

Call of Duty Military Advisor Bios

John Hillen

John Hillen is one of America's leading commentators and analysts on military affairs, international security and World War II military operations. A decorated combat veteran with a PhD from Oxford University, Hillen is an authority on warfare and is a consultant to ABC News for military affairs. He can be frequently seen on Good Morning America, World News Tonight with Peter Jennings, Nightline, This Week and other ABC News programs. A prolific author, he has written two critically acclaimed books and numerous articles on military issues.

Prior to embarking on his business career, Hillen was an Army officer (Captain - retired) and international security scholar. During his military career he served the world over with combat units including the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, the 82nd Airborne Division and the 5th Special Forces Group, and was awarded the Bronze Star for his combat actions during a battle in Operation Desert Storm.

In addition to his PhD, Hillen holds a Master's degree from the prestigious War Studies program at King's College London - where he did a number of special research projects on World War II. He also has a Bachelor's degree from Duke University.

Hank Keirse

Hank Keirse is a retired Army Colonel, decorated combat veteran and authority on World War II military history. He has spent his life coaching, mentoring and building teams, and leading them under stress. Keirse has created winning organizations that have succeeded under the most demanding conditions, from field training and combat to corporate environments.

Commissioned as an infantryman from the United States Military Academy at West Point, Keirse's first tour of duty was with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Since then, Keirse has served in a wide variety of leadership and staff positions both in the United States and overseas. During the Gulf War, Keirse (assigned as Executive Officer) and his airborne infantry battalion spearheaded the attack into Iraq. Keirse was awarded the Bronze Star for his role in the successful offensive.

After the Gulf War, Keirse was assigned to the Army's premier combat training center at Ft. Polk, Louisiana, where he designed a course to train leaders in critical decision making - later becoming the staff and leader-training model for the entire Army. Keirse holds a Bachelor's degree from West Point, a Master's degree in history from Duke University, and has taught history and military ethics at West Point. He is also a master parachutist, a ranger, and has earned the Expert and Combat Infantryman Badges.