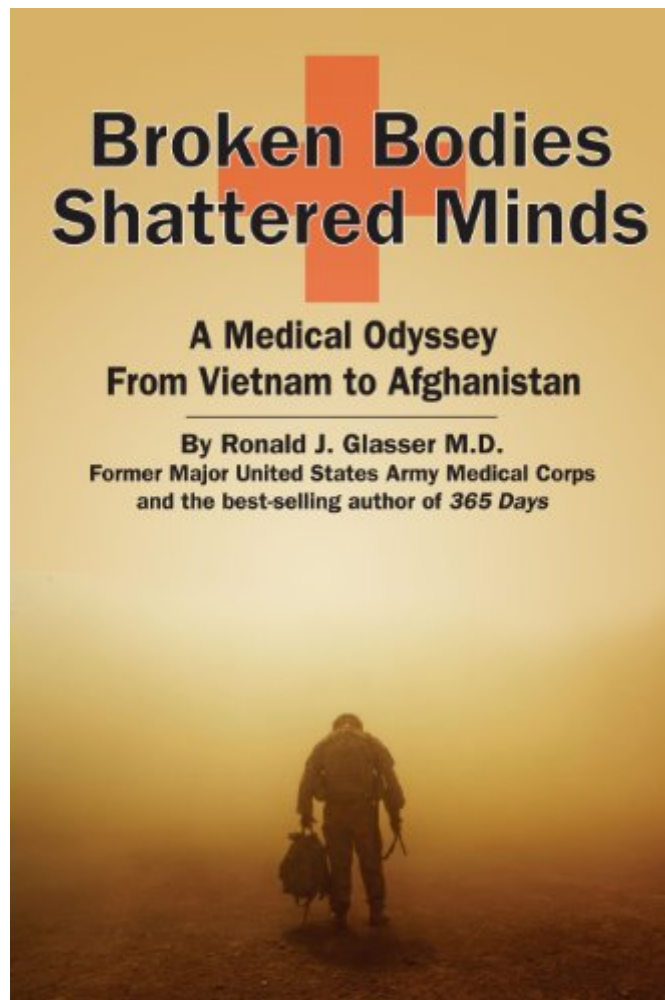




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Told in the narrative, and from personal experience, author traces changing nature of warfare from jungles of Vietnam to streets and mountains of Iraq and Afghanistan and the physical and psychological damage of wounds to troops in U.S. Army and Marine Corps. And what it has come to realize. The efficiency of evacuation units has led to quick treatment of IED-caused wounds resulting in life-saving amputation, most since American Civil War. Amputation on women soldiers and their difficulty using prosthetics designed for male soldiers is examined and, large scale concussive cerebral damage, a new phenomenon in military medical treatment requiring lifetime care of the wounded, is examined and the escalating, hidden costs of lifetime care put into perspective. New, previously unpublished studies on the concussive effects on the brain are presented. Something also relative to NFL interest. Using narrative vignettes, the rising medical and sociological costs of the Afghan War are clearly defined and the escalating hidden costs of long term medical care are put into projection. Lt. General Harold Moore wrote the Foreword.

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I read Dr. Glasser's 365 days when it first became available. He is a capable author and very

knowledgeable physician. I am pleased he wrote this book because so much of what he wrote needs to be said, repeatedly. But, especially among those in power, is any one listening? I have my doubts. As Philip Caputo wrote in his exceptionally articulate prologue to *A Rumor of War* (1977) that "...this book ought not to be regarded as a protest. It might, perhaps, prevent the next generation from being crucified in the next war. But I don't think so." My problem with the book is that I can only echo what is contained in the reviews *Trust but Verify*, *Stop Rewriting History*, *Medicine Yes, Weapons, No* and *Dr. Glasser Should Stick With What He Knows: Medicine*. I found the number of factual and numerical errors very distracting, and destructive to my confidence in much of what he wrote in this book. For example he refers to the Marines at Khe Sanh as being in the Central Highlands! The Marines served almost exclusively in First (I) Corps and Khe Sanh was in NORTHERN I Corps, near the DMZ and Laotian border. The Cen. Highlands were in II and III Corps. In addition, while the Marines were not well dug in at the Khe Sanh base during what is known as The Hill Fights of early '67 (Hills 881N, 881S and 861), they were definitely dug in during the '67-'68 "Tet" siege. They would never have survived had they not been. Also, the good doctor implies casualties in Nam were primarily of the gunshot variety. Even a brief review of any publication by those who served on the ground makes clear booby traps (IEDs?), grenades, mortars, rockets and large caliber artillery and satchel charges were a substantial cause of casualties in Nam.

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