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Magnum! The Wild Weasels In Desert Storm. The Elimination Of Iraq's Air Defence



Synopsis

his book is based upon a journal Jim Schreiner kept during his deployment to the Persian Gulf region for Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. Building upon that record and the recollections of other F-4G Wild Weasel aircrew, the authors show a slice of what life and war was like during that time. The pawns in the game, the ones that had to actually do the fighting and dying were the hundreds of thousands of men and women who left their homes and families to live for seemingly endless months in the vast, trackless desert while the world stage-play unfolded. To them, the war was deeply personal. At times, the war was scary; at other times, it was funny as hell. Usually, if you survive the former, it turns into the latter.

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I liked the book, I felt it was an easy read where you were able to learn about what it was like to be in a wild weasel unit on deployment during the gulf war. You learn lots of little bits of information that you won't discover in a normal overview of military operations. I was hoping for a perhaps broader view of wild weasel operations during the war and some more operation stories, but overall the focus on the personal experiences during the war was enlightening enough to make

it a satisfying book to read.

If we fought wars like this we win more, and fight fewer. The purpose of war is to kill three Enemy

I don't know if it's images of the wild west or of a mad man, but facing a SAM head on takes a gutsy pilot. Here in vivid detail is the Weasel war over Iraq and the fourth largest army in the world. Written in a no nonsense manner, it accurately reflects both the rush of combat and the pain of deployment. The appendices are equally valuable with a trove of interesting data. This book is a must have for anyone who enjoys military history.

As a retired elint operator/analyst, I found this book to be very interesring and accurate. It was interesting to read about the war from this perspective. I was assigned to a recon squadron during this war have some personal memories of many of the actions described here. Highly recommend for anyone interested in the wild weasel program.

This is part of the war nobody seems to talk about. It is an interesting look into the thoughts of the Pilots and EWOs. It is interesting to note the empathy for the enemy expressed by some of the warriors. This seems to make the point that we (American Fighting Men) are not remorseless killers as some would have you believe.

Very interesting look into how ECW worked during Desert Storm

Awesome account by those who were there for those fateful months when these men helped liberate Kuwait

Picked this book up to learn more about Wild Weasels but came away with a better understanding of Desert Storm. Recommend this book to anyone who wants to learn more about the venerable Phantom, Desert Storm, modern aerial combat or the Weasels. Side note: It does appear to me the tankers were not given enough credit as the air war would not have been so successful without them.

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