

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: RALPH PETERS

Ralph Peters is a writer, strategist, commentator and retired military officer. He is the author of 24 books and more than seven hundred columns, articles, essays and reviews. Uniformed service, personal interests and research have taken him to 70 countries and six continents. He served in the U.S. Army for 22 years, first as an enlisted man, then as an officer, retiring shortly after his promotion to lieutenant-colonel to write with greater freedom.



As a soldier, Ralph served in Infantry and Military Intelligence units before becoming a Foreign Area Officer specializing in Russia and surrounding states. Special assignments took him to Southeast and Central Asia, to the Caucasus, to the Kremlin, to Pakistan and Burma, to the Andean Ridge and the southwest border of the United States. He has traveled extensively in the Muslim world, as well as studying India, sub-Saharan Africa, and Indonesia. In addition to assignments to the Pentagon and the Executive Office of the President, he served and lived in Europe for a total of ten years. He has reported from various conflict zones, including Iraq and the Lebanese border with Israel.

Ralph has published six books on strategy and military affairs, *Wars Of Blood And Faith*, *Never Quit The Fight*, *Beyond Baghdad*, *Beyond Terror* and *Fighting for the Future*, each of which collected his previously-published essays and articles, and *NEW GLORY: Expanding America's Global Supremacy*, a non-partisan critique of our national strategy. His last book, *Looking For Trouble*, a memoir of his adventures and misadventures in remote trouble spots while in uniform, was published on July 4, 2008.

Additionally, the Marine Corps has published a compendium of his trip reports from Africa written between 2003 and 2006.

Also a novelist, under his own name and as Owen Parry, he has written a number of bestsellers with international settings as well as prize-winning historical novels about the American Civil War. His new novel, *The War After Armageddon*, will be published in September, 2008. He is currently completing a novel set in the rock-music world of the late 1960s, in which he failed exuberantly before joining the Army.

Ralph's commentaries, essays and reviews have appeared in *The New York Post*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Newsday*, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, *Newsweek*, *Harpers*, *The Weekly Standard*, *The National Review*, *The Washington Monthly*, *Wired*, *Parameters*, *Armed Forces Journal*, *Strategic Review*, *Armchair General*, *Military Review*, *Maclean's* and a wide range of other domestic and foreign publications. He has appeared on every major American television and cable-news network, as well as on numerous radio programs and in the international media.

He accepts no defense industry or political funding. He supports himself with his pen.

Ralph Peters believes that only first-hand experience of the world beyond our shores allows us to make intelligent judgments about issues of war and peace.