

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****THE GOOD FRIDAY BATTLE**

*The Untold Story of a German Platoon in Afghanistan – and the American Pilots Who Saved Them*

**A gripping first-hand account of one of the most intense engagements involving German forces in Afghanistan—revealing the moment American pilots risked everything to save them.**

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On April 2, 2010—Good Friday—a German Bundeswehr platoon was ambushed by Taliban forces near Isa Khel in northern Afghanistan. What followed was one of the most intense and controversial engagements involving German troops since World War II.

*The Good Friday Battle* tells this story for the first time in full detail—through the voices of those who were there.

Based on more than 70 hours of interviews with 24 participants, the book reconstructs the battle from multiple perspectives: German soldiers on the ground, American pilots in the air, and the chain of command under pressure. At its center stands a critical moment—when U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Jason LaCrosse and his fellow pilots made a decision that went beyond orders, risking their careers to save German lives under fire.

The result is a fast-paced, deeply human account of combat, leadership, and allied trust under extreme conditions.

**KEY FACTS**

- **Title:** *The Good Friday Battle*
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- **Publication Date:** June 2026
- **Language:** English
- **Based on:** 70+ hours of interviews with 24 eyewitnesses
- **Setting:** Isa Khel, Kunduz Province, Afghanistan
- **Date of Event:** April 2, 2010

## QUOTES

“We were cut off, under fire, and running out of options. Without the Americans, we would not have made it. I would not have made it.”

— Maik Mutschke, German soldier

“I did not want to wait for the wounded to be moved. So, would I ever act again as I did on that day? Absolutely, I would do it over and over again for my German comrades.”

— Jason LaCrosse, U.S. Army pilot

“Wolf Gregis is the first to have evaluated all available sources on the Good Friday Battle and to reconstruct, minute by minute, the dramatic events of April 2, 2010. An important book!”

— Sönke Neitzel, Professor of Military History in Potsdam

## ABOUT THE BOOK

*The Good Friday Battle* is more than a reconstruction of a firefight. It is a story about decisions under pressure, the limits of command, and the reality of modern coalition warfare.

It sheds light on a chapter of the Afghanistan war that remains largely unknown to American audiences—while offering a rare, unfiltered perspective from German soldiers who found themselves at the center of a fight they were never fully prepared for.

## ABOUT THE AUTHORS

**Wolf Gregis** is a German Afghanistan veteran, bestselling author, and public voice on military and veteran affairs. His work focuses on translating combat experience into broader societal and historical context.

**Jeff Montrose** (translator) is a former US Army officer and Iraq War veteran who has lived in Germany for over 20 years. His translation brings a unique contextual framing to American readers.

Together, they bring a uniquely binational narrative lens to one of the defining engagements of the war.

## MEDIA AVAILABILITY

Based in Germany, Wolf Gregis and Jeff Montrose are available for remote interviews, podcasts, radio, online video formats, and print or digital media inquiries.

They can provide background briefings and expert commentary on the Afghanistan War, NATO coalition warfare, German combat veterans, and the events of the Good Friday Battle.

In-person appearances in Germany and Europe may be arranged upon request. U.S. media engagements can be coordinated remotely or in connection with scheduled travel.

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