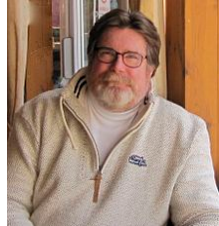




Charles P. Pfarrer, III, SMA '75



Charles P. "Chuck" Pfarrer, III, was born in Chelsea, MA, the son of Charles Patrick Pfarrer, Jr., a career naval officer and Joan Marie (née Hoyle) Pfarrer, a registered nurse. He entered Staunton Military Academy (SMA) in the fall of 1973 as a junior and graduated in 1975 as the Commander of the Color Guard. In his time at SMA had earned the Commandant's Ribbon, the Headmaster's Ribbon, and the Military Ribbon. Another of his achievements was to be chosen for membership in the Howie Rifles drill team in his senior year. He lettered in Track and Soccer.

After SMA, Chuck studied Clinical Psychology at California State University at Northridge and the University of Bath in the United Kingdom.

After receiving his bachelor's degree, Chuck entered the Navy and attended Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI. After receiving his commission as ensign, Chuck attended and graduated from BUD/S [Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL] as a member of class 114 in 1981. He was one of the 37 who graduated out of the 145 who started the course. This was one of four classes out of 280 in which no one quit during "hell-week." Chuck served as executive officer of the SEAL detachment assigned to the Multi-National Peacekeeping Force Beirut for eight months during 1983, and was present during the marine barracks bombing on the 23rd of October, 1983. In addition to other assignments, Chuck served as a military advisor in Central America and the Dominican Republic and various postings in Europe, the Mediterranean and Middle East. After multiple tours as a Platoon Commander and Training Officer of SEAL Team FOUR, he went on to serve as an Assault Element Commander with the famous anti-terrorist unit, SEAL Team SIX, for several years before ending his naval service.

Chuck's autobiography, *Warrior Soul, The Memoir of a Navy SEAL* was published in January 2004 and details his service as a SEAL, including his role in the capture of terrorist Abu Abbas and the hijackers of the cruise ship *Achille Lauro*.

Pfarrer has written broadly on terrorism and counter-terrorism, and served government and industry as a subject matter expert on special operations, terrorist operational methodology, counter-proliferation and terrorist employment of weapons of mass destruction. He has written Op Ed for the *New York Times* and the Knight Ridder syndicate and has appeared as an author and counter-terrorism expert on CSPAN-2, NPR, CNN, the Arabic networks Al Hurra and Al Jezera, Voice of America, Fox News and ABC, America Tonight, and The Australian Broadcast Company. Pfarrer serves presently (November 2014) as

an Associate Editor of “*The Counterterrorist*,” a journal of international security, special operations, counter insurgency and counterterrorism.

His first two screenplays, including the action drama *Navy SEALs* starring Charlie Sheen, were written and sold during his time in the Navy. Upon leaving the Navy, Pfarrer turned to writing full time. Other film credits include: *Darkman*, *Hard Target* (which he also co-produced) directed by John Woo and starring Jean Claude Van Damme. He also wrote the screen story and screenplay for “The Jackal,” a remake of Frederick Forsyth's "Day of the Jackal." He wrote the screenplays for the scifi classic *Red Planet* and *Virus*.

Pfarrer wrote the acclaimed novel *Killing Che*, for Random House, and the *New York Times* best seller *SEAL Target Geronimo*, *The inside Story of the Mission to Kill Osama bin Laden* for St Martin's Press.

Filmology:

Writer

2000 *Red Planet* (story) / (screenplay)
1999 *Virus* (creator) / (screenplay)
1997 *The Jackal* (screen story) / (screenplay)
1996 *Barb Wire* (screenplay)
1995 *Silent Steel* (Video Game)
1994 *Flash Traffic: City of Angels* (Video Game)
1993 *Hard Target* (written by)
1990 *Darkman* (screenplay)
1990 *Navy Seals* (written by)
2000 *Silent Steel* (Video Game)

Producer

2000 *Red Planet* (executive producer)
1999 *Virus* (executive producer)
1994 *Flash Traffic: City of Angels* (Video Game)
1993 *Hard Target* (co-producer)

Actor

1994 *Flash Traffic: City of Angels* (Video Game) SWAT Team Leader
1993 *Hard Target*

Books:

Warrior Soul: The Memoir of a Navy SEAL (2004)
Killing Che: A Novel (2007)
SEAL Target Geronimo (2011)
Phillip Nolan (2015)

Chuck was active in the 2004 effort to recall Writer's Guild of America president Charles Holland, who had claimed, wrongly, to be a wounded combat veteran, intelligence officer and Green Beret. Holland eventually resigned under fire.

Mr. Pfarrer was the keynote speaker for the 2010 SMA Alumni Association Reunion. You may watch a video of Chuck's remarks by visiting <http://vimeo.com/10947542>.

Chuck is a colon cancer survivor.

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