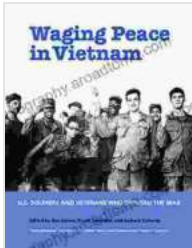


# The Voices of Dissent: U.S. Soldiers and Veterans Who Opposed the War



## Waging Peace in Vietnam: US Soldiers and Veterans Who Opposed the War by Eric Jay Dolin

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In the midst of the turmoil and upheaval of the Vietnam War, a small but courageous group of U.S. soldiers and veterans dared to speak out against the conflict. Their voices, often drowned out by the clamor of war, are now being heard in a powerful new book, *Us Soldiers And Veterans Who Opposed The War*.

The book, edited by David Cortright, features the first-hand accounts of 35 soldiers and veterans who opposed the war. Their stories are as varied as their backgrounds, but they are all united by their shared belief that the war was unjust and immoral.

Some of the soldiers and veterans in the book were drafted into the military, while others volunteered. Some served in combat, while others worked in

support roles. Some were decorated for their bravery, while others were punished for their dissent.

Despite the risks involved, these soldiers and veterans felt compelled to speak out against the war. They did so through letters to their congressmen, articles in underground newspapers, and speeches at anti-war rallies. They also organized protests and draft resistance campaigns.

The soldiers and veterans in this book are an inspiration to us all. They remind us that even in the darkest of times, there are always those who are willing to stand up for what they believe in. Their stories are a testament to the power of dissent, and they offer a valuable lesson for us today.

## **Meet the Soldiers and Veterans**

The following are just a few of the soldiers and veterans whose stories are featured in *Us Soldiers And Veterans Who Opposed The War*:

- **David Cortright** was a conscientious objector who refused to serve in the Vietnam War. He was sentenced to two years in prison, but his conviction was later overturned on appeal.
- **John Kerry** was a decorated Vietnam War veteran who later became a U.S. senator and Secretary of State. He was one of the leading voices of the anti-war movement.
- **Jane Fonda** was an actress and activist who became a vocal opponent of the Vietnam War. She traveled to North Vietnam and met with American POWs, which made her a target of criticism from the American government and media.

- **Martin Luther King, Jr.** was a civil rights leader who also spoke out against the Vietnam War. He argued that the war was a "criminal folly" and that it was diverting resources from the fight for civil rights.
- **Muhammad Ali** was a heavyweight boxing champion who refused to be drafted into the Vietnam War on the grounds of conscientious objection. He was stripped of his boxing titles and sentenced to five years in prison, but his conviction was later overturned on appeal.

## **The Impact of Dissent**

The dissent of U.S. soldiers and veterans played a significant role in the anti-war movement. Their stories helped to raise awareness of the war's atrocities, and they gave voice to the growing opposition to the conflict. The dissent of soldiers and veterans also helped to legitimize the anti-war movement, and it made it more difficult for the government to ignore the demands of the protesters.

The dissent of soldiers and veterans also had a lasting impact on the U.S. military. In the wake of the Vietnam War, the military made a number of changes in its policies and practices, including:

- Ending the draft
- Creating a more professional and apolitical officer corps
- Adopting a more cautious approach to military intervention

The dissent of U.S. soldiers and veterans is a reminder that even in the most difficult of times, there are always those who are willing to stand up for what they believe in. Their stories are a testament to the power of dissent, and they offer a valuable lesson for us today.

## Free Download Your Copy Today

*Us Soldiers And Veterans Who Opposed The War* is available now at all major bookstores. Free Download your copy today and learn the inspiring stories of the soldiers and veterans who dared to speak out against the Vietnam War.



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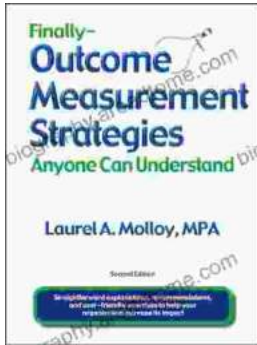
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