Wife's Thirty-Year Journey With Her Green Beret



They say behind every successful man is a strong woman, and this couldn't be truer than in the case of Jane Carter and her remarkable thirty-year journey alongside her Green Beret husband, John.

A Chance Encounter

It all began in the summer of 1990 when Jane and John first met at a small café in their hometown. She was instantly captivated by the handsome stranger in his military uniform, exuding an air of confidence and strength. Little did she know that this chance encounter would spark a love story that would endure many trials and triumphs.

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Their Wedding Day

After a whirlwind romance, Jane and John tied the knot in a beautiful ceremony surrounded by their friends and family. It was a joyous day when they vowed to support each other through thick and thin, for better or worse.

Life as a Green Beret's Wife

As John embarked on his journey as a Green Beret, Jane embraced her role as his pillar of strength. She stood by him through countless deployments, late-night phone calls, and months of separation. With each passing day, Jane's love and admiration for her husband grew stronger.

But being a Green Beret's wife was not without its challenges. Jane had to cope with the constant worry for her husband's safety, as well as the unpredictable schedule that military life entailed. However, she never faltered in her commitment to supporting John's endeavors, knowing that his service was both noble and necessary.

Building a Family

Despite the difficulties they faced, Jane and John were determined to start a family. They welcomed two beautiful children into their lives, a son and a daughter, who grew up with a deep appreciation for their father's sacrifice and bravery.

Moments of Celebration and Hardship

Over the years, Jane and John experienced moments of celebration and hardship. John's career took them to various corners of the world, where they embraced new cultures and formed lasting friendships. They celebrated promotions, received prestigious awards, and basked in the pride of his achievements.

But, there were also difficult times. John's deployments to war-torn regions filled Jane's heart with fear and anxiety. She anxiously awaited news of his safety, praying for his swift return home. It was during these challenging moments that Jane drew on her inner strength and relied on the support of her loved ones.

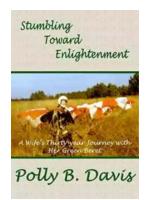
A Remarkable Journey, Filled with Love

As the years went by, Jane's unwavering love for her Green Beret never waned. Their journey was marked by resilience, sacrifice, and a deep understanding of the demands of military life. Through it all, Jane remained by John's side, offering words of encouragement, unwavering support, and endless love.

Today, as they celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary, Jane looks back at their journey with fondness and gratitude. She cherishes every moment spent with her Green Beret and is proud of the legacy they have built together.

The bond between a Green Beret and their spouse is forged through trust, sacrifice, and love. Jane Carter's thirty-year journey with her Green Beret husband, John, is a testament to the strength and resilience that lies within military families.

As we honor the brave men and women who serve our country, let us also recognize the invaluable support provided by their loved ones. Behind every soldier, there is a spouse who stands tall, navigating the challenges and embracing the beauty of a life intertwined with a Green Beret.



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Married to a Special Forces soldier during the height of the Vietnam War, Polly Davis was a soldier's wife with a difference: she often led, always followed, and sometimes fought alongside her Green Beret. Whether leaping out of airplanes, SCUBA diving off the cost of Massachusetts, hauling her family and their dogs over two continents, or battling a life-threatening disease, Davis' life story is

superbly rich with courage, compassion, and a sly humor that overcomes all obstacles. Failure is not an option with this warm and enticing tale.

Polly started out as a military wife with a BS Degree from the University of Georgia and over the next thirty years raised two children, numerous dogs and cats, and attained a Masters and a Doctorate. All while tramping the world with her soldier husband. Often alone in strange and uncertain circumstances, she not only rose to the occasion, she excelled in everything she ever did. She has taught at every level from pre-school to college, served as the head of the English Department and Director of Research and Planning for Fayetteville Technical Community College, and served in numerous leadership positions within the various communities in which she has lived.

You are invited to march along with her through these pages as she travels the world often standing alone with her children waving good-by to her husband as he flies off to combat zones and on numerous classified and unclassified missions. Always the trooper regardless of the challenges she faces.

Polly Brown Davis's warm and wonderful Stumbling Toward Enlightenment reads like a charm. It is first a love story, full of energy and accomplishment, a rare combination of experiences: parachuting, mothering, going to graduate school while her husband goes off to Vietnam, confronting realities of health. Polly Brown Davis is a survivor, a beautiful one, as this memoir attests.

Shelby Stephenson, North Carolina Poet Laureate

An independent southern girl who copes, challenges, survives, and thrives as a career soldier's wife (and much more), Polly Davis writes with grace, wry humor, poignant honesty —I was with her all the way.

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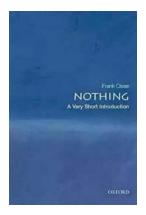
I reached out the door. Mind numb, fist in my chest, I clutched the strut, but the thundering gusts outside the plane quickly blew me into a split second of chaos, a terrible spinning and sputtering, and then I heard it: a smooth popping sound, a snap, a rough jerk, and my chute floated open above me. I was alive, and all was calm. No sound, no sense of movement, aquamarine heavens, and billowing groves of green below me, I floated, savoring the absolute ecstasy of the moment.

Vietnam loomed like a forest fire edging past the break. Tom went to war, and I went to graduate school. No longer the crazy coed, I saw Athens as the stay for young men who piled degrees upon degrees to stay in college. I'd catch myself avoiding windows, the look-out for those olive drab cars that pulled up in front of homes, shadowy figures forcing their feet to move to doorways bearing the awful message a loved one had been killed.. Tom and I were lucky.

By then my eyesight had begun fading, and I could no longer read, so my doctor sent me to an ophthalmologist who diagnosed one problem as optic neuritis, whatever that was. Then a visit to a neurologist forced me to face what I had shoved into the far corners of my psyche for the past eight years. As Mama and I sat shoulder to shoulder in the waiting room, we felt the silence, only broken by one patient's walker sliding from the wall, where it had been propped, to the floor. Looking over the patients slumped in their chairs was ominous. Surely I had nothing close to what these people were dealing with.

About 3:00 a.m. on a Tuesday in the fall of 1988, Tom got a call from one of his

men: a helicopter was down in Arizona, all aboard presumed dead. The helicopter was on a training exercise when it apparently burst i



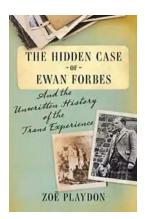
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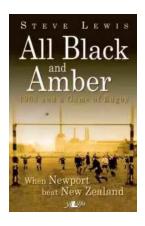
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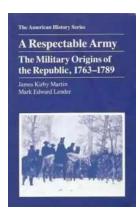
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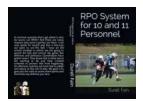
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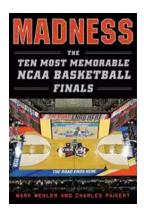
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