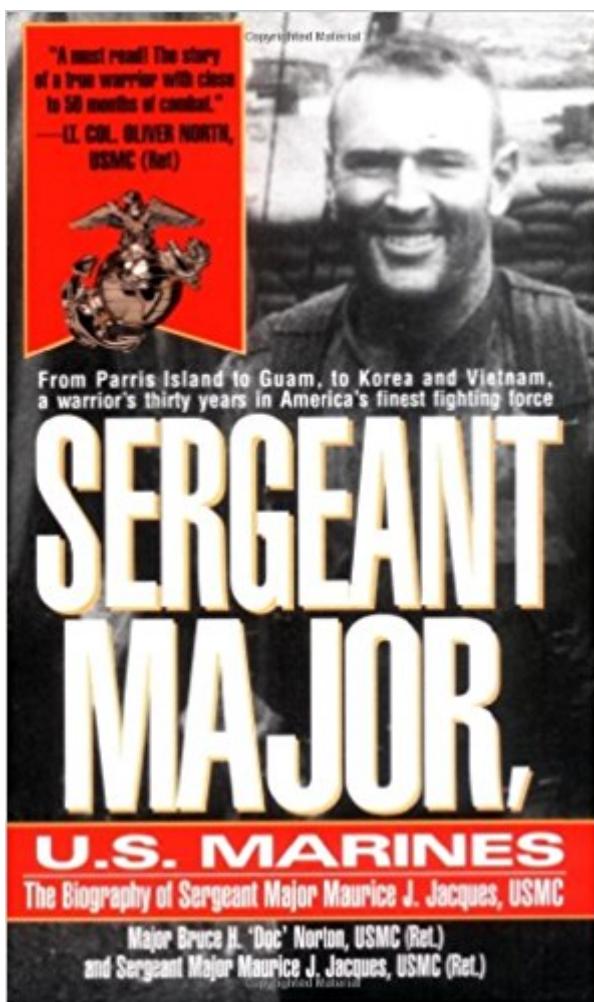


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# Sergeant Major, U.S. Marines: The Biogrgaphy Of Sergeant Major Maurice J. Jacques, USMC



## **Synopsis**

COMBAT AND DEATH, SACRIFICE AND HONORMaurice Jacques served for thirty years with the U.S. Marine Corps, nearly six of them in combat. An accomplished infantryman, parachutist, recon patroller, marksman, combat swimmer, and record-setting drill instructor, Jacques personifies the hard-fought, hard-won legacy of the Marines. Now, with the help of Bruce Norton, he recounts the lessons learned in blood and the courage tested under fire--from the razor-backed hills and icy cold of Korea to the steamy, VietCong-infested jungles of 'Nam. In this tough, hard-charging narrative, he reveals the emotion and chaos of close combat and the sacrifice and valor that have made the Marines legendary around the world. During his long, colorful career, Jacques held the position of regimental sergeant major in three different commands and was awarded two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. Maurice Jacques is a true warrior, unique as the Marines are unique, expected to train harder, fight harder, sacrifice more--and proud to be part of the pain, the pride, and the triumph that is USMC."A must read! The story of a true warrior with close to 50 months of combat."--Lt. Col. Oliver North, USMC (Ret.)

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Great Read. Semper Fi

I had the privilege of serving with Sgt Major Jacques when I was a forward air controller with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines. He was the epitome of a United States Marine Corps NCO and I'm proud to

have known him. Book's a great read!

Very satisfied

Interesting if you like biographies and things military. Insight into one of the USMC's unsung heroes. Good to see a book about an outstanding Senior NCO for a change.

Sergeant Major, U. S. Marines is the biography of Maurice Jacques, who rose from the rank of Private to Sergeant Major of Marines during his 30-years of honorable service to his Corps and Country. Written by Major Bruce 'Doc' Norton, who served in combat with Jacques during the Vietnam War, this book follows Jacque's life from his upbringing in Massachusetts to his days at Parris Island. His post-World War II learning was handled by Marine veterans such as Colonel "Chesty" Puller and General Edward A. Craig. His three tours of combat during Vietnam tempered Jacques into a true combat veteran and teacher. Unfortunately, there are no Marines with Jacque's experiences serving in today's Marine Corps, but his "lessons learned" and his documented dedication to his Corps is the stuff that legends are made from. Sergeant Major is a great book; well-researched, well-written and totally accurate. Credit to Major 'Doc' Norton for a great story about one of our Corps true heroes. 5 Stars for this one!

He was an infantryman in Vietnam, so all the things you would expect in the autobiography of an accomplished Marine are here. But he also does a great job of capturing the administrative hassles and the hurry-up-and-wait aspects that are such prominent features of a Marine's career.

If I had to select one book that accurately defines what it takes to become and stay on as a career Marine, this is the Book. Jacques grew up poor and uneducated, like so many Marines, but he found a home and his "calling" in the Corps. Norton does a masterful job in describing Jacques' career, to include wonderful descriptions of Marines (and Jacques) in combat during the Korean War and during his 3 tours of duty in Vietnam. I would make this a "must read" for anyone considering a career in the Corps, enlisted man or officer. Well done!!

Sergeant Major US Marines, is without a doubt, one of the best books about the Marines, I have ever read. Thirty years of service, including 57 months of combat during the Korean War and the Vietnam War, explain, in detail, what NCO leadership is all about. To earn the title "Marine" is no

easy accomplishment; to rise from the grade of Marine Private to Sergeant Major is accomplished by only a handful. Major Norton has done it again, with another 5-star book on the Corps and those who have made it great. Go by the book.

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