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Editorial Review

Review

Military Review, May/June 2007

“This fine book is easy to read, and I enthusiastically recommend it to *Military Review*’s readers and to anyone who has read or is considering reading Thomas Hammes’s *Sling and the Stone*. Because of its outstanding historical perspective, *Fighting the War on Terror* can be read alone, as a complement to Hammes, or as a foundation for secondary readings – it’s that good.”

Midwest

Book Review, May 2007

“Dr. Corum is one of the Army’s top experts on counterinsurgency warfare, and it’s this background which packs *Fighting the War on Terror*.”

USNI Proceedings, July 2007

“[Corum] pulls no punches ... From well-known to obscure efforts, his historical analysis of counterinsurgencies and the role of key elements or lessons in his analysis is a major strength of the book ... The author’s strong arguments and the extensive historical analysis he provides make for an excellent read. Readers may not agree with all of his points and recommendations but will have to admit that he provides compelling arguments on what is crucial in developing a truly effective COIN capability and strategy. Innovative thinking, adaptation, and strong leadership are important skills required to meet today’s challenges in the military and with all partners in this war. *Fighting the War on Terror* reinforces the requirement of these key skills.”

From the Inside Flap

Front flap copy:

Terrorists and insurgents, not foreign governments, now pose the greatest threat to America—and how to fight and defeat such “non-state” enemies is the single most urgent and vexing question confronting our military today. This timely book has some answers. Drawing on decades of experience with counterinsurgency—as a scholar, a strategist, and a military officer—James S. Corum brings unique insight to the problems we face. His book offers a deeply informed, closely reasoned and—most valuably—eminently sensible account of how circumstances and our actions (or inaction) have contributed to our present dilemma. With the lessons of recent history in clear view, Corum lays out a workable strategy for meeting the often-overlapping threat raised by terrorist groups and insurgents.

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Back flap copy:

James S. Corum, PhD, is an associate professor at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in the Department of Joint and Multinational Operations at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was recently a visiting fellow at Oxford University's All Souls College. While serving as a professor at the Air University, Corum developed and taught the course Terrorism and Small Wars. He is a member of the editorial boards of the Journal of Strategic Studies and Airpower Journal and the author of four books. A Lieutenant Colonel, Corum recently retired from the U.S. Army Reserve after six years of active duty and twenty-two years of reserve service, including duty in Iraq in 2004.

From the Back Cover

How to Win the War on Terror

“It’s time for blunt talk and equally blunt advice. There are serious problems within the U.S. military, especially regarding the U.S. strategy for the Global War on Terror. These problems need to be addressed, and addressed now.”

—James S. Corum, PhD

Dr. Corum, who teaches in the Department of Joint and Multinational Operations at the Command and General Staff College, is one of the U.S. Army’s top experts on counterinsurgency warfare. That expertise fills the pages of *Fighting the War on Terror*. Starting with an overview of historical insurgencies and terrorist tactics, and focusing on the current state of the world, Corum draws out the lessons that need to be learned from the victories and defeats of both sides. From spending more on training and less on weapons, to revamping the intelligence community, to the use of media campaigns to counter extremist propaganda, Corum lays out a plan for winning this unavoidable and essential struggle.

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