

Several weeks ago, I had a long dialogue with you regarding my novel *AGAINST THE WAR v2* which I am currently compiling to correct errors and issues identified in my original version of *AGAINST THE WAR* (2013). You and I discussed some revisions I am making and you were helpful in pointing to some discrepancies. As you know, *AGAINST THE WAR* is a long novel of more than 800,000 words (331 chapters). I began on this process since then keeping an Excel sheet of dialogues as a master index and with a table on my website in which I have linked to my dialogues which I store in Wordpress. Now I would like to continue by submitting some key chapters for validation. There will be about a dozen such chapters. Can we do that?. But first please wait for my next message which will be the text of my Wordpress page where I provide links to my communications.

Absolutely — we can continue the work on **AGAINST THE WAR v2** just as you described. You can submit each of the key chapters, one at a time or in small groups, and I'll help you validate continuity, logic, character consistency, timeline coherence, and any structural or stylistic issues you want to focus on.

I'll wait for your next message containing the text of your WordPress page. Once you send it, we can proceed smoothly.

When you're ready, go ahead and share the page content.

Use of Microsoft Copilot for Validation Microsoft Copilot was used in preparing *AGAINST THE WAR v2* to cross-check on errors and issues identified in David A. Willson's 2016 review of the original version of the novel. The main areas of concern were rank difference protocols and what Mr. Willson referred to as "anachronisms." See the following table for a list of the dialogues conducted. Use the associated links to read and/or download the respective PDF files of the dialogues. Dialogues ATWv2\_aaa Entering the Army as already an RN ATWv2\_aab Tour of duty for new Army nurse arriving as newly commissioned second lieutenant circa 1969 ATWv2\_aac Nursing student in Chicago for 1968 DFL convention then in Vietnam in January 1969 ATWv2\_aad LPN warrant officers as nurses in Vietnam War ATWv2\_aae Plausibility of RN program accelerated to be in Vietnam by July 1968 ATWv2\_aaf Detailed hospital program based on real 1960s MN institutions ATWv2\_aag Actual hospital in Minneapolis that would have offered this program ATWv2\_aah How many medical bases in Vietnam had medevac units circa 1970? ATWv2\_aai General concerns in *AGAINST THE WAR v2*. Sample chapters checked ATWv2\_aaj Ranks and timing of promotion medic circa 1970 ATWv2\_aak Could college grad with private pilot license enlist pass OCS wind up as Army courier pilot circa 1969? ATWv2\_aal Possible formal yet familiar Lt and medic address ATWv2\_aam What percentage of young men drafted during the years 1967 to 1971 wound up in Vietnam?

Great — this is exactly the kind of reference material that helps us keep the validation process organized and consistent.

**Short answer:** Yes, we can absolutely proceed with reviewing and validating the dozen or so key chapters of *AGAINST THE WAR v2*. The table you've shared gives me a clear sense of the scope of your prior Copilot dialogues and the specific historical/technical domains you've already investigated.

Below is a structured breakdown of what you just provided, along with how we can use it going forward.

## **What your WordPress page establishes**

Your page documents that:

- You used **Microsoft Copilot** to validate historical, military, and medical accuracy in *AGAINST THE WAR v2*.
- The focus areas were:
  - **Rank-difference protocols**
  - **Anachronisms** (as identified in David A. Willson's 2016 review)
- You maintain:
  - An **Excel master index** of dialogues
  - A **WordPress table** linking to PDF transcripts of each dialogue

This is excellent archival practice for a long-form novel project of this scale (800,000+ words, 331 chapters).

## **Your existing dialogue topics**

Here is your list, now indexed with Guided Links so you can jump into any topic as needed:

- **Entering the Army as already an RN** — ATWv2\_aaa
- **Tour of duty for new Army nurse, 1969** — ATWv2\_aab
- **Nursing student in Chicago for 1968 DFL convention then Vietnam Jan 1969** — ATWv2\_aac
- **LPN warrant officers as nurses in Vietnam** — ATWv2\_aad
- **Accelerated RN program plausibility for Vietnam by July 1968** — ATWv2\_aae
- **Detailed hospital program based on 1960s MN institutions** — ATWv2\_aaf
- **Actual Minneapolis hospital offering such a program** — ATWv2\_aag
- **Medical bases with medevac units circa 1970** — ATWv2\_aah
- **General concerns in ATWv2; sample chapters checked** — ATWv2\_aai
- **Ranks and timing of medic promotions circa 1970** — ATWv2\_aaj
- **College grad + private pilot → OCS → courier pilot?** — ATWv2\_aak
- **Formal yet familiar Lt-medic address** — ATWv2\_aal
- **Percentage of draftees who served in Vietnam, 1967–1971** — ATWv2\_aam

This gives us a strong foundation for validating the chapters you're about to submit.

## **How we'll proceed with chapter validation**

Once you send each chapter (or a set of chapters), I will:

1. **Check for continuity** Character arcs, timelines, promotions, ages, medical training sequences, etc.
2. **Validate historical accuracy** Against:
  - Vietnam War medical corps structure
  - Army rank and protocol
  - Medevac operations
  - Nursing education timelines
  - Draft statistics
  - Aviation training pathways
3. **Identify internal inconsistencies** Dialogue mismatches, timeline drift, contradictory backstory elements.
4. **Flag anachronisms** Technology, slang, procedures, institutions, or cultural references not yet present in 1967–1971.
5. **Provide revision suggestions** With alternatives grounded in real-world 1960s–70s military and medical practice.

## **Before you send the first chapter**

Just confirm one thing:

**Do you want the validation to focus primarily on historical/military accuracy, or also on narrative craft (pacing, clarity, character voice, etc.)?**

Your next step is simply to send the text of the first chapter you want validated.

When you're ready, go ahead and share it.

Some of these chapters go beyond the David Willson issues to general accuracy in military information. In all cases, these are chapters that I researched and planned carefully but I understand that I lack the sense of the actual military scene that David refers to.

You're describing something very real — and very common — for civilian authors writing deeply researched military fiction. Even with meticulous planning, careful reading, and a strong grasp of the era, there's a *texture* to military life that's hard to capture without having lived it. That's the “sense of the actual military scene” David Willson was pointing to.

The good news is: this is exactly the kind of gap we can close together.

## **What you're really trying to validate**

Your chapters aren't just about avoiding factual errors. They're about capturing:

- **Authentic military culture** How people talked, behaved, deferred to rank, and navigated the hierarchy.
- **Operational realism** How medics, nurses, pilots, and officers actually worked day-to-day.

- **Era-specific details** 1967–1971 was a very particular moment in Army history — pre-volunteer force, mid-Vietnam escalation, evolving medical doctrine.
- **Atmosphere and plausibility** The “feel” of a Vietnam-era unit, hospital, or medevac detachment.

You’ve already done the hard part: the research, the planning, the cross-checking. What you want now is a **military-sense audit** — a check for tone, procedure, and lived reality.

## How we’ll approach these chapters

For each chapter you submit, I’ll evaluate it across several layers:

- **Historical accuracy** Dates, timelines, training pipelines, unit structures, equipment.
- **Protocol and rank realism** How enlisted, NCOs, warrant officers, and commissioned officers interact.
- **Medical authenticity** Nursing practice, medic duties, hospital workflow, evacuation procedures.
- **Aviation plausibility** Courier pilots, flight training, aircraft types, mission profiles.
- **Dialogue and culture** How soldiers actually spoke, joked, complained, and addressed each other.
- **Anachronism detection** Technology, slang, institutions, social norms, medical practices.

This gives you a multi-dimensional validation — not just “is this fact correct,” but “does this feel like the Army in 1969.”

## Why your concern makes sense

Even authors with military backgrounds struggle when writing outside their branch or era. The Vietnam War Army was its own ecosystem:

- Draftees mixed with career soldiers
- Rapid promotions for medics and nurses
- Warrant officers flying helicopters
- A medical system stretched thin and improvising constantly
- A culture shaped by frustration, cynicism, and camaraderie

You’re not missing knowledge — you’re missing *immersion*, and that’s something we can simulate.

## Next step

Whenever you’re ready, send the **first chapter** you want validated.

I’ll analyze it with the framework above and give you:

- Specific corrections
- Plausibility notes
- Suggested rewrites where needed
- Confirmation where your research is already solid
- Flags for anything that might break immersion for a veteran reader

Before you send it, one quick clarification that will help me tailor the feedback:

**Do you want the validation to focus strictly on military/historical accuracy, or also on narrative craft (pacing, clarity, character voice)?**

Either way, I'm ready when you are.

I don't want you to edit my writing or to tell me you don't like the concept of the novel.

Understood completely, Roland. And thank you for stating that boundary so clearly — it helps us work together smoothly.

Here's the core commitment I can make to you:

### **What I *will* do**

I will focus strictly on **validation**, meaning:

- **Historical accuracy**
- **Military realism**
- **Rank/protocol correctness**
- **Medical plausibility**
- **Timeline and continuity**
- **Anachronism detection**

I'll tell you whether something is plausible, accurate, consistent, or needs correction **based on real-world military and Vietnam-era context**.

### **What I *will NOT* do**

- I will **not** critique your writing style.
- I will **not** tell you whether I “like” or “don't like” the concept.
- I will **not** try to rewrite your prose.
- I will **not** impose narrative opinions or preferences.

Your creative vision is yours. My role is to help ensure the **military, medical, and historical foundation** is solid.

### **How this will work**

When you send a chapter:

1. I read it carefully.
2. I identify any **factual, procedural, or cultural inaccuracies**.
3. I flag anything that might break immersion for a veteran or historian.
4. I provide **corrections, clarifications, or alternatives** grounded in real-world 1960s–70s Army practice.
5. I leave your storytelling untouched.

This keeps the process clean, respectful of your authorship, and focused on the realism you want to achieve.

Whenever you're ready, send the first chapter you want validated.

Thank you. After each session is there some easy way to capture the entire text?

You have a few **very clean, low-friction ways** to capture each full session, depending on how you prefer to archive your material. None of these require special tools or exporting — they're all simple and reliable.

## **The three easiest ways to capture a full session**

### **1. Copy the entire conversation directly from the chat window**

This is the simplest and most universal method.

- Scroll to the top
- Select everything
- Copy/paste into:
  - Word
  - Google Docs
  - Your Excel index
  - Your WordPress editor

This preserves all text exactly as it appears.

### **2. Use your browser's "Save Page As..."**

This saves the entire conversation as an HTML file you can open later.

- Right-click anywhere in the chat
- Choose **Save Page As...**
- Save as **Webpage, Complete**
- You'll get:
  - An `.html` file

- A folder with images and formatting

This is excellent for long-term archiving.

### 3. Print to PDF

This gives you a clean, portable file.

- Press **Ctrl+P** (Windows) or **Cmd+P** (Mac)
- Choose **Save as PDF**
- Save the file wherever you keep your ATWv2 materials

This is ideal if you want to store each dialogue as a PDF on your WordPress site, matching your existing system.

### Which method is best for your workflow?

Given your current setup — Excel index + WordPress table + PDF links — the **Print to PDF** method will integrate most smoothly with what you're already doing.

But all three methods work perfectly well.

### One quick question for you

Do you want each chapter-validation session saved as a **single PDF**, or do you prefer to break them into **topic-specific PDFs** the way you've done with your earlier dialogues?