

# Survivor, Soldier, Servant: New Book Recounts Harrowing Vietnam-Era Plane Crash and a Lifelong Spiritual Journey

*A Survivor's Memoir of War, Redemption, and the Search for Meaning*

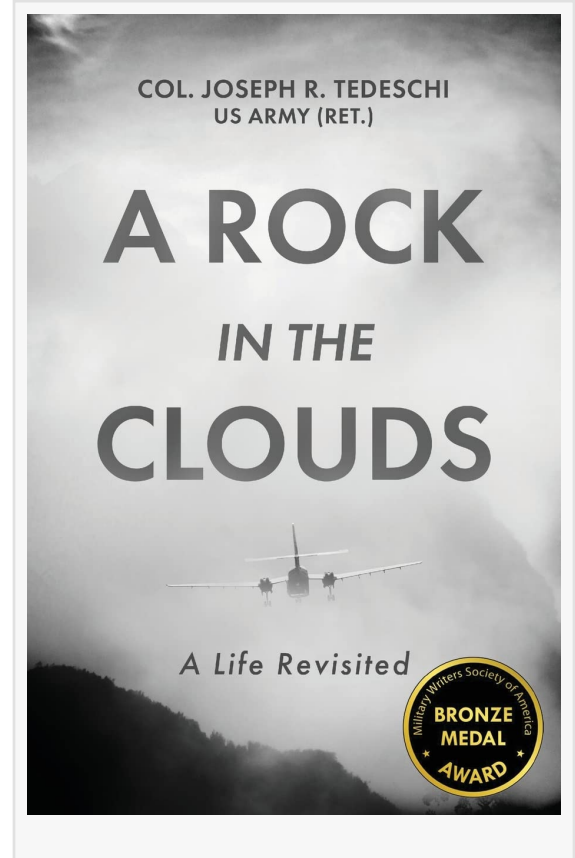
SAN FRANCISCO, CA, UNITED STATES, June 23, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On October 4, 1966, a C7-A Caribou aircraft crashed into Hon Cong Mountain in Vietnam under blinding cloud cover, claiming thirteen lives and changing many others forever. One of the survivors was then-32-year-old Joseph R. Tedeschi, a young U.S. Army officer whose life took an extraordinary turn after the accident. His new memoir, [A Rock in the Clouds](#): A Life Revisited, provides a gripping, deeply personal account of the crash and its aftermath, revealing a powerful story of faith, endurance, and the search for meaning.

It took Tedeschi over five decades to gather the accounts, images, and testimonies that form the core of this book. What began as a reconstruction of a tragic military incident evolved into something far deeper—a spiritual and human narrative about survival, purpose, and the enduring strength of family and faith.

"Not a day has gone by since the crash that I haven't reflected on that shattering instant," says Tedeschi. "In the hospital afterward, I resolved to find meaning and purpose in what happened. My family gave me immediate purpose. My faith gave me the answers I was truly seeking."

Tedeschi's military career began at West Point and culminated in retirement as a colonel. He went on to work in defense technology and later pursued a spiritual calling, serving eighteen years as a Catholic deacon in New Jersey. His remarkable journey informs every page of the book.

At 86, Tedeschi hopes his story will resonate not just with fellow Vietnam-era veterans and their families, but with anyone searching for hope in the wake of life's most difficult trials.



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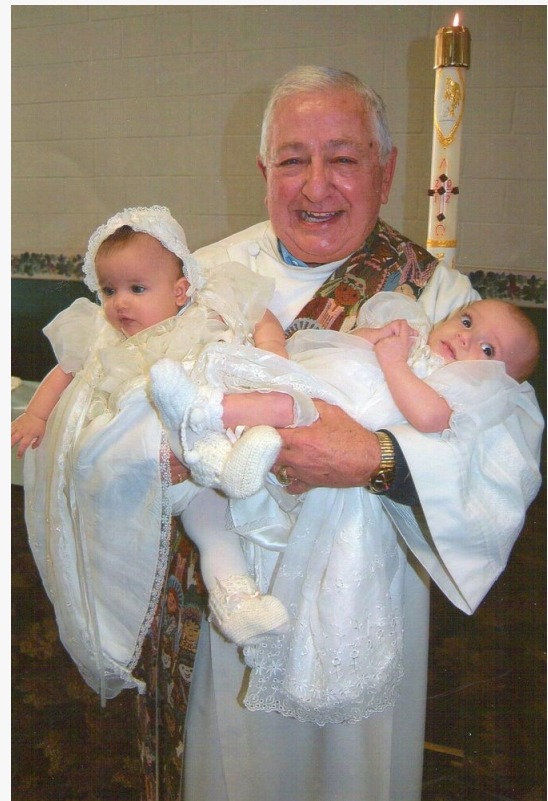
"This is not just my story—it's a shared story of the men who were there, the families who waited at home, and the invisible hands that guide us through the darkest clouds. A war doesn't truly end until the last story is told. This is mine. And I hope it brings healing, hope, and inspiration."

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