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DEDICATION



Dr. Lewis S. "Bob" Sorley

***Dedicated to all those who served
in the noble and valiant effort to turn back
the forces of aggression and tyranny
in Vietnam and Southeast Asia,
all the men and women of our armed forces –
and the many civilians too
who played important roles,
and of course our South Vietnamese allies
and those of other nations who joined in that effort,
and – perhaps especially – all their families.
Thank you, my brothers and sisters.***

And just one thing more: It didn't have to end that way.

Lewis Sorley, October 28, 2014

Dr. Lewis S. Sorley

This volume is dedicated to our dear friend and colleague, Dr. Lewis S. “Bob” Sorley, an Army Vietnam veteran who has been justly described as “one of the finest military historians of the last half century.”

An active member of Vietnam Veterans for Factual History, Bob is a third-generation graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point (where he was a Distinguished Graduate), followed by a career as an Armor officer that, in addition to his combat service in Vietnam, included teaching at West Point, service in West Germany, and an assignment as the Senior Military Assistant to the Director of Net Assessment in the Pentagon.

After leaving the Army, Bob served at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as Chief of the Policy and Plans Division of the Intelligence Community Staff. He also served as Director of the Army Historical Foundation and the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States. He also studied at Harvard and Pennsylvania State University, and holds a Ph.D. in National Security Policy from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Sorley was also a distinguished graduate and, later, a professor of the Army War College. He also taught at the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, Virginia Military Institute, George Washington University, and the University of Rhode Island.

But it was as a military historian that his influence reached its apex. He wrote or edited several influential books, including *Thunderbolt: General Creighton Abrams and the Army of His Time* (an excerpt from which won the Peterson Prize for the best article on military history), *Vietnam Chronicles: The Abrams Tapes* (which won the Army Historical Foundation’s Trefry Award); *Honorable Warrior: General Harold K. Johnson and the Ethics of Command*; *The Vietnam War: An Assessment by South Vietnam’s Generals*; and *Honor Bright: History and Origins of the West Point Honor Code* (widely used in ethics courses).

But by far his most influential book was *A Better War: The Unexamined Victories and Final Tragedy of America’s Last Years in Vietnam*, which became mandatory reading for senior Pentagon generals and civilians alike.