

## APPENDICES

### **Synopsis of *Net Force***

The story begins when the Commander of Net Force named Steve Day is assassinated by someone unknown. Net Force is a cyber security system that controls all public resources in United States of America; it is associated with the military. Commander Steve Day is a close friend of Deputy Commander Alex Michaels. The next day, the Chief of FBI, Walter S. Carver, holds a meeting with Alex Michaels and appoints him the new Commander of Net Force and Toni Fiorella the new Deputy Commander of Net Force.

Alex Michaels's first day as Commander of the Net Force is used to look for some evidence that might help him to find out the assassin and the purpose of the assassination. In doing the investigation, Commander Alex Michaels is assisted by his deputy Tony Fiorella, Colonel John Howard, and a computer programmer of Net Force named Jay Gridley. There is someone who is suspected as the assassin. He is Ray Genaloni, the leader of New York City Five Families mafia.

In another place, a computer hacker from Russia named Vladimir Plekhanov, assisted by his loyal enforcer Mikhail Ruzhyo, is planning to make a disaster by using computers. He plans to sabotage the Net Force computer system, which he believes will lead to a civil war and from which he can gain money. He

plans to buy governments with the money that he will gain. It will make him a rich and powerful man.

After doing some investigations to several people that might be involved in the assassination, Net Force crime unit led by Commander Alex Michaels along with Jay Gridley, Colonel John Howard and Sergeant Julio Fernandez, manages to catch the assassin of Commander Steve Day. He is Vladimir Plekhanov, who is arrested when he is preparing his mission to start a civil war in the United States of America.

### **Biography of Tom Clancy**

Tom Clancy is a great American contemporary novelist. His full name is Thomas Leo Clancy, Jr. He is best-known for his ability in writing crime fiction. He was born on 12 April, 1947 in Baltimore County, Maryland. He studied at Loyola Blakefield in Towson, Maryland and graduated in 1965. He continued to study English Literature at Loyola College in Baltimore and graduated in 1969.

Tom Clancy's goal was to join the United States military army, but he was rejected because he failed in a required eye exam in the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Before making his literary debut in 1984 with his first best seller novel *The Hunt for Red October*, he spent some time running an independent insurance agency. Tom Clancy and his first wife's marriage lasted nearly thirty years and they have four children. Tom Clancy's first wife filed for divorce in 1996 after it was revealed that her husband had an extramarital affair. The affair involved Katherine Huang who worked as an Assistant District Attorney in New York. On June 26, 1999, Tom Clancy married a freelance journalist Alexandra Marie

Llewellyn, who is the first cousin of Colin Powell, the 65<sup>th</sup> United States Secretary of State.

Tom Clancy is one of two authors who have sold two million copies on a first printing in the 1990's. His novel *Clear and Present Danger* in 1989 sold 1,625,544 hardcover copies, making it a bestselling novel of the 1990's. The other author is John Grisham. Tom Clancy also received the Alfred Thayer Mahan Award for Literary Achievement from the Navy League of the United States in 1990.

Beside *Net Force* (1998), there are several of Tom Clancy's best novels such as *The Hunt for Red October* (1984), *Red Storm Rising* (1986), *Patriot Games* (1987), *Clear and Present Danger* (1989), *The Sum of All Fears* (1991), *Op-Center* (1995), and *SSN: Strategies for Submarine Warfare* (1996).

Source: "Tom Clancy Biography and Notes."