Event: Cape Cod Author Tom O’Connell’s Book Signing

Bugging Out: An Army Memoir (1954)

Date & Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 20, 2007

Location: Market Street Books...Mashpee Commons (20 Steeple St.)

Journalist and author Tom O’Connell of Yarmouth, Mass., will be at Market Street Books, Mashpee Commons on Saturday, October 20, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a book discussion and signing of his eighth book, Bugging Out: An Army Memoir (1954).

O’Connell is publisher of www.sanctuary777.com where sample chapters of the new 304-page paperback may be viewed. The book is a sequel to his previous memoir, The O’Connell Boy: Educating the Wolf Child~An Irish-American Memoir (1932-1950)

With wit and irony, the memoir traces the author’s time of “emotional torture” when he dropped out of Boston College after his junior year to volunteer for the draft and qualify for the G.I. Bill to complete his degree.

The Cape Cod Times reviewer cited his “efforts to makes sense of the tension between duty and self-preservation,” how he coped with “the military assaults on his independent personality,” and “his difficult time dealing with separation from his pregnant wife.”

The Barnstable Patriot called it “a let-it-all-hang-out memoir of his misguided, brain-numbing and pointless hitch in the United States Army...he makes the reader experience the daily insults and frustrations of a free soul caught in the same-size-fits-all gears of the military...interesting characters.”
*The Provincetown Banner* said, "O'Connell paints a real picture of what it was like in the service back in the early 50s...gives the reader an uncensored bird's-eye view into what went on behind the scenes...No holds barred."

The 25th Anniversary issue of *Cape Cod Life Magazine* selected O’Connell as "one of the top 100 influential people" on Cape Cod. He is listed in *Who’s Who in the East.*

**Additional information...** Tom O’Connell has been writing newspaper columns on Cape Cod for 20 years. He is past president of American Medical Writers’ Association, New England Chapter and a member of the Cape Cod Writers’ Center. He teaches writing at Cape Cod Community College. A cum laude graduate of Boston College (Arts & Sciences), he received the M.A. in History at Boston University Graduate School. His website www.sanctuary777.com provides excerpts from his books and some 200 lifestyle essays emphasizing addiction and recovery. Also, he writes political commentary at www.campaign2america.com.