

PROLOGUE

Glasgow, MT... On the early morning of August 14, 2009, a caretaker of a local cemetery, found the body of a 68-year-old man next to the headstone of a young girl, who has been dead for over 35 years. His tattered and well-worn clothes indicated he was a homeless person. He had no identification and only a small amount of money in his pocket. Local authorities refused to comment on the cause of his death, say the matter was under investigation. Speculation that the old man was somehow connected to the 1967 death of the young girl was neither confirmed nor denied by the law enforcement. In a press release, Valley County Sheriff John Daily did acknowledge that the old man fits a description of a man wanted by the FBI for questioning. He went on to say, there was no evidence of foul play and the man appeared to have died from natural causes.

In a statement released by the FBI, stated that a man, who fit the description of the old man, was wanted on an outstanding warrant for questioning regarding an old fifteen-year investigation. That investigation was in regards to the "*Freeman*" cult in Jordan Valley, a small town about 100 miles south and west of Glasgow.

On the morning of September 10th, four weeks after the story of the old man hit the web, Grace Kellin, a 32-year-old freelance reporter, caught the story of the old man on a morning TV show. It seemed strange to her that someone, anyone, would be found dead in a cemetery of all places. Intrigued by the very notion of someone dying in a cemetery, she decided it would make a great story for "*The Scandal*," a tabloid Newspaper with whom Grace is affiliated.

The story of *Emma Jean Rose* is based on two best friends, who became Marines, and went off to fight a war in Vietnam. From long before they could even begin to understand what it meant, they made a pact between them, "*Together, no matter what.*" Thrust into a world, not of their own making; they must now learn how to deal with the greater challenges that lie ahead. Their commitment to live by a pact of "*no matter what*" would be severely tested.

This story is not about the Vietnam War and the 58,000 American lives that were lost there. This story is different..., this story is about the lives of two young Marines who returned home confused, angry and ignored by the very country they served. It is the real-life story about how they came to grips with the devastating reality that those in positions of authority and leadership of the very government they defended, lied to the citizen of America, about nearly every aspect of that war.

Many of the events depicted in this story are true and are based on historical data. As this story unfolds, it becomes obvious, that for the veterans who served there, the effects of AO will last a lifetime. From those who died in the country, and to those who returned

to suffer the consequences of the "war tactics" known to be fatal, the lingering problems will occupy the lives and minds of families for generations to come.

Now, some 50 years later, the story is told through the eyes of Grace Kellin, an Investigate Journalist and the 32-year-old daughter of Blaze Kellin, a disabled veteran who experienced firsthand, the effects of Agent Orange. For most Americans, Vietnam will be forever remembered as "dark and deceptive" time in American History.

It is said, that each event in our lives, the good and the bad, molds us into who we become. This story is a classic illustration of how events, even those not of our own making, can and will alter the lives of those we know and love, and the millions of lives we will never know.

This story is about three Americans, who dared to fight against those who held power and imposed their will upon the world. Their names will not be remembered, but the names of those responsible, specifically, President Linden Johnson, Admiral Zumwalt, and many others should never be forgotten. We should remember this story..., even the events and actions of the politicians, and military leaders who advocated ideology over human lives.

Judgment lies in the eyes and the mind of every American. Only you can answer these questions raised in this story. Only you can prevent or advocate for a re-occurrence.

There is no such thing as utopia. There is only a perception of what it can be. As American's, we can choose to keep what we were created to be or join those who believe individual rights do not matter., that the good of the many, has greater importance than any individual right. There is within each of us, a built-in desire to be free. Oppression is not the lack of something; "*oppression is the withholding of something,*" even the imposing of another's will, a determination made by those who believe, you do not possess the ability to choose for yourself.

The story of *Emma Jean Rose* illustrates how poor judgment, ill-conceived plans, lies, and the cover-up after effects, reach far beyond the intended victims to the innocent and the unprotected.