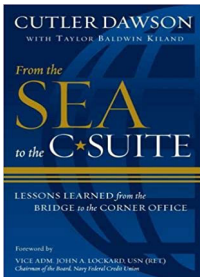


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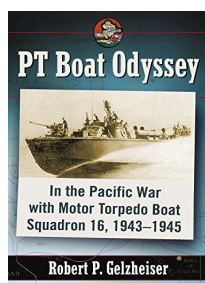


FROM THE SEA TO THE C-SUITE: Lessons Learned From the Bridge to the Corner Office

By Cutler Dawson, with Taylor Baldwin Kiland.
Annapolis, Maryland: Naval Institute Press, 2019.
152 pages. \$21.95.

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Retired Navy flag officers often are sought after by commercial and industrial enterprises because of their demonstrated leadership abilities and track record of accomplishments. Vice Adm. Cutler Dawson was one of these. During his 34-year naval career, Dawson had six commands, including four ships, a cruiser-destroyer group and the U.S. 2nd Fleet, and commanded strikes from the Arabian Sea and the Adriatic Sea. He also served as the acting Navy budget officer, chief of legislative affairs and deputy chief of naval operations for resources, requirements and assessments. After he retired in 2004, he became president of Navy Federal Credit Union, where he has been credited with quadrupling the size of the union by focusing on and improving customer service. Under his leadership, the credit union was ranked for eight years by Fortune magazine as a "Best Place to Work." The author shows how he applied his principles to motivate Sailors and employees alike to serve with excellence.



PT BOAT ODYSSEY: In the Pacific War With Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron 16, 1943-1945

By Robert P. Gelzheiser. Jefferson, North Carolina:
McFarland & Co. Inc. Publishers, 2019. 303 pages.
\$45.00

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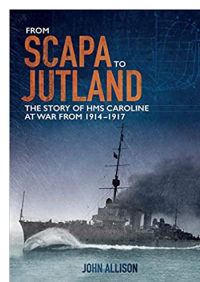
The author's father was a crewman on a U.S. Navy patrol torpedo (PT) boat during World War II. The father, an electrician's mate second class, served in the Aleutians, New Guinea and the Philippines. This book is not only the story of an ordinary Sailor but also a chronicle of life and action of the crews of boats that punched well above their weight and were a dogged nuisance to Japanese shipping and shorelines in the island campaigns of the Pacific War. The author also describes the PT boats and their armament in detail and how they were able to operate. The author's reflections on his father as parent and a warrior are a welcome plus to augment a narrative of the close combat in which the boat crews engaged. The book's impressive collection of black-and-white photos illustrate well the adverse conditions endured by the crews in cold and hot climates.



TIRPITZ IN NORWAY: X-Craft Midget Submarines Raid the Fjords, Operation Source 1943

By Angus Konstam. Oxford, United Kingdom:
Osprey Publishing, 2019. 80 pages. \$22.00
ISBN 978-1-4728-3585-7

In 1943, the German battleship Tirpitz, sister ship of the sunken Bismarck, remained a threat to Allied shipping as it berthed in a Norwegian fjord, seemingly impervious to attack. The U.K. Royal Navy devised a plan to infiltrate the fjord with three-man midget submarines — X-craft — to disable the battleship. Six X-craft were towed across the North Sea by submarines toward the fjord, but one X-craft was lost en route. The raid in Altenfjord was carried out as two X-craft laid eight tons of explosives under Tirpitz, which was not sunk in the explosion but severely disabled, particularly its propulsion systems. All but one X-craft were lost in the operation, along with nine Sailors. Six more were taken prisoner. The ship was never able to sortie from the fjord again and was sunk on Nov. 12, 1944, by Tall Boy bombs dropped by Royal Air Force Lancaster bombers. This well-illustrated monograph is a fitting tribute to the daring operation.



FROM SCAPA FLOW TO JUTLAND: The Story of HMS Caroline at War from 1914-1917

By John Allison. Havertown, Pennsylvania:
Casemate Publishers, 2019. 128 pages. \$17.95.
ISBN 978-1-78073-124-7

Naval books on individual ships typically honor aircraft carriers and battleships, but ships in museums also are often enshrined in print. Such is this book on the U.K. Royal Navy light cruiser HMS Caroline, now a museum in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and one of three Royal Navy ships surviving from the Great War. The Caroline was launched just after the beginning of World War I and served in contraband control, patrols of the North Sea, the blockade of Germany and screening for supply convoys. The Caroline was in the thick of the action at the Battle of Jutland, where it went unscathed as its crew observed many ships go down. The author knows the ship well, having served on the Caroline when it was a training ship in the 1960s.

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