

Press Information:

Wednesday, March 16 · 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Bower-Suhrheinrich Foundation Gallery
318 Main Street, Evansville IN

Award Winning Author and Southern Indiana Native – Jim McGarrah
will be reading from and signing copies of his new book - *The End of an Era*

Time: 7:00p.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Ink Brush Press, Spring 2011 - *The End of an Era* by Jim McGarrah. \$16.95,
order through Barnes & Noble, Powell's Books, Amazon.com, or your favorite bookstore.
ISBN # 978-0-9827514-2-8

Growing up in middle-class southern Indiana in the 1950's could not have prepared young Jim McGarrah for the horrors of guerilla warfare in southeast Asia. Even less were he and his fellow soldiers ready for their unlauded return home from Vietnam to what was anything but a hero's welcome.

Winner of the 2010 Eric Hoffer Award for Legacy Nonfiction for his first memoir, *A Temporary Sort of Peace*, Jim McGarrah now gives us his second, entitled *The End of an Era*. His latest offering chronicles his struggles with addictions, his failures, and the long road to what he now considers home.

From his trials in relationships--with women, his parents, employers, and comrades--to the impulsive remedies he took to cure what ailed him, the author takes the reader on an unforgettable journey through the culture and the counter-culture of the late '60's and early '70's. He brings to life the upheaval of the times, and the search of a generation rich in choices and poor in clues to what it was they really wanted. *The End of an Era* is a must read for both students of contemporary history and of human nature.

As an author and a poet, Jim McGarrah reminds us of what it is to live, to be free, and to be part of the cycle of Life, which knows no bounds, which draws forth new growth out of the ashes of disaster, even as knowledge grows out of recklessness and the coming of age. Barbara Schoup, Executive Director of the Indiana Writers Center, and author of *Story Matters*, says, "Jim McGarrah's *The End of an Era* is an insightful, heart-breaking, and at times hilarious account of his struggles as a veteran in the aftermath of the Vietnam War. It should be required reading for those with the power to launch an ill-conceived, ill-fated war and send young people into it."