

THE TRUE COST OF DEFENSE

Continue Learning

Books to Read

- [*Call Sign Chaos: Learning to Lead* by General Jim Mattis](#)
A powerful memoir from one of the film's key voices, offering insight into leadership, military service, and national defense.
- [*Bleeding Talent: How the US Military Mismanages Great Leaders and Why It's Time for a Revolution* by Tim Kane](#)
A sharp analysis of military personnel management by featured expert Tim Kane.
- [*Safe Passage: The Transition from British to American Hegemony* by Kori Schake](#)
An exploration of global military leadership and diplomacy by one of AEI's most respected senior fellows.
- [*The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* by John Mearsheimer](#)
For those interested in the global strategy discussions featured in the film.

Films & Documentaries

- [*Restrepo* \(2010\)](#)
A raw, on-the-ground look at combat in Afghanistan that complements the film's personal stories of service.
- [*Travis: A Soldier's Story* by Travis Mills](#)
Learn more about the resilience and life story of quadruple amputee and motivational speaker, Travis Mills.
- [*Thank You for Your Service* \(2017\)](#)
Explores the psychological toll of war and the challenges veterans face in returning to civilian life.
- [*The Fog of War* \(2003\)](#)
Former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara reflects on war, defense strategy, and unintended consequences.



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- [Gary Sinise Foundation: Serving Heroes \(Shorts on YouTube\)](#)
Features behind-the-scenes stories of Gary Sinise Foundation programs supporting veterans and their families.

Places to Visit & Explore

- [The Travis Mills Foundation Retreat \(Maine\)](#)
A national center for recalibrated veterans and their families. Offers adaptive activities, peer support, and resilience training.
- [Fort Ord National Monument \(California\)](#)
Former base turned protected land with hiking trails and a powerful symbol of environmental and economic legacy.
- [National Veterans Memorial and Museum \(Columbus, OH\)](#)
A museum dedicated entirely to telling veteran stories across all branches and conflicts.

