

*** Reviews ***

First the good news:

"A Knavish Piece of Work will satisfy anyone who studies human nature under fire. From specials on the History Channel to articles in military magazines, we see a special reverence for the fallen comrades. Fulsang's book pays homage to his close friend, Richard van de Geer, the last man to die in the Vietnam War. In addition, since it's human nature to imagine conversations ten or fifteen years later after the deaths of loved ones, the book conjures up a Twilight Zone twist that takes friends into parallel worlds, where wicked bureaucrats are forced into their special Circles of Hell."

—Howard Denson, Judge, Florida First Coast Writer's Festival

"Although written as fiction, it tells a great deal of truth and nonfiction about a dramatic time in

American history"

—Charles Henderson, Author of *Goodnight Saigon* (2006 Pulitzer nomination)

"As one who was there I feel this book is a subject that needs to be retold in any way possible in order for the public to realize that the true story is yet to be printed--hopefully, you can remedy this."

—Gary 'Doc' Connor, Navy corpsman with the Marines on Koh Tang

"This book is a new and interesting perspective of the people involved in the Vietnam War. I loved the way you made the protagonist an observer instead of a participant. I thought your representation of the characters was excellent and found the book very informative. A must-read. Thank you for keeping these guys from being forgotten."

—Susan Evans, sister of Danny Marshall lost on Koh Tang

"After reading the first few chapters of your book I was taken by surprise when I came upon my name when your character spoke to Elwood Rumbaugh. Woody and I were great friends and the loss of him has been one my life's biggest sorrows. When you publish your book, I would be honored to be one of the first to purchase it."

—Woody Freeman, Air Force helicopter flight technician

"I gave the book an A-minus. You will thoroughly enjoy reading this book. I think what impressed me the most was the writer's ability to allow me to look at the Tang battle from every-one's eyes. A true gift indeed."

—Larry Barnett, lance corporal with the Marines on Koh Tang

"Thanks for allowing me to read your book. I enjoyed it. You are very good at drawing pictures with words--made the surrealistic excursions seem very real. You have stirred up some muddy waters."

—Barry Kamhoot, COL USAF (ret'd.), president of the Jolly Green Association 2004-06

"Ejner, thanks to you for the book and any attention it may bring to that important day in our lives. Semper fi!"

—Gale Rogers, private first Class with the Marines on Koh Tang

"A controversial work of fiction that had me deeply engrossed and re-living my combat experience from that day."

—Dan Hoffman, a second lieutenant with the Marines on Koh Tang

“I think it is so wonderful that you are doing this.”

—Sandy Hargrove, sister-in-law of Joseph Hargrove, abandoned on Koh Tang

"I offer you a heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to review your book. It certainly deserves an A+. And I am thankful to you for putting it into this forum as you so wonderfully have for posterity."

—Phillip 'Doc' Cottrell, Navy corpsman with the Marines on Koh Tang

Now the bad:

"I previewed the chapters from OUR Beach Club website and was disgusted with your endeavors. Honestly, I think you should be ashamed of yourself for what you are going to be doing to some of the family members still alive today..."

—XXX (name withheld), with the Marines on Koh Tang

"I don't see how this "accounting" does anymore than XXX suggests - open old wounds and cause additional pain."

—(name withheld), with the Marines on Koh Tang

Author's response:

This book is undoubtedly controversial. Not everyone gets it the first time through, and they certainly won't get it from only reading the four chapters that described the realities of dying in combat. While I am truly sorry for any pain and suffering my book may have brought to the Koh Tang veterans and their families, I did not take on this book to make them feel better about that awful day in May of 1975. I wrote it for future generations of service men and women who are contemplating enlistment. And I wrote it for those of flag rank and higher who will one day face the decision of whether to go to war or not. It is my sincere hope that through this book I can in some way reverse the decline in integrity that seems to have taken hold in the Oval Office since the end of WWII.