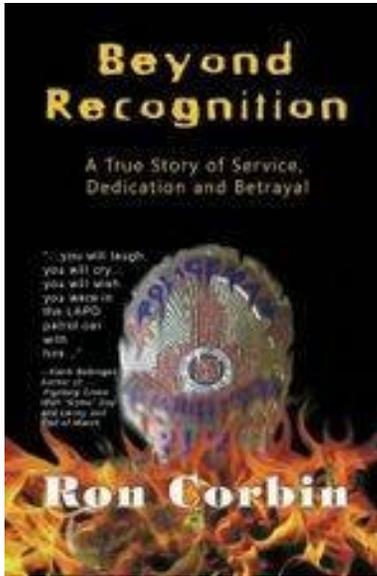


Interview with Ron Corbin, author of Beyond Recognition



Pilot to LAPD? What is the interesting story behind that transition?

I had finished my 2nd tour in Vietnam in 1969. There was no end in sight to the war, so I didn't want to push my luck and maybe get deployed a 3rd time, thus I got out of the Army.

For the next year or so, I wasn't able to find a flying job that would support a family. When I saw an LAPD recruiting ad on TV, I applied, knowing that they had a helicopter support unit. In 1971, I was accepted into the LAPD Academy, and spent a few years as a patrol officer before being selected into their Air Support Division.

What prompted the move to Vegas?

The birth of our first grandchild. Our oldest son was an LVMPD (Metro) police officer. When he and his wife had their baby daughter, "Grandma" had to be closer than the 300 miles from where we lived in Simi Valley.

And now you lecture safety for Cruise Ships. Do you get to go on any cruises while doing that?

My wife and I still cruise a lot, but deteriorating hearing loss has prevented me from doing on-board lectures anymore. I can't field questions very well from the attendees.

How did you get into writing?

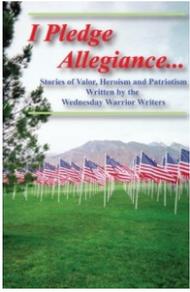
When I was a civilian with LVMPD (after retiring from LAPD and moving to Vegas), for eight years the department had me in a position to be the editor of their training publications. Other than the department's graphic artist, I was a "one-man-show" of producing a 60-80 page, in-house training magazine called the Training Wheel. It required more work than a simple newsletter, so besides finding civilian and commissioned employees to submit articles, I ended up having to write many portions of the magazine.

Then for a while I was a contributing columnist in a magazine called, "Las Vegas Now." My passion is addressing personal safety and security issues, so that was my focus for the magazine. I still write these type articles for my personal Website, along with a newsletter that is distributed on the PSWA (Public Safety Writers Association) Website.

Once I retired from LV Metro in 2011, I decided to write my memoirs from my LAPD helicopter crash that had happened in 1976. Not really intending to seek a publisher, but only leaving the true story of what happened for my children and grandchildren, I was fortunate to informally meet a publisher who, in our social conversation, asked to see my manuscript. The rest is history. "Beyond Recognition," got published and won a First Place Award for the Public Safety Writers Association in 2013.

Are there any other writers in the family?

My wife, Kathy, had a two-part story accepted into a published anthology by Mike Lazares, titled "We Gotta Get Out of This Place (vol.3)". She reflects back on how she coped as a wife surviving her worries and fears for my times as an Army combat helicopter pilot in Vietnam. Then the second part she tells what she went through as a wife and mother of three when I crashed as a LAPD helicopter pilot, and the aftermath of my receiving 70% burns.



You've also contributed stories in several anthologies. What stories in what books are yours?

I'll list them with my story(ies) and the book title, along with the person whose collected and published them. Additional information (i.e., publisher, reviews, synopsis, etc.) can be found on Amazon.

1. Your Husband---My Partner (A Letter to Lesa); "True Blue---Police Stories By Those Who Lived Them"; Sgt. Randy Sutton.

2. Close Encounters of the Cop Kind; "True Blue---To Protect And Serve"; Lt. Randy Sutton.

3. Those Daring Young Men, and Where There's Hope; "I Pledge Allegiance..."; Wednesday Warriors Writers.

4. Close Encounters of the Cop Kind; "Felons, Flames & Ambulance Rides"; Public Safety Writers Association.

5. Flying in Boxer Shorts; "We Gotta Get Out of This Place"; Michael D. Lazares.

6. Hamburger Hill Haunts; "We Gotta Get Out of This Place- vol. 2"; Michael D. Lazares.

7. Those Daring Young Men; "We Gotta Get Out of This Place- vol. 3"; Michael D. Lazares.

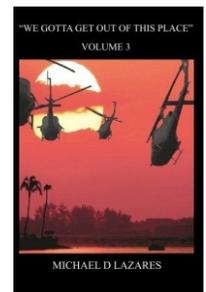
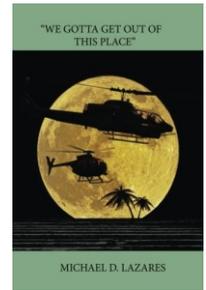
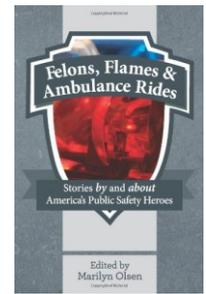
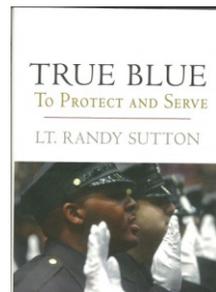
8. Tell My Wife I Love Her; "Best Poets of 2016-vol. 3"; Eber & Wein Publishing.

Do you offer any signed copies of your books?

Sometimes, mostly for gifts or as door prizes at conferences.

Do you have any signing events planned for next year?

No, not at his time.



Do you have a website and how might fans contact you?

www.rcorbinsecurityauthor.com

Pets? Hobbies? Children?

Married 51+ years to my high school sweetheart and classmate.

One small dog, Kasey.

Three adult children.

Seven grandchildren

Only hobby is occasionally woodcarving miniature duck decoys.

What kind of books do you like to read?

Police stories and tales of Vietnam.

Where are your books available?

Amazon or individual publishing companies.

Are you working on a new book now?

I've co-authored a book titled "Home Grown Terrorist" with the Wednesday Warrior Writers, a local group of authors. It's ready for publication and should be out hopefully sometime in 2018. It's fiction, but due to its potential implications for national security, the manuscript is currently being vetted by the FBI.

Is there anything else you'd like to contribute?

I have written ten award-winning stories in various genres: poetry, short story fiction, and flash story, to mention a few. Some can be read on my personal Website.

Ron Corbin served two tours in Vietnam as an Army helicopter and instructor pilot. He received numerous unit and individual ribbons for combat action, to include being awarded the Air Medal 31 times; once with "V" device for valor. Honorably discharged in 1969, he joined LAPD as a policeman and pilot/instructor pilot for Air Support Division.

Retiring after an on-duty helicopter accident, he finished his college and graduate education. He holds a Masters in Elementary Education and a PhD in Security Administration with an emphasis on terrorism threats to America's nuclear resources.



Joining the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) in 1993 as a crime prevention specialist, his specialty was Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). This subject matter expertise led to him being interviewed in Reader's Digest, Sunset Magazine, PetroMart Business, and Las Vegas Life magazines, as well as being a contributing columnist to the Las Vegas Now magazine.

Ron is a member of the Public Safety Writer's Association and the Wednesday Warrior Writers. He has won ten writing awards for the Public Safety Writer's Association, including 1st Place for Beyond Recognition. He is also a contributing author of stories published in seven anthologies. He has been a guest lecturer on Royal Caribbean International cruise lines, addressing citizens' personal safety issues.

Ron retired from Metro in 2011. He and his wife Kathy have three children, seven grandchildren and live in Las Vegas, NV.

Ron's passion is to promote personal safety. Many of his tips can be found on his website at <http://www.rcorbinsecurityauthor.com/>.

The Anthologies are: We Gotta Get Out of this Place, Vol. 1, 2 and 3, True Blue, Vol. 1 and 2, I Pledge Allegiance, and Felons, Flames and Ambulances. Proceeds from these books are donated to the Veterans Care Foundation, Inc, various veterans' charities and the families of law enforcement officers killed in the 9-11 World Trade Center bombings.

All of these books are available at Amazon in both print and electronic formats.