Naval Historical Foundation
Books Available for Review

Against the Tide Imperial: The Struggle for Ceylon
By James Young · 2020

July 1943. When the United Kingdom was torn asunder under a hail of German firebombs and nerve gas, the distant outpost of Ceylon was an afterthought for both Allies and Axis. Now, one year after King George VI's death, the small island off of India becomes center stage for a titanic confrontation. Against the Tide Imperial is the third novel of the Usurper's War series.

Beyond the Sea: An Event Group Thriller
By David Lynn Golemon · 2017

The Soviet battle cruiser Simbirsk, which launched in June 1940 and was reported sunk in 1944 with the loss of all hands, is still sailing the open sea...

Genres: Science Fiction, Thriller, Adventure fiction, War story

Dead Man Launch
By John Gobbell · 2017

"John J. Gobbell is the John Le Carré of Naval thrillers." --John Lehman, Former Secretary of the Navy. The year is 1968, and global upheaval is the norm...

Genres: Thriller, War story, Spy fiction, Nautical fiction

The Captain Class Frigates in the Second World War
By Donald Collingwood · 1999/2020

The Battle of the Atlantic was Winston Churchill's greatest of concern during the Second World War. By 1943 new tactics and technology, developed out of bitter experience, combined with the effect of long range maritime patrol aircraft were beginning to tip the balance in the Allies' favour. ...

Crash Boat: Rescue and Peril in the Pacific During World War II
By Earl McCandlish & George D. Jepson · 2021

This is the compelling story of an American crash boat crewed by unknown heroes during World War II in the South Pacific, whose dramatic rescues of downed pilots and clandestine missions off Japanese-held islands were done at great peril ...

From Scapa to Jutland: The Story of HMS Caroline ...
By John Allison · 2019

Amid the twists and turns of her survival to this day, the story of the light cruiser HMS Caroline spans a century and more. This book focuses on the role she played as part of the Grand Fleet in time...
First to Go: The History of the USMC Combat Correspondents Association
By Jack T. Paxton · 2018

The Marine Corps Combat Correspondents trace their history to the pioneering work started by Brigadier Gen. Robert L. Denig, Sr., who began Denig's Demons in WWII. Never forgetting that they were riflemen first and writers, photographers, et al, second, the CCs have gone from the highly trained professional newsmen of the 1940s to the dedicated trained specialists that followed.

The Glorious First of June
By Mark Lardas & Edouard Groult · 2019

Illustrated throughout with stunning full-color artwork, this is the full story of the only fleet action during the Age of Fighting Sail fought in the open ocean, hundreds of miles from shore. Taking place over the course of a month, the inevitable battle was to be a close-run affair, with both sides claiming victory. To the French, it was le Bataille du 13 prairial, a notable day in their new, scientific Revolutionary calendar. For the British, it was the Glorious First of June.

The German Armoured Cruiser SMS Blücher
By Marsden Samuel · 2018

The SMS Blücher was the last armored cruiser built by the German Empire. She was constructed to counter the new armored cruisers rumored as being built by the British.

German Battleship Helgoland: Detailed in the Original Builders' Plans
By Aidan Dodson · 2019

This book is the latest in a series based entirely on original draughts which depict famous warships in an unprecedented degree of detail. Using the latest scanning technology to make digital copies of the highest quality it reproduces complete sets in full color with many close-ups and enlargements that make every aspect clear and comprehensible. The result is a novel form of anatomy that will be a revelation to any warship enthusiast…

Guy Griffiths: The Life & Times of an Australian Admiral
By Peter Jones · 2021

In his long career in the Royal Australian Navy, Guy Griffiths participated in its emergence from Depression-era stricture, pre-World War II, to its reinvention in the 1950s and 60s as a capable middle-power force centred on aircraft carriers in the missile age. In this time, he personally experienced the RAN’s darkest days in the face of the Japanese onslaught and its finest hour in the Philippines Campaign of World War II, and its close involvements in the Korean War and then the Vietnam War. He witnessed the realities of war in positions of increasing responsibility.

Homecomings
By Laura Bogan · 2019

The U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, better known as the Blue Angel, is one of the most iconic and respected aerobatics teams in the world. For years, photographer Laura Bogan has been chronicling the Blues as they return to Pensacola, the team’s beautiful seaside home on Florida's Gulf Coast.
Hunters in the Stream: A Riley Fitzhugh Novel  
By Terry Mort · 2021

Riley Fitzhugh goes through officer training and is assigned to PC 475, a new anti-U-boat vessel stationed in Key West. The 475 is nicknamed Nameless by her crew because patrol craft vessels were only given numbers…

Lions of the Sky  
By Francesco Chierici · 2019

In the world of fighter pilots, the most alpha of the alpha, competition is everything and the stakes are impossibly high. A Top Gun for the new millennium, LIONS OF THE SKY propels us into a realm in which friendship, loyalty, and skill are tested, battles won and lost in an instant, and lives irrevocably changed in the time it takes to plug in your afterburners.

Genres: Thriller, Adventure fiction, War story

The Medal with a Heart  
By Karen Kulinski & Karen Gruntman · 2018

Every medal tells a story of bravery, hard work, great achievement. But few people know how one of America's greatest military awards, The Purple Heart, came to be. The Medal With A Heart tells this story, and it begins in 1782 with George Washington and the Revolutionary War.

The Lives They Saved: The Untold Story of Medics, Mariners, and the Incredible Boatlift that Evacuated Nearly 300,000 People on 9/11  
By L. Douglas Keeney · 2021

The Lives They Saved is the story in artifacts and oral histories of the 300,000 New Yorkers who were evacuated from Manhattan on 9/11…by boat. It is a story that has not yet been written about or told. It includes hundreds of oral histories and many photographs of this high drama, set against the terrifying backdrop of the day when the Earth stood still, every airport in the U.S. was closed down, and Manhattan was seized by gridlock.

For perspective, the boatlift that saved Britain’s expeditionary force from the beaches of Dunkirk removed approximately the same number of people: 300,000.

The Medic: A World War II Story of Imprisonment, Hope, and Survival  
By Claire E. Swedberg · 2021

Henry Chamberlain was one of the longest-term prisoners of war in World War II. Taken prisoner in the American surrender at Bataan in April 1942, he remained in Japanese captivity until September 1945. During three and a half years of imprisonment, as a medic he was a unique and unfortunate witness to the horrors and terrors the Japanese inflicted on their prisoners.

A Navy Admiral’s Bronze Rules  
By Rear Adm. Dave Oliver, USN (Ret.) · 2021

Rear Adm. Oliver sketches the problems a leader will routinely (and not-so routinely) face. He invites the reader to consider the attributes which will help best prepare them for future challenges. These thirty case studies demonstrate that few real leadership problems will yield to a “one-hammer” solution. No matter how good a practitioner may become with one leadership style, one knock-them-dead ability seldom serves to get a leader all the way through their problem or conflict. Adm. Oliver thus provides a range of tools for different personalities and situations. The potential leader thus has a range of solutions to fit the problem as well as an individual’s personal comfort zone.
**The Nugget**  
By P. T. Deutermann · 2019

A novice naval aviator grows into a hero in this gripping and authentic World War II adventure by master storyteller P.T. Deutermann.

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**The Poseidon Project**  
[Galley Proof]  
By David Bosco · 2021

As David Bosco shows in *The Poseidon Project*, the history of humanity's attempt to create rules for the oceans is alive and relevant. Tracing the roots of the law of the sea and the background to current maritime disputes, he shows that building effective ocean rules while preserving maritime freedoms remains a daunting task. Bosco analyzes how fragile international institutions and determined activists are struggling for relevance in a world still dominated by national governments. As maritime tensions develop, *The Poseidon Project* will serve as an essential guide to the continuing challenge of ocean governance.

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**Royal Naval Submarines 1901 to 2008**  
By Maurice Cocker · 2020

This is a must-buy for the Royal Navy and Submarine enthusiast, being a complete directory of RN submarines from the outset to the present day. There is a wealth of detail on each class.

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**Soldier Parrott: The Incredible Story of America's First Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient**  
By J. North Conway · 2021

Soldier Parrott brings a new level of research and personal grit to Civil War history with this riveting account of how Jacob Parrott, an 18-year-old, illiterate orphan from Ohio became the first soldier to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Parrott, a private in the Union Army, volunteered in 1862 for a secret mission behind Confederate lines to steal a train, tear up railroad tracks, burn bridges, and cut telegraph lines.

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**A Sailor’s Journey**  
By Ray Perrotti · 2021

In 1966, most young men graduating high school in America only saw three options: go to college, wait to be drafted, or enlist. Ray chose enlistment, and for the next three years, embarked on the adventure of a lifetime around the world on a Navy Destroyer. Read firsthand accounts of working with NASA on Apollo capsule retrieval and participating in Naval rituals like crossing the Equator. Lose yourself in memories that have delighted friends and family for decades, now collected in this personal and honest look backward. In *A Sailor’s Journey*, Ray Perrotti shares genuine, personal stories about Navy life during Vietnam. This memoir captures the good, the bad, and the hustle of a not-so-typical enlisted man, just trying to get through his commitment to serve.
Three War Marine Hero: General Raymond G. Davis
By Richard Camp · 2020

This is the old man’s third war!”—Dick Camp, introduction to book
A native of Georgia, Raymond Davis joined the Marine Corps after university and would go on to serve in three wars and be decorated for gallantry several times.

The Trafalgar Chronicle: Dedicated to Naval History in the Nelson Era: New Series 5
By John A. Rodgaard, Judith Pearson, & Sean Heuvel · 2020

The Trafalgar Chronicle is a prime source of information as well as the publication of choice for new research about the Georgian Navy, sometimes also loosely referred to as ‘Nelson's Navy’, though its scope reaches out to include all the sailing navies of the period.

U.S. Aircraft Carriers 1939-45
Ingo Bauernfeind · 2021

This extensively illustrated volume tells the dramatic yet successful story of US aircraft carriers in World War II by class, ranging from early pre-war designs to escort carriers built from destroyer hulls, to the gigantic fleet carriers serving as the predecessors of modern-day super carriers.

Valor and Courage: The Story of the USS Block Island Escort Carriers in World War II
By Benjamin J. Hruska · 2021

Benjamin Hruska explores the history and commemoration of the USS Block Island—or, more properly, the Block Islands, as two escort carriers bore that name during WWII. The first, CVE 21, bears the distinction of having been the only American aircraft carrier sunk in the Atlantic Theatre after being torpedoed by a German U-boat off the coast of North Africa.

The Coronado Conspiracy (Rick Holden Thrillers Book 1) [EBOOK]
By George Galdorisi · 1998/2017

Off the shore of Costa Rica, the Navy command ship USS Coronado launches an all-out assault against one of the most powerful drug lords in Central America. The strike force is in position; the Blackhawks are armed and airborne, and the high-tech fist of the U.S. military is poised to come down like a sledgehammer. Everything is going according to plan until the quiet jungle erupts in a chaos of blood, shrapnel, and fire.

For Duty and Honor (Rick Holden Thrillers Book 2) [EBOOK]
By George Galdorisi · 2000/2018

A vicious terrorist attack leaves nearly seventy U.S. sailors dead, and the entire United States Navy looking for answers. In the volatile waters of the Arabian Gulf, the USS Carl Vinson Strike Group - under the command of Admiral Heater Robinson - stands ready to unleash the full fury of a nuclear aircraft carrier against America's enemies. When it becomes clear that the government has no intention of punishing the murderers, Robinson decides to take justice into his own hands, no matter what the cost.