Gripping WWII Memoir Brings the Major Battles of the Pacific to Life for Today’s Readers

U.S. Navy pilot shares his personal, on-the-ground stories of fighting in Pearl Harbor, the Battle of Midway, Guadalcanal, and Iwo Jima
A FLASH OF GREEN

MEMORIES OF WORLD WAR II

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New York City, May 29, 2019 (Issuewire.com) - In his later life, Charles S. McCandless (1917-2001) was known as the first city engineer of Los Altos, CA and the leader of a successful construction and real estate company in the heart of Silicon Valley. But when he sat down to write his autobiography, World War II took centre stage. Like many war veterans, McCandless had kept much of this experience to himself, despite its enormous impact on his life. In this personal memoir, McCandless shares his extraordinary story for the first time, providing readers with a riveting, first-hand account of some of the most famous battles of WWII.

“We can learn dates and facts around world history in school, but it is only through individuals’ real-life stories that this information begins to truly take hold and become more meaningful,” says Sandra Simons, the editor of the book and McCandless’ daughter. “Without these personal accounts, we cannot fully understand or consider the consequences of being at war.”

McCandless tells vivid stories of running to his plane as the first bombs dropped on Pearl Harbor; being shot down at the Battle of Midway; crash-landing at Guadalcanal; and losing most of his men in a reconnaissance mission on the shores of Iwo Jima as they prepared the way for an invading Marines. With an engaging tone and a narrative that reads like a historical fiction novel, this true-life story gives readers a unique window into world history and the on-the-ground realities of WW II.

“Veterans’ stories help us appreciate the extraordinary things that ordinary men and women do during times of war: they take risks, show courage, and witness losses that many of us cannot even imagine,” say Simons. “By sharing my father’s memoir, our family hopes to bring this piece of history alive for those who were not there to live it – and inspire others to tell their own stories for future generations.”

The late Charles S. McCandless’ A Flash of Green: Memories of WWII will be on exhibit at Authors Press Booth # 1667 during BookExpo + BookCon 2019 held at the Jacob Javits Center, New York City, May 29 through June 2, 2019. Meet Sandra Simons, the editor and author’s daughter, during her Book Signing June 1st, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Authors Press Booth # 1667.

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