



The Hamfist Trilogy, by G.E. Nolly

The complete Hamfist series

Hamfist Over The Trail, Hamfist Down! and Hamfist Over Hanoi.

[The Hamfist Trilogy](#) series, also available for **Amazon Kindle**.

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G.E. Nolly, USAF fighter pilot.



G.E. Nolly's *Hamfist Trilogy* is a page-turner of 718 pages that ring true and draws the reader into several stark and desperate dramas that colorfully relate his Air Force combat experiences in Vietnam. If you are looking for a very good book to read, I strongly recommend G.E. Nolly's ***Hamfist Trilogy*** series of ***Hamfist Over The Trail; Hamfist Down!*** and ***Hamfist Over Hanoi***.

G. E. Nolly's *Hamfist Trilogy* series is a well written fictional book based on his two Vietnam combat tours and carries the reader along as if a co-pilot. Set in 1968-1969, Nolly follows Air Force Lt. *Hamilton Hancock's* service from Undergraduate Pilot Training class and Distinguished Graduate on fast-track to a dream assignment jocking a *super-fast high-flying F-4 Phantom II*. *Needs of the Air Force* dictate otherwise and Hancock's rushed through training as a combat Forward Air Controller flying a O-2A *Cessna Super Skymaster--slow and low—where he's soon dodging anti-aircraft artillery over the Ho Chi Minh Trail, directing F-4 cover fire for downed pilots, and acquires the unwanted moniker of Hamfist.*

The lieutenant's FAC air combat missions in and out of Da Nang, Phan Rang, Tan Son Nhut Airbases, and Ubon RTAFB, rips a major guilt-trip on him. It becomes obvious to all that *Hamfist's* greatest battle is dealing with combat deaths of friends, and a troubled personal relationship back home—and that he needs to pull his head out before it's too late. Months later, F-4 Phantom missions have him tangling with SAM Missiles over Hanoi and his name inscribed on a *bucket-list dance-card* with a MIG—Hamfist's dream of strapping on an F-4 has blossomed into a living nightmare he may not survive unless he gets his stuff together, now.

G.E. Nolly, as a FAC and F-4 fighter pilot, earned three Distinguished Flying Crosses, twenty-four Air Medals while serving in the 20th TASS (Da Nang AB) in 1969 and the 25th TFS (Ubon RTAFB) in 1972. Nolly's action packed *Hamfist Trilogy* series: a definite must read—*order it now*.

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