

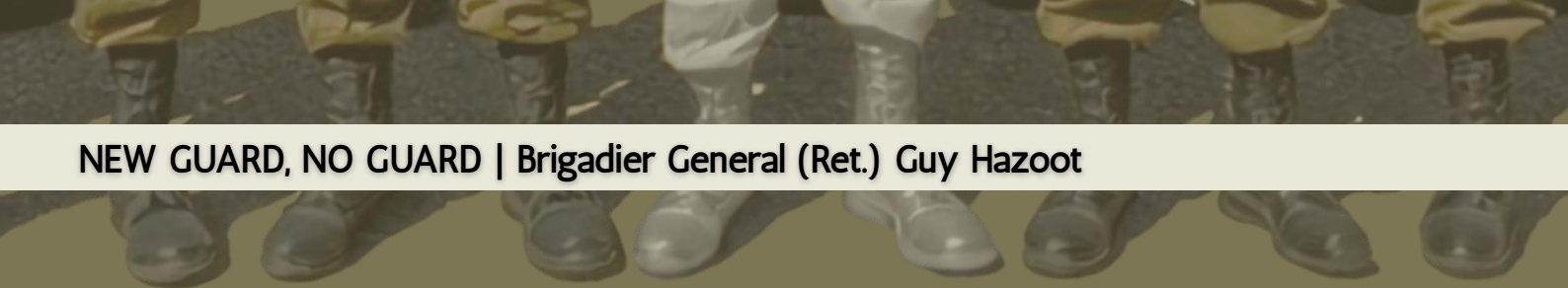


NEW GUARD, NO GUARD

**How Israel Built the World's Most Advanced
Military by Dismantling Its Own Ground Forces**

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**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE MOST
ADVANCED MILITARY IN THE WORLD
LOSES THE ABILITY TO WIN?**



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ABOUT THE BOOK

The Israel Defense Forces have split into two separate armies. One is celebrated, well-funded, and technologically brilliant: the Air Force, Navy, Intelligence, and Cyber units. The other is neglected, understaffed, and increasingly ineffective: the ground forces. This division reflects a dangerous myth—that technology can substitute for ground maneuver.

Drawing on thirty-four years of combat experience and his role as Chief Learning Officer for IDF Ground Forces during the 2023–2026 conflict, Brigadier General Guy Hazoot reveals how advanced militaries worldwide are succumbing to the same dangerous imbalance. Technology is vital, but it cannot seize terrain, destroy hidden infrastructure, or impose political outcomes. Only ground forces can do that.

New Guard, No Guard is simultaneously a military autopsy, a cultural critique, and a strategic manifesto. It traces the historical watershed moments that created this divide, analyzes how societal values and class stratification deepened it, and provides a prescriptive roadmap for revolutionary reform. The extensive epilogue covers the October 7 failure, the Gaza and Lebanon campaigns, and the 2026 confrontation with Iran—providing real-time analysis of the very battles that proved Hazoot's warnings correct.

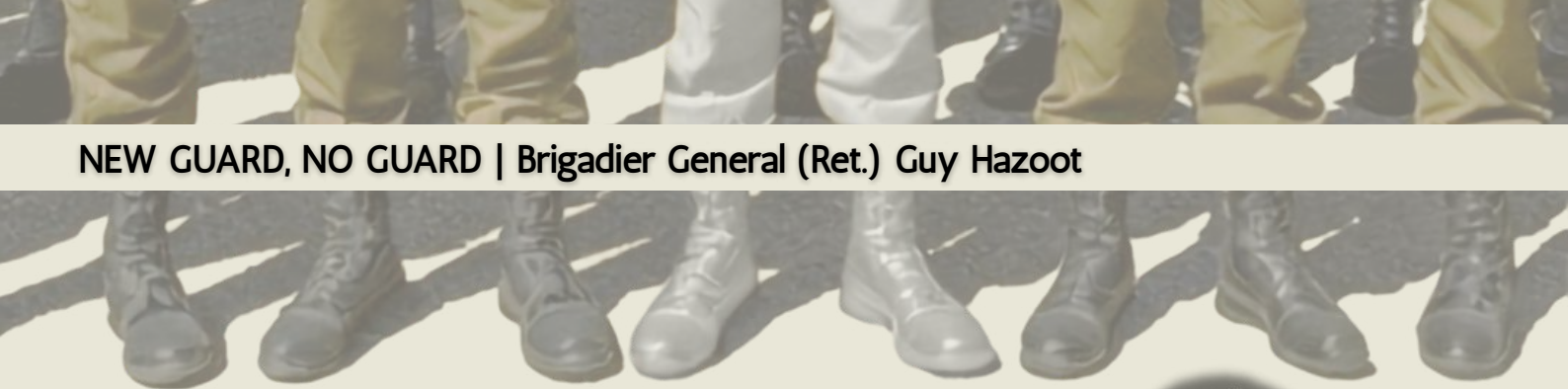
Essential reading for military professionals, policy-makers, defense analysts, and anyone concerned with how democracies prepare for the wars of the future. The book appeals to readers interested in military strategy, institutional reform, organizational leadership, and the Middle East's transformation from 2023–2026.

THE CORE ARGUMENT

The central problem facing advanced Western militaries is persistent inability to achieve decisive victory despite overwhelming technological superiority. The IDF has succumbed to a dangerous imbalance: technology, standoff firepower, and intelligence dominance are treated as substitutes for ground combat rather than enablers of it. This "hi-tech illusion" has led to the dismantling of ground maneuver capability—the only force capable of seizing terrain, destroying hidden enemy infrastructure, and imposing political outcomes.

Hazoot argues that organizational culture matters more than weapon systems, that a military 'owner' with authority and responsibility is essential for institutional excellence, and that the loss of maverick commanders has produced a 'survivor model' of leadership lacking the daring required for victory. The book provides a 'Revolution, Not Reform' framework for modernizing ground forces, based on the U.S. Army's successful post-Vietnam transformation.

This is not a history of past failures. It is a warning for democracies everywhere: reform your militaries before disaster strikes. And a roadmap for how to do it.



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