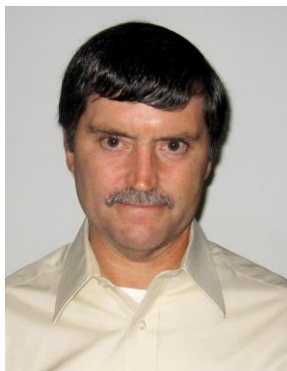


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MARK ALBETSON

**THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR. THE TITANIC CLASH BETWEEN
NAZI GERMANY AND THE SOVIET UNION**



0315 hours, June 22, 1941, Adolf Hitler hurled 3.3 million German troops against the Soviet Union. In the greatest land war in history, Hitler's Wehrmacht collided with Stalin's Red Army in an epic clash that would decide the course of the land campaign for the entire Second World War; an issue not decided in the Pacific, North Africa, Sicily, Italy or France; even after Normandy, France was a secondary front. The decisive land battles were waged in the East--Kiev (where the Germans captured 665,000 Russians), the 872 day siege of Leningrad (which cost the Soviet Union more lives than the combined Anglo-American war dead), Moscow, Stalingrad, Kursk, Operation: BAGRATION, Berlin . . . On the war's most brutal front, the vaunted German Army was consumed--destroyed by the Red Army which, contrary to the belief held by many Americans, achieved this great victory largely on its own. The Soviet Army defeated the German Army with Russian leadership, Russian tactics, primarily Russian weapons and most important, Russian manpower.

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