

A CONVERSATION WITH AUTHOR MICHAEL GRANT, TWO FEMALE COMBAT SOLDIERS AND
SPECIAL GUEST DR. JILL BIDEN

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Dr. Jill Biden is joining this conversation - comparing and contrasting real and imagined events during World War II with 21st century combat and military life. She is co-chair with Michelle Obama of "Joining Forces;" has written a book for children called "Please Don't Forget, God Bless Our Troops;" and is a member of her own military family.

Michael Grant, popular YA author, will discuss "Front Lines," historical fiction about a reimagined World War II in which girls are eligible for the draft. "Front Lines" chronicles three young women of diverse backgrounds who are now placed in combat alongside their male counterparts.

ALSO FEATURED

- **LCDR Kristen M. Hansen** is a current combat Navy fighter pilot. Hansen made her first deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and then joined Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. After graduation from Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), she became a Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor. Kristen has 66 combat sorties over Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria, and 472 carrier landings.
- As a public affairs officer, **Rebecca Murga** has captured the soldier's story in combat. She was attached to a Special Operation Command supporting SEAL teams and Special Forces in Afghanistan and received the Bronze Star for this service and the Meritorious Service Medal for service in Iraq. Currently, she is a captain in the Office of the Chief Army Reserve (OCAR).

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WHEN: Monday, June 6, 2016 10:30am – 11:30am (followed by book signings with Dr. Jill Biden and Michael Grant)

LOCATION: Coolidge Auditorium, The Library of Congress

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