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Philip Caputo: A Veteran and Author of the Vietnam War**

Philip Caputo is a former United States Marine and acclaimed author. He gained prominence for his firsthand experiences and subsequent writings on the Vietnam War.

Military Service

Yes, Philip Caputo fought in the Vietnam War. He enlisted in the Marines in 1965 and served as a platoon commander in the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines.

Early Life and Education

Caputo attended Antioch College in Ohio before dropping out to join the Marines.

Return to Vietnam in 1975

After the war ended in 1973, Caputo returned to Vietnam in 1975 as a journalist to cover the fall of Saigon.

Awards and Recognition

Caputo's novel "A Rumor of War" (1977), based on his Vietnam experiences, won the National Book Award for Nonfiction.

Notable Veterans of the Vietnam War

- **deadliest soldier:** John Basilone
- **last Marine out of Vietnam:** Lance Corporal Robert R. Garwood

- **giant killer:** Wayne Downing
- **unkillable hero:** James Longstreet

Other Questions

- **National Guard in Vietnam:** The National Guard was primarily focused on domestic security and was not generally deployed overseas during the Vietnam War.
- **Baby Caputo:** Philip and his wife, Leslie, had a daughter named Anne.
- **Caputo's Marriage:** Caputo is currently married to Leslie Stewart.
- **Larry Caputo:** Philip Caputo's brother, Larry, committed suicide in 1973.
- **Caputo's Time in Vietnam:** Caputo served in Vietnam for approximately two years.
- **Caputo's Court Martial:** Caputo faced charges of disobeying orders and endangering his troops during the war. He was acquitted.
- **Jane Fonda in Hanoi:** Jane Fonda visited Hanoi in 1972 and met with North Vietnamese officials, an act that drew criticism in the United States.
- **"A Rumor of War":** "A Rumor of War" is a fictional account based on Caputo's real experiences in Vietnam. It is considered a classic of war literature.

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