's most decorated veterans. Through

their untold stories, we gain a deeper understanding of the human cost of war, the resilience of the human spirit, and the profound impact that veterans have had on our nation's history and identity. It is a book that will inspire, educate, and challenge us to remember and honor those who have served, both visible and unseen.



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