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Over the past several decades, there has been a continuous and growing law enforcement focus on street gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs, and domestic extremist groups. Many of these groups have members with military training, and some actively recruit current and former military veterans and retirees. That military experience adds to the dangerousness of veteran gang members, as well as the groups they associate with.

Communities everywhere are experiencing the damaging impact of criminal gang activity. By observing the presence of military-trained gang members from the Revolutionary War to today Smith identifies common military and civilian perceptions about the existence (or denial) of military-trained, often veteran, gang members in the communities. He identifies the turning points in gang investigations in the military, and looks at the laws and policies designed to specifically counter the criminal threat that gang activity brings to a community.

Grounded in current knowledge and research, *Gangs and the Military* successfully addresses the growing presence of military-trained criminal gang members in the United States. It explains how the authorities that counter and combat them are doing so on a national and global level. Finally, it identifies which gangs have the higher numbers of membership in the military, and the threats they pose for both military and civilian communities.

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First thing you notice is the cover art is just gorgeous and appropriate. It would look great on any shelf. The background history of the author is introduced bringing a subject to life that I had not considered being a veterans wife and sociologist, gang members trained by the military. The author covers his diligent research with interviews and experiences trying to educate others. There are pages devoted to Tim McVeigh and the Oklahoma bombing, 9/11 and other incidents of police investigations relating to the subject matter. This should be read by all law enforcement and gang counselors. Thanks for the opportunity to read this through a Goodreads giveaway.
