

# America's Legendary 1st Infantry Division Centennial Edition 1917-2017 Modern War

## **THE BIG RED ONE**

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**CENTENNIAL EDITION, 1917-2017**



**James Scott Wheeler**

### **The Legacy of America's Legendary 1st Infantry Division**

As we mark the centennial anniversary of the America's Legendary 1st Infantry Division, it is a time to reflect and celebrate the remarkable contributions of this

renowned military unit. Established in 1917, during World War I, the division has played a pivotal role in shaping the course of history, participating in major conflicts throughout the 20th and 21st centuries.

## The Birth of a Legend

The 1st Infantry Division, also known as the "Big Red One," traces its roots back to the early days of the United States. With a legacy that spans over a century, this division is the oldest continuously serving division in the U.S. Army. Its history is filled with extraordinary tales of courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to defending freedom and democracy.



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## Unforgettable Battles and Heroic Acts

Throughout its illustrious history, the 1st Infantry Division has been part of numerous pivotal battles and campaigns, leaving an indelible mark on the outcome of these conflicts. From the trenches of World War I to the sandy shores

of Omaha Beach during the Normandy Invasion, the division has shown unmatched resilience and bravery.

In World War II alone, the "Big Red One" fought across Europe, liberating towns and cities from the grip of Nazi tyranny. They played a crucial role in the Battle of the Bulge, earning them the nickname of "The Bloody First." The division's efforts during the war were recognized with numerous awards, including multiple Distinguished Unit Citations.

The division continued to excel in subsequent conflicts such as the Korean War, Vietnam War, and the Persian Gulf War. Its soldiers, with the values of loyalty, duty, respect, and selfless service ingrained in their hearts, have demonstrated unyielding bravery and professionalism in the face of danger.

## **Modern Warfare and Adaptation**

In recent years, the 1st Infantry Division has evolved to meet the challenges of modern warfare. With advances in technology and changing global threats, the division has embraced new tactics, equipment, and strategies. Today, it stands as a versatile and highly capable force, capable of swift deployment and execution of complex military operations.

## **Celebrating 100 Years of Honor and Sacrifice**

As we commemorate the centennial anniversary of the 1st Infantry Division, we pay tribute to the countless soldiers who have served under its banner. The division's commitment to protect and defend our nation's values has been unwavering, and their contributions to our freedom cannot be overstated.

Through the years, the 1st Infantry Division has showcased the utmost professionalism and dedication, always answering the call of duty. They have

faced immense challenges and adversity but have emerged victorious, leaving an enduring legacy that inspires future generations.

As we reflect on this extraordinary journey, it is our responsibility to honor the sacrifices made and the lives lost while also recognizing the accomplishments of this legendary division. The 1st Infantry Division's centennial edition is a reminder of its timeless commitment to excellence, honor, and duty.

The America Legendary 1st Infantry Division Centennial Edition 1917-2017 Modern War stands as a testament to the indomitable spirit and courage of the men and women who have served under its banner. From the battlefields of World War I to the modern warfare arenas, this division has consistently showcased unwavering dedication, professionalism, and sacrifice. As we look to the future, the 1st Infantry Division continues to protect our nation and preserve the ideals that make America great.



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“No mission too difficult, no sacrifice too great— Duty First!” For a century, from the Western Front of World War I to the wars of the 21st century, this motto has spurred the soldiers who wear the shoulder patch bearing the Big Red One. In this comprehensive history of America's 1st Infantry Division, James Scott Wheeler chronicles its major combat engagements and peacetime duties during its legendary service to the nation. The Centennial Edition adds new chapters on peacekeeping missions in the Balkans (1995–2004) and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan (2001–2017), along with a new and .

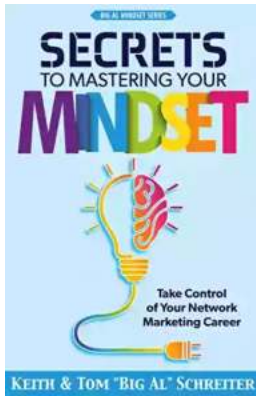
The oldest continuously serving division in the U.S. Army, the “Fighting First” has consistently played a crucial role in America’s foreign wars. It was the first American division to see combat and achieve victory in World War I. One of the few intact divisions between the wars, it was the first army unit to train for amphibious warfare. During World War II, the First Division spearheaded the invasions of North Africa and Sicily before leading the Normandy invasion at Omaha Beach and fighting on deep into Germany. By war's end, it had developed successful combined-arms, regimental combat teams and made advances in night operations.

Wheeler describes the First Division’s critical role in postwar Germany and as the only combat division in Europe during the early Cold War. The division fought valiantly in Vietnam for five trying years while pioneering "air-mobile" operations. It led the liberation of Kuwait in Desert Storm. Along the way, Wheeler illuminates the division's organizational evolution, its consistently remarkable commanders and leaders, and its equally remarkable soldiers.

Meticulously detailed and engagingly written, The Big Red One nimbly combines historical narrative with astute analysis of the unit's successes and failures, so

that its story reflects the larger chronicle of America's military experience over the past century.

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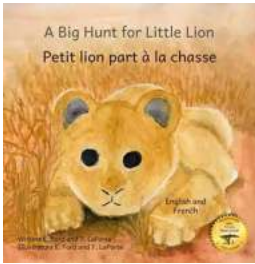
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