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In 1969, First Lt. Bill Peters and the Force Recon Marines had one of the most difficult, dangerous assignments in Vietnam. From the DMZ to the Central Highlands, their job was to provide strategic and operational intelligence to ensure the security of American units as the withdrawal of the troops progressed. Peter's accounts of silently watching huge movements of heavily armed NVA regulars, prisoner snatches, sudden-death ambushes, and extracts from fiercely fought firefights vividly capture the realities of Recon Marine warfare and offer a gritty tribute to the courage, heroism, and sacrifice of the U.S. Marines.

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### a.t.m. says

#### Compelling, must read book on Vietnam era Marine Recon.

I never cease to be amazed at the courage, strength, and intelligence displayed by our undercover heroes. Be it Army reconnaissance or Marine force recon, these men put their lives on the line leading their men behind the lines to gather information about the enemy. The book covers events that occurred decades ago, but, we must never forget their sacrifices, their valor, their families, and the families of those that did not come home. I highly recommend.

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### Manray9 says

Bill Peters' *First Force Recon Company: Sunrise at Midnight* is a heroic tale of guts and dedication among young U.S. Marines involved in dangerous long-range patrols behind enemy lines in Vietnam in 1969. The operational details and combat accounts are top notch. Unfortunately, they are coupled with a surprising level of political naiveté, a dose of jingoism, and a touch of old-fashioned hokum. These drawbacks hold the book just short of Three Stars in my library.

Addendum: there are four reviews on Amazon, two by self-proclaimed ex-Force Recon Marines, that question the veracity of Bill Peters' combat accounts.

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### Mitch says

This book was sent to my stepson and myself by Dr. Bill Peters per the request of my sister-in-law Shari because my stepson, Mickey wants to be a Marine and Shari is friends w/the Peters. Thanks! We're looking forward to reading it!

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### Robert E Tooker Jr says

#### Outstanding

I cannot get enough of these books on USMC Recon during the Vietnam conflict. Bravery unparalleled..... Thank you sir for your service, and for sharing your story.

I want to share a short little story, back in early 1993, I was a young PFC, wandering around the PX on MCB Hawaii and noticed a cute gal behind a counter, she may or may not have noticed my glance and we had a little chat, turns out she was the daughter of BrigGen(sel) Wayne Rollins, very polite, classy and pretty. Only later did I find out what a bad ass he was..... I was elated to see his name come up in this book..... S/F

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## **Shannon Pritchard says**

### **Excellent account of time behind enemy lines**

Lt. Peter's book tells of his time 1969, in Nam planning and executing scouts and prisoner snatches behind enemy lines. It starts slow, describing his life at a putrid liberal college and follows him through training and your.

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## **Pat Appel says**

### **Best book I've ever read about Recon**

I read a LOT of books about Recon and LRRPs and this book is by far the best book I've read. Extremely well written. There is no fill or down time. The book keeps you informed on every move. Very exciting. Highly recommended. I knew the area well about which the book was written since I was there for nine months in 67 with Echo Btry 2nd Bn 11th Marines. Many of our fire missions were into the Que Son valley.

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