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## **BIOGRAPHICAL**

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### **20th CENTURY TO PRESENT**

*Blue Angels Decades Vol. 1 1946-1955*

By Matthew Garretson (Blueanglesdecades.com, 2022)

Heavily illustrated soft-covered book that offers interesting details on the Navy's flight demonstration squadron.

*Take Charge and Move Out: The Founding Fathers of TACAMO*

By Lewis F. McIntyre, Casemate (2022)

This book details the origins of a naval air squadron that was established to serve as a national command post in case of nuclear conflict,

*Grumman EA-6B Prowler: Flying with the US Navy and Marine Corps.* By Duke Hawkins, (HMH Publications, 2021)

A very impressive illustrated softbound book illustrating aspects of an aircraft that played a key electronic warfare mission for the Navy and Marine Corps.

*Alpha: Eddie Gallagher and the War for the Soul of the Navy Seals*

By David Philipps , Crown Press (2022).

A detailed account of special forces operations in Afghanistan and a question of accountability that resulted in a court martial and attention in the media and at the highest levels of government.

### **19th CENTURY & AGE OF SAIL**

*Commanding Petty Despot: The American Navy in the New Republic*

By Thomas Sheppard, Naval Institute Press (2022)

A new look at the early American Navy leading into the War of 1812 that looks at the issue of civilian – control of the service and frictions with the early Navy commanders and the Secretary of the Navy.

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

## **MARITIME/MISC.**

*The SS United States: Ship of Power, Might, and Indecision*

By William H. Miller (Fonthill, 2022)

A lavishly illustrated soft cover book detailing the ship's career as an ocean liner and then the years of decay as efforts continue to preserve the ship not the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

*To Provide and Maintain a Navy: 1775-1945*

Captain Richard L. Wright (Xlibris, 2022)

A 300 page study about determining the Navy's shipbuilding needs and how the nation's shipyards turned out the types of hulls needed to meet the needs of the fleet.

*First to Go: The History of the USMC Combat Correspondents Association*

By Jack T. Paxton · (St Johan Press 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.

*Homecomings* By Laura Bogan · (Mascot Books 2018)

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.

## **HISTORICAL FICTION**

*Hunters in the Stream: A Riley Fitzhugh Novel* By Terry Mort · (McBooks Press, 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...

*Dead Man Launch: A Todd Ingram Novel of the Cold War* By John Gobbell · 2017

It's 1968, a time when global upheaval seems the norm. The war in Southeast Asia rages along with prolonged civil unrest at home. Amongst this, turncoat Navy Warrant Officer Johnnie Walker begins an extended relationship with the Soviet Union by selling top-secret crypto key lists to them to fulfill a voracious appetite for the good life.