

## Heroism, Suspense And Romance To Highlight VFW Convention

## War Veteran's Critically Acclaimed Novel A Page-Turning Reason To Attend

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Reno, Nevada- -July 9, 2012- -When thousands of veterans of foreign wars move into position at the Reno/Sparks Convention Center later this month, they'll get to meet the ex-Marine whose new book, The Return Of Private Fischer, has gripped the hearts of war veterans everywhere. Author, Robert Fischer, will sign autographed copies of his fact-based novel during the 113<sup>th</sup> VFW National Convention. Millions of servicemen, women and families of P.O.Ws can personally relate to Fischer's story which unfolds during the Korean War when his then 19-year old brother, Jack, has been taken prisoner.

Fischer's unfiltered accounts of the atrocities of war are harrowing. When he hears his brother has been moved to Pyongyang where the enemy is brain-washing, beating, torturing, starving and then executing American P.O.Ws with machine guns, he transforms into an activist/sleuth. He spends hours in the library studying Korean tactics. He takes an active role in P.O.W meetings. He calls politicians, writes North Korean officials and protests so stridently, the FBI accuses Fischer of being "Un-American" and then threatens to strip Jack's military medals of honor and label Jack an "AWOL Communist." Most of his book is factual. However, to honor American families of missing P.O.Ws still yearning for answers they may never get, Fischer fills in black holes with what likely happened, based on his intelligence gathering and his own service in the U.S. military.

<u>The Return Of Private Fischer</u> is also a *love story*. From beginning to end, Fischer weaves delicious romanticism into each chapter through the longing and broken heart of Jack's high school girlfriend, Babe Barsi, who'll stop at nothing to find Jack and bring him home. Teaming up, Fischer and Babe brazenly strategize high-risk maneuvers that put their own lives on the line.

Fischer was in his 50's when he learned Babe had just passed away. Despite having had two husbands in her life and only a short stint of what some would call "Puppy Love" with Jack, it was Jack's photo Babe was clutching in her hands when she drew her last breath. That's when Fischer knew he had to tell this story.

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