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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**

*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.

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

By Mark Simmons – foreword 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*.

*Great Naval Battles of the Pacific War: The Official Admiralty Accounts: Midway, Coral Sea, Java Sea, Guadalcanal & Leyte Gulf*

Compiled by John Grehan, Frontline Books, UK, (2022)

An interesting perspective of accounts of some key American battles written for internal British use at the time.

*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.

*German U-Boat Losses During World War II: Details of Destruction*

Axel Niestle, Frontline, UK (2022)

An impressive reference work listing all of the German U-Boats and a note where and how they met their demise. Includes a list of the skippers and plots.

*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.

*The Commander's Account: Maritime Strike – The Untold Story of The Royal Navy Task Group off Libya in 2011*

By Rear Adm. John Kingwell, Casemate (2022)

A bit autobiographical, the book details the creation of the UK Response Force Task Group concept and how it was employed in Libya as part of Operation Ellamy in 2011.

*Carrier Killer: China's Anti-Ship Ballistic Missiles and Theater of Operations in the Early 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

Gerry Doyle and Blake Herzinger, Helion & Co, (2022)

A heavily illustrated 68 page publication provides an overview of previous efforts to put carriers at risk and assesses current Chinese capabilities.

## **19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.

*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.

*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.