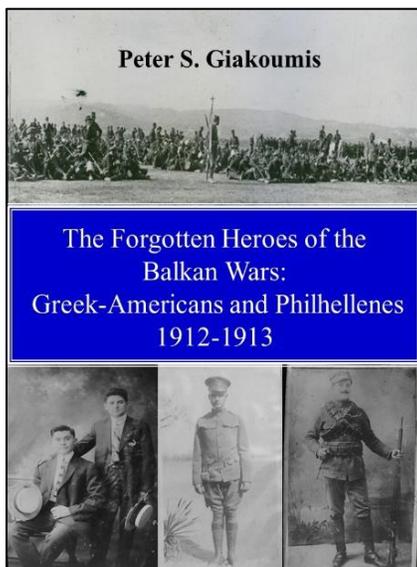


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September 2020, Starry Night Publishers announces the release of *The Forgotten Heroes of the Balkan Wars: Greek-Americans and Philhellenes 1912-1913* by Peter S. Giakoumis.

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ABOUT THE BOOK: Presented for the first time, the true story of a forgotten Greek-American regiment of soldiers, volunteers from all over the U.S. who travelled to the front lines of the Balkan Wars of 1912-1913. Most stayed in their regiment, some served under General Ricciotti Garibaldi and his famous Red-Shirt Legion, and others served in the Greek infantry witnessing a modern warfare the likes of which no one had ever seen, from aero planes and motor vehicles, to heavy artillery, machine guns and trench warfare. Some even served alongside a retired American National Guard General who also volunteered and served in the Greek Army. This is their story, from beginning to end, using contemporary newspaper reports, letters from the front, official military narratives and private archives never presented before.

ADVANCE PRAISE: Professor Christopher Tripoulas says, “This book provides rare insight into the contribution of Greek-Americans to Greece's triumph in the Balkan Wars of 1912-13. Through never-before-compiled historic documents, Mr. Giakoumis offers an in-depth account into the heroism displayed by Greek migrants and the obstacles they had to overcome. He also extols the special role played by Philhellenes in shaping this decisive moment in modern history. It's a must read for lovers of history and everyone who wants to further their appreciation of the sacrifices required to gain one's liberty.”

Vassilios Chrissochos, Director of the Porphyra Foundation says, “The Balkan Wars of 1912-1913 are a forgotten yet immensely important pre-cursor to World War I. They helped create modern Greece and The Balkan States and forever stopped the expansion of the Ottoman Empire in Europe. Peter Giakoumis has breathed life back into these heroes and highlights their accomplishments from a truly unique Greek American perspective. This book is loaded with rare pictures and tells of a narrative that's never been published before, truly worthy of the researcher.”

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