

The Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America invites you to an on-line presentation entitled: ***The Final Flight of Extortion 17. Why did it happen?***

On August 6, 2011, at a dusty FOB 40 miles south of Kabul, Afghanistan, two U.S. Army CH-47D Chinooks lifted into the darkness on a mission to reinforce American and coalition special operations troops. Extortion 17 and its 38 occupants would not return. A Taliban fighter shot the helicopter out of the sky with a rocket-propelled grenade and all aboard were killed—the single greatest loss of American life in the Afghan war.

The downing of Extortion 17 spurred a number of conspiracy theories, such as the idea that the shutdown was revenge for bin Laden's death. The Final Mission of Extortion 17 debunks this theory and others and uncovers the truth behind this mysterious tragedy.



This live presentation will be delivered by renowned author **Ed Darack**, whose numerous articles on military issues have been included in such publications as Smithsonian Air and Space, the Marine Corps Gazette, and Proceedings of the Naval Institute Press, among others. Ed has authored seven books, written hundreds of feature articles for a broad range of publications and has had thousands of photographic images published in all forms of visual media globally.

Ed has embedded with US forces four times in Afghanistan and twice in Iraq, where he did the field work for his critically acclaimed book, "The Warriors of Anbar."

Please join us for this well-researched presentation on the provocative subject of Extortion 17.

Date/Time: Friday, November 18, 2022; 12:30pm EST.

Virtual: <https://teams.live.com/meet/9322754218485>

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You can support Ed Darack's presentation today by purchasing a copy of his book, The Final Mission of Extortion 17, from Penguin Random House for \$17.99 from this link: <https://bit.ly/msvc-Ex17>. Or if you enjoy military literary works, view his other books here: <http://www.darack.com/books/>
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