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BIOGRAPHICAL

West Point Admiral: Leadership Lessons from From Four Decades of Military Service

By RADM Michael W. Shelton, CEC USN (Ret) Acclaim Press (2022)

An autobiographical work by a West Point graduate who came into the Navy as a SeaBee and covers an era beginning with tours in Vietnam through the end of the century covering a period of transition to include the integration of women into the ranks.

Between Land and Sea: A Cold Warrior's Log

By RADM Phil Dur, USN (Ret.) Lioncrest (2022)

An autobiographical work of a Surface Warfare Officer who earned his commission through the NROTC program at Notre Dame, Peter Swartz states “Admiral Dur had an unusually fascinating and successful US Navy Career, at sea and as a defense policy advisor and diplomat – A Real Life Captain “Pug” Henry. The cover showing a Krivak destroyer colliding into Dur’s *Yorktown* is illustrative of Swartz’s point.

Armageddon in the Artic Ocean: Up the Hawse Pipe from Galley Boy to Third Mate on a Legendary Liberty Ship in the Biggest Convoy Battle of World War II

By Paul Gill Sr. edited by Paul Gill, Jr. Hellgate (2022)

The epic battle for PQ-18 is just the climax of the tale of the author who came into the US merchant marine during the depression. Craig Symonds writes: “Once I started I could not stop...”

20th CENTURY TO PRESENT

Short Sunderland: The “Flying Porcupines” in the Second World War

By Andrew Hendrie, Pen & Sword, (2022)

The book covers the development and deployment of the British Sunderland flying boat squadrons manned by personnel from Canada, Norway, New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa.

Black Snow” Custis LeMay, the Firebombing of Tokyo, and the Road to the Atomic Bomb

By James M. Scott, Norton (2022)

Richard Frank notes the book “Brilliantly vilifies the horrific reality of the most destructive air attack in history....This riveting account illuminates the historical moment of profound contemporary relevance.”

More Lives Than A Ship's Cat: The Most Highly Decorated Midshipman in the Second World War – G A (Mick) Stoke MBE DSC RN

By Jeremy Stoke – Pen & Sword, UK (2022)

An interesting biography written by Stoke's youngest son. Title says it all.

Alistair MacLean's War: How the Royal Navy Shaped His Best-Sellers

By Mark Simmons – forward by Lee Child, Pen & Sword (UK (2022)

This book details the wartime experience in HMS Royalist of the author of such books as *HMS Ulysses*, *Guns of Navarone*, *South by Java head*.

Fleet Air Arm Carrier War

By Kev Darling Pen & Sword (2022)

A history of British aircraft carriers from World War I through the Falklands.

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 Despots: 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 Wreck of the Portland: A Doomed Ship, A Violent Storm, and New England's Worst Maritime Disaster,

By J. North Conway, Lyons, (2022)

An account of the November 1898 loss of a passenger ship carrying some 200 souls steaming into a Nor'easter in 1898 with tragic results.

MARITIME/MISC.

A Tradition of Change: CPO Initiations to CPO 365 and Back

By Master Chief Jim Leuci (Self-published 2021)

This is an expanded edition of an earlier volume that shed light and destroyed mythology about a uniquely Navy ritual.

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 21st 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.

Women of the Spanish-American War: Fighters, War Correspondents, and Activists

By Cheryl Mullenbach, Lyons Press (2022)

A fascinating look into the brave and resilient women—fighters, volunteers, reporters, nurses, spies and more—who contributed to the Spanish – American War – both at home and abroad.

HISTORICAL FICTION

In the Shadows of Guadalcanal

By Phillip Parotti

Story of the CO and crew of a Patrol Craft that after escorting convoys up and down the East Coast that is sent to the South Pacific to support operations off Guadalcanal.

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.