

PRESS RELEASE

Ret. Command Sergeant Major Bart E. Womack Announces Release of His New Book 'Embedded Enemy'

The true, first-hand account of the betrayal behind the deadly attack on March 23, 2003 against the men and women of First Brigade, 101st Airborne Division in Kuwait.

Dallas, TX – In March of 2003, the soldiers of Headquarters Company, First Brigade, 101st Airborne Division was preparing for combat against Saddam Hussein's Baathist regime. Before the orders were performed, Army Sergeant Hasan Akbar attacked his fellow soldiers, killing two officers and wounding 12 others. (Ret) Command Sergeant Major Bart E. Womack was there, and is now releasing his account of the events of that day.

"Not only was I the spokesperson for the Army in the aftermath of this tragedy, but I was also only five feet away from the grenades as they exploded," said Ret. Sergeant Major Womack. "I wrote this book to not only remember the fallen and the heroes of that day, but to also educate the public on the details of what happened."

The book showcases the heroism of the soldiers who bonded together to rescue, treat and evacuate their brothers and sisters in arms amongst the confusion. It also outlines the journey of those who realized that the threat was not from external forces, but one of their own.

"The title *Embedded Enemy* comes from watching first-hand as the events unfolded from that tragedy, and how shocked the Armed Forces was at the realization that the attack was executed by one of our own," said Womack. "It shook up our belief regarding threats, particularly those to personal safety, and how they could be compromised in a way we would have never before believed."

Two officers were killed and 12 wounded, six of which were evacuated, never to return. All were vital to the unit's mission. In spite of these losses, the Bastogne Brigade received movement orders to cross the border into Iraq only 48 hours after the attack.

"Truthfully I felt that it was important to write this book so that those who fell that day could be memorialized. Furthermore, it is a tribute to the fortitude of the men and women who defend our country, even in the worst of circumstances," said Womack.

(Ret.) Command Sergeant Major Bart E. Womack is the recipient of two Bronze Stars, one for Valor. Serving in positions of great responsibility throughout the period of 18 February 1977 through 30 June 2006, his career is distinguished by exceptional meritorious service. Attaining one of the highest honors in the Army, he served at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as a Sentinel and Relief Commander. Later he served as the Sergeant of the Guard, interfacing with the President of the United States, the Honorable George Bush, and the Honorable Bill Clinton, as

well as former Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev and other leaders on the world stage at numerous nationally televised wreath ceremonies.

Embedded Enemy can be found at Barnes and Noble as well as Amazon. For more information on the author and the book, visit the website at www.embeddedenemy.com.

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