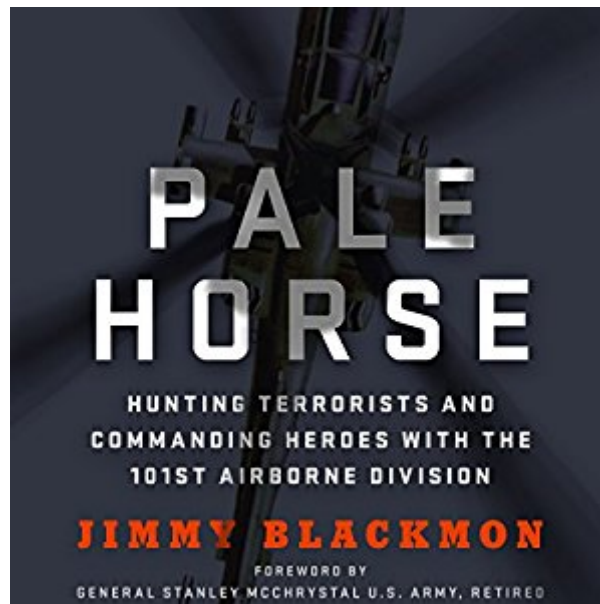


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# Pale Horse: Hunting Terrorists And Commanding Heroes With The 101st Airborne Division



## Synopsis

The preface is read by the author, Jimmy Blackmon. *Pale Horse* is the remarkable never-before-told true story of an army aviation task force during combat in the Afghan War, told by the commanding officer who was there. Set in the very valleys where the attacks of 9/11 were conceived and where 10 Medals of Honor have been earned since that fateful day the war began, the narrative races from ferocious firefights and bravery in battle to the quiet moments where the courageous men and women of Task Force Pale Horse catch their breath before they take to the skies again. Jimmy F. Blackmon writes with a power and hard-hitting honesty that leap out of the audio. He has the respect of the men and women of his brigade and a command of the narrative to tell their story. From pilots of lethal Apache attack helicopters who strike fear in their enemies to the medevac soldiers who risk their lives daily, these are warriors from a variety of backgrounds who learned selflessness and found the closest brotherhood they ever knew through the crucible of war. *Pale Horse* both honors and commemorates the service of this elite task force from the unique vantage point of the commander who led them in battle.

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## Customer Reviews

*Pale Horse* is a story of the men and women who fought in the most brutal place on earth. It's told from the perspective of Col. Jimmy Blackmon, who commanded the aviation task force that supported the ground war in the mountains of Eastern Afghanistan. It's a vividly accurate retelling of more than a year of fighting terrorist forces in Afghanistan. Blackmon and his Pale Horse warriors

replaced my unit, 2/17th Cavalry Regiment. Some of the stories, Operation Commando Wrath, the Battle of Wanat, I was a part of, doing the same thing that Blackmon's soldiers were doing, supporting the ground fighters. The account, the details in Pale Horse are exactly how I remember the war. Everything from his sense of awe at the grandeur of the impressive Hindu Kush Mountains to his sense of frustration at how combat soldiers were treated like cattle during their trip home, it brings it all back in, sometimes painful, detail. Blackmon, as a writer, has a unique, personable, easy cadence. A Georgia country boy, he lays out the events like a true Southern Appalachian storyteller. One of my favorite scenes is describing how he was ingrained with warfighting from BB gun battles he and other youngsters used to wage on each other as kids. He describes people, their history, who they are. He doesn't shy away from painful details, isn't afraid to show the cracks in the warrior armor. He treats the subjects of the book, the fighting men and women, with a reverential tone. He has obviously done a significant amount of research, interviewing people to get a different sight picture of certain battles. He kept detailed journals during his time as commander. (Something I wish very much that I would have done.) The details are woven together in a rhythmic storyteller's cadence.

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