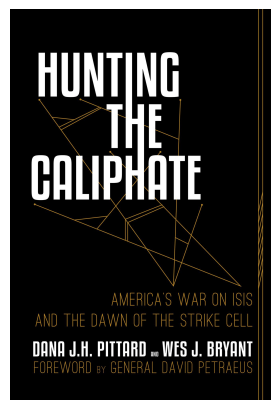


# 2nd Annual Veterans Day Meet & Mingle at Chatham Community Library Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 at 2pm

Featuring Local Author and Decorated Veteran **Wes J. Bryant**,  
and  
**Army Veteran Rusty Edmister**, Founder of the  
**North Carolina Military Veterans Oral History Project**



**Wes J. Bryant** retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2018 at the rank of Master Sergeant after twenty years of active duty service. Embedded with Special Forces teams under a Navy SEAL task force, Wes was the tactical lead for a contingent of special operations JTACs to first set foot in Iraq to stop ISIS. As the senior enlisted JTAC, Bryant coordinated and controlled the first airstrikes against ISIS in the Baghdad region. He later deployed as the senior Special Tactics JTAC for special operations task forces hunting ISIS in Syria and Afghanistan.



Bryant is the co-author of *Hunting The Caliphate*, in which he gives a vivid first-person account of fighting ISIS and the war on terrorism in the years following 9-11. He is married with two children and lives in Chatham County where he currently pursues writing and editing, and teaches Chinese Kung Fu and Tai Chi. His book will be available for purchase at the event.

Army Veteran **Rusty Edmister** has recorded 486 oral history interviews. He will give a short presentation about his work and how other veterans can have their stories preserved for future generations.



This program is free and open to the public.



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