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**SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS AUTHOR TALK CHRONICLING
THE VALOR OF COMBAT MEDICS**

Over One Million American Veterans Owe their Lives to Unsung Heroic Medics & Corpsmen

SAN DIEGO – The Veterans of Foreign Wars, District 1 of California and San Diego Public Library will host a special Veterans Day author talk featuring USS Midway Museum marketing director and author Scott McGaugh who will discuss his new book, *Battlefield Angels: Saving Lives Under Enemy Fire From Valley Forge to Afghanistan* on Thursday, November 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is free and open to the public.

Battlefield Angels takes as its starting point a startling fact: more American service people wounded in action are surviving today than in any previous war in history. During the American Revolution, 40% of soldiers wounded in action eventually died of their injuries. In Vietnam it was 25%. The number today is 10%. Several story lines intersect in the narrative: the ill-preparedness of America's medical corps at the start of our wars; our quick battlefield learning; the strength and solace that medics and corpsmen provide to front-line soldiers; and the medical benefits that have accrued to civilians as the result of our wars. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event and online at <http://scottmccaugh.com/>.

Author Scott McGaugh is the marketing director of the USS Midway Museum, on the retired aircraft carrier on San Diego's harbor front. He is a former journalist, an inspirational speaker and author of three previous books: *Midway Magic*, *Midway Memories* and *USS Midway: America's Shield*.

VFW, District 1 is part of the oldest major veterans group in the United States. In 1899, 13 former Spanish-American War soldiers formed the forerunner of the VFW in Columbus, Ohio. Membership in the VFW is the most exclusive of all U.S. veterans' organizations because it

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demands service overseas in time of war or international crisis to qualify. Chartered in June 20, 1949, VFW, District 1 is headquartered in San Diego County and currently services 31 VFW Posts. Please visit them at: www.vfwdist1ca.org/.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources (including those for local authors), or search for materials online in the Library's catalog at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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