Binghamton Vet Center Book Club will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month starting:

**Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at Noon**

We will be discussing

**“redeployment” by Phil Klay**

Veterans & family members welcome

*Please read before May 13th*

This book takes readers to the frontlines of the wars in Iraq & Afghanistan, asking us to understand what happened there, & what happened to the soldiers who returned. Interwoven with themes of brutality & faith, guilt, fear, helplessness & survival, the characters in these stories struggle to make meaning out of chaos.

In "Redeployment", a soldier who has had to shoot dogs because they were eating human corpses must learn what it is like to return to domestic life in suburbia, surrounded by people "who have no idea where Fallujah is, where three members of your platoon died." In "After Action Report", a Lance Corporal seeks expiation for a killing he didn't commit, in order that his best friend will be unburdened. A Mortuary Affairs Marine tells about his experiences collecting remains—of U.S. & Iraqi soldiers both. A chaplain sees his understanding of Christianity, & his ability to provide solace through religion, tested by the actions of a ferocious Colonel. These stories reveal the intricate combination of monotony, bureaucracy, comradeship & violence that make up a soldier's daily life at war, & the isolation, remorse, & despair that can accompany a soldier's homecoming.

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