

Unveiling the Extraordinary Life of a True American Hero: Mitch Kearns, Combat Tracker 13

In the annals of military history, the name Mitch Kearns stands tall as a beacon of valor, resilience, and unwavering determination. A decorated combat tracker who served with distinction in the treacherous jungles of Vietnam, Kearns' extraordinary story is a testament to the indomitable spirit of the American soldier.

Early Life and Military Training

Mitch Kearns was born on August 15, 1943, in a small town in Pennsylvania. Growing up in a military family, the seeds of patriotism were sown in his heart from an early age. Driven by a deep sense of duty and a thirst for adventure, Kearns enlisted in the United States Army in 1965, eager to serve his country.



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Recognizing his exceptional tracking abilities, the Army assigned Kearns to the elite 101st Airborne Division's Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP). As part of this specialized unit, Kearns underwent rigorous training in jungle warfare, survival techniques, and the art of tracking enemy forces. His keen eye for detail, unwavering focus, and ability to navigate treacherous terrain made him an invaluable asset to his team.

Deployment to Vietnam

In 1967, Kearns was deployed to South Vietnam as part of the ongoing conflict. The war-torn country presented an unforgiving environment, where the enemy lurked in the dense jungle, ready to ambush unsuspecting soldiers. Kearns' skills as a tracker proved invaluable in this hostile setting.

Operating deep behind enemy lines, Kearns' mission was to track and locate North Vietnamese Army (NVA) units. In the unforgiving heat and humidity, Kearns would spend days and nights tirelessly pursuing the enemy, often enduring treacherous booby traps and exposing himself to enemy fire. His uncanny ability to interpret the faintest of signs left by NVA forces earned him the reputation of a "human bloodhound."

Heroic Exploits

During his time in Vietnam, Kearns' courage and unwavering determination became legendary. In one harrowing incident, Kearns' unit was ambushed by a superior enemy force. As chaos erupted, Kearns fearlessly risked his own life to rescue a wounded comrade, dragging him through a hail of enemy fire to safety. For his heroic actions, Kearns was awarded the Silver Star, one of the highest military decorations for gallantry in combat.

On another occasion, Kearns was tasked with tracking a group of NVA soldiers who had launched a surprise attack on a friendly camp. With relentless determination, Kearns pursued the enemy through dense jungle for hours, until he finally located their hiding place. In a daring raid, Kearns and his team captured several NVA soldiers, providing valuable intelligence to the American forces.

Return to Civilian Life

After serving with distinction in Vietnam, Kearns returned home a decorated hero. However, the horrors of war had left an indelible mark on his soul. Struggling to readjust to civilian life, Kearns found solace in sharing his experiences with others, inspiring countless individuals with his stories of courage and resilience.

Kearns became a sought-after speaker, sharing his insights on leadership, survival, and the importance of teamwork. He dedicated himself to supporting military veterans and their families, advocating for their needs and ensuring that they received the support and recognition they deserved.

Legacy and Recognition

In recognition of his extraordinary contributions, Mitch Kearns has received numerous awards and accolades. In 1997, he was inducted into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame, an honor bestowed upon only the most elite Rangers in history. He has also been awarded the prestigious Soldier's Medal for heroism, the Bronze Star for valor, and the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in combat.

Kearns' legacy extends far beyond his military service. He is the author of several bestselling books, including "Combat Tracker," which recounts his

experiences as a tracker in Vietnam, and "Warrior Mindset," which provides valuable lessons on leadership and personal development. His writings have inspired countless individuals, both military and civilian, to embrace their own potential and strive for excellence.

Mitch Kearns, Combat Tracker 13, is a true American hero whose extraordinary life exemplifies the indomitable spirit of the human soul. His unwavering courage, resilience, and dedication to his country have left an indelible mark on our nation's history. Through his heroic exploits and his unwavering dedication to others, Kearns continues to inspire and motivate generations to come.



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