

Welcome to issue #3 of the Once-An-Eagle.com newsletter!

The Goals of Once-An-Eagle.com:

1. To get “Once An Eagle,” the television miniseries, released on DVD
2. To get *Once An Eagle*, the novel, released on unabridged audio

Announcement

AOL video has now picked up the “Once An Eagle” miniseries excerpts that I placed on **Youtube**.

Update

To date, I have received 140 emails in support of releasing the miniseries and all have been or will be forwarded to NBC. Each of these letters is linked to the Home Page of Once-An-Eagle.com.

Letter of the Month

One of the best letters submitted to “Give us the miniseries” was by James Michael Missler, Ph.D., Lt. Col (Ret), U.S. Army:

To Whom It May Concern:

I watched the original broadcast of this miniseries as a young lieutenant, a recent West Point graduate, while serving in the 101st Airborne Division. It had more positive impact on me and my career than any other television show or movie has then or since.

I was inspired by the integrity, professionalism, courage, competence, leadership and selflessness of the Sam Damon character—and completely disgusted with the egotistic, self-centered, negative attributes of the Courtney Massengale character. Watching Sam Damon encouraged me to try to follow his example.

As a father of an active duty Naval aviator and father-in-law of an active duty Naval Surface Warfare officer, I would like these two young men to be inspired by the miniseries that inspired me.

I think this is an important series for leaders and future leaders to watch—it is entertaining as well as inspirational. People who watch the series will be more

likely to invest the time to read the book—I know I did. Watching the series and reading the book adds to one’s understanding of the qualities and attributes required to be a truly outstanding leader.

Respectfully, I request that this series be released on DVD—I’ll buy three copies!

Sincerely,

JMM

What can you do to help?

Forward this newsletter to friends and colleagues.

Announcement

OAE Enterprises has released the Second Printing of:

Once An Eagle: A Reader’s Companion

Please consider purchasing my book.

The Second Printing contains 280 pages. **Printing economies have enabled me to reduce the price from \$45.00 down to \$27.95.**

The book contains:

- A lengthy biographical essay of *Once An Eagle* author Anton Myrer including information on his seven other novels
- A helpful outline highlighting the content of each of the novel’s chapters
- A lengthy narrative summary detailing the content of each of the novel’s chapters
- A profile of each of the novel’s 100 characters
- The most comprehensive film credits anywhere for the “Once An Eagle” television miniseries
- A scene-by-scene narrative of the entire “Once An Eagle” television miniseries **Highlight!** I personally wrote this 28-page “reverse script”. It’s a great way to reconnect with the miniseries. It’s the next best thing to viewing the series.
- A glossary containing approximately 1,200 allusions
- A vocabulary containing 900 word definitions

[Buy Once An Eagle: A Reader's Companion](#)

Endorsement

Navy veteran Chuck Martin recently contacted me about his company Ratchet Belt Enterprise. He sent along a couple of his high quality, military style belts and buckles accompanied by a stack of endorsements by a veritable Who's Who of military leadership. Chuck offers two very nice belts (a black and a brown) that are interchangeable with nearly thirty gold and silver buckles with mostly military emblems. When not at work, I am wearing Chuck's belts exclusively. You can check the belts and buckles out at www.ratchetbelt.com or call Chuck (he's a one man show and a really nice guy) at 1-888-732-3690 and tell him you got the word at www.once-an-eagle.com.

What's new on www.once-an-eagle.com

Background music – When you land on my Home Page, you are greeted by the “**Love Theme from the Winds of War**” (2:23). The music can be paused or stopped by site visitors. In return for using this track, I have mad the entire soundtrack -- “**The Original Television Score: Herman Wouk’s the Winds of War**” -- available on the site.

Quiz – My next book, the soon-to-be-published *Notes On Once An Eagle*, will contain a quiz that is made up of 30 multiple-choice questions. How many can you answer? Go to the bottom right-hand column of the once-an-eagle.com Home Page to find the link to the quiz.

News item

Veterans Charities Failing Veterans!

The American Institute for Philanthropy (AIP), in a recent widely-reported story, gave no less than twelve (12) major military charities a failing grade. Here is a list of those charities:

- ✓ American Ex-Prisoners of War Service Foundation
- ✓ American Veterans Coalition
- ✓ American Veterans Relief Foundation
- ✓ AMVETS National Service Foundation
- ✓ Disabled Veterans Association
- ✓ Freedom Alliance
- ✓ Help Hospitalized Veterans/Coalition to Salute America's Heroes
- ✓ Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation
- ✓ National Veterans Services Fund
- ✓ NCOA National Defense Foundation
- ✓ Paralyzed Veterans of America
- ✓ VietNow National Headquarters

If you're looking for an organization worthy of your contributions, the two who fared best were:

- Fisher House Foundation
- Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund

While many of the criticized charities were found guilty of turning over the vast majority of funds raised to their professional fundraisers (80% in one case) and others were criticized for maintaining inordinately large reserves (the largest was 17.6 years), Fisher House directed more than 90% of its income to charitable causes.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.charitywatch.org/articles/veterans.html>

Endorsement & Offer

“Meet Me In Vietnam: The Ultimate Collection” by John Black

I found an advertisement for this CD in a magazine and asked John to send me a copy. What a find! I listened to the entire collection (thirty-one tracks) a half-dozen times or more, and a couple of songs (“Dear Dad” and “Ricky I’m Right Behind”) many more times. The more I listened, the more I appreciated!

Of the thirty-one offerings, I count at least seventeen that deal directly, or at least indirectly, with Vietnam. John is enormously talented (a number of his songs remind me of the late, great Harry Chapin) and the CD’s production values are first-rate. The collection contains musical history lessons (“God Help Us Lyndon”) and tribute tunes (“The Women on the Wall”; “Oh Mr. War Memorial”), mixed with a few send-ups (“Ho Ho Ho Chi Minh”) and protest songs (“We Don’t Have To Worry Anymore”). It also rings true in its portrayal of the sadness that marked the war (“You Took My Picture”) and its aftermath (“Vietnam I’m Dreamin’ Dreamin’ On”; “When I Came Home”).

The CD contains just under two hours of music. You don’t have to be a Vietnam Veteran to enjoy it. **Highly recommended!**

You can order directly from me by sending \$20.99 plus \$3.00 postage. You can order through [PayPal](#) (they are free to the consumer, perfectly safe, and they accept credit cards) or you can send a check to OAE Enterprises, 4 Steeple Chase Road, East Windsor, CT 06088.