

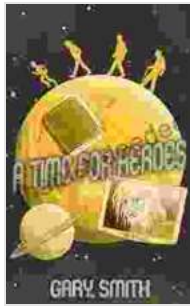
Time For Heroes: Gary Smith



US Marine James Hassell risked his life to save his wounded comrade during the Battle of Najaf (2004)

When he was asked on why did he did it, he replied: "We're Marines. That's what we do"

Gary Smith was born in 1984 in a small town in Iowa. He was a good student and a talented athlete. After graduating from high school, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, and deployed to Iraq in 2004.



A Time for Heroes by Gary Smith

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On November 10, 2004, Smith's unit was involved in a fierce battle in Fallujah. Smith's squad was pinned down by enemy fire. Smith exposed himself to enemy fire to rescue a wounded comrade. He then led his squad to safety.

For his actions, Smith was awarded the Navy Cross, the second-highest military decoration for valor. He was also promoted to sergeant.

Smith returned to the U.S. in 2005 and was discharged from the Marine Corps. He then enrolled in college and earned a degree in business. He now works as a financial advisor.

Smith's story is an inspiring example of courage, sacrifice, and the power of the human spirit. He is a true hero who risked his life to save others.

The Battle of Fallujah

The Battle of Fallujah was one of the most intense urban battles fought by U.S. forces since the Vietnam War. The battle took place in November

2004 in the city of Fallujah, Iraq. The U.S. forces were outnumbered by the Iraqi insurgents, but they eventually prevailed.

The battle was a turning point in the Iraq War. It showed that the Iraqi insurgents were capable of fighting a determined and effective guerrilla war. The battle also led to a change in U.S. tactics. The U.S. forces began to use more aggressive tactics, such as house-to-house fighting and the use of air strikes.

The Battle of Fallujah was a costly victory for the U.S. forces. Over 100 U.S. soldiers were killed in the battle, and over 1,000 were wounded.

The Navy Cross

The Navy Cross is the second-highest military decoration for valor that can be awarded to members of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. The Navy Cross is awarded for "extraordinary heroism in combat."

The Navy Cross is a prestigious award. Only a small number of people have ever been awarded the Navy Cross. The award is often given posthumously.

Gary Smith's Legacy

Gary Smith is a true American hero. He risked his life to save others and he was awarded the Navy Cross for his actions. Smith's story is an inspiring example of courage, sacrifice, and the power of the human spirit.

Smith's legacy will continue to inspire others for generations to come.

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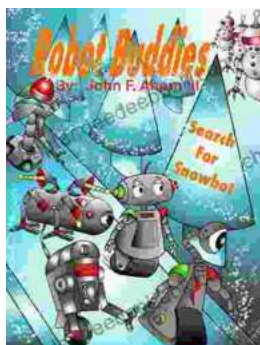
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