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BIOGRAPHICAL

Into Enemy Waters: A World War II Story of the Demolition Divers who Became the Navy SEALs

By Andrew Dubbins,, Diverson Books (2022)

A first book from a LA-based journalists who covers the story of George Morgan who was one of Draper Kauffman’s divers having a first assignment to clear obstacles at Omaha Beach. He would then deploy later in 1944 and 1945 to the Pacific.

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.

20th CENTURY TO PRESENT

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.

War Alert in the Tropical Dawn at Pearl

By Pam Ribby, Opus (2022)

The author’s narrative discusses her grandfather Captain Charles Maddox and delves into radio intelligence in the hours leading to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Pacific Profiles VOL 8, IJN Floatplanes in the South Pacific 1942-1944

By Michael John Claringbound, Avenmore (2022)

A softcover 122 page gorgeously illustrated volume that not only discusses some of the technical attributes to this floatplanes but goes into how they were operational employed.

The Royal Navy in Action: Art from Dreadnought to Vengeance

By John Fairly, Pen & Sword (2022)

A hard-cover coffee table – type book with splendid illustrations of the Royal Navy broken into WW 1, WW 2 and post war sections. Narrative discusses the art and the actions depicted.

Tales of the Sea Cloud: Luxury Yacht, Integrated Naval Vessel, Legendary Ship.

Ken W. Sayers Texas A&M University Press

The narrative discusses the history of a 1920s sailing yacht built for Marjorie Merriweather Post that comes into the service of the U.S. Coast Guard in WW II and serves as platform for an integrated crew to include some 80 African Americans including three Black officers.

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.

19th CENTURY & AGE OF SAIL

MARITIME/MISC.

US Department of Homeland Security Aviation

Tom Kaminski, Key Books (2022)

A contemporary overview of the current inventory of Coast Guard Aviation and the support infrastructure.

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.

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.