

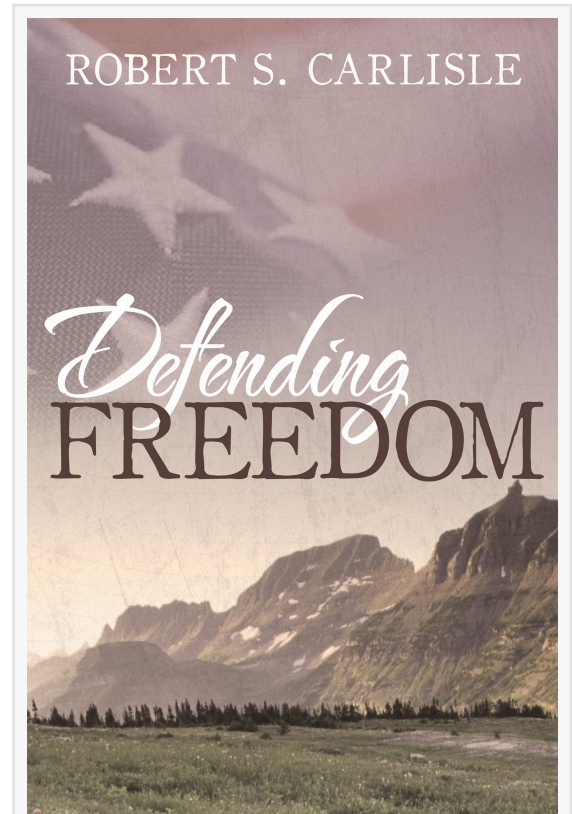
Defending Freedom Explores Faith, Service, and Hope Through the Eyes of a Young Naval Officer

Robert S. Carlisle delivers an inspiring novel blending military service, conviction, and Christian faith against a pivotal moment in American history.

NEW YORK CITY, NY, UNITED STATES, August 12, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Author Robert S. Carlisle presents *Defending Freedom*, a compelling Christian novel that follows a young naval officer as he navigates the demands of military service, personal relationships, and spiritual growth during the years following the September 11 attacks. Drawing upon the author's own experience as a retired Navy Commander and graduate of the United States Naval Academy, the novel combines authentic military insight with an uplifting message of faith, courage, and perseverance.

In *Defending Freedom*, Ensign Tom Graham begins his naval career aboard the USS Russell, an Aegis destroyer based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where he faces the challenges of leadership, responsibility, and service during a defining period in American history. Along his journey, Tom encounters mentors and friends whose lives shape his understanding of faith and purpose. Through the influence of fellow naval aviator Paul and the meaningful relationships he develops with Elle and Terri, Tom discovers that true freedom extends beyond military service and is ultimately found through a life centered on Jesus Christ.

Carlisle wrote the novel to encourage readers to consider the relationship between faith and service while sharing lessons inspired by his own military career. Originally written for his teenage sons, the story reflects his desire to illustrate the importance of integrity, spiritual conviction, and steadfast character when facing life's greatest challenges. His experiences provide an authentic foundation for a narrative that is both inspiring and deeply personal.



Defending Freedom by Robert S. Carlisle

Throughout the novel, themes of faith, courage, sacrifice, friendship, leadership, and hope are thoughtfully woven into a story that examines both the realities of military life and the enduring strength found through spiritual commitment. *Defending Freedom* reminds readers that life's greatest battles are often fought within the heart and that lasting freedom is discovered through a relationship with Christ. The novel offers encouragement to those navigating uncertainty while emphasizing the value of perseverance and faithful living.

The book will resonate with readers of Christian fiction, military novels, inspirational literature, veterans, active-duty service members, and anyone seeking stories that combine authentic life experiences with meaningful spiritual themes. It also provides valuable perspective for readers interested in the personal challenges faced by military families during a significant chapter in modern American history.

Robert S. Carlisle brings decades of military leadership and personal faith to *Defending Freedom*, creating a thoughtful novel that honors service while pointing readers toward hope, purpose, and spiritual renewal. Through authentic storytelling and memorable characters, he reminds readers that the greatest freedom is found not only in defending a nation, but also in embracing the life-changing truth of faith in Jesus Christ.

The book is now available—secure your copy here: <https://a.co/d/0dfBKMd1>

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