

Biography



James R. Elstad is an Author and a retired Army National Guard Sergeant living in Tigard, Oregon.

He was born on Staten Island, NY, lived for a year in Ohio, moved to Southern California until completing his sophomore year at California Lutheran College.

Enlisted in the Marine Corps during the height of the Vietnam War, volunteered and was never sent overseas.

After being discharged from the Marines he received a B.A. in U.S. History from California State University, Northridge, in May 1974.

In 1979 he enlisted in the California Army National Guard. After a job transfer interrupted his Guard career, He enlisted in the Washington Army National Guard in 1981. Another job transfer caused a move back to the California Guard in 1985.

In 1990 He accepted a full-time, Active Guard Reserve position in the California Guard. He retired from the California Army National Guard in August 2007 with 28 years of service. In 2014 he moved to Tigard, Oregon to be closer to his family.

He's currently retired and spends his time marketing his books: *Comes the Southern Revolution*, *Comes the Retribution*, and *Questions from the North; Answers from the South*.

Comes the Southern Revolution is the story of a national guard general who resumes the "War Between the States" in 2016. In July 2012, he attended his first Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion. Several members insisted that he give them a sequel so they could find out how the story ends. In July 2013 he released *Comes the Retribution*. In February 2015, in response to the Black Lives Matter movement and the shooting in Charleston he started work on *Questions from the North; Answers from the South*. This was released in November 2015.

He's currently researching for his fourth book: *Holding Back the Tide*. An alternate history story about how our history would be different if former President Franklin Pierce had run for President in 1860 and had defeated Abraham Lincoln. He's planning on self-publishing *Holding Back the Tide* in 2017.

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