

PHOTOGRAPHER'S SELECT / AFGHANISTAN 2002-2008

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The photographs in this collection are from my years in the Afghan War: 2002-03 as a Green Beret, 2006 as a civilian contractor and freelance journalist, and 2008 as a freelance embedded journalist.



Special Forces raid on a heroin-processing compound. Nangarhar Province, 2002.
(Soldier of Fortune, February & March 2004: *Striking at the Heroin Trade*, Pts 1&2.)

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Camera 2002-2003: Kodak 620 (Nikon w/ Kodak digital back).
Lenses: Nikkor 28mm and a Soligor 105mm

Cameras (2) 2006--2008: Nikon D100. Lenses: Tokina 12-24mm,
Tamron 28-75mm, and a Tamron 28-200mm

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Front Cover: Afghan National Army on road patrol stopped beneath
a government army recruitment billboard. 2008.

Rear Cover: Two GIs in Paktya Province, 1LT James Marione and
SGT Bryan Slawson. 2008.

Paul Avallone found at: AfghanyWhammy.com

**Stories complementing a number of these photographs can
be found at the above website as PDFs of the original
magazine articles (notated in the captions).**

**A wide array of photographs of the war can be found in
my earlier personal photobooks--the Wilderness Yearbook
and Images of War.**



Other Afghanistan Select photobooks:
The Kids - The Landscape - The People


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General Tommy Franks. Bagram Base, 2002.



Kunar Province. 2006.



Khost Province. 2008.



Special Forces taking suspect into custody. Jalalabad, 2002.



(Soldier of Fortune, Feb 2007: A Day in the Life of an FOB.)



(Army Magazine, June 2008: *Settling Into Afghanistan.*)





Captain Casey Martinez. 2006.
(Army Magazine, May 2007: *Female Chopper Pilots Take to Afghan Skies.*)

First Lieutenant Nicole Smith. 2006.
(Army Magazine, May 2007: *Female Chopper Pilots Take to Afghan Skies.*
GX magazine, April 2007: *GX Hero.*)



(Soldier of Fortune, May 2004: *Busting a Taliban Bomb-Making Cell.*)



On patrol with the ANA.



(Army Magazine, June 2007: *We Do What We Can.*)







(Army Magazine, August 2007: *Afghan Patrol - A Platoon's-Eye View.*)





(Soldier of Fortune, April 2004: *Winning Hearts and Minds - With SF in Afghanistan.*)



(Tattoo Zoo rear cover GI portrait.)



(Army Magazine, Sept 2008: *Walking the Hills.*)



CH-47 Chinook. The workhorse of Afghanistan.



(Army Magazine, August 2007: *Afghan Patrol - A Platoon's-Eye View.*)



(Soldier of Fortune, February & March 2004: *Striking at the Heroin Trade, Pts 1&2.*)



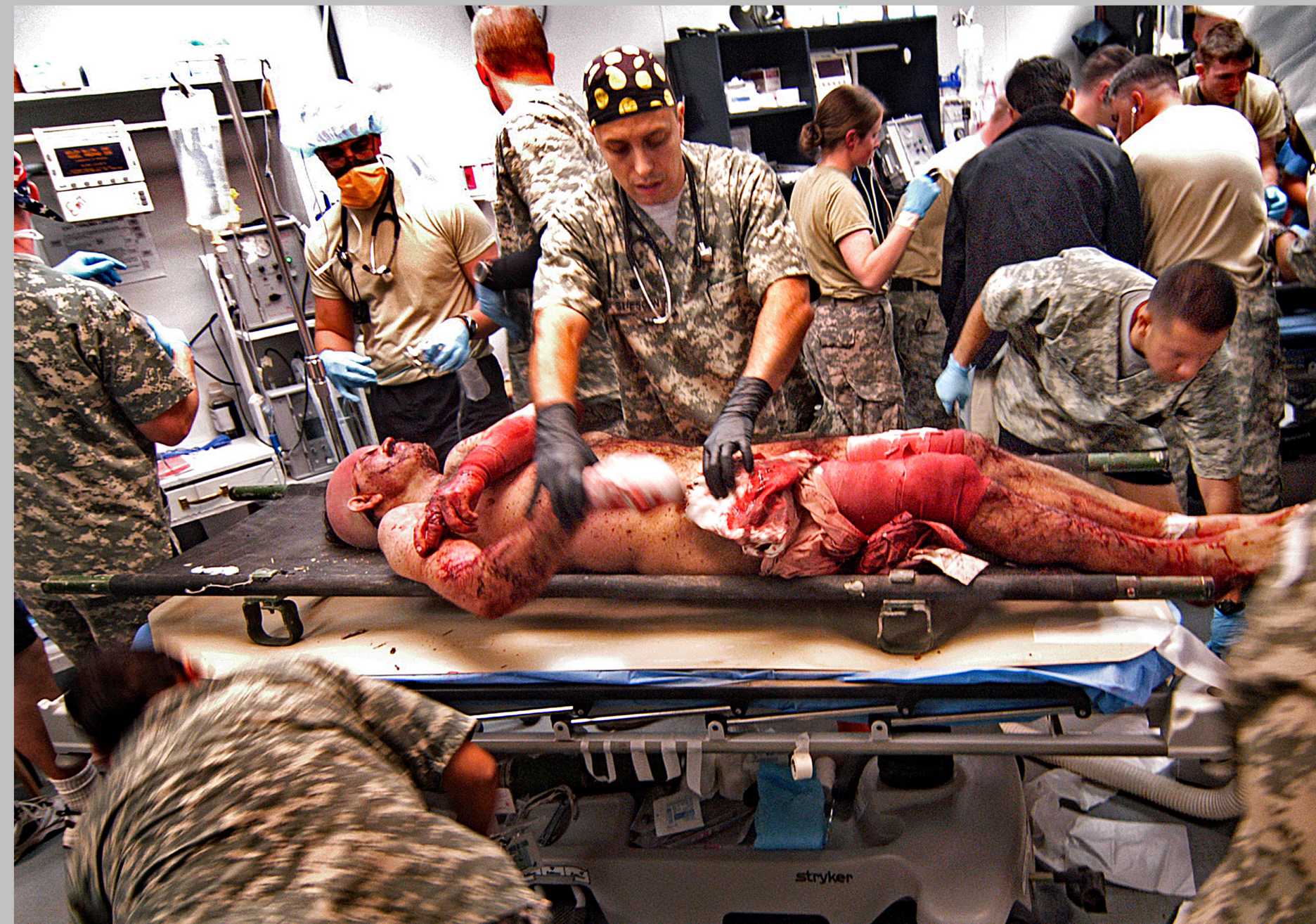
(Army Magazine, Sept 2008: *Walking the Hills.*)
 (Army Magazine, March 2009: cover & interior photos.)



Combat Outpost Wilderness. 2008.
 (Army Magazine, June 2008: *Settling Into Afghanistan.*)



(Army Magazine, July 2009: *Saving Lives in Afghanistan*.)



(The editors considered this and the previous photo too gruesome to include in the *Saving Lives* photo essay.)





(Soldier of Fortune, April 2004: *Winning Hearts and Minds* - With SF in Afghanistan.)



(Army Magazine, Sept 2008: *Walking the Hills.*)



PFC Ara Deysie, 17. Killed in an ambush. 2008.







Buried IED tossed and flipped the Humvee ten meters forward, killing four GIs and one Afghan terp. Paktya Province. 2008.





Memorial service for the four American IED casualties.





Grieving for their comrades killed by friendly fire--US Apache gunship helicopters mistaking the ANA squad set up in a wee-hour ratline route overwatch for insurgents infiltrating from Pakistan.



Note the elder's eyes on the American captain meeting villagers. 2008.



Home. Fort Campbell, Kentucky. 2009.

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