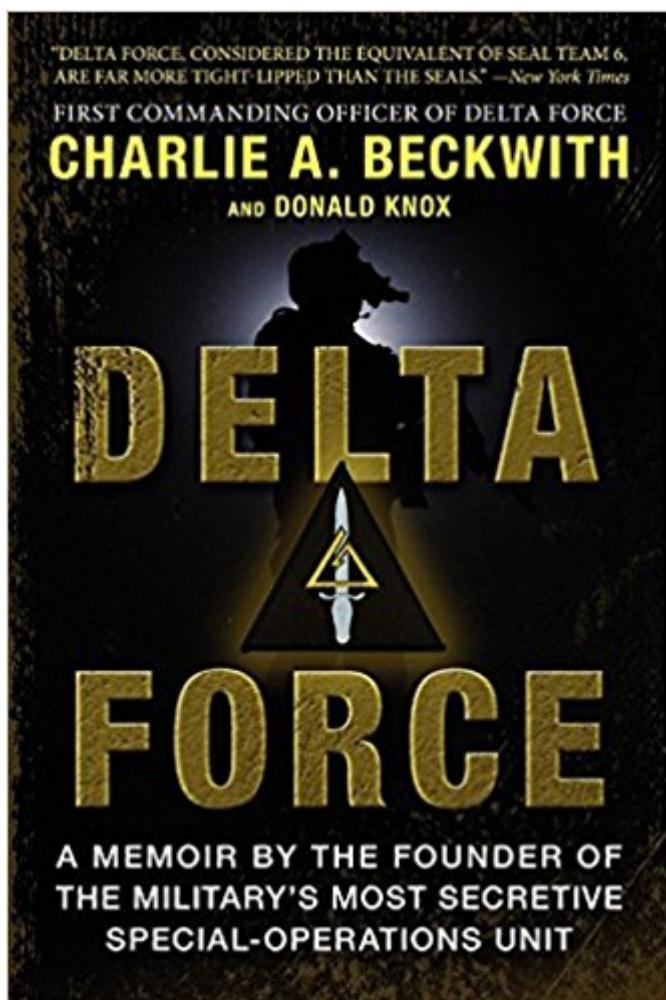


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# Delta Force: A Memoir By The Founder Of The U.S. Military's Most Secretive Special-Operations Unit



## Synopsis

The definitive insider's account of the U.S. Army's most elite and secretive special-ops unit, written by the legendary founder and first commanding officer of Delta Force. Wanted: Volunteers for Project Delta. Will guarantee you a medal. A body bag. Or both. With this call to arms, Charlie Beckwith revolutionized American armed combat. Beckwith's acclaimed memoir tells the story of Delta Force ("the Army's most elite commando unit." — *Los Angeles Times*) as only its maverick creator could tell it — from the bloody baptism of Vietnam to the top-secret training grounds of North Carolina to political battles in the upper levels of the Pentagon itself. This is the heart-pounding, first-person, insider's view of the missions that made Delta Force legendary.

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Delta Force, considered the equivalent of SEAL Team 6, are far more tight-lipped than the SEALs. (New York Times) Delta Force is arguably the most effective fighting unit in the world. (Washington Post) Absolutely compelling...nations without men like this simply don't survive. (The Wall Street Journal) The Army's most elite commando unit. (Los Angeles Times) A page turner. ... Hard to put down. ... One of those rare books that military people will annotate and underline and hesitate ever to lend out. ... Beckwith's candor is extraordinary. (Armed Forces Journal)

U.S. Army Colonel Charles A. Beckwith was the founder and first commanding officer of Delta Force.

For his service, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, and Purple Heart. He is interred in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

Gotta be da best I've ever read. Traces the history from SAS/UK to Green Beret/SEALS in USA. Col. Charlie Beckwith is the man, a true Legend, we all need to salute. What a guy, almost single-handed he got the anti-terrorist group/organisation established after 16-years of determination. Battling Washington military hierarchy and politicians he persevered against all odds. It was only after the Tehran 1980 hostage drama and failure the States woke up. Reading about the enthralling 4-months blow-by-blow preparation; the book is worth obtaining just to read about the amazing detail/ planning. The consequences are still felt in USA today. The spin-off? Today, the States have an SAS team, called DELTA. The Epilogue by a high-ranking General alone, is quite extraordinary. Read it! You will not be disappointed.

Delta Force provides the reader with an inside view of the bureaucratic roadblocks and myopic thinking that results in frustration. Charles A. Beckwith's dogged determination molded a unit to be reckoned with world-wide: and thanks, and kudos to the British SAS for nurturing a dream come true. The reader will find a bold governmental description on pages 329 and 330. Beckwith's story of the attempt to rescue the American hostages in Iran (remember when?) demonstrates why training and collaboration is so valuable. Thank you, Charles A. Beckwith, for your service and legacy.

Charlie Beckwith pulls no punches in his story about how the DELTA force came into being. He provides an insight into bends and corners he has to negotiate to finally achieve his goal. Goes on to show the tribal instincts of other "Specials" and the Generals who have a vested interest in these elite forces under their command. Written in a no-nonsense language, the book is a very entertaining read and also brings to light the hierarchy of the US Armed Forces and the reverence afforded to the people at the top.

Delta Force has been a favorite topic for me since the bungle in the desert and the TV show The Unit. Book is very detailed and enjoyable. Feature's one man's struggle against the "Brass".

A great story about the birth of Delta Force from the founder himself. Beckwith takes you from the original idea, based on his experience with the British Special Air Service (SAS), through their first mission (to free the hostages in Iran). Because of his rank and the role he played in this story, you

get a high level overview instead of the view from an operator on the ground (as in Eric Haney's book - Inside Delta Force). One item that was particularly interesting to me was the test (based on the SAS) they ran prior to their first real mission to determine if their operators would actually engage the terrorist. Although it was successful, they later decided to not use this test again and surmised that the British needed to determine if their operators would fire their weapons but the US needed to create rules on when to not fire their weapons. Not sure what that says about the two cultures, but it was interesting none the less. Beckwith is definitely a strong personality who does not compromise. You learn much about the man and the government bureaucracy he fought for so many years. In the end, he was successful and we are a safer nation because of his efforts

I was a good book, both my sons are Green Berets and are very proud of their service. The information in the book was some what out dated but overall very enjoyable. Delta Force is part of the Green Berets but elite body. It's a good read and helpful to those who want to know how Delta started. They are a direction action force and are the best in the world and work side by side with the seals. Karl.

Anyone who is interested in learning about special operation should read this book by the father of modern spec ops in the United States in my opinion

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