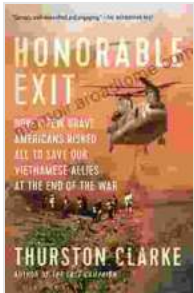


How a Few Brave Americans Risked All to Save Our Vietnamese Allies at the End of the Vietnam War



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In the chaotic final days of the Vietnam War, as the North Vietnamese Army closed in on Saigon, a small group of American pilots and soldiers risked their lives to evacuate thousands of Vietnamese allies who had fought alongside them.

Operation Frequent Wind, as the evacuation was known, was one of the most daring and dangerous missions in American military history. The pilots flew into a war zone under heavy fire, landing on rooftops and in fields to pick up refugees. The soldiers fought off enemy troops and provided security for the evacuation.

More than 1,000 Americans and Vietnamese were killed or wounded in Operation Frequent Wind. But thanks to the bravery of these few, thousands of Vietnamese allies were able to escape to safety.

The Fall of Saigon

By the spring of 1975, the Vietnam War was winding down. The United States had already withdrawn most of its troops, and the South Vietnamese government was on the verge of collapse. On April 30, 1975, the North Vietnamese Army launched a final offensive against Saigon.

The South Vietnamese government quickly collapsed, and the North Vietnamese Army entered Saigon on April 30, 1975. The fall of Saigon marked the end of the Vietnam War and the beginning of a new era for Vietnam.

Operation Frequent Wind

In the days leading up to the fall of Saigon, the United States government began planning for the evacuation of American citizens and Vietnamese allies. The evacuation was code-named Operation Frequent Wind.

Operation Frequent Wind was one of the most complex and dangerous evacuation missions in American military history. The pilots had to fly into a war zone under heavy fire, land on rooftops and in fields, and pick up refugees. The soldiers had to fight off enemy troops and provide security for the evacuation.

The evacuation began on April 29, 1975. The first helicopters lifted off from the roof of the American embassy in Saigon. Over the next few days, more

than 1,000 helicopters evacuated more than 7,000 Americans and Vietnamese from Saigon.

Operation Frequent Wind was a success, but it came at a high cost. More than 1,000 Americans and Vietnamese were killed or wounded in the evacuation.

The Heroes of Operation Frequent Wind

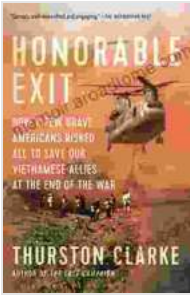
The heroes of Operation Frequent Wind were the pilots and soldiers who risked their lives to save thousands of Vietnamese allies. These brave men and women flew into a war zone under heavy fire, landed on rooftops and in fields, and picked up refugees. They fought off enemy troops and provided security for the evacuation.

Thanks to the bravery of these few, thousands of Vietnamese allies were able to escape to safety.

Operation Frequent Wind was a remarkable achievement in American military history. It was a daring and dangerous mission, but it was also a success. Thanks to the bravery of the pilots and soldiers who participated in the evacuation, thousands of Vietnamese allies were able to escape to safety.

The heroes of Operation Frequent Wind are a reminder of the best of America. They are a reminder that even in the darkest of times, there are always people who are willing to risk their lives to help others.

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