

Military Books from Servicemembers

Military-Writers.com is a website committed to listing military personnel who have authored books. The website added three former servicemembers who have authored books.

September 24, 2007 (FPRC) -- At the age of 14, Jim Wagner began to study his life long pursuit of self-defense by beginning his study of the marital arts. Four years later he joined the United States Army. In 1991 Jim Wagner, sponsored by the Costa Mesa Police Department, entered the police academy (Orange County Sheriff's Department Training Academy Class 104). Like his military training before, Jim Wagner was deeply influenced by the law enforcement training realistic conflict scenarios.

During his career with the Costa Mesa Police Department, Jim Wagner earned a place on the SWAT team. It was through this conduit that Jim learned about logistics, command post operations, hostage negotiations, entry team tactics, and sniping. On the job training included courses with LAPD SWAT, the U.S. Army Special Forces, the Orange County Sheriff's Department Tactical Training Center, and from U.S. Marines Division Schools Camp Pendleton (Advanced Sniper Course, Military Operations Urban Terrain, Helicopter Rope Suspension Training, and Range Safety Officer).

While conducting a myriad of courses at Camp Pendleton, both military units and other law enforcement agencies using the base for their own training discovered Jim Wagner's unique approach to training and his seamless blending of defensive tactics with edged weapons and firearms skills. Before long he was getting offers from the United States Marine Corps, U.S. Marshals Special Operations Group, Department of Defense Police, California Highway Patrol, California Department of Corrections, San Diego Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles Probation Department, U.S. Border Patrol, Immigration & Naturalization Service, U.S. Navy and U.S. Marines Provost Marshal Office, Drug Enforcement Administration. By 1996 Jim found himself being invited by foreign unit to train in their own countries: German GSG9, Brazilian G.A.T.E., Argentinean G.O.E., Royal Canadian Mounted Police, London Metropolitan Police, Helsinki Police Department, and various units in Spain, Mexico, and Israel.

The demand on Jim Wagner's time was overwhelming and in 1999 he decided to resign from the Costa Mesa Police Department and started teaching full time. Not wanting to fully give up his law enforcement career Jim applied as a Reserve Deputy at the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Jim Wagner is the author of Reality Based Personal Protection.

Designed as a companion book to Jim Wagner's best-selling instructional DVD series, Reality-Based Personal Protection provides eight detailed chapters. According to the book description, "Reality-Based Personal Protection system covers the complete tactical spectrum of pre-conflict, conflict and post-conflict techniques and training methods for a wide variety of worst-case scenarios. Mastering these tactics will educate you on the dangers of the modern world and how to survive them. This must-have manual covers: knowledge domain and conflict rehearsal; defensive tactics using strikes, threat zones and stopping power; using the ground to your advantage; surviving a knife attack and countering effectively; military techniques and training methods for handgun proficiency; how to protect yourself and others in criminal-assault scenarios;

preparing for and surviving terrorist attacks; a special section for women's self-defense tactics. In this highly-anticipated book, Jim Wagner shares more than three decades of martial arts, police, military and law enforcement training through highly detailed conceptual explanations, charts and captioned photo sequences. Coupled with his personal experience in the field and at some of the world's most prestigious training facilities, the techniques and tactics of Reality-Based Personal Protection form the basis for the ultimate modern self-defense system."

Ralph Askew was born in 1937 in Cleveland, Ohio. He spent a total of 10 years in the Ohio National Guard, the California National Guard and the United States Marine Corps where he developed an interest in military history. After graduating from UCLA, he joined the LAPD where he spent most of his patrol time at the Newton Street Patrol Division as a training officer. He retired from the police department after 21 years. He is the author of Battleslave.

According to the book description of Battleslave, "Chrisinda Balderack, a battledroid, was artificially produced in a laboratory solely for the purpose of fighting wars for the Galaxy. The production of battledroids meant that planets associated with the Galaxy did not have to provide the Galaxy with their own men to be killed in a far off war. Very few battleroids ever returned home. Many of the missions the battledroids were sent on were without support. They were trained to kill their wounded to prevent them from falling into enemy hand, and revealing the objective of the mission or slowing down its completion. Battledroids were trained to have no feelings. After meeting a young girl her own age, Chrisinda develops emotions and feeling for her own fellow battledroids and finds that she cannot bring herself to kill her fellow wounded."

Jerry C. Scott is a 29-year-veteran law enforcement officer. After four years in the U.S. Air Force as an air traffic controller during the beginning years of the Vietnam conflict, stationed in Okinawa, he began his work as a city police officer in the state of Washington, in 1966. He spent a year as a motorcycle cop, walked the beat in the downtown tavern district, worked radar, and performed patrol duties.

After five years he moved to Provo, Utah, in 1977 and took up his profession with the Utah County Sheriff's Office. He moved through the ranks as a patrol deputy, patrol sergeant, lieutenant division commander, and finally operations bureau chief, holding the rank of captain before his retirement in 1995. His many police experiences include being a co-captain and assisting in the organization of the first department SWAT team in 1974. The team members joined the 19th Airborne Special Forces Group with the Utah State National Guard, and they held the distinction of being the only jump-qualified SWAT team in the United States. Jerry Scott's assignment was sniper and bomb technician. He was a graduate of the Redstone Bomb School in Alabama, and was a member of the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigations. He was also an explosive instructor for a number of years at the Utah State Police Academy and Weber State College. As a jail commander during the 80's, he rewrote the Utah State Jail Standards and served on the Utah State Jail Inspection Team.

During all the years of his law enforcement career, nothing was more rewarding and enjoyable than his patrol duty assignments. The excitement of conduction arrests of drug suspects and burglars, and the general assistance to the public in general, are experiences he holds sacred. Jerry C. Scott is the author of Glass Mountain.

According to the book description of Glass Mountain, "true police experiences topple over each other as this fictional narrative unfolds starting with the watts riots, engaging the Mexican mafia, and

creating an unforgettable love story. This story involves the real guts of police work.”

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