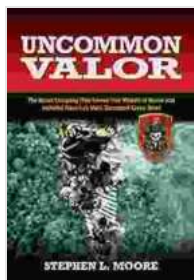


# The Recon Company That Earned Five Medals of Honor and Included America's Most Decorated Marine



## Uncommon Valor: The Recon Company that Earned Five Medals of Honor and Included America's Most Decorated Green Beret by Stephen L. Moore

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*The Recon Company That Earned Five Medals of Honor and Included America's Most Decorated Marine* is a book by James M. Daws that tells the story of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion during the Vietnam War. The battalion was awarded five Medals of Honor, more than any other unit in the war, and included America's most decorated Marine, Staff Sergeant John Basilone.

The book begins with the formation of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion in 1965. The battalion was made up of volunteers from the Marine Corps' best units, and its mission was to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance

behind enemy lines. The battalion quickly proved its worth, and soon became one of the most respected units in the war.

In 1966, the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion was assigned to the 1st Marine Division and deployed to Vietnam. The battalion saw its first combat in the Battle of Hue, and played a key role in the city's liberation. The battalion continued to fight throughout the war, and earned a reputation for its bravery and professionalism.

In addition to the five Medals of Honor, the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion was awarded three Navy Crosses, 21 Silver Stars, and 103 Bronze Stars. The battalion also lost 65 men killed in action.

*The Recon Company That Earned Five Medals of Honor and Included America's Most Decorated Marine* is a gripping account of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion's service in Vietnam. The book is full of firsthand accounts from the Marines who fought in the battalion, and it provides a unique perspective on the war. The book is a must-read for anyone interested in the Vietnam War or in the history of the Marine Corps.

### **Profiles of the Medal of Honor recipients**

The five Marines who were awarded the Medal of Honor while serving with the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion were:

\* \*\*Staff Sergeant John Basilone\*\* \* \*\*Major Jay R. Vargas\*\* \* \*\*Lance Corporal Jimmie E. Howard\*\* \* \*\*Lance Corporal Robert E. Bush\*\* \*  
\*\*Lance Corporal Harold G. Sutton\*\*

All five of these Marines displayed extraordinary heroism and courage in the face of enemy fire. Their stories are an inspiration to all Marines and to all Americans.

### **Staff Sergeant John Basilone**

John Basilone was born in Raritan, New Jersey, on November 4, 1916. He joined the Marine Corps in 1940, and served in the Pacific during World War II. Basilone was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Battle of Guadalcanal, where he single-handedly defended a machine gun position against a Japanese assault. Basilone was killed in action on Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945.

### **Major Jay R. Vargas**

Jay R. Vargas was born in Los Angeles, California, on February 19, 1938. He joined the Marine Corps in 1956, and served in Vietnam from 1965 to 1967. Vargas was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Battle of Hue, where he led his men in a desperate defense of a key bridge against a North Vietnamese attack. Vargas was killed in action on May 3, 1968.

### **Lance Corporal Jimmie E. Howard**

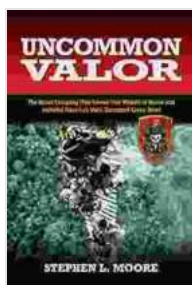
Jimmie E. Howard was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on March 20, 1948. He joined the Marine Corps in 1966, and served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. Howard was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Battle of Khe Sanh, where he saved the lives of several of his fellow Marines by exposing himself to enemy fire. Howard was killed in action on March 19, 1968.

### **Lance Corporal Robert E. Bush**

Robert E. Bush was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on March 13, 1947. He joined the Marine Corps in 1966, and served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. Bush was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Battle of Hue, where he single-handedly destroyed an enemy machine gun position, enabling his company to advance. Bush was killed in action on May 1, 1968.

## Lance Corporal Harold G. Sutton

Harold G. Sutton was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on May 24, 1947.



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