

## AUTHOR INFORMATION

### WOLF GREGIS

#### MEDIA PROFILE

- **Born:** 1981 in Wismar, Germany
- **Based in:** Rostock, Germany
- **Nationality:** German
- **Background:** Afghanistan veteran, author, podcaster, and public voice on German military and veteran affairs
- **Military service:** Bundeswehr; deployments to Afghanistan in 2008 and 2009, including Mazar-e-Sharif and Kabul
- **Education:** Dr. phil. studied German literature, history, education, and communication sciences in Rostock
- **Professional background:** Former teacher of German and history; currently working in science communication
- **Known for:** *Das Karfreitagsgefecht* (*The Good Friday Battle*), *Sandseele* (*Sand Soul*), and the podcast *Helm ab – Der Veteranencast* (*Helmets Off – The Veteran Podcast*)
- **Relevant expertise:** Afghanistan War, Bundeswehr combat experience, German veterans, remembrance culture, military communication

#### Bio

Wolf Gregis is a German Afghanistan veteran, bestselling author, and public voice on military and veteran affairs.

Born in 1981 in Wismar, Germany, he grew up in Schwerin and now lives in Rostock. He served in the Bundeswehr and deployed to Afghanistan in 2008 and 2009, with assignments in Mazar-e-Sharif and Kabul.

After his military service, Gregis studied German literature, history, education, and communication sciences in Rostock and earned a doctorate in the humanities. He later worked as a teacher of German and history and in teacher training. Today, he works in science communication while continuing his work as an author, media voice, and advocate for German veterans.

Gregis is the author of *Das Karfreitagsgefecht*, the German original of *The Good Friday Battle*. The book reconstructs the battle of April 2, 2010 near Isa Khel in northern Afghanistan, based on interviews, combat footage, maps, and operational material.

He is also the creator and host of *Helm ab – Der Veteranencast*, one of Germany's most influential independent formats on military life, veterans, and security culture. His work focuses on combat experience, remembrance, military culture, and the gap between soldiers and civil society.

With *The Good Friday Battle*, Gregis brings the German soldiers' perspective to an international audience — and tells the story of one of the Bundeswehr's most significant combat engagements through the voices of those who were there.

## JEFF MONTROSE

### Media Profile

- **Born:** 1972 in Carson City, Nevada
- **Based in:** Bavaria, Germany
- **Nationality:** American
- **Background:** Former U.S. Army infantry officer, Iraq War veteran, author, translator, and security-policy educator
- **Military service:** U.S. Army infantry officer (paratrooper); Iraq War veteran
- **Professional background:** Author, translator, and lecturer on U.S. foreign and security policy
- **Known for:** *In der Wüste des Wahnsinns (In the Desert of Madness)*
- **Relevant expertise:** U.S. military culture, Iraq War, combat experience, military ethics, transatlantic security, U.S.–German military relations

### Bio

Jeff Montrose is an American Iraq War veteran, former U.S. Army infantry officer, author, and translator.

He has lived in Germany for more than two decades and works at the intersection of military experience, ethics, security policy, and transatlantic understanding. His own writing includes *In der Wüste des Wahnsinns (In the Desert of Madness)*, a memoir reflecting on the psychological consequences of modern combat.

Montrose brings a rare dual perspective to *The Good Friday Battle*: he understands the U.S. military world from the inside, while also being deeply familiar with German military culture, German veterans, and Germany's difficult public relationship with the Afghanistan War.

For the English-language edition, Montrose helps carry the German story into an American context — preserving the experience of the soldiers on the ground while making the military, cultural, and emotional stakes accessible to U.S. readers.

## A TRANSATLANTIC STORYTELLING TEAM

*The Good Friday Battle* is built on a German battlefield story and an American rescue story.

Wolf Gregis brings the research, interviews, and German veteran perspective. Jeff Montrose brings the American military lens, language, and cultural bridge needed to make the story resonate with U.S. readers.

Together, they tell a story about German soldiers trapped in a Taliban ambush, American pilots flying into danger to save them, and the fragile trust that holds coalition warfare together under fire.

## SHORT BIOS FOR MEDIA USE

### **Wolf Gregis — Short Bio**

Wolf Gregis is a German Afghanistan veteran, bestselling author, and host of *Helm ab – Der Veteranencast*. He is the author of *Das Karfreitagsgefecht*, the German original of *The Good Friday Battle*, and one of Germany's most visible public voices on military life, combat experience, and veteran affairs.

### **Jeff Montrose — Short Bio**

Jeff Montrose is an American Iraq War veteran, former U.S. Army infantry officer, author, and translator. Based in Germany, he brings the U.S. military perspective to the English-language edition of *The Good Friday Battle* and helps make the German combat story accessible to American readers.