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### BIOGRAPHICAL

*Submariner: 30 Years of Hijinks & Keeping the Fleet Afloat*

By LCDR Jerry Pait USN (Ret.)

A semi-autobiographical collection of sixty stories from his service with the submarine fleet from the perspective of an individual who served in enlisted and officer ranks covered the 1960s into the 1980s the include the recovery of CHALLENGER.

### 20th CENTURY TO PRESENT

*A Pitiful Unholy Mess: The Histories of Wheeler, Bellows, and Haleiwa Fields and the Japanese Attacks on Decembers 7, 1941.*

By J. Michael Wenger, Robert J. Cressman, and John F. DiVirgilio, Naval Institute Press (2022)

As the title indicates this book looks at the air assault on other parts of the island. Coffeetable book format nicely illustrated.

*The Road to Pearl Harbor: Great Power War in Asia and the Pacific*

John Maurer and Erik Goldstein Ed. Naval Institute Press (2022)

The thoughtful handbook of essays from the editors as well as Richard FrankPeter Mauch, Grant Rhode, Walter McDougall, and Toshi Yoshihara that examines the lead up to the December 7 attack from various international perspectives.

*A Strange Whim of the Sea: The Wreck of the USS Macaw*

By Tim Loughman, University of Kentucky Press (2022)

On January 16, the submarine salvage ship USS *Macaw* ran aground at Midway while attempting to tow the stranded submarine USS *Flier*. As the title indicates, it did not go well afterwards. Loughman provides a history of the loss of the ship and an overview of this auxiliary ship's service in the Pacific in the USN.

*Calmness, Courage, and Efficiency: Remembering the Battle of the Leyte Gulf*

By Martin R. Waldman, NHHC Washington DC (2022)

Part of a new softcover booklet initiative to get history out to the fleet in handy packaging covers the various aspects of this notable climatic battle.

*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.

*Cruisers of the III Reich (Vol II)*

By Witold Kosela Stratus (2022)

A gorgeously illustrated hard cover presentation with detailed line drawings of the Kriegsmarine's cruisers with narratives discussing the service lives of each of the ships placed in commission.

*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.

*Naval Eyewitnesses: The Experiences of War, 1939-1945*

By James Goulty, Pen and Sword, (2022)

The author centers his chapters on the experience of Royal Navy sailors on various ship classes through the war.

*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.

*The Great Nightfall: How We Win the New Cold War*

J. William Middendorf II Heritage Harbor Foundation (2020)

The Director Emeritus of the NHF who served as Secretary of the Navy under President Ford addresses threats from an emerging China and Russia and the role sea power should play in addressing these potential threats.

*Be Bold: How a Marine Corps Hero Broke Barriers for Women at War*

By Tom Sileo, Fidelis Publishing (2022)

Sileo tells the story of USNA graduate Major Megan McClung who was the first female alum to die in combat in Iraq.

*French Naval Aviation*

By Henri-Pierre Grolleau Key Books, (2022)

Soft jacketed well illustrated coverage of French naval aviation over the past two decades. From helicopters to fighters this is a handy guide.

**19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY & AGE OF SAIL**

*Victory: 100-Gun First Rate 1765*

By Kerry Jang Shipcraft 29 (2022)

A well-illustrated short history of HMS *Victory* with an extensive section on how to accurately model the ship.

*Death By Fire and Ice: The Steamboat Lexington Calamity*

By Brian E. O'Connor, Naval Institute Press, (2022)

Gripping account oof the explosion, burning, and sinking of the steamboat *Lexington* in Long Island Sound on January 13,1840. Only four of 147 survive....and that's only the beginning of the story.

**MARITIME/MISC.**

*Our Greatest Strength: Navy Wives and the Manpower Crisis in the 1970s US Navy*

By Joel Hebert, NHHC, Washington, DC (2022)

Another new NHHC publication in a easy to carry soft-cover format aimed to get good naval history content out to the fleet about a critical period in the post-Vietnam – era when the decision to have an all-volunteer force meant you needed to accommodate spouses and families.

*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.