With close-up photos and hands-on descriptions, Hans Halberstadt details the weapons, gear, and other supplies currently used by the men and women of the U.S. armed forces. Includes a foreword by Eric Graves and an afterword by Stephen Hilliard, both former soldiers who have since put their military experience to use in the gear industry, developing better battle rattle for those with their boots on the ground.

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I read this excellent book, here in Brazil. This book has foreword, acknowledgments, five chapters, an afterword, a glossary, the resources and an index. There’s not many details about almost any product, but I’m not a military. Even if you are a military, this book is for you too. About socks and boots, there’s informations. About canteens there’s informations. The photos of this excellent book are all colored photos. In fact, there’s more space in this book to the photos, than to the text itself. For me, a civilian, this book is amazing, but for experts about battle gear, this book will be with less informations, than a professional would like to see. This book was printed (in China) in 2006. It isn’t outdated in any sense. The quality of paper and cover is also excellent.
About pistols on combat, this book writes on page 106: “I used my pistol far more than my turret weapon or carbine, and it was quite effective. All you need to do is draw the weapon and hold it in front of most Iraqis, and they will stop yelling and start behaving themselves. If you point a .50 cal or M240 or an M4 at them they will just laugh at you - They know you won’t pull the trigger. They take the threat of a handgun much more seriously.”
Here in Brazil there's a proverb: "Vivendo e aprendendo". On a translation to the English, we would have: "Living and learning". I knew three World War II veterans; all aren't alive today. All told me that in a war, handguns (pistols and revolvers) are next to useless. They saw friends and foes killed/wounded by artillery, air attacks, rifles and even submachine guns' fire. They never saw, in that war, any enemy or foe killed/wounded by pistols or revolvers. The last of these friends, died last month. All died not thinking that a military could put a pistol as more important than a rifle or even a hand grenade. Well, I'm 38 years old. Living and learning: pistols are now more important than ever before because, today the war isn't a conventional war, but a unregular war, against the nazislamism.

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