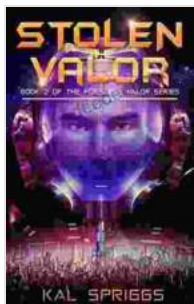


# Stolen Valor: The Forsaken Valor of Service Deception

Stolen valor is a serious crime that undermines the integrity of military service and the sacrifice of veterans. It is the act of falsely claiming or misrepresenting military experience or status for personal gain or recognition. Stolen valor can take many forms, from wearing unearned medals to claiming to have served in combat.

Stolen valor is not a new phenomenon. It has been around for centuries, but it has become more prevalent in recent years due to the increased visibility of military service in the media. This has made it easier for imposters to claim military experience and deceive the public.

There are many reasons why people steal valor. Some are motivated by a desire for attention and recognition. They may feel that they are not getting the respect they deserve, so they fabricate military experience to boost their self-esteem. Others are motivated by financial gain. They may use their stolen valor to get discounts, free meals, or other benefits that are only available to veterans.



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Still others are motivated by a psychological need to feel important or special. They may have never served in the military, but they create a false military identity to fill a void in their lives.

Stolen valor has serious consequences, both for the individuals who commit it and for the military community as a whole.

For the individuals who commit it, stolen valor can lead to criminal charges. The Stolen Valor Act of 2006 makes it a federal crime to falsely claim or misrepresent military experience for personal gain. Penalties for violating the Stolen Valor Act can include fines, imprisonment, and loss of veteran benefits.

In addition to criminal charges, stolen valor can also damage the individual's reputation and credibility. Once their deception is discovered, they may lose the respect of their friends, family, and community members. They may also find it difficult to get a job or advance in their career.

For the military community, stolen valor undermines the integrity of military service and the sacrifice of veterans. It can make it difficult for people to trust those who claim to have served in the military. It can also make it difficult for veterans to get the benefits and recognition they deserve.

There are several red flags that can help you recognize stolen valor. These include:

- **Inconsistent stories.** Stolen valorists often have difficulty keeping their stories straight. They may make different claims about their military experience at different times.
- **Lack of details.** Stolen valorists may be unable to provide specific details about their military service. They may not know the names of their units or the dates they served.
- **Exaggerated claims.** Stolen valorists often exaggerate their military experience. They may claim to have received medals or awards that they did not actually earn.
- **Misuse of military uniforms and insignia.** Stolen valorists may wear military uniforms or insignia that they are not entitled to wear. They may also use military jargon or slang in an attempt to appear more credible.

If you suspect that someone is stealing valor, you should report it to the appropriate authorities. You can do this by contacting your local police department or the FBI.

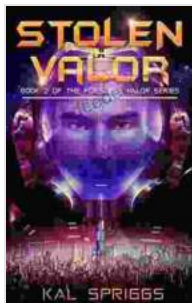
If you suspect that someone is stealing valor, it is important to report it to the appropriate authorities. You can do this by contacting your local police department or the FBI. You can also report stolen valor online at the FBI's website.

When you report stolen valor, you will need to provide the following information:

- The name of the person you suspect of stealing valor
- The date and location of the incident
- A description of the stolen valor
- Any witnesses or evidence that you have

The authorities will investigate your report and take appropriate action.

Stolen valor is a serious crime that undermines the integrity of military service and the sacrifice of veterans. It is important to be aware of the red flags of stolen valor and to report any suspected cases to the appropriate authorities. By working together, we can help to protect the honor and integrity of military service.



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