



**American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of
Russell W. Volckmann-the Man Who Escaped
from Bataan, Raised a Filipino Army against the
Japanese, and Became the True "Father" of Army
Special Forces**

Mike Guardia

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of Russell W. Volckmann-the Man Who Escaped from Bataan, Raised a Filipino Army against the Japanese, and Became the True "Father" of Army Special Forces

Mike Guardia

American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of Russell W. Volckmann-the Man Who Escaped from Bataan, Raised a Filipino Army against the Japanese, and Became the True "Father" of Army Special Forces Mike Guardia

A main selection of the Military Book Club and a selection of the History Book Club

With his parting words, "I shall return," General Douglas MacArthur sealed the fate of the last American forces on Bataan. Yet one young Army Captain named Russell Volckmann refused to surrender. He disappeared into the jungles of north Luzon where he raised a Filipino army of more than 22,000 men. For the next three years he led a guerrilla war against the Japanese, killing more than 50,000 enemy soldiers. At the same time he established radio contact with MacArthur's headquarters in Australia and directed Allied forces to key enemy positions. When General Yamashita finally surrendered, he made his initial overtures not to MacArthur, but to Volckmann.

This book establishes how Volckmann's leadership was critical to the outcome of the war in the Philippines. His ability to synthesize the realities and potential of guerrilla warfare led to a campaign that rendered Yamashita's forces incapable of repelling the Allied invasion. Had it not been for Volckmann, the Americans would have gone in "blind" during their counter-invasion, reducing their efforts to a trial-and-error campaign that would undoubtedly have cost more lives, materiel, and potentially stalled the pace of the entire Pacific War.

Second, this book establishes Volckmann as the progenitor of modern counterinsurgency doctrine and the true "Father" of Army Special Forces—a title that history has erroneously awarded to Colonel Aaron Bank of the European Theater of Operations. In 1950, Volckmann wrote two army field manuals: *Operations Against Guerrilla Forces* and *Organization and Conduct of Guerrilla Warfare*, though today few realize he was their author. Together, they became the US Army's first handbooks outlining the precepts for both special warfare and counter-guerrilla operations. Taking his argument directly to the army chief of staff, Volckmann outlined the concept for Army Special Forces. At a time when US military doctrine was conventional in outlook, he marketed the ideas of guerrilla warfare as a critical force multiplier for any future conflict, ultimately securing the establishment of the Army's first special operations unit—the 10th Special Forces Group.

Volckmann himself remains a shadowy figure in modern military history, his name absent from every major biography on MacArthur, and in much of the Army Special Forces literature. Yet as modest, even secretive, as Volckmann was during his career, it is difficult to imagine a man whose heroic initiative had more impact on World War II. This long overdue book not only chronicles the dramatic military exploits of Russell Volckmann, but analyzes how his leadership paved the way for modern special warfare doctrine.

Mike Guardia, currently an officer in the US 1st Armored Division is also author of *Shadow Commander*, about the career of Donald Blackburn, and an upcoming biography of Hal Moore.

 [Download American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of Russe ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of Rus ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of Russell W. Volckmann-the Man Who Escaped from Bataan, Raised a Filipino Army against the Japanese, and Became the True "Father" of Army Special Forces Mike Guardia

From reader reviews:

Kimberly Rubio:

Have you spare time to get a day? What do you do when you have considerably more or little spare time? Sure, you can choose the suitable activity intended for spend your time. Any person spent their spare time to take a go walking, shopping, or went to the particular Mall. How about open or maybe read a book entitled American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of Russell W. Volckmann-the Man Who Escaped from Bataan, Raised a Filipino Army against the Japanese, and Became the True "Father" of Army Special Forces? Maybe it is to get best activity for you. You realize beside you can spend your time with your favorite's book, you can better than before. Do you agree with it has the opinion or you have other opinion?

Michael Dennison:

Book is definitely written, printed, or highlighted for everything. You can realize everything you want by a book. Book has a different type. To be sure that book is important thing to bring us around the world. Adjacent to that you can your reading ability was fluently. A publication American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of Russell W. Volckmann-the Man Who Escaped from Bataan, Raised a Filipino Army against the Japanese, and Became the True "Father" of Army Special Forces will make you to become smarter. You can feel far more confidence if you can know about every thing. But some of you think in which open or reading any book make you bored. It is far from make you fun. Why they could be thought like that? Have you trying to find best book or suitable book with you?

Truman Gallagher:

Reading a guide can be one of a lot of pastime that everyone in the world really likes. Do you like reading book consequently. There are a lot of reasons why people fantastic. First reading a book will give you a lot of new facts. When you read a publication you will get new information due to the fact book is one of a number of ways to share the information or perhaps their idea. Second, examining a book will make you more imaginative. When you examining a book especially fictional works book the author will bring someone to imagine the story how the personas do it anything. Third, it is possible to share your knowledge to other individuals. When you read this American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of Russell W. Volckmann-the Man Who Escaped from Bataan, Raised a Filipino Army against the Japanese, and Became the True "Father" of Army Special Forces, you may tells your family, friends along with soon about yours book. Your knowledge can inspire average, make them reading a guide.

David Baxter:

The publication with title American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of Russell W. Volckmann-the Man Who Escaped from Bataan, Raised a Filipino Army against the Japanese, and Became the True "Father" of Army Special Forces possesses a lot of information that you can find out it. You can get a lot of advantage

after read this book. This kind of book exist new information the information that exist in this book represented the condition of the world now. That is important to yo7u to learn how the improvement of the world. This particular book will bring you throughout new era of the the positive effect. You can read the e-book in your smart phone, so you can read the item anywhere you want.

Download and Read Online American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of Russell W. Volckmann-the Man Who Escaped from Bataan, Raised a Filipino Army against the Japanese, and Became the True "Father" of Army Special Forces Mike Guardia #IPW31EDBM7Z

Read American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of Russell W. Volckmann-the Man Who Escaped from Bataan, Raised a Filipino Army against the Japanese, and Became the True "Father" of Army Special Forces by Mike Guardia for online ebook

American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of Russell W. Volckmann-the Man Who Escaped from Bataan, Raised a Filipino Army against the Japanese, and Became the True "Father" of Army Special Forces by Mike Guardia Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of Russell W. Volckmann-the Man Who Escaped from Bataan, Raised a Filipino Army against the Japanese, and Became the True "Father" of Army Special Forces by Mike Guardia books to read online.

Online American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of Russell W. Volckmann-the Man Who Escaped from Bataan, Raised a Filipino Army against the Japanese, and Became the True "Father" of Army Special Forces by Mike Guardia ebook PDF download

American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of Russell W. Volckmann-the Man Who Escaped from Bataan, Raised a Filipino Army against the Japanese, and Became the True "Father" of Army Special Forces by Mike Guardia Doc

American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of Russell W. Volckmann-the Man Who Escaped from Bataan, Raised a Filipino Army against the Japanese, and Became the True "Father" of Army Special Forces by Mike Guardia Mobipocket

American Guerrilla: The Forgotten Heroics of Russell W. Volckmann-the Man Who Escaped from Bataan, Raised a Filipino Army against the Japanese, and Became the True "Father" of Army Special Forces by Mike Guardia EPub