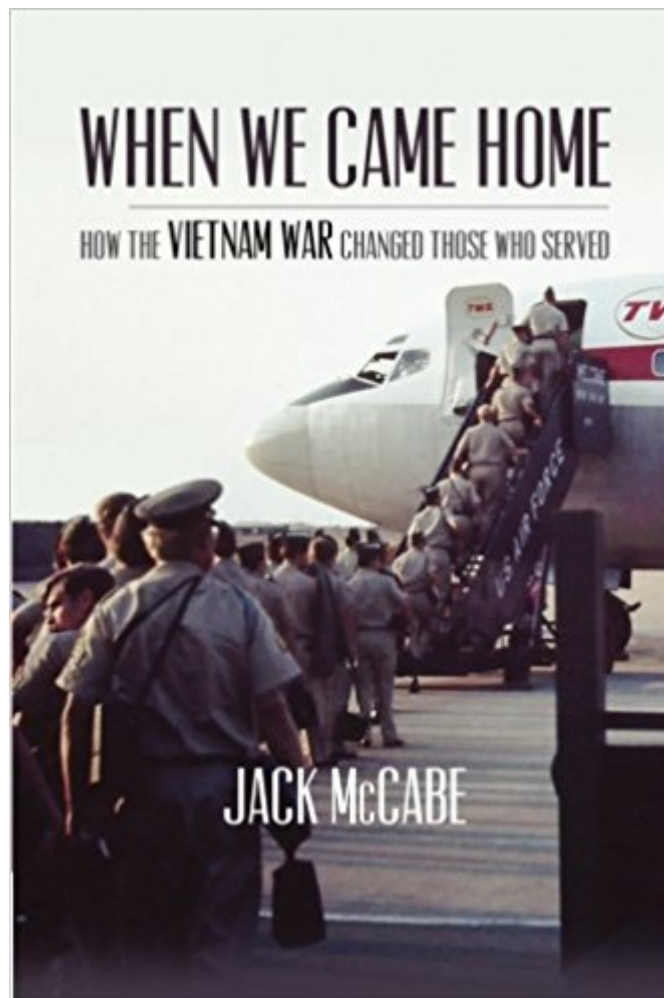




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When We Came Home: How The Vietnam War Changed Those Who Served



Synopsis

Interwoven with the author's own experiences and reflections on the Vietnam War are the personal narratives from Vietnam veterans on how their lives, emotions, and health were impacted by the war and by how they were treated when they came home. Many of those that served in the Vietnam War are still dealing with its effects. In this important book, for which more than 150 Vietnam veterans were interviewed, a strong light is shone on the lingering legacy of the war. These Vietnam veterans describe not the war itself, but how their lives were changed by it and by the reception afforded them when they came home. Some volunteered, others were drafted. Some saw combat, others dealt with its aftermath. Some—such as Steve Kanaly and Richard Kline, whose stories are included here—thrived after coming home from Vietnam. Still others, like Tucker Smallwood, led successful lives but have had to deal with the effects of PTSD. A great many struggled to reclaim their places in civilian life. The horrors and shock of war were compounded by the "welcome" home—many Vietnam veterans received hostile receptions from their own people and the organizations that should have provided support. Those that came home from Vietnam had to move on as best they could, on their own terms. Here are their stories.

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Jack McCabe was born and raised in Chicago. He joined the army in 1969, two days after his 18th birthday. He was sent to Vietnam less than a year later, in October of 1970. He extended for a second tour and finally came home for good at the end of May 1972, finishing his three-year enlistment at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Upon his return from Vietnam, Jack pursued his education

using the G.I. Bill, receiving an associate degree in electronics engineering from DeVry Institute. Later, he continued his education by attending night school, and received his bachelor's degree in business and management from Northeastern Illinois University in 1981 at the age of 30. Jack owned his own business for 20 years and sold real estate for 20 more, before retiring to North Carolina, where he became a certified Peer Support Specialist with a veteran designation. He now works as a volunteer, helping veterans with PTSD, financial challenges, family issues, homelessness, substance abuse, and benefits for veterans. Jack maintains an active Facebook group for When We Came Home, where Vietnam veterans and others share information and advice and make connections. You can find the group here: <http://bit.ly/2ujUzDi>

Actual interviews from us Vietnam veterans as we arrived home to an ungrateful nation after having served our Country honorably. At 10:30 AM, Thursday, August 31, I received the two books I ordered from .Within an hour after I received my two books, a customer whose husband is a Vietnam veteran came in my Office. I showed her the book, she opened it, read a little, and had tears in her eyes as we talked. Jack, your book will touch many. More than you will ever know! Thank you Jack McCabe for providing a platform for us to tell our stories.

This book is a MUST READ for anyone who lived through the Vietnam era, those who served and those that didn't serve. This book might help those wives, family members who never really understood the experience in which over 50,000 men and women lost their lives in a country we had never even heard about until "the war." This is the story of the men and women, including a chapter written by our wonderful Australian servicemen, who were drafted or volunteered to serve and came home to chants of "baby killer" and worse....the interesting makeup of the book contains first person stories but also intermittent chapters called Veteran Voices of service people with significant thoughts to which all Service people regardless of rank or country can relate. As a Donut Dolly who served, I think this book is a best seller for its conception, its mission and the healing it can provide to those who served and those that didn't. It truly honors our 50,000+ that we lost and allows the perspective of time to those who served to heal and understand the mutual experience of a "war" that seemed to have no meaning at the time.

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