

THE LIONS OF IWO JIMA

MAJOR GENERAL FRED HAYNES (USMC-RET)
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"*The Lions of Iwo Jima* captures in stark detail the incredible trial by fire of Combat Team 28 in the Marine Corps' most challenging battle of the Pacific War. It shows what Americans can do when the chips are really down."

—Dan Rather

The Lions of Iwo Jima tells the full story of one of the greatest units fielded in the history of the U.S. Marines. Combat Team 28, 4,500 men strong, trained for a full year, landed on the black sands of Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945, and raised the flag atop Mount Suribachi after four days of ferocious combat.

Major General Fred Haynes (USMC-ret), then a young captain, is the last surviving officer in CT 28 who was intimately involved in planning and coordinating all phases of the team's fight on Iwo Jima. Drawing on a wealth of previously untapped documents, personal narratives, and letters, in addition to more than 100 interviews with survivors, Haynes and acclaimed author James A. Warren recapture in riveting detail what the Marines of Combat Team 28 experienced, placing particular emphasis on the team's ferocious struggle to break through the main belt of the Japanese defenses to the north.

The Lions of Iwo Jima offers fresh interpretations of the fight for Suribachi, the iconic flag-raising photo, and the nature of the campaign as a whole, and helps to answer the essential questions: Who were these men? What accounts for their extraordinary performance in battle?

Major General Fred Haynes (USMC-ret) commanded a combat team during the Vietnam War and was the top operations officer of all Marine forces in that conflict in 1967. He is a contributor to the *Marine Corps Gazette* and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. James A. Warren is the author of *American Spartans* and *Portrait of a Tragedy*.

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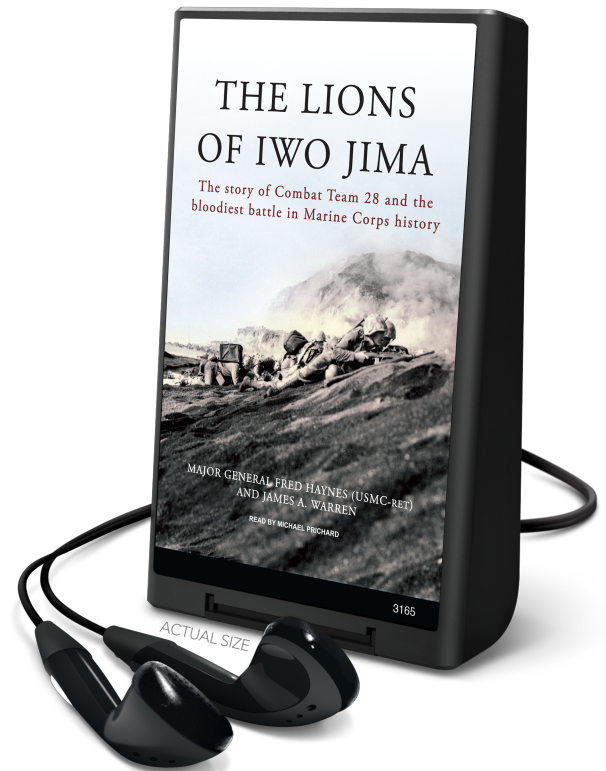
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