

Virtual Author Visit Planned for January

Enjoy a Q&A with a former CIA recruiter

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Checkpoint's Veterans Book Club debuted Nov. 10 with a virtual author visit with VFW member Sam Farran, who read from his book "The Tightening Dark." Those logging in for the visit had an opportunity to ask Farran questions about his experience being held in a Yemen prison.

The second installment of the Veterans Book Club is Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p.m. EST.

Former CIA recruiter Douglas London will read from his new book "The Recruiter: Spying and the Lost Art of American Intelligence."

This revealing memoir captures the best stories from London's life as a spy, his insights into the challenges and failures of intelligence work, as well as the complicated relationships he developed with agents and colleagues.

He presents an insider's tale about the state of espionage, a warning about the decline of U.S. intelligence since 9/11 and Iraq, as well as what can be done to recover.

This revealing memoir from a 34-year veteran of the CIA who worked as a case officer and recruiter of foreign agents provides an invaluable perspective on the state of modern spy craft, how the CIA has developed, and how it must continue to evolve.

Hatchette Books will host the virtual author visit with London. To receive the Crowdcast registration link for the event, email jdyhouse@vfw.org. The first 10 people to ask a question during the Q&A portion of the virtual event will receive a FREE copy of London's book.

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