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### Without Firing a Shot

The U.S. Army, immediately after the end of the Vietnam War, began a total transformation from a force in complete disarray to an Army of Excellence instrumental in the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

Starting with the end of the draft and moving into the Volunteer Army (VOLAR), Army leadership collectively began to implement significant changes at the strategic, operational and tactical levels.

Clearly the Soviet Union presented the greatest threat to the security of the United States, but also to our NATO allies. The Russians, and their allies constituted a formidable military force also equipped with a nuclear weapons arsenal capable of unspeakable destruction.

In the shadow of this threat, soldiers and officers like Tyler Willett in the U.S. Army provided the foundation for rebuilding the Army into a formidable force capable of blunting any threat.

Even with significant across the board changes to every aspect of a professional army, the Tales within *Grunts, Gramps & Tanks* capture the day-to-day, soldier level triumphs and tribulations ultimately proving the transformation would succeed. The vaunted Soviet Union finally crumbled and freedom reigned.

A defeat achieved without firing a shot.