Borden Institute Releases Book
Urology In The Vietnam War:
Casualty Management and Lessons Learned

Washington, DC - The Borden Institute's latest book, Urology In The Vietnam War: Casualty Management and Lessons Learned, provides a thorough review of lessons learned in the management of urological war wounds and examines current techniques in the treatment of battlefield and civilian urological trauma.

The 260-page book, complete with case studies, offers historical, medical, and surgical considerations relating to urological injuries during the Vietnam War. Renal injuries, blunt pelvic trauma, penile injuries, anterior urethral penetrating and blunt injuries, and lessons learned in the management of casualties with genitourinary system injuries are included.

"We managed all of the Vietnam genitourinary casualties who were evacuated to the US Army Hospital in Japan from 1966 to 1971, during which we maintained and kept all records on patients with urological conditions," said author and retired US Army Colonel Dr. John N. Wettlaufer about his extensive work with Dr. John W. Weigel, a retired Army military surgeon who also served in Vietnam. "The data presented in this book were extracted from our multiple reviews of these case records over the many years since then."

"Although significant time has elapsed since the Vietnam War, many of the lessons learned from this war and relearned from prior wars are still applicable in both the military and the civilian trauma casualty environments," said Army Surgeon General Lieutenant General Kevin C. Kiley.

"This volume may be especially valuable and applicable in these times of increased terrorism, disasters, and mass casualty events," Kiley said.

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