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Seattle, WA - On Saturday, July 24, 2010, Author Jacquie Ream will discuss her book *Forcing The Hand of God* at Friendly Village, a retirement community in Redmond, WA. Part of a “Live” recording for *Storytellers Campfire*, a radio show that airs on KKNW 1150 AM Radio, the event will be hosted by Writer and Poet Lady Selah Sujuris. The theme of the show is “Literacy in the Lives of Seniors.” The event is Free and open to the public. There will be two shows recorded, the first will be from 1:30pm to 3:00pm and the second will be from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. There will be an intermission between the shows and attendees will have the opportunity to meet Jacquie Ream, and other authors and have existing or new books signed by them. For more information visit www.storytellerscampfire.org

Ream’s book *Forcing the Hand of God* is a historical fiction novel that focuses on a World War II “Flying Tigers” fighter pilot who must wager and determine the price of love, family and honor. Released during the Flying Tigers 65th Anniversary in 2009, the book evolved from a series of short stories originally written for Ream’s Master’s thesis several years ago.

“I was learning to fly at the time and several of my instructors were former military pilots,” says Ream. “I was so fascinated by them and the stories they told. They were real risk takers and I admired that.”

With a writer’s curiosity, Ream spent a lot of time probing her instructors about their lives, motivations and actions. Over time, she felt such a deep connection with them that she was compelled to write down some of their stories to use as part of her thesis. Not long after completing it, she decided to take the stories and turn them into a book. A Flying Tiger Fighter Pilot, Major Roger Brown is the central character and a composite of the pilots Ream had met. Torn between his obligations to his country and his family waiting back home, Brown is tormented by the realization that he prefers battle in the air rather than the drudgery of everyday life on the ground. Deep in the thick of World War II, every day for Brown, is a game of survival as the dangerous air battles he must fight tap his strength, knowledge and control.

Through the gentle weaving of stories of airborne battles, the devastating effects of war, and the complicated relationships with a pregnant wife, detached Mother, and a provocative older female friend back home, Brown knows that his life is merely a game of fate. Unable to relinquish his desire to control its’ outcome, every time Brown climbs into his cockpit to face the enemy, he pushes his skills and limitations, rebelliously “forcing the hand of God.”

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Forcing The Hand of God evokes a time (World War II) when men and women found the courage to do the necessary, the objectionable and even the unthinkable to defend their lives,” says Ream. “It’s what they did and what they continue to do to preserve the essential fabric of this country.”

Although set in the late 30’s, Ream believes that the same struggle between the love of country and the love of family continues to torment military personnel and their families. “ The internal and external conflicts that face both the men and women fighting, and their families back home, are a part of their everyday life.” Ream’s book is an acknowledgement and a tribute to those that serve our country.

William R. Stampe, CMSgt of the USAF is just one military professional who has read Ream’s story. “Within the pages of *Forcing the Hand of God*, I entered as a silent visitor among the private lives of ordinary people caught up in extraordinary times,” says Stampe. “As I read it, I become a witness to the intense passion for life that only appears when death threatens us. I emerged with a greater sense of appreciation for life's gifts, as well as its trials.”

Ream hopes that her book, although a fictional story, will shed some light on the challenging lives of those that fight to protect the freedoms of our country.

About Jacquie Ream – In addition to Forcing the Hand of God, Jacquie Ream has written three children’s books, numerous short stories, and **KISS**, a simple reference book that teaches school age children how to write effectively. She has taught classes in creative writing and is currently presenting her “*Don’t Be a Bully Dog*,” workshop at local schools, youth groups, and churches. The workshop is based on her latest children’s novel **Bully Dogs** which focuses on a young girl and the bullying she faces from schoolmates and the neighborhood dogs. Ream’s second book in the Bully Dog series will be released this year. Jacquie Ream currently lives in Seattle, Washington, with her husband.

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