

over the decades by fictional TV and movie characters, not to mention self-serving military memoirs, it was refreshing to read that doing things doctrinally was considered a cornerstone of the Ranger battalion's success.

Before I go, a few quick notes. First, when looking for this book, check that it's by these two authors. There's a 2005 Ranger novel with the same title.

Second, there are a few typos in this book, and I've informed Fred about them for future editions. Nothing serious and not one of them detracts from the valuable lessons that this book has to offer. Stuff like misstating order of precedence for an award or mixing up hyperthermia and hypothermia doesn't detract from the main function of this useful book.

Lastly, don't be surprised if this book leaves you wanting more. There are many references to B Company, 2nd Ranger Battalion having to insert new recruits into a unit training program that was already in progress and relentlessly heading toward the fixed date of its first evaluation as a battalion. I told Kleibacker to give some thought to perhaps writing another book on just what that experience taught. That could provide invaluable knowledge in the event of future mobilizations or standing up new units.

21st Century Patton: Strategic Insights for the Modern Era

**Edited by J. Furman Daniel III
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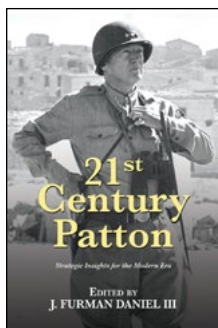
GEN George S. Patton remains one of the most iconic U.S. Army warfighters who led Soldiers across numerous conflicts, ending with his command of the Third Army after the invasion of Normandy. *21st Century Patton*, edited by J. Furman Daniel III, takes readers across Patton's life and attempts to break down how he grew into the larger-than-life figure perpetuated by popular culture. The editor recaps Patton's life across his military and personal career while intertwining his works to analyze and highlight the strategic and leadership insights revered by many.

From a young age, Patton was an avid athlete and a life-long learner. During his honeymoon in London, the leader purchased several rare books on military history and theory which would eventually lead to a massive collection. His trips across Europe as a young man taught him to reflect about the landscape and nature that he had encountered, which would prove quite useful during World War II. He displayed his competitiveness as part of the United States

Military Academy's (USMA's) track and football teams and competed at the Olympics in Stockholm. His high-energy mentality bled into his personality, and he chose to always lead from the front, believing that both physical and mental training were key components to success in any endeavor.

The book highlights seven articles written by Patton himself, which are then analyzed by the editor. Beginning early in his career, Patton wrote on topics such as the flaws in the U.S. Army Cavalry's sabers and his ideas for redesigning them. As a field grade, he studied and addressed political conflict and the situations that led certain sides to victory and others to defeat. By noting a number of variables, he considered the amalgamation of training, human capital, newly developed equipment, differences in leadership, and the political systems that could be analyzed to predict future conflicts and wars. One of his most insightful articles studied the change in power balance from manpower to equipment introduced by the advent of gunpowder. Throughout his life, Patton believed that the complex study of military conflicts and political knowledge would prove necessary as a great leader.

Across many aspects, Patton lived an exceptional life as an extraordinary leader and man. A graduate of USMA, Patton displayed brilliance from the beginning of his military career. From a star on the track to the eventual commander of the Third Army, his insights into character development and his never-ending pursuit of knowledge led him to become the brilliant man we know today who continues to serve as an example for military officers across all ranks and branches.



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