

## **STREETS OF MOGADISHU**

### **Leadership At Its Best, Political Correctness At Its Worst!**

**by COL (Ret.) Danny R. McKnight**

On October 3, 1993, the assault was initiated in the most dangerous part of Mogadishu, Somalia and within 20 minutes seemed to be under control for the assaulting Delta Force. Unfortunately, things changed very quickly and the men of Task Force RANGER would become involved in the most intense combat for American troops since the Vietnam War. This book addresses not only this situation commonly referred to as the Battle of the Black Sea or Black Hawk Down, but also the untold stories of that military engagement, the real events of Task Force RANGER combat operations from leadership to the negative impacts of political correctness on military decisions. Specifically, illustrating the dire consequences resulting when military leaders base their decisions on political and popularity concerns over the success of the mission.

The discussion of leadership and critical decision-making in the streets of Mogadishu involved all levels of military service, and provides the reader with a better understanding of the privilege associated with leading our brave American soldiers.

Colonel McKnight brings his experience to others through his presentation that provides a better understanding of the unparalleled commitment, and leadership required to be successful when executing operations in the most difficult and severe combat situations.

*Streets of Mogadishu* is the epitome of the best and worst of times for soldiers in combat. The numerous and unsurpassed acts of courage, bravery and heroism during those extraordinary hours on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of October 1993 will never be forgotten, nor the leadership, commitment, and dedication shown by those in Task Force RANGER. And most of all, let their actions always be a reminder of the sacrifice necessary to protect our liberties and freedoms and the special way of life of our great nation.

“If you can handle the unvarnished, politically incorrect truth, then you’ll love this book. Danny McKnight pulls no punches as he provides a behind-the-scenes version of American combat action in Somalia that you won’t get from the mainstream media. Combined with his thoughts on time-tested leadership skills honed while leading soldiers under fire.

Highly recommended.”

— ROBERT A. SCHMIDT, FEDERAL AGENT AND RETIRED NAVAL OFFICER

“COL Danny McKnight, one of the heroic figures of the battle of Mogadishu, has written a superb leadership-primer for all chiefs and up-and-coming leaders, which will serve them well from the battlefield to the boardroom.”

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