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“Hesitation Kills”
Brown Bag Lunch Book Talk and Signing

Author and U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Major Jane Blair will discuss her newly released book “Hesitation Kills: A Female Officer’s Combat Experience in Iraq”, at the Women In Military Service For America Memorial, gateway to Arlington National Cemetery, on Thursday, September 15 at 12:00 noon.

Marine Corps 1st Lt. Jane Blair deployed to Iraq in 2003, during the initial phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Her aerial reconnaissance unit was assigned to travel ahead of and alongside combat units. The intelligence it collected launched the ground war and provided aerial reconnaissance for the rescue of Jessica Lynch and fellow POWs. Journaling throughout her deployment about her and her fellow lieutenants’ combat experiences, she drew upon those journals to write “Hesitation Kills”. The book speaks to her experiences as a young lieutenant and as a woman, as well as the experiences of her fellow Marines.

In this second book by a woman Marine about the war in Iraq, Jane Blair chronicles the drama and chaos of wartime Iraq and the day-to-day challenges faced by every Marine. With compelling insights into the profound impact of the war on the lives of service members, “Hesitation Kills” bridges the gap between those who have experienced the Iraq War firsthand and those who could only read about it or watch on-screen.

The book talk is free and open to the public and Blair will be on hand for a book signing immediately following the event. Copies of “Hesitation Kills” will be available for sale at the Memorial Gift Shop. Those interested in attending are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy this lunchtime discussion. Please call 800-222-2294 or 703-533-1155 to reserve a seat or for more information. The Women’s Memorial, located at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery, is readily accessible by Metro (Blue Line) and paid parking is available.

The Women In Military Service For America Memorial is the nation’s only major memorial honoring all servicewomen, past and present. Featuring an exhibit gallery, theatre, Register of women who have served and a gift shop, the Memorial is open to the public, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., daily; after Sept. 30, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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