

# Author challenges decades of Vietnam War narratives

*A Bold Reexamination of the War That Changed America*

TAMPA, FL, UNITED STATES, June 30, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Mack Payne is a [proud U.S. Army veteran](#) who served two tours during the Vietnam War. During his first deployment, he worked

as a supply officer with the 4th Infantry Division near Pleiku, helping ensure troops had the equipment and resources needed to carry out their missions. On his second tour, he took to the skies as a Cobra gunship pilot with the [101st Airborne Division](#), flying combat missions in the rugged terrain near Hue and Khe Sanh.



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Drawing on his wartime experiences, Mack became an author, preserving the stories and sacrifices of those who served. He has written two books, [Vietnam Veteran](#) *Memoirs and Conversations with Vietnam Heroes*, both dedicated to honoring the courage, service, and legacy of

Vietnam veterans.

In 2014, Mack launched the Vietnam Veteran News podcast with a mission to ensure that the stories of the Vietnam generation would never be forgotten. What began as a passion project has grown into a remarkable historical archive. Since its inception, he has produced more than 3,300 podcast episodes featuring interviews with Vietnam veterans, military historians, and distinguished authors. Through these conversations, Mack has helped preserve firsthand accounts of service, sacrifice, and heroism, creating an invaluable resource for veterans, their families, and anyone interested in the history of the Vietnam War.

During many years of research on the Vietnam War topic Payne came to realize many popular assumptions in the world view about the War were incorrect. It became clearer to him that Vietnam Veterans were not losers. And the mothers and families of those whose names are engraved on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., their loved ones did not die in vain, nor did they sacrifice their lives for a losing cause.

*How America Won the Vietnam War* is a bold and thought-provoking examination of one of the most misunderstood conflicts in modern history. Challenging decades of conventional wisdom,

his book presents a powerful case that American and South Vietnamese forces achieved significant military success on the battlefield, despite the political turmoil and media narratives that shaped public perception back home.

Drawing on historical records, battlefield accounts, military analysis, and the experiences of those who served, his book reveals how U.S. forces repeatedly defeated enemy offensives, crippled North Vietnamese military operations, and demonstrated overwhelming combat effectiveness throughout the war. It explores the courage, sacrifice, and resilience of the American fighting man while shedding new light on the strategic victory often overlooked by historians and commentators.

More than a military history, *How America Won the Vietnam War* is a tribute to the veterans who fought with honor and a challenge to readers to reconsider what victory, defeat, and truth really mean in war. The book offers readers an alternative perspective that is certain to spark discussion among historians, veterans, students, and anyone interested in American history.

Timely, provocative, and deeply patriotic, this book seeks to restore recognition to those who served and to reopen the conversation about the true legacy of the Vietnam War.

*How America Won the Vietnam War* is available exclusively at Amazon.

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