

**THE  
TWENTY  
YEAR WAR**

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## **The National Veterans Memorial and Museum Today Announced “The Twenty-Year War” Book Release and Panel Discussion to be Held on September 11, 2021**

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – The [National Veterans Memorial and Museum](http://NationalVeteransMemorialandMuseum.org) has partnered with the authors of “The Twenty-Year War,” to host their book release, a panel presentation, book signing and social time on September 11 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Exclusive first copies of “The Twenty-Year War” will be available for purchase. Thank you to With Honor for providing support of this timely and relevant event.

Written by Dan Blakeley and Tom Amenta, both U.S. Army Ranger combat Veterans, with production and photography by Beau Simmons, [“The Twenty-Year War”](http://TheTwentyYearWar.com) is a photo journal providing an insightful look into the lives of 71 Veterans who were involved in the Global War on Terror. The authors traveled across the country talking with Veterans to capture the diversity of their experiences and create a truly authentic look at what it means to serve in the armed forces and the challenges and opportunities Veterans have when reintegrating into civilian society.

“This book release and discussion provide a rare opportunity for the public to gain an insider perspective of the Veteran’s experience, both in the military and as civilians,” said Lt. General Michael Ferriter, U.S. Army (Retired), president and CEO of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum. “Hosting this event also gives Veterans a chance to talk about their service during a time when a mixture of emotions may be bubbling up. To any Veterans out there -- Your service matters.”

In addition to “The Twenty-Year War” authors, some Veterans featured in the book will be in attendance on 9/11 and join in the panel discussion. Stories from both Lt. General Ferriter and Col. Bill Butler, U.S. Army (Retired), chief of staff at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum appear in “The Twenty-Year War.”

Tickets are available for the event from the National Veterans Memorial and Museum website at:  
<https://my.nationalvmm.org/911/20yearwar>

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For those who would like to hear from the authors prior to 9/11, we invite you to join us Saturday, September 4 at 10 a.m. for our free, monthly [Rally Point](#) program on our Facebook and YouTube channels. You also may view the program and all our previous programs after Saturday on our social media channels or [our website](#).

The Museum also will host the **City of Columbus 9-11 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony** at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 11. This free event will be held outdoors and is open to the public.

*Editor's Note: "Twenty-Year War" photos are available here:*

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PAFA1B6yR7xM9Ux4Yv4EHZZaHYntvAoK>

### **About The Twenty-Year War**

Read stories you won't read anywhere else in this museum-quality coffee table book. These are the stories of fathers and sons, husbands and wives, sisters and brothers who served together. With a foreword written by former U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Commanding General, Joseph Votel, "The Twenty-Year War" is the untold stories of American service and transition. Short author biographies are available [here](#).

### **About The National Veterans Memorial and Museum**

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that takes visitors on a narrative journey telling individual stories and sharing experiences of Veterans from all military branches throughout history. The Memorial and Museum also honors the sacrifices of men and women in service and their families. History is presented in a dynamic, participatory experience with photos, letters and personal effects, multimedia presentations, interactive exhibits, online events and digital content. Together, these elements link our national story to the larger context of our world. For more information, please visit [NationalVMM.org](http://NationalVMM.org).

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