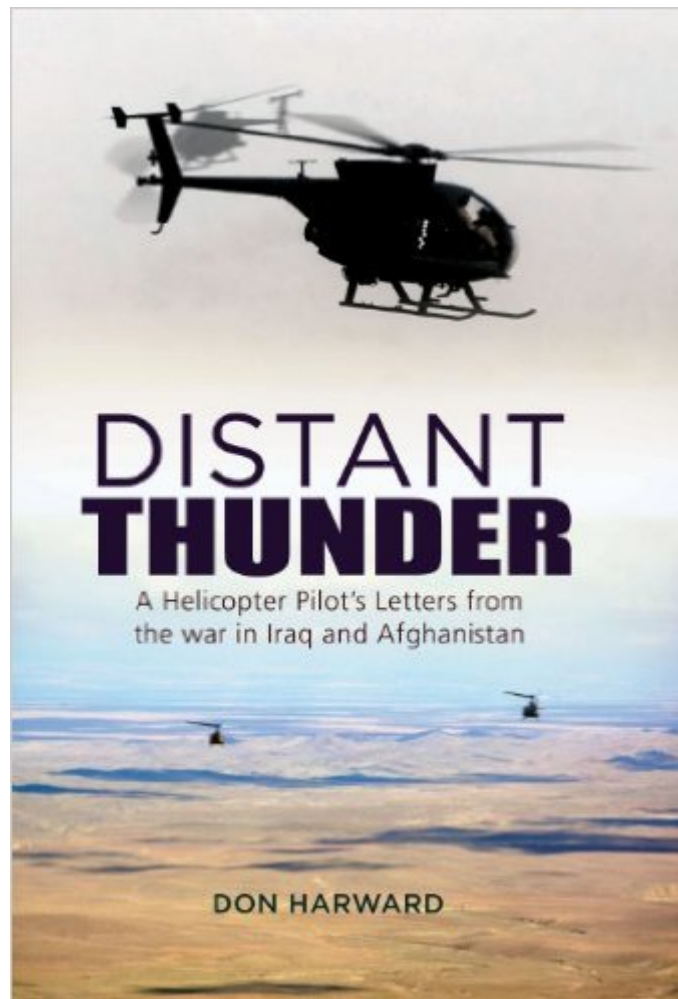


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# Distant Thunder: Helicopter Pilot's Letters From War In Iraq And Afghanistan



## Synopsis

Distant Thunder details the engrossing experiences of a helicopter pilot's tales of war told through letters that come straight from the heart. Often the author labored well into the night after a mission still wearing the dusty flight suit which bore witness to the events he penned. Don Harward was torn between two worlds; his loyalty to his family and to his country. Like so many other soldiers, even on leave, he can always hear the dim roar of guns, the distant thunder of war, and is always summoned towards the sound. *Pacific Wings*, a prestigious New Zealand-based magazine, has previously published some letters which have been praised by a growing readership, both aviator and non flyer alike, for their ability to transport the reader into the world of war. Includes superb action photographs from Don's personal collection. A twenty-five-year veteran of the US Army, he details action over Panama, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Afghanistan, including Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, drawing also from his days in Army Special Ops, operating with 2-2 SAS. As a 160th SOAR pilot for a lot of his military career, his is a story that goes above and beyond the normal military lifestyle. An inspiring read.

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This is a very amazing book. I feel that any of you that have been in the armed forces, will be able to have a real connection with this book. I have never experienced the armed forces, so there was a lot of things that I had no idea about. It was a very productive learning experience. This book bounces around a lot, from different personal stories, and I feel that is what gives this book character. It

doesn't follow the grain, but takes a different route altogether. Once I began reading, I didn't want to put it down. I wanted to hear the next story! I would highly recommend everyone read this book, if that's your thing. It gives an honest insight to what really happens over there, while we are safe over here, away from all the dangers. Don is not here to make everyone happy. He lays it all out, honest as can be, just like life is supposed to be. He doesn't make the events better than they should be or make anymore of them than what they were. It's exactly as it says, "an honest story of a helicopter pilot's tales in war." It is inspiring, and honest. Don has a very down-to-earth view of life, and he knows where he came from, and where he is going. He believes in miracles, and performed a few as well. To wrap this up, if you need inspiration, then by all means pick this book up and read it. After hearing what these heroes have to go through everyday, I can not look at my life and be down. We have it made here, and we take so much for granted. Don has done an incredible job with this book. I'm grateful, and proud, that he shared his experiences with us. It will give you a new, better look on life. It gives you that feeling of gratitude, of confidence, to know that there are real people out there giving it all to protect our freedoms. Very good read. Highly recommended.

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