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After decades managing post-traumatic stress, Army veteran Chuck Newhall wrote "Fearful Odds: A Memoir of Vietnam and Its Aftermath" to tell his story of perseverance in the face of insurmountable odds and offers a guiding hand to others who are facing challenges on the battlefield, in the boardroom, or at home. He commanded an independent platoon in Vietnam, including an initial reconnaissance of Hamburger Hill, and earned the Silver Star and Bronze Star V with 1st OLC.

AHEC presents a free, public military history reading with Chuck Newhall, based on his book, at the USAHEC Visitor and Education Center on Thursday, August 4, at 7:15 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the questions-and-answer phase will conclude around 8:30 p.m.

Newhall served in Vietnam commanding an independent platoon including an initial reconnaissance of Hamburger Hill. His decorations include the Silver Star and Bronze Star V(1st OLC.) He received an Deep in the A Chau Valley of Vietnam, a routine mission for veteran U.S. Army troops turned into a botched operation with combat casualties, due to poor leadership in the chain of command. A firefight with North Vietnamese troops erupted from communication errors and leader confusion. At the center was a young Army officer, groomed for command and assigned to lead the doomed platoon on its fateful reconnaissance mission. That young officer, Chuck Newhall, and his band of survivors have lived a lifetime of trauma, guilt, grief and anger, linked graphic memories of the action and the grueling months that followed.

Newhall III co-founded New Enterprise Associates in 1977. Prior to founding NEA, Chuck was a Vice

President of T. Rowe Price. He played a major role in formulating NEA's investment strategy with partners Dick Kramlich and Frank Bonsal, and he has been instrumental in financing the dramatic changes in both the health care services and pharmaceutical/biotechnology industries. He was also a start-up investor in several companies that helped to change the health care delivery system. One such success was Amerigroup, the leading independent Medicaid HMO, which Chuck helped to start in 1994. He also helped to start BRAVO, a company that case manages the frail elderly in the last three years of life.

Newhall earned an MBA from Harvard Business School, and an honors degree in English from the University of Pennsylvania. He works currently in an advisory capacity for Greensprings Associates, writing and travelling extensively for continuing education.

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