

John J. McBrearty
Veteran/Author
Service. Purpose. Legacy.

Book and YouTube Video Releases for July-August-September 2026.

All of John's literary works can be found at this link:

Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/John-J-McBrearty)

All of John's YouTube videos can be found at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@JohnWritesHistory>

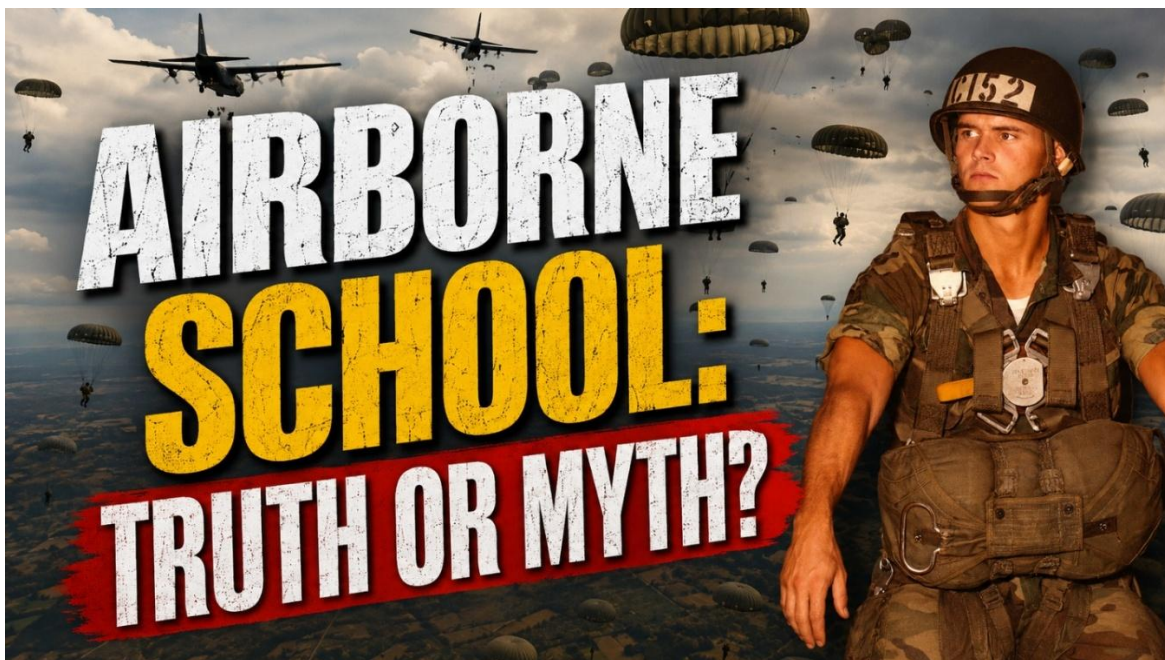
July 2026

July 3, 2026 (The eve of the USA's 250th Birthday.)

YouTube Video Release

Airborne School: Truth or Myth?

<https://youtu.be/jCQx7K-K8qU>



ONE JUMP. ONE DECISION. ONE LIFE WITHOUT REGRETS.

What is Airborne School really like? Combat veteran and award-winning author John J. McBrearty shares the truth behind one of America's toughest military schools—and reveals the personal secret that inspired decades of writing and leadership.

The presentation is based on John's forthcoming autobiography:

MY MILITARY LIFE

From Sea Cadet to Lieutenant Colonel

NO REGRETS!

"John McBrearty doesn't simply tell military stories—he shares life lessons. His experiences in Airborne School reveal remarkable courage while inspiring readers to discover purpose beyond adversity."

-Written by Veterans, CSUSB

"Award-winning combat veteran and author John J. McBrearty shares the remarkable story behind his Airborne training—and the personal secret that continues to inspire his award-winning writing career."

-John Cole, USMC, Infantry, Vietnam, Author

Video Link:

<https://youtu.be/jCQx7K-K8qU>

Amazon Storefront:

[JohnsBooksOnAmazon](#)

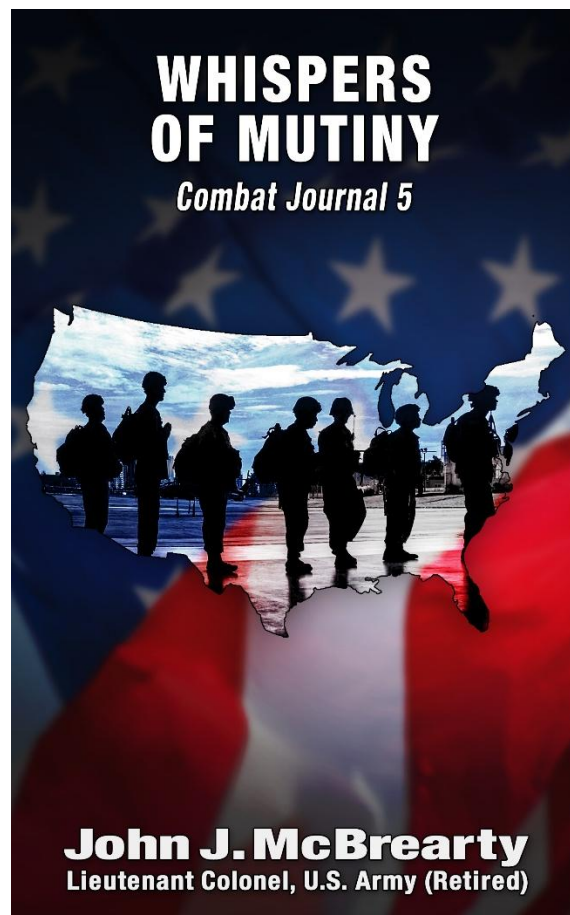
July 4, 2026 (USA 250th Birthday) Whispers of Mutiny

Book Release

https://www.amazon.com/dp/BoGDNL9L79?binding=kindle_edition&ref=dbs_dp_rwt_sb_pc_tkin

Video Release

<https://youtube.com/shorts/3FR5jqhTfJQ?feature=share>



After a year of relentless combat in Iraq, the enemy is no longer only outside the wire. In ***Whispers of Mutiny***, frustration with failed leadership pushes a battalion to its breaking point. As rumors spread and tempers flare, one officer must navigate loyalty,

duty, and survival—while ensuring his soldiers make it home alive. This is a story of war fought not just with weapons, but with conscience.

Amazon 5-Star Reviews:

“A raw, courageous examination of leadership failure and moral resolve in combat.”

“McBrearty writes what others won’t—and that honesty is this book’s greatest strength.”

“Darkly humorous, deeply human, and painfully real.”

Book Release Available on Amazon Link:

https://www.amazon.com/dp/BoGDNL9L79?binding=kindle_edition&ref=dbs_dp_rwt_sb_pc_tkin

Video Release Link:

<https://youtube.com/shorts/3FR5jqhTfJQ?feature=share>

July 4th 2026

Video Release

Veterans Preserving History with Dr. Todd DePastino

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/8MvQ1S-BIvw>



What happens when veterans, law enforcement professionals, historians, and authors come together with a common purpose?

John J. McBrearty welcomes renowned military historian and Veterans Breakfast Club co-founder Dr. Todd DePastino to explore the extraordinary power of storytelling.

John founded the Military and Law Enforcement Writing Support Group. It's simple but powerful belief: every warrior has a story worth telling.

"History is most powerful when told by those who lived it."

John J. McBrearty, LTC USA (Ret), Operation Iraqi Freedom

Video Release Link:

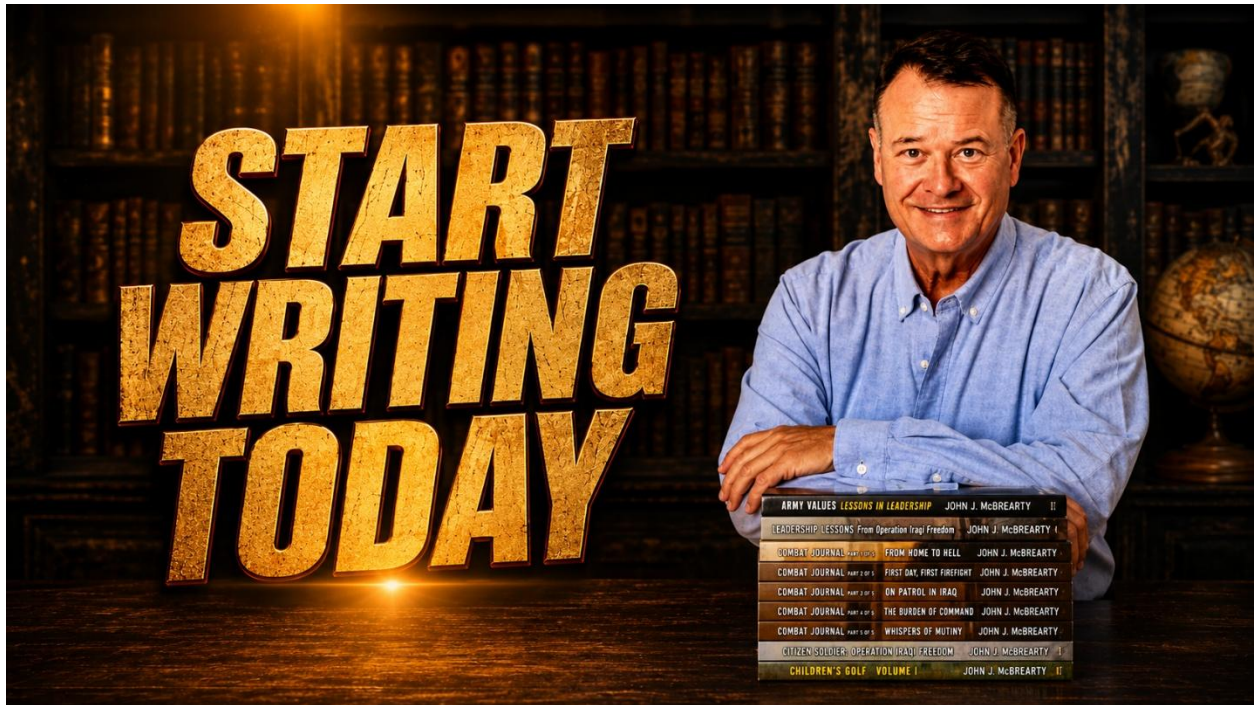
<https://youtu.be/8MvQ1S-BIvw>

Books available at Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/JohnsBooksOnAmazon)

July 8, 2026

Video Release

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/bL2Gj3T1sm8>



One photo. One word. One sentence. One story

Every published author begins exactly the same way—with a blank page.

John McBrearty's message is both simple and empowering: you do not need to be a literary genius to become a writer. You simply need a system, a routine, and the willingness to begin.

John's Photo Description Exercise demonstrates that writing is a skill developed through consistency, not talent alone. One photograph, one word, and one memory at a time can eventually become a story worth sharing with the world.

Your story matters.

The question is not whether you can write.

The question is whether you are ready to begin.

"You don't need talent to start writing. You need the courage to begin."

— **John J. McBrearty**

July 11, 2026

**Memorial Day with Written by Veterans
Video Release Video Link:**

<https://youtube.com/shorts/IsIfDKan1vM?feature=share>



Honor. Remember. Inspire.

Veterans honor their fallen comrades on Memorial Day. Combat veteran and published author John J. McBrearty joins his fellow veteran/writers on this day of remembrance. **WRITTEN BY VETERANS**, founded by Andreas Kossak, is a writing support group dedicated to helping veterans heal through the written word. California State University, San Bernardino's Veterans Success Center sponsors this group of American veterans. Together, they share this day of remembrance.

"God bless our veterans."

John J. McBrearty

Books available at Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/JohnsBooksOnAmazon)

July 13, 2026
Video Release

<https://youtu.be/2DWckbY92BE>



FREE WRITING “What in the Hell is That?”

This presentation focuses on two foundational exercises:

- Daily Journaling
- Free Writing

According to McBrearty, these simple techniques helped launch his own writing career and can help aspiring authors unlock their creative potential.

"This isn't about literary genius," says McBrearty. "It's about developing a habit. Start with one word today and your story begins."

The video serves as part of a larger educational series helping veterans, students, retirees, and aspiring authors learn how to write and publish their own books based on John's top selling "How To" books; **HOW TO GET PUBLISHED ON AMAZON**.

"The hardest part of writing is beginning. The second hardest part is stopping."
— **John J. McBrearty**

Books available at Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/JohnsBooksOnAmazon)

July 16, 2026

Video Release

Defeating Writer's Block Once and for All

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/gRFglXSQYok>



Watch the video. Find your spark. Tell your story.

On Armed Forces Day 2026, award-winning author and disabled combat veteran **John J. McBrearty** delivered a powerful and inspiring presentation before fellow veterans at the Corona Public Library.

Drawing upon more than three decades of military service, including combat leadership during Operation Iraqi Freedom, McBrearty shares the lessons that transformed battlefield experiences into a lifetime mission of writing, healing, mentorship, and service.

At the center of his presentation is a simple but powerful concept he calls "**The Spark.**" Rather than fearing the blank page, McBrearty teaches aspiring writers to identify the ideas, memories, emotions, and experiences that naturally ignite their creativity and then follow those sparks wherever they lead.

Whether you are a veteran, aspiring author, student, historian, or someone searching for purpose and inspiration, this discussion provides practical tools for overcoming writer's block and beginning your own literary journey.

Discover how one combat veteran transformed adversity into opportunity and became the author of more than twenty published books while helping countless veterans find their voices through the written word.

"Creativity is a tool to overcome adversity." — John J. McBrearty

July 21, 2026

YouTube Video Release

Memorial Day Event

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/lKJWDlzYBpc>



HONOR, SACRIFICE, REMEMBRANCE: A MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

Memorial Day Event Combines Patriotism, History, and Veteran Advocacy

A unique Memorial Day event at Soboba Springs Golf Course brought together veterans, civic leaders, historians, golfers, and community members in a powerful demonstration of remembrance and service.

Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel John J. McBrearty, author of more than twenty books and recipient of the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival First Place Award in Creative Writing, served as one of the event's featured speakers.

The event highlighted not only the sacrifices of America's fallen service members but also the importance of preserving their stories through literature, education, and public engagement.

McBrearty's books span military history, leadership, memoirs, self-help, golf instruction, and children's literature, reaching audiences from veterans and educators to families and young readers.

His continuing mission is to inspire, educate, and preserve the legacy of those who served.

"History matters. Service matters. Remembrance matters."

— John J. McBrearty

**God bless our veterans.
God bless America.**

Video Release on YouTube Link:

<https://youtu.be/lKJWDlzYBpc>

Books available at Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](#)

Historically significant video release date:

July 21, 1861: Union and Confederate forces clashed in the First Battle of Bull Run near Manassas, Virginia, which marked the first major land battle of the American Civil War and resulted in a Confederate victory.

July 24, 2026

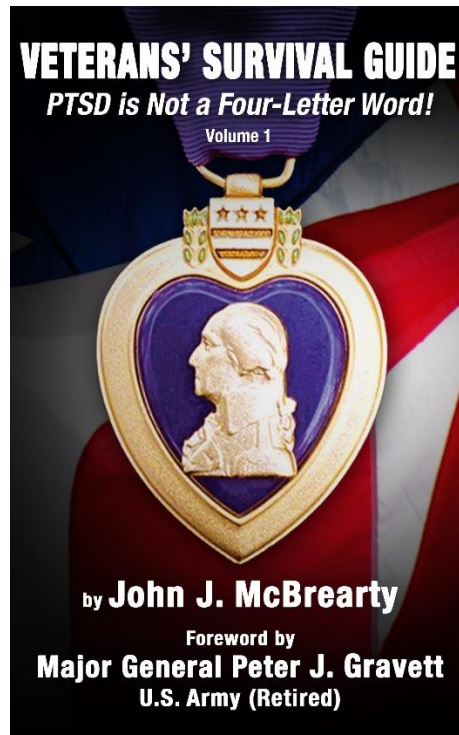
YouTube Video Release

Veteran Survivors Guilt

“I didn’t come back from Iraq to chase fame

—I came back because God spared me to tell their story.” JJMcB

<https://youtu.be/pzJv8HquirE>



“I didn’t come back from Iraq to chase fame—I came back because God spared me to tell their story.” John J. McBrearty Retired Lieutenant Colonel John J. McBrearty shares why he chose to publish his own books rather than wait years in the traditional publishing system. Shaped by combat in Iraq, the loss of five soldiers, and the weight of survivor’s guilt, he explains how writing became a calling—to honor those who didn’t return and to tell the story of the 1,000 soldiers he led. What began as a wartime journal evolved into the Combat Journal and Citizen Soldier series, driven by purpose, not fame or fortune.

Books available at Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/JohnsBooksOnAmazon)

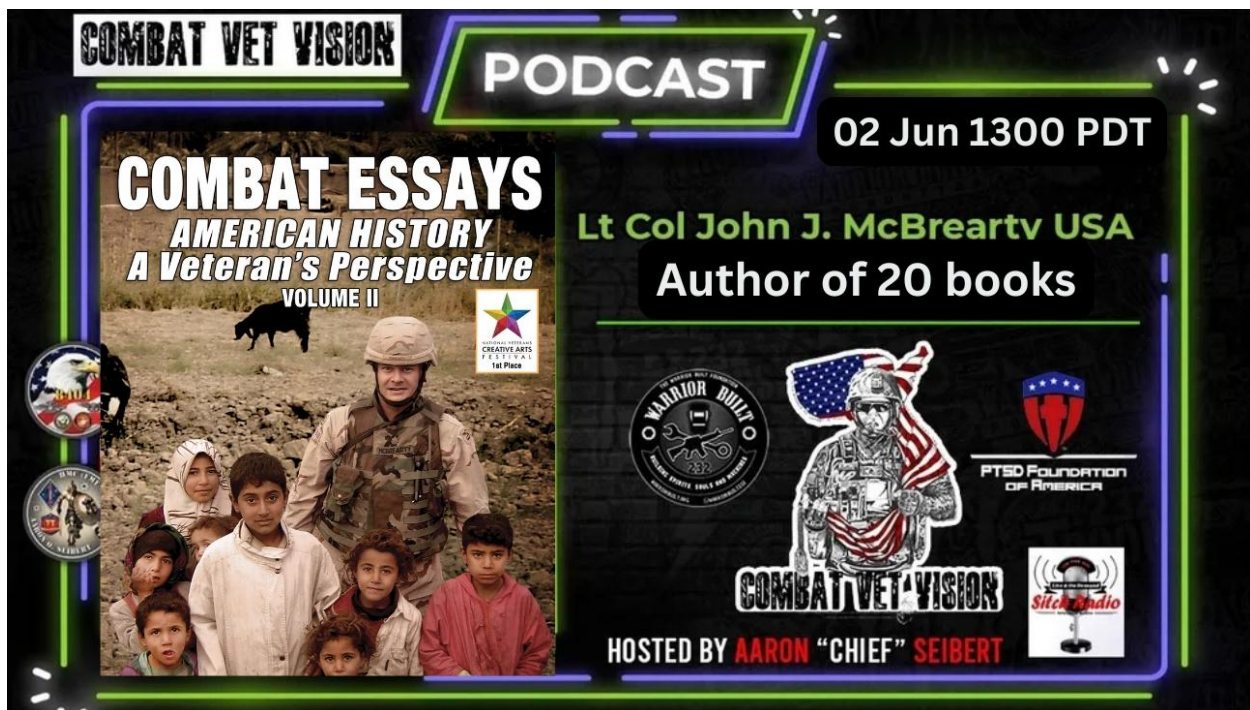
July 25, 2026

YouTube Video Release (rerelease)

Words, Service, and Legacy: Part 2 with Lt. Col. John J. McBrearty (Ret.)

World famous Podcaster, veteran, and Purple Heart recipient, Chief Aaron Seibert conducts an insightful interview with award-winning author and veteran, John J. McBrearty. Topics include John's recent 250th USA Birthday release of his 5-volume book series: **MEMOIRS FROM OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IiiXUtGBIt0>

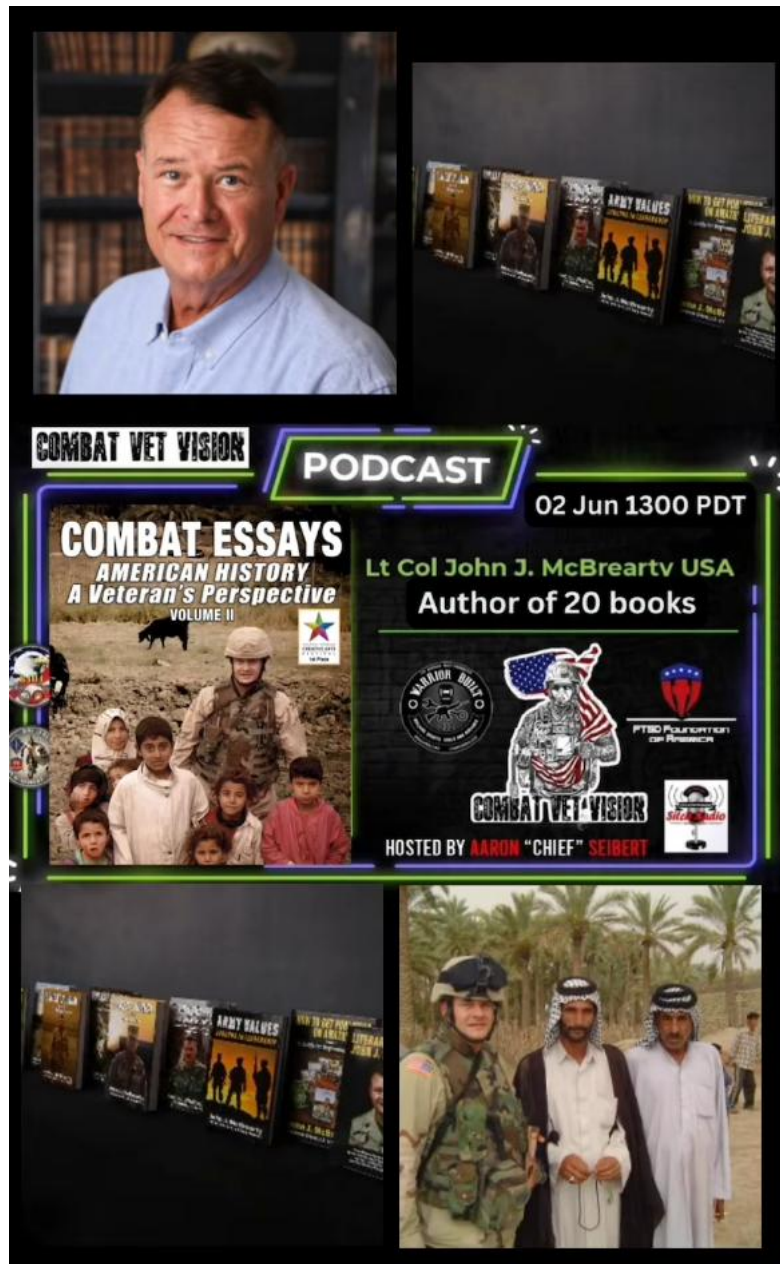


In Part 2 of our conversation with John J. McBrearty, we dive deeper into his remarkable military career, his passion for storytelling, and the impact of creative writing as a tool for healing, reflection, and preserving history. A retired Lieutenant Colonel with more than 32 years of military service, including combat operations in Iraq, John has built a distinguished career both in and out of uniform. His work as an author and historian has earned recognition from numerous publications and organizations, including a First Place award at the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival for creative writing. This conversation explores leadership, service, education, military history, veteran storytelling, and the importance of preserving the experiences of those who served.

Links Website <https://johnwriteshistory.com/> Linktree <https://linktr.ee/johnwriteshistory> Goodreads

Author Profile  / 23355902.john_j_mcbrearty Veterans Breakfast Club (Author Event)
<https://youtu.be/ffNAX7IWeCk>

LinkedIn  / john-mcbrearty-a82444371



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IiiXUtGBIt0>

July 25, 2026

YouTube Video Release

<https://youtu.be/Ew16c3bNHxI>



Social Media: What Every Author Needs to Know!

Does an author really need social media?

Award-winning author and combat veteran John J. McBrearty addresses one of the most common questions he hears from fellow writers. Learn how a reluctant newcomer built a successful online presence and why social media has become essential to his publishing journey.

In this engaging presentation, recorded at the Corona Public Library during Armed Forces Day, John shares his candid journey from a social media skeptic to a content creator. What began as hesitation evolved into a thriving online presence featuring more than 70 professionally produced YouTube videos, thousands of viewers, growing subscriber numbers, and an entire year's worth of scheduled releases.

"Social media didn't change who I am—it simply gave more people the chance to hear my story."

— **John J. McBrearty**

"As a veteran and an educator, he presents the material with humility and credibility. His experiences are inspiring, and his advice is immediately useful."

— **Written by Veterans, CSUSB**

July 27, 2026

YouTube Video Release

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/f7D4excZDdY>



Lead. Write. Serve.

What do successful authors do to sharpen their craft? Based on his book *HOW TO WIN AT LIFE: A Combat Veteran Shares His Secrets for Success*, this episode explores how John commands the written word the same way he once commanded troops. This episode is a must-watch for aspiring authors, self-publishers, and creatives who want to write with purpose and intention. It is also relevant for veterans navigating life after service and anyone searching for meaning beyond their former identity. John offers timeless advice for anyone seeking clarity, direction, and a proven framework for long-term success.

“Success is not accidental—it is planned, disciplined, and earned.”
John J. McBrearty, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired), CPT/LCpl USMC (Emeritus)

Books available at Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/JohnsBooksOnAmazon)

July 29, 2026

YouTube Video Release

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/ZFpr5o9pB2M>



HOW THE V.A. SAVED MY LIFE

Powerful. Honest. Inspiring.

Military retirement isn't simply changing jobs—it is rebuilding your identity.

Award-winning author and combat veteran John J. McBrearty candidly discusses the emotional realities of leaving military service after thirty-two years. Through personal stories, humor, honesty, and hope, he demonstrates how veterans can rediscover purpose through creativity, community service, and helping others. His journey proves that while military service eventually ends, a life of service never has to.

"Military retirement is not the end—it's a new beginning."

— John J. McBrearty

"This presentation should be shown during every retirement seminar in the Army. Honest, practical, and deeply motivating."

— Veterans of Foreign Wars, Riverside, CA

Books available at Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/JohnsBooksOnAmazon)

July 31, 2026

YouTube Video Release

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/opKTKhEWopc>



Sometimes the greatest sources of strength come in the smallest packages.

What happens when a combat veteran retires after 32 years of military service and struggles to find his next mission? In this inspiring and humorous video, award-winning author John J. McBrearty reveals how two faithful Shih Tzu dogs became unexpected partners in his transition from warrior to writer, helping inspire more than twenty published books and seventy YouTube videos.

John's story reminds us that success is rarely achieved alone. Whether human or canine, our companions often help us carry burdens we never fully recognize until we look back and appreciate the role they played in our journey.

"Sometimes the best therapists have four legs and never say a word."

— **John J. McBrearty**

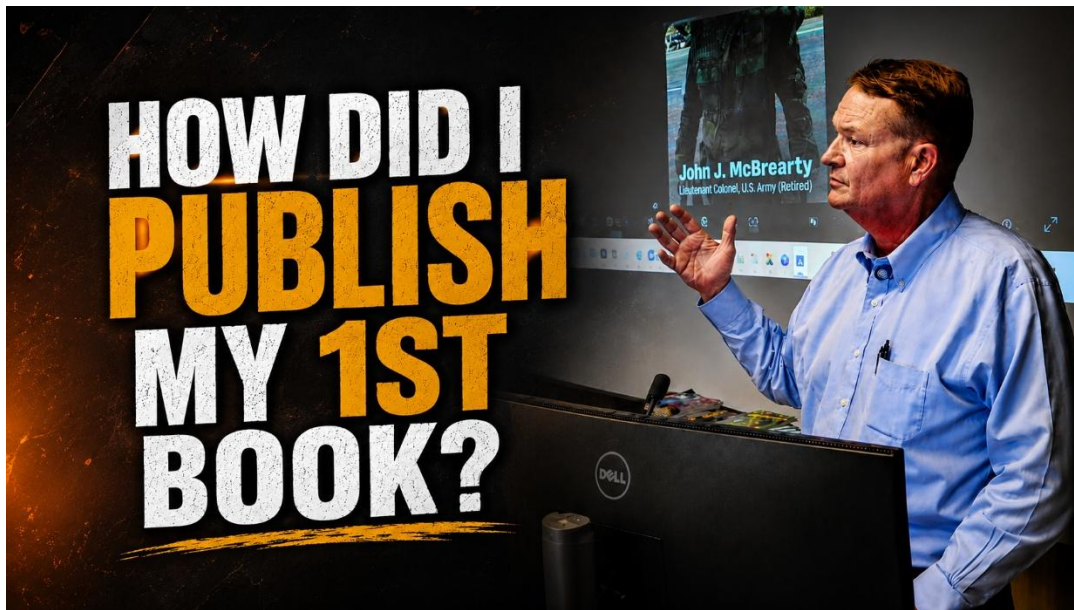
Books available at Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/JohnsBooksOnAmazon)

August 2026

August 2, 2026

YouTube Video Release

<https://youtu.be/AM3JzehCHvQ>



Every successful author has a beginning—and for combat veteran John J. McBrearty, it began with veterans helping veterans. Discover how **Written by Veterans** and mentor Andreas Kossak transformed an unpublished master's thesis into an Amazon best-selling book and launched a lifetime dedicated to writing, mentorship, and preserving military history. If you've ever wondered whether your story matters, this inspiring presentation is for you.

"Every veteran carries a story worth preserving. Sometimes all it takes is one mentor willing to believe in you before you believe in yourself."

— **John J. McBrearty**

"Few authors acknowledge those who helped them along the way as graciously as John McBrearty. His humility is as impressive as his accomplishments."

— **Written by Veterans, CSUSB**

Books available at Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/JohnsBooksOnAmazon)

August 3, 2026

How to Write Your Life Story

<https://youtu.be/eTYcaT5GaYg>



How to Write Your Life Story

Writing your life story can seem impossible. John J. McBrearty shows how breaking your life into decades transforms a monumental project into a simple writing exercise anyone can accomplish. Whether you're a veteran, parent, grandparent, or aspiring author, this video offers a practical roadmap for preserving your legacy.

"History is simply yesterday's memories preserved."

-John J. McBrearty

Inspirational and Practical

"Unlike many writing guides, this approach is straightforward, realistic, and immediately useful."

-Written by Veterans, CSUSB

Books available at Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/JohnsBooksOnAmazon)

August 6, 2026

YouTube Video Release

<https://youtu.be/pgCAWQnS7Oo>



Purpose Beyond Uniform

After 32 years in uniform, combat veteran John J. McBrearty found a new mission—writing. In this episode, he reveals which of his books means the most to him and why a simple children’s story became his greatest legacy and an inspiration for future generations.

“Faith carried me through war; writing carried me home.”

John J. McBrearty

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired)

CPT/LCpl USMC (Emeritus)

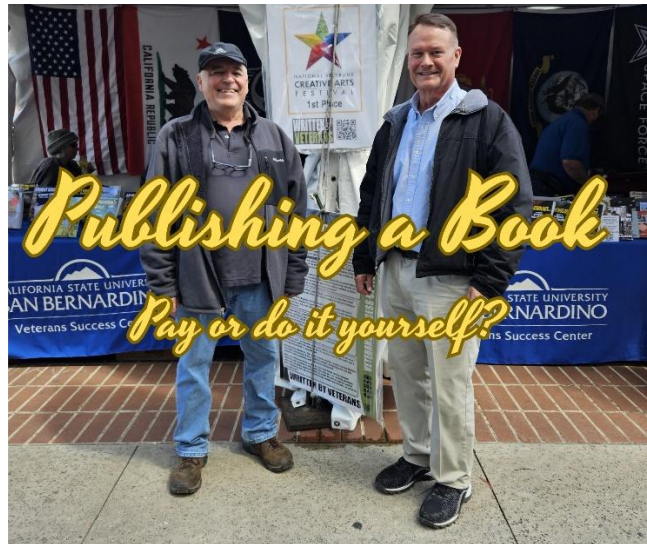
Books available at Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/John-J-McBrearty)

(Author’s Note: August 6, 1945: U.S. drops atomic bombs on Hiroshima, leading to Japan's surrender.)

August 9, 2026

YouTube Video Release

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/yrdfGOnfFMg>



Publishing a Book

“Pay or do it yourself??”

John McBrearty’s 3c’s: ***“Continue to Create Content!”***

Publishing a book can feel overwhelming. In this engaging presentation at the Corona Public Library, combat veteran and award-winning author John J. McBrearty shares his personal journey from unpublished writer to successful author.

Drawing from his three-volume series, **HOW TO GET PUBLISHED ON AMAZON**, he explains traditional publishing, self-publishing, vanity presses, hybrid publishers, editors, mentors, and Amazon KDP. Whether you're writing your first book or your fifth, this presentation provides the knowledge and inspiration needed to transform your ideas into a finished publication.

"I went from Publishing Zero to Publishing Hero in one year!"
— **John J. McBrearty**

Books available at Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/JohnsBooksOnAmazon)

(Author’s Note: The atomic bombings of Japan (August 9, 1945) on Nagasaki led to Japan's surrender.)

August 12, 2026

YouTube Video Release

Video Link: https://youtu.be/WtfA8-qz_r8



A.I. An Author's Friend or Foe?

As Artificial Intelligence transforms nearly every profession, writers are asking difficult questions. Can A.I. help authors? Does it threaten creativity? Is it ethical to use? Drawing on his experience as a combat veteran, professor, and published author, John J. McBrearty provides thoughtful answers. He explains how A.I. can become a powerful tool for research, editing, grammar, and productivity while emphasizing that authentic storytelling must always come from the human experience. This is an essential discussion for anyone interested in writing, publishing, education, or technology.

"Technology should serve creativity, not replace it."

— **John J. McBrearty**

"John J. McBrearty tackles the controversial topic of Artificial Intelligence with honesty and practical wisdom. Instead of fearmongering, he offers real-world advice that every writer can use."

— **Written by Veterans, CSUSB**

Books available at Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/JohnsBooksOnAmazon)

August 15th

(August 15th is known as V-J Day. On that date in 1945, Japanese Emperor Hirohito broadcast the surrender to the Japanese people on Radio Tokyo.)

Audio Book Release at Amazon: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000APR004)



War begins long before the first shot is fired—and follows us long after.

From Home to Hell chronicles the earliest days of a National Guard battalion's deployment to Iraq—arrival, uncertainty, and the slow realization that nothing familiar applies anymore. Written in real time, these journal entries capture the psychological shift from civilian certainty to combat reality. This abridged edition introduces the raw, unpolished voice that defines the series and sets the foundation for what follows.

Lieutenant Colonel John J. McBrearty, U.S. Army (Retired), takes readers on an emotional rollercoaster as his main character, Major Darby Hillcrest, mobilizes, trains, and certifies his battalion of citizen soldiers for combat in Iraq. Find out whether these part-time soldiers can meet America's expectations. This is a military memoir you won't soon forget.

August 15, 2026

YouTube Video Release

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/Qj-OY73Cyg4>



In this thought-provoking video, John compares choosing a favorite book to choosing a favorite child. He holds a special attachment to ***Claire the Magical Dog***, a family-inspired children's series that represents his continued mission of service—this time through storytelling—by delivering meaningful, values-based life lessons designed to leave a positive and lasting legacy for future generations.

Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/JohnsBooksOnAmazon)

August 18, 2026

YouTube Video Release

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/iIxen7tLkfg>



Writing Secrets Revealed

Authentic, relatable, and deeply motivating.

What if writing a book was easier than you think? In this inspiring presentation, retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and award-winning author John J. McBrearty shares his most closely guarded literary secret—a simple writing exercise that anyone can master. Discover how this proven technique helped him publish numerous books, earn national recognition, and inspire countless veterans and aspiring authors.

"Writing is not about talent. It's about action."

-John J. McBrearty

"One of the most encouraging presentations aspiring writers will ever encounter."

-Written by Veterans, CSUSB

Books available at Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/John-J-McBrearty)

August 21, 2026

YouTube Video Short Release Link:

<https://youtu.be/dtzFIzDAHnU>



WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL WITH BOOK REVIEWS?

READ. REVIEW. GROW.

Writing begins with reading, and one of the easiest ways to transition from reader to writer is through book reviews. In this presentation, John J. McBrearty demonstrates that professional writing does not have to be complicated. Through a structured and honest evaluation of books, readers can develop confidence, sharpen analytical skills, and begin their own literary journey.

As McBrearty reminds us, every accomplished author started somewhere. A book review may be the first step toward becoming a published writer.

**"Book reviews transform passive readers into active thinkers."
— John J. McBrearty**

Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/John-J-McBrearty)

August 25, 2026 YouTube Video Release

<https://youtu.be/rGplXqnliLA>



COMBAT THE BRUTAL TRUTH

Honor. Remember. Inspire.

One Soldier.
One combat journal.
Five unforgettable books.

Discover how Lieutenant Colonel John J. McBrearty transformed real-time wartime notes into one of the most compelling memoir series ever written about Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Memoirs From Operation Iraqi Freedom—a firsthand account of leadership, sacrifice, and history written while serving in combat.

"I didn't write these books to relive the war. I wrote them so others would never forget it." — **John J. McBrearty**

"Some veterans came home with medals. "John came home with history." — **Written by Veterans, CSUSB**

Books available at Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/JohnsBooksOnAmazon)

August 28, 2026

YouTube Video Release

Video Link: <https://youtube.com/shorts/VvoAaL1DjT8>



What does it truly mean to lead others into war? In this video, veteran author John J. McBrearty introduces a deeply human combat journal that captures the unseen moments of command—fear, resolve, hope, and loss—during mobilization and training on the road to Operation Iraqi Freedom. “Freedom is carried by ordinary people asked to do extraordinary things.” — John J. McBrearty

Books available at Amazon:

Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/John-J-McBrearty)

September 2026

September 2, 2026

YouTube Video Release

Video Link: https://youtu.be/6fI1eb_rwPw



ONE DECISION CHANGED EVERYTHING.

A Marine officer unexpectedly loses his military career during the Reduction in Force of the 1990's—only to discover an even greater calling in the Army National Guard that ultimately leads him to combat leadership, award-winning books, and a lifetime of serving veterans.

Follow retired Lieutenant Colonel John J. McBrearty's remarkable journey from the Marine Corps to the National Guard and discover how life's biggest disappointments can become its *greatest blessings*.

"Sometimes rejection is God's redirection." — **John J. McBrearty**

"An outstanding combination of leadership lessons, military history, and personal inspiration. John's books deserve a place in every military library."
— **Written by Veterans, CSUSB**

Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/JohnsBooksOnAmazon)

September 3, 2026

YouTube Video Release

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/FxPzmB-CGPQ>



An award-winning author's biggest writing secrets revealed.

In this motivating presentation, John shows how anyone—regardless of age, experience, disability, or typing ability—can start writing right away with today's voice-to-text technology.

This simple method has helped John produce an extensive collection of books, articles, YouTube videos, and educational content, while inspiring veterans and aspiring authors across America.

Whether you dream of writing your memoir, preserving your family's history, publishing your first novel, or simply recording your life's experiences, this video may be the encouragement you've been waiting for.

Your story matters. Your voice matters. Now it's time to tell it.

Based upon the book:

HOW TO GET PUBLISHED ON AMAZON

by

John J. McBrearty

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired)

"Your voice is your pen."

-John J. McBrearty

"This presentation completely changed the way I think about writing. Voice-to-text never occurred to me. John's straightforward approach gives confidence to anyone with a story to tell."

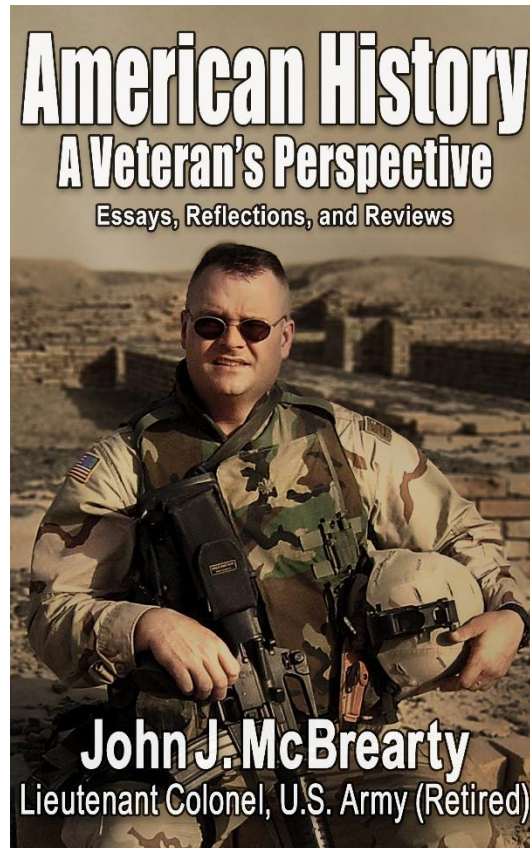
-Written by Veterans, CSUSB

Books available at Amazon Storefront: [JohnsBooksOnAmazon](https://www.amazon.com/John-J-McBrearty/e/B000APR08Q)

September 7, 2026 (Labor Day)

YouTube Video Release

Video Link: <https://youtube.com/shorts/iCFomZLvXfc>



Drawing on his master's degree in American History and his experience as a combat veteran, award-winning author John J. McBrearty offers a personal, deeply informed perspective on the American experience through essays, reflections, and reviews of historical literature.

"A combat veteran and historian explores the American experience from prehistory to the War on Terror — reminding us why freedom has always been worth defending."

Written by Veterans, CSUSB

"Lt. Col. John McBrearty — a natural leader, combat veteran, and family man — shares his unique perspective on history through essays, reflections, and reviews. His personalized style offers readers a kaleidoscope of American history, cleverly woven with his own military story. A must-read for veterans and American history buffs alike."

General Gustave 'Gus' Perna, U.S. Army (Ret.) (Commander of Operation Warp Speed)

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September 11, 2026 (9/11)

YouTube Video Release

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/fSyKXloMHh8>



A Veteran's Victory in Creative Writing In this powerful discussion, author and combat veteran John J. McBrearty shares the humbling honor of winning first place in a nationwide VA creative writing competition. With 116 VA facilities and thousands of submissions, the award represents more than a win—it marks a turning point. Drawing from his book *HOW TO WIN AT LIFE*, John explains how writing and publishing helped him transform service, sacrifice, and struggle into lasting impact. You, too, can be inspired by this highly driven and morally grounded American veteran.

"Faith, perseverance, and the written word rebuilt what war tried to break."

John J. McBrearty, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired), CPT/LCpl USMC (Emeritus)

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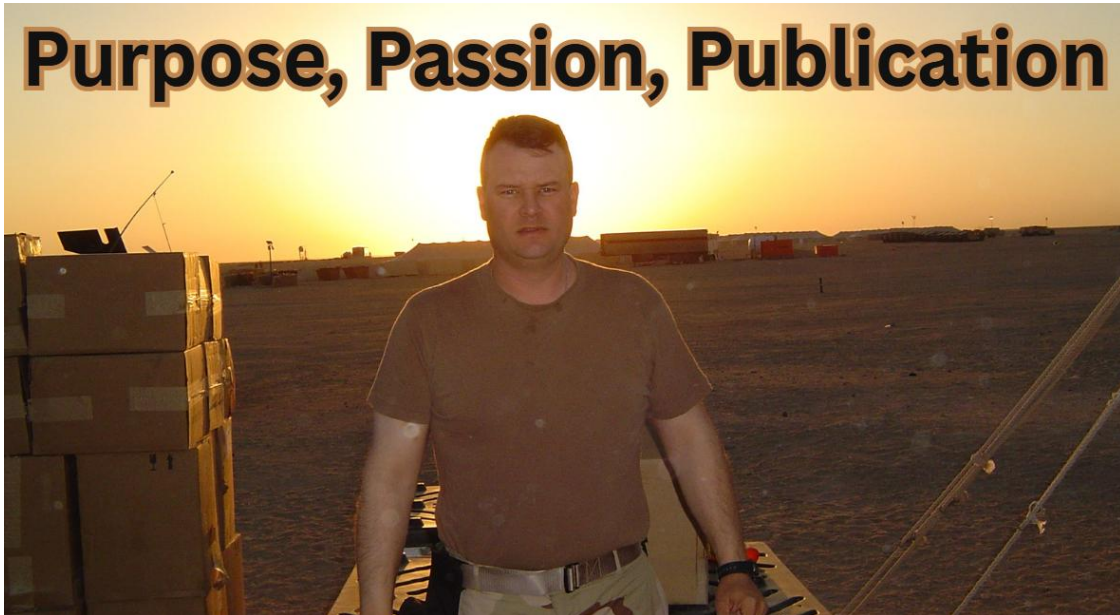
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