

# J. RYAN EXPRESS NEWSLETTER

## FALL-WINTER 2013

Greetings,

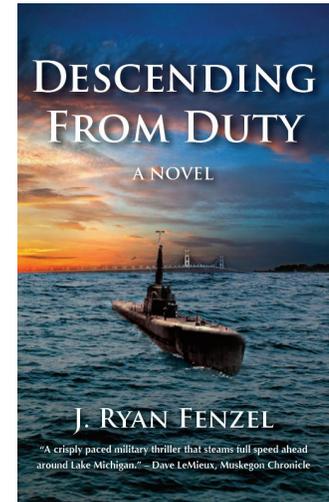
Merry Christmas, I hope you're all doing well. Here's that latest...

### My Conversation with Ernie

I recently sat down with talk show host Ernie Misch and shot a segment for his cable TV show *Great Waters Wonderland*. I really enjoyed our conversation. We discussed writing, Michigan, the Great Lakes and how it all comes together in my books. The show will air four times the week of December 16<sup>th</sup> on South Oakland County cable channel-18. You can also watch it online at the station's website: [GWW Interview](#). Just select the show title in the mini schedule box.

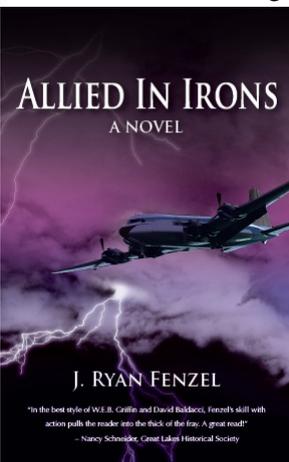
### Facelift

I've been very fortunate with the continued success of *Descending from Duty*. This fall we went back to the presses for a third printing. This time around I gave the cover art a facelift to make this run a little special. Check out the results to the right. The new sky really pops and the submarine and title are very crisp. Thanks again Julie Hamilton.



### On the Cutting Edge

If you've read *Allied In Irons* you are familiar with the term 'bacteriophage.' It's the McGuffin that Jack Sheridan is after for a good portion of the story. It turns out this plot point also happens to be very precient. I recently read a couple of articles that describe how scientists are using phages to combat antibiotic-resistant bacteria. Check out the articles [here](#) and [here](#). – It really resonates with the story. And then there is the whole NSA scandal, and how the government taps into cell networks to monitor our calls. If you recall, Rafferty reveals just such a government operation late in the story, and I wrote that a year before the scandal broke. I'm not one to say I told you so, but...



### Over the Next Hill

If you're wondering what my next book will be about, well, that makes two of us. I'm actually contemplating two story ideas. One revolves around a modern day replica of WWII paddlewheel aircraft carrier *USS Wolverine*, and a rag-tag courier pilot who is drawn into the shadowy intrigue surrounding the vessel. The other idea is a murder mystery tied to the history of the Whitehall-Montague community in west Michigan. My series character Nelson Brady will be the protagonist, and I will make his three short stories, which were published previously in regional magazines, available for free download as the book release nears. Let me know which idea interests you the most.

### eBooks

Okay, so [Descending from Duty](#) is available at your favorite eBook stores. Next up is *Inherit All Things*. It's in process and should be available very soon. I'll let you know when it hits the virtual shelves.

Have a safe and meaningful holiday season.

Sincere Regards,  
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