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Substance Use Disorders in the U.S. Armed Forces Institute of Medicine 2013-03-21 Problems stemming from the misuse and abuse of alcohol and other drugs are by no means a new phenomenon, although the face of the issues has changed in recent years. National trends indicate substantial increases in the abuse of prescription medications. These increases are particularly prominent within the military, a population that also continues to experience long-standing issues with alcohol abuse. The problem of substance abuse within the military has come under new scrutiny in the context of the two concurrent wars in which the United States has been engaged during the past decade--in Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom) and Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn). Increasing rates of alcohol and other drug misuse adversely affect military readiness, family readiness, and safety, thereby posing a significant public health problem for the Department of Defense (DoD). To better understand this problem, DoD requested that the Institute of Medicine (IOM) assess the adequacy of current protocols in place across DoD and the different branches of the military pertaining to the prevention, screening, diagnosis, and treatment of substance use disorders (SUDs). Substance Use Disorders in the U.S. Armed Forces reviews the IOM's task of assessing access to SUD care for service members, members of the National Guard and Reserves, and military dependents, as well as the education and credentialing of SUD care providers, and offers specific recommendations to DoD on where and how improvements in these areas could be made.

Dragon Finley Aaron 2014-11-24 Dragon—Book One of the Dragon Eye seriesIlsa has been afraid of dragons ever since she saw them in the sky the night she was chased from her village as a child. Now, a decade later, she'd love to return to the place she once called home—if only she knew where to find home.Truth is, Ilsa doesn't know who she is. She only knows her father left her in the care of a guy named Ram, who teaches her swordsmanship in a butcher shop until the day when it's safe for her to continue home.But it may never be safe, and their enemies are closing in. Ilsa and Ram are being hunted, and they must flee through the dangers that bar them from their homeland. The journey will require all their skill and strength, but it will also uncover the secrets of who Ilsa is and where she belongs. She's always longed for the truth, but once she learns it, can she accept it? Is she...a dragon? And do those ancient monsters even deserve to live?The Dragon Eye series books:One: DragonTwo: HydraThree: PhoenixFour: VixenFive: DraculSix: Basilisk

The Mirror Test J. Kael Weston 2017 A former State Department official draws on a wide range of voices and stories to explore the human costs of conflict, asking hard questions about the U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Greatest Adventure of All Time David Newton 2015-12-03 In the year 2110, fourteen-year-old Val returns home to find that the time machine her father created has returned home without him. Having lost her mother to illness two years earlier, Val decides to use the machine to go back in time to find her father and bring him home. She does a test landing in a remote area of the U.S. in the year 2010 and meets three brothers: sixteen-year-old football star James, thirteen-year-old Luke and an amazing seven-year-old named Wumpy. They decide to join her and help find her father. Val believes her father would have gone back to the first century to see Jesus Christ, who Val's dad considers the most important person in history. Val knows her father wanted to see for himself if the stories about Jesus in the Bible are true. She and the three brothers go back in time to first century Jerusalem and begin the search, looking for Val's dad at some of the major events of Jesus' life. During their quest they meet Jesus and see amazing things. They also have to outwit local authorities and an assortment of villains who threaten to strand them in the first century or - even worse - end their short lives two thousand years before they were born. The adventure is non-stop, but in the end this is a story about friendship and faith and the truth of 1 John 4:18: "Perfect love expels all fear."

Assessing U.S. Veterans' Work Role Functioning Lauren Kelly Osborne 2016 Since the beginning of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks that now characterize the Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) combat eras, unique stressors and conditions have faced service members. Advancements in military medicine have resulted in greater survival rates of combat veterans but have also increased rates of chronic psychological distress (Schnurr, Lunney, Bovin, & Marx, 2009). Research regarding these concerns has increased as these service members are now returning home and re-entering civilian life, and many studies show the detrimental effects of service on psychosocial functioning following combat including employment difficulties. As unemployment among veterans has dropped since the beginning of 2013 (U.S. Department of Labor, 2014), understanding how veterans are functioning in their new civilian work roles is the next step in better understanding their unique experiences of transitions (Strauser, Lustig, Cogdal, & Uruk, 2006). This study assessed the relationship between PTSS and current work role functioning among OIF and OEF veterans, including evaluation of the influence of personal variables such as reports of sense of coherence and vocational identity. Results of the study found PTSS and sense of coherence to predict work role functioning and PTSS to predict vocational identity in line with hypotheses. Further, sense of coherence was found to mediate the relationship between PTSS and work role functioning in support of hypotheses. Results indicate that sense of coherence does not moderate the relationship between PTSS and work role functioning, nor does it moderate the relationship between PTSS and vocational identity. Additionally, vocational identity was not found to moderate the relationship between PTSS and work role functioning. Clinical implications, limitations, and directions for future research are addressed. --

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King's Dream Eric J. Sundquist 2009-01-06 "Sundquist's careful, thoughtful study unearths new and fascinating evidence of the rhetorical traditions in King's speech."—Drew D. Hansen, author of *The Dream: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Speech That Inspired a Nation* "I have a dream"—no words are more widely recognized, or more often repeated, than those called out from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial by Martin Luther King, Jr., in 1963. King's speech, elegantly structured and commanding in tone, has become shorthand not only for his own life but for the entire civil rights movement. In this new exploration of the "I Have a Dream" speech, Eric J. Sundquist places it in the history of American debates about racial justice—debates as old as the nation itself—and demonstrates how the speech, an exultant blend of grand poetry and powerful elocution, perfectly expressed the story of African American freedom. This book is the first to set King's speech within the cultural and rhetorical traditions on which the civil rights leader drew in crafting his oratory, as well as its essential historical contexts, from the early days of the republic through present-day Supreme Court rulings. At a time when the meaning of the speech has been obscured by its appropriation for every conceivable cause, Sundquist clarifies the transformative power of King's "Second Emancipation Proclamation" and its continuing relevance for contemporary arguments about equality. "The ['I Have a Dream'] speech and all that surrounds it—background and consequences—are brought magnificently to life . . . In this book he gives us drama and emotion, a powerful sense of history combined with illuminating scholarship."—*The New York Times Book Review* (Editor's Choice)

Global Trends 2030 Office of the Director of National Intelligence Council 2017-03-11 This publication covers global megatrends for the next 20 years and how they will affect the United States. This is the fifth installment in the National Intelligence Council's series aimed at providing a framework for thinking about possible futures and their implications. The report is intended to stimulate strategic thinking about the rapid and vast geopolitical changes characterizing the world today and possible global trajectories during the next 15-20 years by identifying critical trends and potential discontinuities. The authors distinguish between megatrends, those factors that will likely occur

under any scenario, and game-changers, critical variables whose trajectories are far less certain. NIC 2012-001. Several innovations are included in Global Trends 2030, including: a review of the four previous Global Trends reports, input from academic and other experts around the world, coverage of disruptive technologies, and a chapter on the potential trajectories for the US role in the international system and the possible the impact on future international relations. Table of Contents: Introduction 1 Megatrends 6 Individual Empowerment 8 Poverty Reduction 8 An Expanding Global Middle Class 8 Education and the Gender Gap 10 Role of Communications Technologies 11 Improving Health 11 A MORE CONFLICTED IDEOLOGICAL LANDSCAPE 12 Diffusion of Power 15 THE RISE AND FALL OF COUNTRIES: NOT THE SAME OLD STORY 17 THE LIMITS OF HARD POWER IN THE WORLD OF 2030 18 Demographic Patterns 20 Widespread Aging 20 Shrinking Number of Youthful Countries 22 A New Age of Migration 23 The World as Urban 26 Growing Food, Water, and Energy Nexus 30 Food, Water, and Climate 30 A Brighter Energy Outlook 34 Game-Changers 38 The Crisis-Prone Global Economy 40 The Plight of the West 40 Crunch Time Too for the Emerging Powers 43 A Multipolar Global Economy: Inherently More Fragile? 46 The Governance Gap 48 Governance Starts at Home: Risks and Opportunities 48 INCREASED FOCUS ON EQUALITY AND OPENNESS 53 NEW GOVERNMENTAL FORMS 54 A New Regional Order? 55 Global Multilateral Cooperation 55 The Potential for Increased Conflict 59 INTRASTATE CONFLICT: CONTINUED DECLINE 59 Interstate Conflict: Chances Rising 61 Wider Scope of Regional Instability 70 The Middle East: At a Tipping Point 70 South Asia: Shocks on the Horizon 75 East Asia: Multiple Strategic Futures 76 Europe: Transforming Itself 78 Sub-Saharan Africa: Turning a Corner by 2030? 79 Latin America: More Prosperous but Inherently Fragile 81 The Impact of New Technologies 83 Information Technologies 83 AUTOMATION AND MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES 87 Resource Technologies 90 Health Technologies 95 The Role of the United States 98 Steady US Role 98 Multiple Potential Scenarios for the United States' Global Role 101 Alternative Worlds 107 Stalled Engines 110 FUSION 116 Gini-out-of-the-Bottle 122 Nonstate World 128 Acknowledgements 134 GT2030 Blog References 137 Audience: Appropriate for anyone, from businesses to banks, government agencies to start-ups, the technology sector to the teaching sector, and more. This publication helps anticipate where the world will be: socially, politically, technologically, and culturally over the next few decades. Keywords: Global Trends 2030 Alternative Worlds, global trends 2030, Global Trends series, National Intelligence Council, global trajectories, global megatrends, geopolitics, geopolitical changes

From Kabul to Baghdad and Back John Ballard 2012-10-12 These experts in the field challenge commonly held views about the success of the global war on terrorism and its campaign in Afghanistan. Their book questions some fundamentals of the population-centric COIN doctrine currently in vogue and harshly criticizes key decisions about the prosecution of the Afghan war. It is the only book to compare the campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan from a national strategic perspective. It questions several key operational factors in Afghanistan, including the decision to give NATO the lead, the performance of both civilian and military leaders, and the prosecution of an Iraq War-style surge. It also contrasts the counterinsurgency campaign styles and the leadership of senior American officials in both Iraq and Afghanistan. A final chapter outlines key lessons of the two campaigns.

Suicide Risk Assessment Practices in the United States Military Tseha Amidan 2014 Suicide rates in the United States Military have increased since the start of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Among the U.S. armed forces personnel suicide has become an increasing problem, not only among active duty servicemen and women, but for veterans as well. Suicide may occur before, during, or after the actual deployment for various reasons, which may not be directly related to active duty (Jackson & Branson, 2012). The United States has deployed approximately 1.5 million troops to Iraq and Afghanistan as part of OEF and OIF (Tuerk, Yoder, Ruggiero, Gros, & Acierno, 2010). Soldier suicides reached a three-decade high in 2008 (Gomulka, 2010). The majority of troops returning home will adjust well, but a significant number of them return with serious mental health problems. Careful and conservative estimates translate into tens of thousands of troops needing mental health services (Tuerk et al., 2010). Recent federal reports conclude that mental health diagnoses, including PTSD, were rated as the second leading cause of combat injury (Wood et al., 2009). The focus of this study was on the clinical practices of military psychologists who work both on and off the field providing mental health services. The goal of this study was to stimulate direct engagement in an attempt to gather the most current data regarding the actual practices used to conduct suicide risk assessment. This study will also present information evaluating psychologists' views about their professional training, as well as their perception of the effectiveness of various programs that the military is offering.

Fishing with Hand Grenades Ari Pontz 2008-08-01

Weapon of Choice Charles H. Briscoe 2010-01 First published in 2003, this is the first unclassified official history authored by the U.S. Army Special Operations Command relating to Operation Enduring Freedom. Contains extensive maps and illustrations. Previously difficult to obtain, this extensive study shows what Army Special Operations Forces (ARSOF) accomplished to drive the Taliban from power and to destroy al-Qaeda and Taliban strongholds as part of the global war on terrorism during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Evaluation of the Department of Veterans Affairs Mental Health Services National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine 2018-03-29 Approximately 4 million U.S. service members took part in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Shortly after troops started returning from their deployments, some active-duty service members and veterans began experiencing mental health problems. Given the stressors associated with war, it is not surprising that some service members developed such mental health conditions as posttraumatic stress disorder, depression, and substance use disorder. Subsequent epidemiologic studies conducted on military and veteran populations that served in the operations in Afghanistan and Iraq provided scientific evidence that those who fought were in fact being diagnosed with mental illnesses and experiencing mental health-related outcomes in particular, suicide at a higher rate than the general population. This report provides a comprehensive assessment of the quality, capacity, and access to mental health care services for veterans who served in the Armed Forces in Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn. It includes an analysis of not only the quality and capacity of mental health care services within the Department of Veterans Affairs, but also barriers faced by patients in utilizing those services.

Returning Home from Iraq and Afghanistan Institute of Medicine 2013-04-12 As of December 2012, Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) in Iraq have resulted in the deployment of about 2.2 million troops; there have been 2,222 US fatalities in OEF and Operation New Dawn (OND)<sup>1</sup> and 4,422 in OIF. The numbers of wounded US troops exceed 16,000 in Afghanistan and 32,000 in Iraq. In addition to deaths and morbidity, the operations have unforeseen consequences that are yet to be fully understood. In contrast with previous conflicts, the all-volunteer military has experienced numerous deployments of individual service members; has seen increased deployments of women, parents of young children, and reserve and National Guard troops; and in some cases has been subject to longer deployments and shorter times at home between deployments. Numerous reports in the popular press have made the public aware of issues that have pointed to the difficulty of military personnel in readjusting after returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Many of those who have served in OEF and OIF readjust with few difficulties, but others have problems in readjusting to home, reconnecting with family members, finding employment, and returning to school. In response to the return of large numbers of veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan with physical-health and mental-health problems and to the growing readjustment needs of active duty service members, veterans, and their family members, Congress included Section 1661 of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008. That section required the secretary of defense, in consultation with the secretary of veterans affairs, to enter into an agreement with the National Academies for a study of the physical-health, mental-health, and other readjustment needs of members and former members of the armed forces who were deployed in OIF or OEF, their families, and their communities as a result of such deployment. The study consisted of two phases. The Phase 1 task was to conduct a preliminary assessment. The Phase 2 task was to provide a comprehensive assessment of the physical, psychological, social, and economic effects of deployment on and identification of gaps in care for members and former members, their families, and their communities. The Phase 1 report was completed in March 2010 and delivered to the Department of Defense (DOD), the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and the relevant committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The secretaries of DOD and VA responded to the Phase 1 report in September 2010. Returning Home from Iraq and Afghanistan: Assessment of Readjustment Needs of Veterans, Service Members, and Their Families fulfills the requirement for Phase 2.

Gulf War and Health Institute of Medicine 2008-03-25 The sixth in a series of congressionally mandated reports on Gulf War veterans' health, this volume evaluates the health effects associated with stress. Since the launch of Operation Desert Storm in 1991, there has been growing concern about the physical and psychological health of Gulf War and other veterans. In the late 1990s, Congress responded by asking the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to review and evaluate the scientific and medical literature regarding associations between illness and exposure to toxic agents, environmental or wartime hazards, and preventive medicines or vaccines in members of the armed forces who were exposed to such agents. Deployment to a war zone has a profound impact on the lives of troops and on their family members. There are a plethora of stressors associated with deployment, including constant vigilance against unexpected attack, difficulty distinguishing enemy combatants from civilians, concerns about survival, caring for the badly injured, and witnessing the death of a person. Less traumatic but more pervasive stressors include anxiety about home life, such as loss of a job and income, impacts on relationships, and absence from family. The focus of this report, by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committee on Gulf War and Health: Physiologic, and Psychosocial Effects of Deployment-Related Stress, is the long-term effects of deployment-related stress. Gulf War and Health: Volume 6. Physiologic, and Psychosocial Effects of Development Related Stress evaluates the scientific

literature regarding association between deployment-related stressors and health effects, and provides meaningful recommendations to remedy this problem.

Returning Home from Iraq and Afghanistan Institute of Medicine 2010-03-31 Nearly 1.9 million U.S. troops have been deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq since October 2001. Many service members and veterans face serious challenges in readjusting to normal life after returning home. This initial book presents findings on the most critical challenges, and lays out the blueprint for the second phase of the study to determine how best to meet the needs of returning troops and their families.

World Migration Report 2020 United Nations 2019-11-27 Since 2000, IOM has been producing world migration reports. The World Migration Report 2020, the tenth in the world migration report series, has been produced to contribute to increased understanding of migration throughout the world. This new edition presents key data and information on migration as well as thematic chapters on highly topical migration issues, and is structured to focus on two key contributions for readers: Part I: key information on migration and migrants (including migration-related statistics); and Part II: balanced, evidence-based analysis of complex and emerging migration issues.

Psychological Assessment of Veterans Dr. Shane S. Bush 2014-07-30 Psychological assessment is practiced in wide-ranging settings to address the varied clinical and administrative needs of veteran populations. Such assessment blends record review, clinical interviews of the veteran and collateral sources of information, behavioral observations, and psychological testing. This book promotes the care and well-being of veterans by bringing together knowledgeable and experienced psychologists to discuss a range of psychological assessment methods and procedures. It aims to help patients and their families, healthcare providers, and concerned citizens gain an improved understanding of veterans' cognitive functioning, emotional states, personality traits, behavioral patterns, and daily functioning. The book begins with a history of the psychological assessment of veterans and investigates its efficacy in different settings, including outpatient mental health, long-term care, primary care, home-based primary care, and telemental health. Later chapters address assessment of a variety of disorders or presenting problems, including substance use disorders, psychotic disorders, mood disorders and suicidal thoughts and behavior, PTSD and other anxiety disorders, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, dementia, pain and pain-related disorders, and polytrauma. The book concludes with important special considerations, including assessment of symptom and performance validity, assessment of homeless veterans and health-related quality of life, and ethical, legal, and professional issues. Psychological Assessment of Veterans provides an essential reference and guide for clinical psychologists, including those working in the subspecialties, and psychology trainees who work with veterans.

Microsoft Teams Complete Self-assessment Guide Gerardus Blokdyk 2017-07-30 How does the organization define, manage, and improve its Microsoft Teams processes? What tools do you use once you have decided on a Microsoft Teams strategy and more importantly how do you choose? How would one define Microsoft Teams leadership? What's the best design framework for Microsoft Teams organization now that, in a post industrial-age if the top-down, command and control model is no longer relevant? How can you negotiate Microsoft Teams successfully with a stubborn boss, an irate client, or a deceitful coworker? Defining, designing, creating, and implementing a process to solve a business challenge or meet a business objective is the most valuable role... In EVERY company, organization and department. Unless you are talking a one-time, single-use project within a business, there should be a process. Whether that process is managed and implemented by humans, AI, or a combination of the two, it needs to be designed by someone with a complex enough perspective to ask the right questions. Someone capable of asking the right questions and step back and say, 'What are we really trying to accomplish here? And is there a different way to look at it?' For more than twenty years, The Art of Service's Self-Assessments empower people who can do just that - whether their title is marketer, entrepreneur, manager, salesperson, consultant, business process manager, executive assistant, IT Manager, CxO etc... - they are the people who rule the future. They are people who watch the process as it happens, and ask the right questions to make the process work better. This book is for managers, advisors, consultants, specialists, professionals and anyone interested in Microsoft Teams assessment. All the tools you need to an in-depth Microsoft Teams Self-Assessment. Featuring 607 new and updated case-based questions, organized into seven core areas of process design, this Self-Assessment will help you identify areas in which Microsoft Teams improvements can be made. In using the questions you will be better able to: - diagnose Microsoft Teams projects, initiatives, organizations, businesses and processes using accepted diagnostic standards and practices - implement evidence-based best practice strategies aligned with overall goals - integrate recent advances in Microsoft Teams and process design strategies into practice according to best practice guidelines Using a Self-Assessment tool known as the Microsoft Teams Scorecard, you will develop a clear picture of which Microsoft Teams areas need attention. Included with your purchase of the book is the Microsoft Teams Self-Assessment downloadable resource, which contains all questions and Self-Assessment areas of this book in a ready to use Excel dashboard, including the self-assessment, graphic insights, and project planning automation - all with examples to get you started with the assessment right away. Access instructions can be found in the book. You are free to use the Self-Assessment contents in your presentations and materials for customers without asking us - we are here to help.

Preventing Psychological Disorders in Service Members and Their Families Institute of Medicine 2014-02-11 Being deployed to a war zone can result in numerous adverse psychological health conditions. It is well documented in the literature that there are high rates of psychological disorders among military personnel serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq as well as among the service members' families. For service members' families, the degree of hardship and negative consequences rises with the amount of the service members' exposure to traumatic or life-altering experiences. Adult and child members of the families of service members who experience wartime deployments have been found to be at increased risk for symptoms of psychological disorders and to be more likely to use mental health services. In an effort to provide early recognition and early intervention that meet the psychological health needs of service members and their families, DOD currently screens for many of these conditions at numerous points during the military life cycle, and it is implementing structural interventions that support the improved integration of military line personnel, non-medical caregivers, and clinicians, such as RESPECT-Mil (Re-engineering Systems of Primary Care Treatment in the Military), embedded mental health providers, and the Patient-Centered Medical Home. Preventing Psychological Disorders in Service Members and Their Families evaluates risk and protective factors in military and family populations and suggests that prevention strategies are needed at multiple levels - individual, interpersonal, institutional, community, and societal - in order to address the influence that these factors have on psychological health. This report reviews and critiques reintegration programs and prevention strategies for PTSD, depression, recovery support, and prevention of substance abuse, suicide, and interpersonal violence.

Cpu Central Processing Unit Gerard Blokdyk 2017-10-16 Are assumptions made in CPU central processing unit stated explicitly? How will you measure your CPU central processing unit effectiveness? Is CPU central processing unit dependent on the successful delivery of a current project? Is the impact that CPU central processing unit has shown? What are the revised rough estimates of the financial savings/opportunity for CPU central processing unit improvements? Defining, designing, creating, and implementing a process to solve a business challenge or meet a business objective is the most valuable role... In EVERY company, organization and department. Unless you are talking a one-time, single-use project within a business, there should be a process. Whether that process is managed and implemented by humans, AI, or a combination of the two, it needs to be designed by someone with a complex enough perspective to ask the right questions. Someone capable of asking the right questions and step back and say, 'What are we really trying to accomplish here? And is there a different way to look at it?' For more than twenty years, The Art of Service's Self-Assessments empower people who can do just that - whether their title is marketer, entrepreneur, manager, salesperson, consultant, business process manager, executive assistant, IT Manager, CxO etc... - they are the people who rule the future. They are people who watch the process as it happens, and ask the right questions to make the process work better. This book is for managers, advisors, consultants, specialists, professionals and anyone interested in CPU central processing unit assessment. All the tools you need to an in-depth CPU central processing unit Self-Assessment. Featuring new and updated case-based questions, organized into seven core areas of process design, this Self-Assessment will help you identify areas in which CPU central processing unit improvements can be made. In using the questions you will be better able to: - diagnose CPU central processing unit projects, initiatives, organizations, businesses and processes using accepted diagnostic standards and practices - implement evidence-based best practice strategies aligned with overall goals - integrate recent advances in CPU central processing unit and process design strategies into practice according to best practice guidelines Using a Self-Assessment tool known as the CPU central processing unit Scorecard, you will develop a clear picture of which CPU central processing unit areas need attention. Included with your purchase of the book is the CPU central processing unit Self-Assessment downloadable resource, which contains all questions and Self-Assessment areas of this book in a ready to use Excel dashboard, including the self-assessment, graphic insights, and project planning automation - all with examples to get you started with the assessment right away. Access instructions can be found in the book. You are free to use the Self-Assessment contents in your presentations and materials for customers without asking us - we are here to help.

Long-Term Health Consequences of Exposure to Burn Pits in Iraq and Afghanistan Institute of Medicine 2011-10-31 Many veterans returning from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan have health problems they believe are related to their exposure to the smoke from the burning of waste in open-air "burn pits" on military bases. Particular controversy surrounds the burn pit used to dispose of solid waste at Joint Base Balad in Iraq, which burned up to 200 tons of waste per day in 2007. The Department of Veterans Affairs asked the IOM to form a committee to determine the long-term health effects from exposure to these burn pits. Insufficient evidence prevented the IOM committee from

developing firm conclusions. This report, therefore, recommends that, along with more efficient data-gathering methods, a study be conducted that would evaluate the health status of service members from their time of deployment over many years to determine their incidence of chronic diseases.

Assessment of Long-Term Health Effects of Antimalarial Drugs When Used for Prophylaxis National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine 2020-03-24 Among the many who serve in the United States Armed Forces and who are deployed to distant locations around the world, myriad health threats are encountered. In addition to those associated with the disruption of their home life and potential for combat, they may face distinctive disease threats that are specific to the locations to which they are deployed. U.S. forces have been deployed many times over the years to areas in which malaria is endemic, including in parts of Afghanistan and Iraq. Department of Defense (DoD) policy requires that antimalarial drugs be issued and regimens adhered to for deployments to malaria-endemic areas. Policies directing which should be used as first and as second-line agents have evolved over time based on new data regarding adverse events or precautions for specific underlying health conditions, areas of deployment, and other operational factors. At the request of the Veterans Administration, Assessment of Long-Term Health Effects of Antimalarial Drugs When Used for Prophylaxis assesses the scientific evidence regarding the potential for long-term health effects resulting from the use of antimalarial drugs that were approved by FDA or used by U.S. service members for malaria prophylaxis, with a focus on mefloquine, tafenoquine, and other antimalarial drugs that have been used by DoD in the past 25 years. This report offers conclusions based on available evidence regarding associations of persistent or latent adverse events.

Agile Management for Software Engineering Complete Self-Assessment Guide Gerardus Blokdyk 2017-07-24 Are there any constraints known that bear on the ability to perform Agile Management for Software Engineering work? How is the team addressing them? In a project to restructure Agile Management for Software Engineering outcomes, which stakeholders would you involve? How much are sponsors, customers, partners, stakeholders involved in Agile Management for Software Engineering? In other words, what are the risks, if Agile Management for Software Engineering does not deliver successfully? How does the organization define, manage, and improve its Agile Management for Software Engineering processes? What are the business goals Agile Management for Software Engineering is aiming to achieve? Defining, designing, creating, and implementing a process to solve a business challenge or meet a business objective is the most valuable role... In EVERY company, organization and department. Unless you are talking a one-time, single-use project within a business, there should be a process. Whether that process is managed and implemented by humans, AI, or a combination of the two, it needs to be designed by someone with a complex enough perspective to ask the right questions. Someone capable of asking the right questions and step back and say, 'What are we really trying to accomplish here? And is there a different way to look at it?' For more than twenty years, The Art of Service's Self-Assessments empower people who can do just that - whether their title is marketer, entrepreneur, manager, salesperson, consultant, business process manager, executive assistant, IT Manager, CxO etc... - they are the people who rule the future. They are people who watch the process as it happens, and ask the right questions to make the process work better. This book is for managers, advisors, consultants, specialists, professionals and anyone interested in Agile Management for Software Engineering assessment. All the tools you need to an in-depth Agile Management for Software Engineering Self-Assessment. Featuring 616 new and updated case-based questions, organized into seven core areas of process design, this Self-Assessment will help you identify areas in which Agile Management for Software Engineering improvements can be made. In using the questions you will be better able to: - diagnose Agile Management for Software Engineering projects, initiatives, organizations, businesses and processes using accepted diagnostic standards and practices - implement evidence-based best practice strategies aligned with overall goals - integrate recent advances in Agile Management for Software Engineering and process design strategies into practice according to best practice guidelines Using a Self-Assessment tool known as the Agile Management for Software Engineering Scorecard, you will develop a clear picture of which Agile Management for Software Engineering areas need attention. Included with your purchase of the book is the Agile Management for Software Engineering Self-Assessment downloadable resource, which contains all questions and Self-Assessment areas of this book in a ready to use Excel dashboard, including the self-assessment, graphic insights, and project planning automation - all with examples to get you started with the assessment right away. Access instructions can be found in the book. You are free to use the Self-Assessment contents in your presentations and materials for customers without asking us - we are here to help.

Centerline Dave McIntyre 2013-05-30 WINNER -- Best Military Book -- 2013 Next Generation Indie Book Awards WINNER -- Gold Medal for Historical Fiction / War -- 2013 Stars & Flags Book Awards Finalist -- First Novel -- 2013 Next Generation Indie Book Awards "Centerline is a thrilling, high-action page-turner that captures a story many Americans fail to appreciate-the sacrifices of our armed forces, their families, and the medical teams who support them. The tactical flight operations, ground combat scenes, and medical emergencies are real-not Hollywood-and the stories of wounded warriors and those waiting at home are unforgettable." - General Bill Begert, USAF (Ret), Former Commander, Pacific Air Forces Centerline tells the arresting story of the last leg of an emotional journey through the eyes of wounded warriors, crew, and medical caregivers making the trip home from military hospitals just before Christmas at the height of the surge in Iraq. Air Evac 1492 is the collective Air Force call sign for the flight. But each person on board has an individual story of hopes, dreams, fears, and regrets as the aircraft wings its human cargo through bad weather, flashbacks, and in flight emergencies. "Everybody who goes to war gets shot," one soldier says. "Some in the body. Some in the head. Some in the heart." This inspiring debut novel by Dave McIntyre (Ret COL USA) combines compelling technical descriptions of flying, combat, and medical care in-flight to drive the story through a rollercoaster ride of emotions as thirty-one "souls on board" travel through pain, loss, a killer storm, and the demons of the past to make it home for Christmas. Some travelers will fall short of the runway. And some will find the beacon that leads them home-back to the centerline.

Annual Threat Assessment Director of Nat'l Intelligence 2021-04 "The American people should know as much as possible about the threats facing our nation and what their intelligence agencies are doing to protect them." -Avril Haines, Director of National Intelligence (2021) Annual Threat Assessment of the US Intelligence Community (2021) is an annual report of worldwide threats to the national security of the United States compiled by the US Intelligence Community. It warns of the many perils facing the US, including China's increasing power, the geopolitical risks of Russia, Iran and North Korea, the long-term economic fallout of COVID-19, and global as well as domestic terrorism. This brief report with its short-term threat assessment is a good companion guide to Global Trends 2040-A More Contested World a 2021 report by the National Intelligence Council, which describes specifically long-term global challenges (also available from Cosimo Reports). Students of national security, policymakers, journalists, and anyone interested in US security will find this report essential reading.

Crisis in the American Heartland -- Coming Home George W. Doherty 2013-03-01 Veterans in rural communities face unique challenges, who will step up to help? Beginning with a brief scenario of a more gentle view of rural life, the book moves through learned information about families, children, and our returning National Guard and Reserve civilian military members. Return experiences will necessarily be different in rural and frontier settings than they are in suburban and urban environments. Our rural and frontier areas, especially in Western states with more isolated communities, less developed communication and limited access to medical, psychological and social services remain an important concern. This book helps provide some informed direction in working toward improving these as a general guide for mental health professionals working with Guard and Reserve members and families in rural/frontier settings. An appendix provides an in-depth list of online references for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Specific areas of concern include: Morale, deployment abroad, and stress factors Effects of terrorism on children and families at home Understanding survivor guilt Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and suicide Preventing secondary traumatization Resiliency among refugee populations and military families Adjustment and re-integration following the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars Vicarious trauma and its effects on children and adults How rural and remote communities differ from more urban ones following war experiences in readjusting military members Characteristics important in therapists/counselors working with returning military Doherty's second volume in this new series "Crisis in the American Heartland" explores these and many other issues. Each volume available in trade paper, hardcover, and eBook formats. Learn more at [www.RMRInstitute.org](http://www.RMRInstitute.org) PSY022040 Psychology: Psychopathology - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder SOC040000 Social Science: Disasters & Disaster Relief HIS027170 Military - Iraq War (2003-)

Yoga Therapy Theory Kazuo Kimura 2016-10-21 Yoga therapy holds the key to effectively addressing stress and lifestyle diseases. Conventional medicine is useful for alleviating symptoms, but yoga therapy that is grounded in traditional theory identifies and addresses causes deeper than the physical body. Yoga therapy practices build resistance to stress and increase resilience. Kazuo Keishin Kimura is a Raja Yoga Acharya who has devoted himself to making traditional yogic wisdom accessible in Japan. With this English translation of his book, he hopes to contribute internationally to yoga therapy's development as a respected modality. In this book, Kimura points out how traditional yoga theory is missing from modern-day yoga instruction. He then explains traditional yoga's view of the mind-body complex as five koshas (sheaths), each with specific functions and attributes. Just as medical doctors examine patients before deciding on treatment, yoga therapists must obtain informed consent and assess the conditions of all koshas. Understanding yoga's horse-drawn chariot metaphor for human structure and function is also helpful to see beyond symptoms and to identify root causes of disease. Kimura skillfully guides readers to understand these two theories of human structure and function, and illustrates how they can be incorporated into both yoga therapy assessment and practice.

The ASAM Principles of Addiction Medicine Shannon Miller 2018-11-26 Publisher's Note: Products purchased from 3rd Party sellers are not guaranteed by the Publisher for quality, authenticity, or access to any online entitlements

included with the product. Thoroughly updated with the latest international evidence-based research and best practices, the comprehensive sixth edition of the American Society of Addiction Medicine's (ASAM) official flagship textbook reviews the science and art behind addiction medicine and provides health care providers with the necessary information to not only properly diagnose and treat their patients, but to also serve as change agents to positively impact clinical service design and delivery, as well as global health care policy.

Armed Forces' Tax Guide - Publication 3 (For Use in Preparing 2020 Returns) Internal Revenue Service 2021-03-03 This publication covers the special tax situations of active members of the U.S. Armed Forces. For federal tax purposes, the U.S. Armed Forces includes commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel in all regular and reserve units under control of the Secretaries of the Defense, Army, Navy, and Air Force. The U.S. Armed Forces also includes the Coast Guard. The Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration can also receive many of the same tax benefits. The U.S. Armed Forces doesn't include the U.S. Merchant Marine or the American Red Cross. Members serving in an area designated or treated as a combat zone are granted special tax benefits. In the event an area ceases to be a combat zone, the IRS will do its best to notify you. Many of the relief provisions will end at that time.

Soldiers of the Freedom Rock Brick R. Imerman 2015-01-24 "Soldiers of the Freedom Rock: Stories of Guthrie County Iowa's Combat Veterans" tells the historic tales of 26 veterans from rural, south central Iowa. The battlefield dramas span from World War II through the most current wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, including compelling stories in the air, on the ground, and at sea. Author Brick R. Imerman, a retired Navy F/A-18 Hornet squadron commander, was encouraged by local readers to write this book after penning a six-month veterans series, entitled "The Freedom Rock Series," which appeared in the local newspaper. Imerman's stories of local combat heroism were used as inspiration by nationally-renowned artist Ray "Bubba" Sorensen for his artwork on the Guthrie County Freedom Rock Veterans' Memorial, which was painted in Guthrie Center, Iowa, during the summer of 2014. "Soldiers of the Freedom Rock" intertwines the tales of combat heroism with the painting of the Freedom Rock to create a moving tribute, not only for the veterans described in the book, but for veterans and freedom lovers everywhere. Full color with over 100 historic photographs, "Soldiers of the Freedom Rock" documents one small corner of the larger mosaic of combat heroism from our nation's military. Included in the book: firsthand accounts from airmen in B-24 and B-17 bombers who braved the skies above Nazi controlled Europe, some who gave their lives, and others who were shot down, but lived to tell about it; the story of a soldier who survived both his Sherman tank sinking off Omaha Beach on D-Day and blazing tank battles in the Ardennes, only to be killed mere weeks before war's end; a sailor's story of bravery firing from a tiny gun mount on the destroyer USS Hoel into the giant Japanese battleship Yamato before perishing beneath the waves at the historic Battle off Samar; the daring tale of a 15-year-old British girl who was nearly killed the first day Nazi bombers attacked London, who went on to serve her nation, ultimately becoming a U.S. citizen; and dozens of other riveting stories spanning through Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Including the stories of eight officers and 18 enlisted personnel - ranking from Private to Major General - from the Navy, Marine Corps, Army, and Air Force, "Soldiers of the Freedom Rock" has a story for every veteran, male or female.

Travel English for Tourists Elizabeth Bannon Ph D 2017-06-12 This is the second book for J C Sum's "Unwritten: A Hands-off Book Test that Transcends Words." "Unwritten" is a professionally designed and produced book that allows you to bring the traditional book test beyond just words by incorporating visual drawings as the focus of the thoughts and revelations. It is perfect for performers looking to present a visual book test routine. The 260-page 5.5" x 8.5" book is in the form of an English language guide for travelers which gives motivation for the book content, layout and format. From a presentation point of view, the English language guide for travelers also allows for a variety of interesting introductory pattern presentations. The nature of the book makes it perfect for shows for corporate events, travel fairs, tourist attractions, cruise ships, schools & libraries. The full "Unwritten" routine consists of two different basic effects. Effect 1 - Any Word Drawing A spectator opens the book to any page and chooses a word describing something that she can visualize in her mind. Without asking for the page number or any specifics of the word (such as the length of the word or the letters it contains), the performer correctly draws out the image that the spectator is visualizing. Effect 2 - Imagined Drawing Prediction A spectator opens the book to any page and mentally selects a word from the last line of a chosen paragraph. She makes a simple drawing that represents the word and then uses her imagination to add to the sketch to make it into a larger picture. A sealed envelope that has been in full view from the start of the show is opened to reveal a prediction drawing that correctly matches the spectator's imagined drawing! Note: Instead of a prediction, you can perform the effect as a drawing duplication. Both effects can be performed individually or together to form a complete routine. The routine can be performed in casual settings or close-up, parlour and large-scale stage shows. "Unwritten" includes the following features: - Can be Performed Completely Hands Free - The Book Can be Freely Examined During Performance - No Pumping for Page Numbers, Length of Word or Specific Letters - No Peeks - No Switches - No Pre-Show Work - No Sleight of Hand - No Memory Work or Cribs - No Assistants - Large Fonts Make the Text Easy to Read - Can Be Performed Stand-Alone or with Other Book Tests

The World Book Encyclopedia 2002 An encyclopedia designed especially to meet the needs of elementary, junior high, and senior high school students.

The Mirror Test J. Kael Weston 2016-05-24 A New York Times Editors' Choice A Military Times Best Book of the Year A powerfully written firsthand account of the human costs of conflict. J. Kael Weston spent seven years on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan working for the U.S. State Department in some of the most dangerous frontline locations. Upon his return home, while traveling the country to pay respect to the dead and wounded, he asked himself: When will these wars end? How will they be remembered and memorialized? What lessons can we learn from them? These are questions with no quick answers, but perhaps ones that might lead to a shared reckoning worthy of the sacrifices of those—troops and civilians alike—whose lives have been changed by more than a decade and a half of war. Weston takes us from Twentynine Palms in California to Fallujah in Iraq, Khost and Helmand in Afghanistan, Maryland, Colorado, Wyoming, and New York City, as well as to out-of-the-way places in Iowa and Texas. We meet generals, corporals and captains, senators and ambassadors, NATO allies, Iraqi truck drivers, city councils, imams and mullahs, Afghan schoolteachers, madrassa and college students, former Taliban fighters and ex-Guantánamo prison detainees, a torture victim, SEAL and Delta Force teams, and many Marines. The overall frame for the book, from which the title is taken, centers on soldiers who have received a grievous wound to the face. There is a moment during their recovery when they must look upon their reconstructed appearance for the first time. This is known as "the mirror test." From an intricate tapestry of voices and stories—Iraqi, Afghan, and American—Weston delivers a larger mirror test for our nation in its global role. An unflinching and deep examination of the interplay between warfare and diplomacy, this is an essential book—a crucial look at America now, how it is viewed in the world and how the nation views itself.

Courage After Fire Keith Armstrong 2006 Offers soldiers and their families a comprehensive guide to dealing with the all-too-common repercussions of combat duty, including posttraumatic stress symptoms, anxiety, depression, and substance abuse.

Global Trends 2040 National Intelligence Council 2021-03 "The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic marks the most significant, singular global disruption since World War II, with health, economic, political, and security implications that will ripple for years to come." -Global Trends 2040 (2021) Global Trends 2040-A More Contested World (2021), released by the US National Intelligence Council, is the latest report in its series of reports starting in 1997 about megatrends and the world's future. This report, strongly influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic, paints a bleak picture of the future and describes a contested, fragmented and turbulent world. It specifically discusses the four main trends that will shape tomorrow's world: - Demographics-by 2040, 1.4 billion people will be added mostly in Africa and South Asia. - Economics-increased government debt and concentrated economic power will escalate problems for the poor and middleclass. - Climate-a hotter world will increase water, food, and health insecurity. - Technology-the emergence of new technologies could both solve and cause problems for human life. Students of trends, policymakers, entrepreneurs, academics, journalists and anyone eager for a glimpse into the next decades, will find this report, with colored graphs, essential reading.

Do Vaccines Cause That?! Martin G. Myers 2008 Almost 70% of parents who refuse to vaccinate their children do so because they believe vaccines may cause harm. Indeed vaccines have been blamed for causing asthma, autism, diabetes, and many other conditions most of which have causes that are incompletely understood. Do Vaccines Cause That?! A Guide for Evaluating Vaccine Safety Concerns provides parents with clearly understandable, science-based information about vaccines, immunization, and vaccine safety.

America's Modern Wars Christopher A. Lawrence 2015-02-19 "A well researched and well analyzed study of the nature of insurgencies and guerilla warfare" (Military Review). The fighting skills and valor of the US military and its allies haven't diminished over the past half-century—yet our wars have become more protracted and decisive results more elusive. With only two exceptions—Panama and the Gulf War under the first President Bush—our campaigns have taken on the character of endless slogs without positive results. This fascinating book takes a ground-up look at the problem to assess how our strategic objectives have become divorced from our true capability or imperatives. The book presents a unique examination of the nature of insurgencies and the three major guerrilla wars the United States has fought in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Vietnam. It is both a theoretical work and one that applies the hard experience of the past five decades to address the issues of today. As such, it also provides a timely and meaningful discussion of America's current geopolitical position. It starts with the previously close-held casualty estimate for

Iraq that The Dupuy Institute compiled in 2004 for the US Department of Defense. Going from the practical to the theoretical, it then discusses a construct for understanding insurgencies and the contexts in which they can be fought. It applies these principles to Iraq, Afghanistan, and Vietnam, assessing where the projection of US power can enhance our position and where it merely weakens it. It presents an extensive analysis of insurgencies based upon a unique database of eighty-three post-WWII cases. The book explores what is important to combat and what is not important to resist in insurgencies. It builds a body of knowledge, based upon a half-century's worth of real-world data, with analysis, not opinion. In these pages, Christopher A. Lawrence, the President of The Dupuy Institute, provides an invaluable guide to how the US can best project its vital power while avoiding the missteps of the recent past. "Provides a unique quantitative historical analysis . . . Logically estimating the outcomes of future military operations, as the author writes, is what US citizens should expect and demand from their leaders who take this country to war." —Military Review

Lessons Encountered National Defense University Press 2016-05-09 This volume represents an early attempt at assessing the Long War, now in its 14th year. Forged in the fires of the 9/11 attacks, the war includes campaigns against al Qaeda, major conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and operations in the Horn of Africa, the Republic of the Philippines, and globally, in the air and on the sea. The authors herein treat only the campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq, the largest U.S. efforts. It is intended for future senior officers, their advisors, and other national security decision makers. By derivation, it is also a book for students in joint professional military education courses, which will qualify them to work in the field of strategy. While the book tends to focus on strategic decisions and developments of land wars among the people, it acknowledges that the status of the United States as a great power and the strength of its ground forces depend in large measure on the dominance of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force in their respective domains.

Secrets of the Selection Committee Coover 2016-01-05 Why don't your proposals win? Why do your presentations fail? Would you like to know what really happens to your proposals after they are submitted and what selection criteria are used to evaluate your submittals? This book will show you what goes on behind those closed doors and it explains the many factors that can influence the final outcome. Over 40 "secrets" are revealed to help you sell yourself and better understand your chances for success. Actual evaluation criteria from numerous government agencies are also included so you can see exactly what they typically look for. Secrets of the Selection Committee contains valuable insights, tips, and recommendations for improving your writing and presentation skills using lessons learned from real proposals and presentations, plus better ways to tailor your experience to sell your quals and your story to the Selection Committee.

World Report 2021 Human Rights Watch 2021-02-02 The best country-by-country assessment of human rights. The human rights records of more than ninety countries and territories are put into perspective in Human Rights Watch's signature yearly report. Reflecting extensive investigative work undertaken by Human Rights Watch staff, in close partnership with domestic human rights activists, the annual World Report is an invaluable resource for journalists, diplomats, and citizens, and is a must-read for anyone interested in the fight to protect human rights in every corner of the globe.

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