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"The Call of the Bugle" revisits the Crimean War's deadliest disaster, made famous in the "Charge of the Light Brigade"

"A profound meditation on duty, honor, and the enduring legacy of those who have served." — **Dr. Jerry Doby, editor-in-chief, The Hype Magazine**

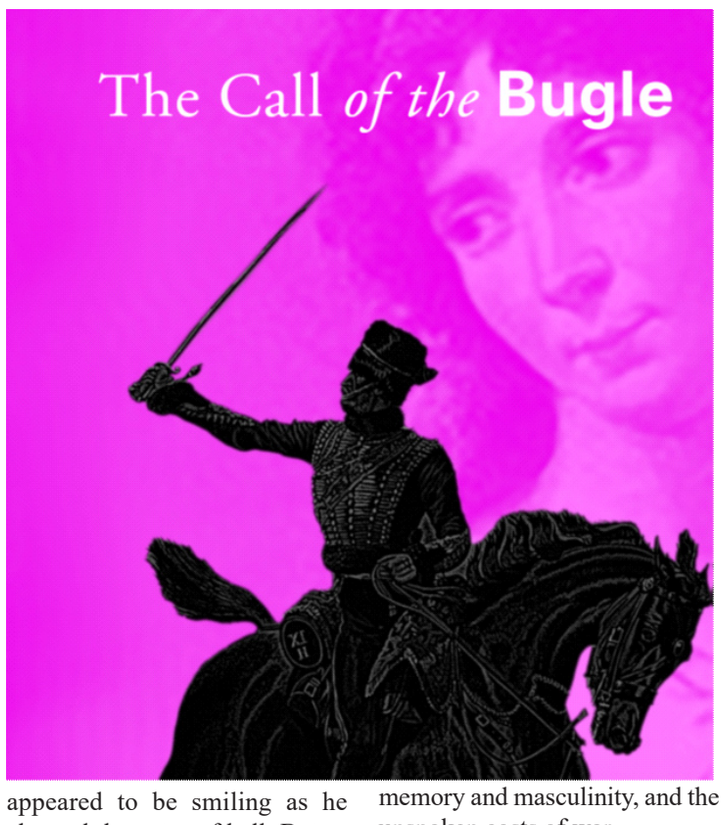
PEBBLE BEACH, Calif., Nov. 12, 2026 — The Call of the Bugle by author and former professor John Amos opens with exactly that: a bugle call echoing in the mind of a jaded, aging reporter whose struggles with alcoholism are compounded by memories of war. The sound first haunted him as a young correspondent covering the Crimean

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War in 1854, and it never stopped.

Amos' riveting narrative transports readers to Balaklava, where the reporter watches in horror as 600 British cavalrymen ride straight into Russian guns during the catastrophic Charge of the Light Brigade.

Tormented by what he saw and driven to uncover the truth about the disaster, the reporter spends decades immersing himself in forgotten diaries, long-hidden letters, and interviews with the daughters of the fallen, piecing together the life and death of General Robert Dryden — who



appeared to be smiling as he charged the gates of hell. But as the past resurfaces, the reporter must confront more than historical facts: the unquiet ghost of the general and the memory of a love he refuses to name.

The Call of the Bugle is a sweeping, multi-generational historical saga set against the stark reality of the Crimean War. It is a haunting meditation on valor and folly, memory and masculinity, and the unspoken costs of war.

Readers who love Anthony Doerr's All the Light We Cannot See or Sebastian Faulks's Birdsong will find in The Call of the Bugle the same fusion of meticulous historical research and devastating emotional truth.

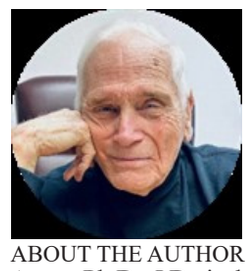
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An attorney and former professor who taught Middle East politics for more than two decades, Amos brings an intellectual depth to popular fiction. He has lived in Libya and Egypt and traveled widely across the Middle East, and that immersion in culture, language, and history gives his novels authenticity. His academic publications span law, history, and Middle Eastern studies. He writes for readers who want to be entertained and to learn something true about the world.

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Poland's defense in billions: Strengthening the Army or the state-owned giant?

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Poland is the largest beneficiary of the EU's SAFE loan program, with €43.7 billion allocated to finance defense investments. These funds, however, are not grants but long-term debt that future generations of Polish taxpayers will have to repay. This raises an important question: will the money primarily strengthen the Polish military, or will it reinforce the position of the state-owned Polish Armaments Group (PGZ)?

PGZ is the largest and dominant player in Poland's defense industry. Controlled by the Polish government, the group consists of more than 50 companies and employs nearly 22,000 people. It plays a central role in manufacturing, modernizing, and supply-

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ing weapons and military equipment to Poland's armed forces. On October 23, Deputy Defense Minister Magdalena Sobkowiak-Czarnecka told the Parliament that the army's Armament Agency had signed 39 contracts and 12 amendments under

The war in Ukraine has shown that military advantage depends not only on advanced weapons but also on innovation, production speed, and adaptability. Private companies can play a major role in all three, bringing more competition and accelerating technological development. Expanding Poland's defense industry is necessary, but it should not automatically mean giving preferential treatment to companies directly controlled by the government...

SAFE, worth a total of PLN 120 billion (approximately €27.3 billion). According to the Defense Ministry, 99.5 percent of the value of these orders will go to Polish defense companies. Another PLN 3.4 billion (approximately €774 million) is allocated to cybersecurity contracts.

State-owned PGZ accounts for a substantial share of these orders. On May 30 alone, contracts worth nearly PLN 60 billion (ap-

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Profile: Marine Corps Lt. Col. Ernest Calvin Williams receives Medal of Honor for valor for assault on Macoris fortress on Nov. 29, 1916

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November 9, 2026 - Marine Corps 1st Lt. Ernest Calvin Williams, an infantryman, received the Medal of Honor for valor in the Dominican Republic.

Williams was born on Aug. 2, 1887, in Broadwell, Illinois, to Thomas Buchanan Williams, a farmer, and Annie Williams. He was the oldest of three children.

He grew up in a close-knit rural farming community where hard work and self-reliance were integral to daily life. Williams attended rural schools in Lohan County, Illinois, where terms were scheduled around non-harvest periods, typical of rural farming communities at the time. Williams was 19 when he enlisted in the Marine Corps as a private, Jan. 5, 1907. He later attended officer training and was appointed second lieutenant Jan. 30, 1909. After his promotion, Williams received additional training at Marine Barracks,

As a first lieutenant, Williams led a direct 12-Marine assault on the San Francisco de Macoris fortress gate amid heavy rifle fire, Nov. 29, 1916, the date of his Medal of Honor action. Eight of his men were wounded, but Williams pressed on with the four remaining Marines. He threw himself against the gate as it was closing and forced entry despite the threat of enemy fire.

Quantico, Virginia, which was a central hub for preparing officers for leadership roles. Williams deployed to the Dominican Republic in 1916 while assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment. There, he was charged with securing a strategic position in the northern Cibao Valley and a fortress at San Francisco de Macoris, held by about 40 Dominican fighters who posed a significant threat to the Marines in the area.

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Narrowly escaping death at the hands of a Dominican rifleman, Williams and his men disposed of the prison guards and within a few minutes gained control of the fort and secured the approximately 100 prisoners confined there. No Marines were killed.

In forwarding Williams' nomination for the Medal of Honor, Commandant of the Marine Corps Maj. Gen. George Barnett wrote: "It appears that by his conspicuous gallantry, initiative and excellent judgment he solved the problem which might have proved a serious one had the enemy been given time to organize and consolidate."

Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, acting on behalf of President Woodrow Wilson, approved the medal that was presented to Williams, April 27, 1917, after which he was promoted to captain.

The following year, Williams was deployed to France, where he served as battalion commander for the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Division, American Expeditionary Forces. While in France, he was promoted to major, July 1, 1918.

World War I battles participated in include:

•Chateau-Thierry Campaign, July 15-18, 1918, to stop the German Spring Offensive, where he earned the Silver Citation Star, the third-highest award for valor. This award was converted to the Silver Star Medal under the approval of the then-Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley,

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U.S. Sen. Hagerty introduces Pres. Trump's nominee for District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee



Sen. Bill Hagerty

WASHINGTON, November 10, 2026- United States Senator Bill Hagerty (R-TN), a member of the Senate Appropriations, Banking, Rules, and Foreign Relations Committees and former U.S. Ambassador to Japan, introduced President Trump's nominee to serve as District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Samuel Adkisson, before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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