



★ AMERICA'S 250 MARITIME CELEBRATIONS ★

VIRGINIA

June 12-23, 2026

**Educational
Resources**



In June 2026, the City of Norfolk and Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Region will host a fleet of more than 60 ships. This international fleet will include tall ships, military vessels, and character vessels from more than 20 countries. As part of the Sail250® Virginia education program, this collection of more than 200 online educational resources and nearly 100 books has been gathered for Virginia educators, youth groups, and students of all ages. The focus of this collection of resources matches the themes of the Sail250® Virginia events – commemorating the semiquincentennial of the United States, recognizing Virginia's place in our Nation's maritime and military history, and honoring the importance of our maritime services throughout the last 250 years. We hope you enjoy exploring the information contained in this collection of resources and will take the opportunity to participate in the Sail250® Virginia events!



U.S. MARITIME HISTORY – INTRODUCTIONS & CHRONOLOGIES

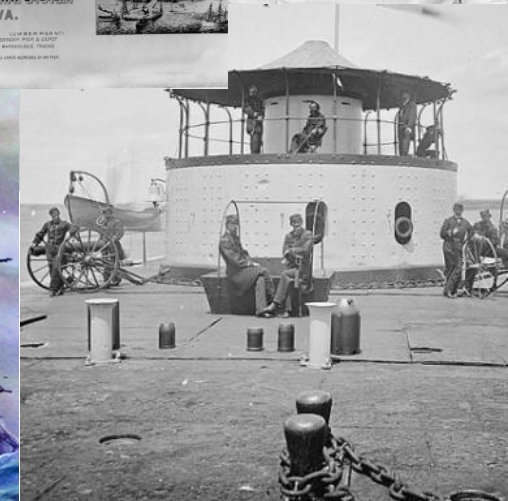
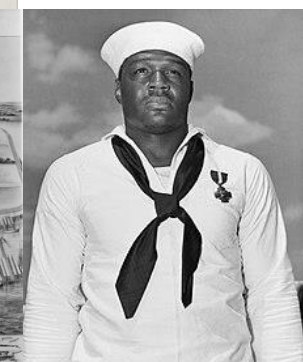
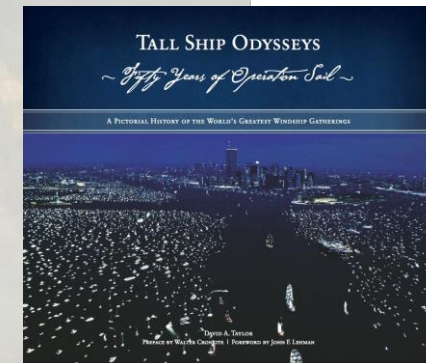
Mystic Seaport Museum [Timeline of Maritime Activities in American History](#)

Mystic Seaport – [Maritime Activities in American History: An Introduction](#)

U.S. Navy History & Heritage Command – [Chronological List \[Of Online Resources\]](#)

U.S. Department of Defense – [History of the Department of Defense](#)

U.S. Coast Guard – [Chronology of Coast Guard History](#)



HISTORY OF THE U.S. NAVY



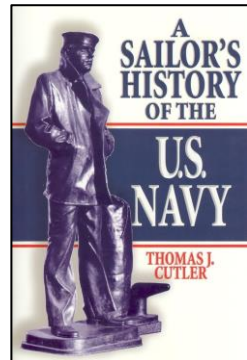
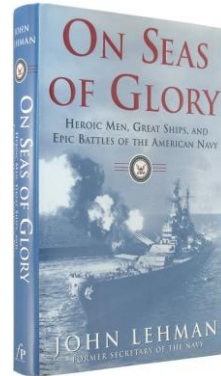
U.S. Naval History & Heritage Command – [History by Topics](#)

U.S. Navy Basic Military Requirements Training Course – [Naval History Chapter](#)

U.S. Naval History & Heritage Command  – [The History of the United States Navy](#)

USS CONSTITUTION Museum  – [A Voyage Through History: Founding the U.S. Navy](#)

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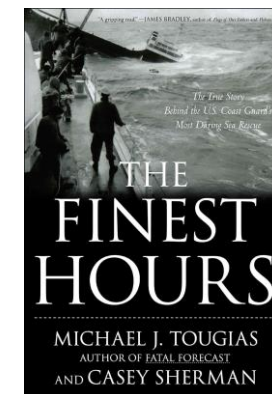
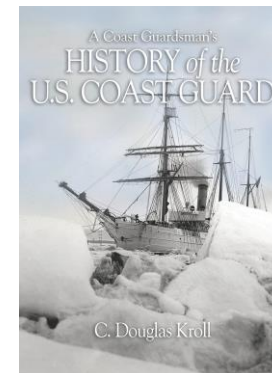
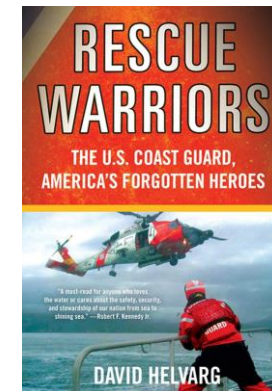
HISTORY OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD

U.S. Coast Guard – [Historic Topics](#)

U.S. Coast Guard – [On This Day in USCG History](#)

U.S. Coast Guard  – [Coast Guard Celebrates 225 Years of Service to the Nation](#)

The History Guy  – [Rum Runners and the Birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard](#)





HISTORY OF THE U.S. MARINE CORPS

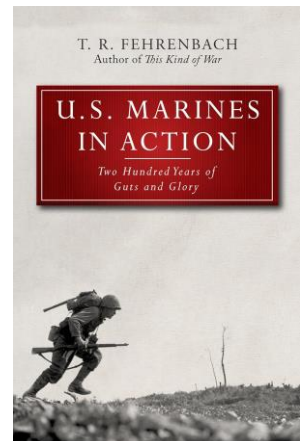
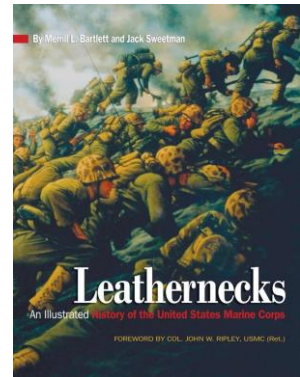
U.S. Marine Corps – [History of the Marine Corps](#)

U.S. Marine Corps – [A Brief History of the United States Marine Corps](#)

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Books:



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HISTORY OF THE U.S. MERCHANT MARINE

U.S. Naval Institute – [A Brief History of the American Merchant Marine](#)

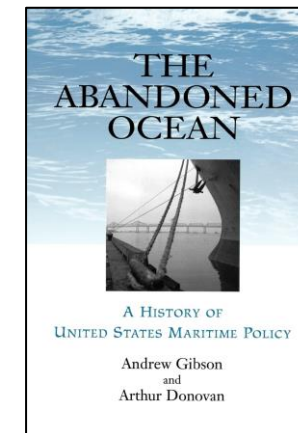
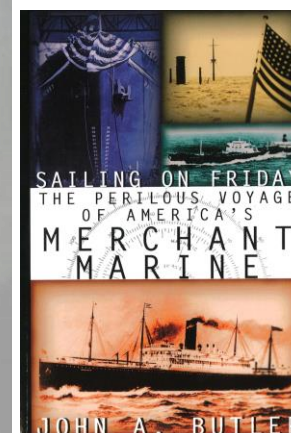
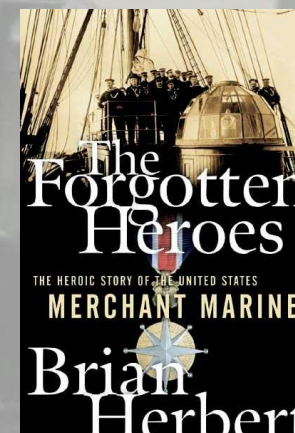
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy – [USMMA History](#)

USMM.org - [American Merchant Marine at War](#)

Library of Congress – [Veterans History Project Collection, Merchant Marine](#)

Transportation Institute – [History of the Maritime Industry](#)

What is Going on With Shipping  – [What is the Merchant Marine](#)



VIRGINIA INDIANS & NATIVE AMERICANS IN U.S. MARITIME HISTORY




JYF Museums – Primary Sources: [De Bry's 'The Manner of making their boates'](#)

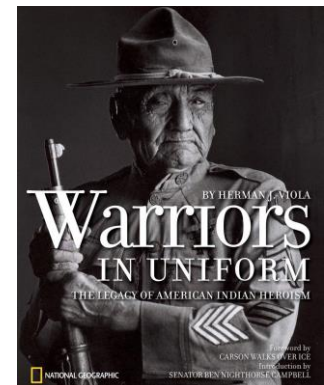
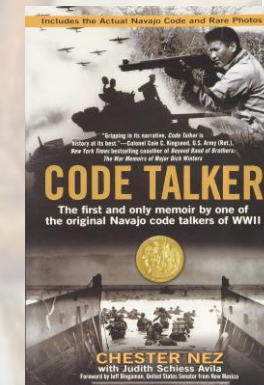
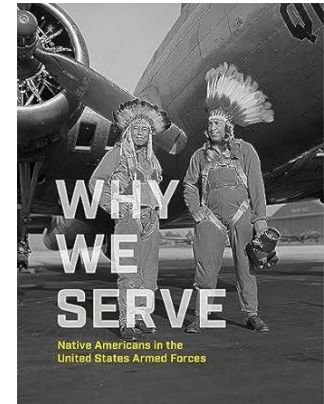
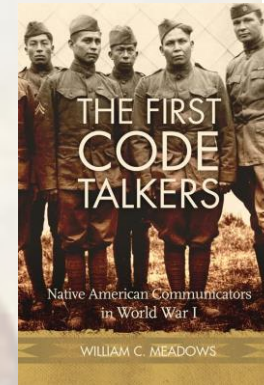
Encyclopedia Virginia – [Fishing and Shellfishing by Early Virginia Indians](#)

U.S. Coast Guard – [Native Americans in the U.S. Coast Guard](#)

USO – [A History of Military Service: Native Americans in the U.S. Military, Yesterday and Today](#)

Virginia Humanities (Video) – [Patawomeck Eel Pots](#)

JYF Museums  – [Making a 17th Century Powhatan Canoe](#)



AFRICAN AMERICANS IN U.S. MARITIME HISTORY

U.S. Coast Guard – [African Americans in the U.S. Coast Guard](#)

U.S. Maritime Administration – [Before They Were Famous: Notable African Americans Who Participated in the Country's Maritime Industry](#)

The National Archives – [African American Seaman of the Antebellum Era: Using Seaman's Protection Certificates to Document Early Black Mariners](#)

The Mariners' Museum and Park – [Black Maritime History](#)

The Hudson River Maritime Museum - [Black Mariners In the Atlantic World](#)

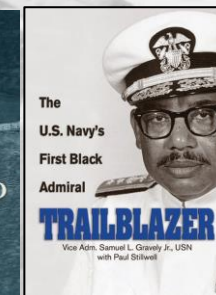
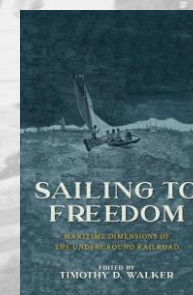
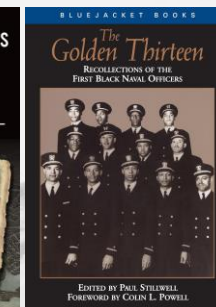
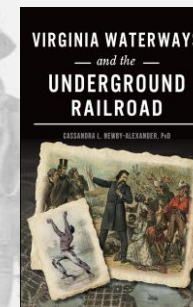
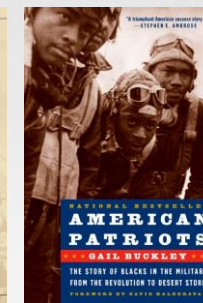
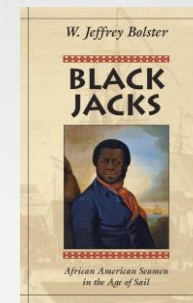
San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park - [African American History](#)

JYF Museums – [Angelo](#)

JYF Museums – [African Americans in the American Revolution](#)

The Ocean Conservancy – [A Brief History of Black People and the Chesapeake Bay](#)

National Museum of the Marine Corps Kids  – [History in Your Pocket: African Americans in the USMC \(Part I\)](#)



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ASIAN AMERICANS, FILIPINO AMERICANS, & PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN U.S. MARITIME HISTORY



U.S. Naval History & Heritage Command – [Asian Americans in the U.S. Navy](#)

U.S. Coast Guard – [Asian Americans Pacific Islanders in the U.S. Coast Guard](#)

Library of Congress – [Serving Our Voices, Stories from the Veterans History Project](#) – [Asian Americans: Going for Broke](#)

Library of Congress – [Asians in the Military](#)


Library of Congress – [Belonging On and Off the Battlefield: Asian Americans in the U.S. Military](#)

National World War II Museum – [Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in World War II](#)

National World War II Museum – [Commemorating Filipino American History Month](#)

Mariners' Museum and Park – [Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#)

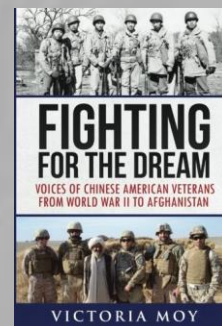
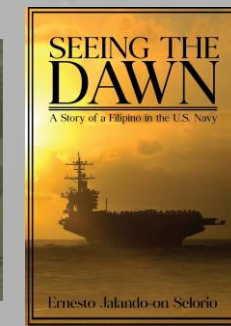
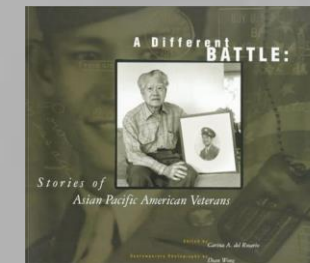
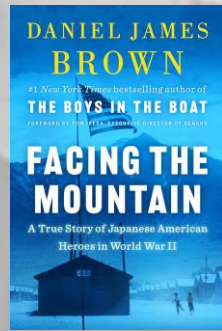
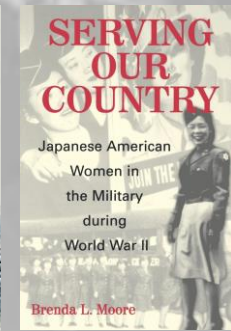
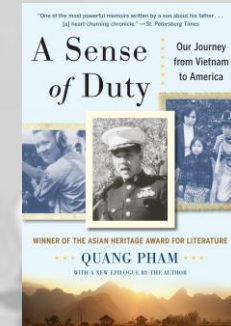
National Museum of the Marine Corps Kids –
[History at Home – Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States Marine Corps](#)

Bataan Legacy Historical Society – Filipinos in the U.S. Navy  – [From Stewards to Flag Officers](#)

U.S. Navy  – [Asian American and Pacific Islanders Month](#)

National Museum of the Marine Corps Kids  –
[Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States Marine Corps](#)

American Veterans Center  – [Profiles in Valor: Major Kurt Chew-Een Lee](#)



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HISPANIC AMERICANS IN U.S. MARITIME HISTORY

U.S. Naval History & Heritage Command – [Hispanic Americans in the United States Navy \(PowerPoint\)](#)

PAX River Press – [Remembering Hispanic-Americans in the U.S. Navy](#)

Women Marine Association – [Celebrating Hispanic Heritage](#)

Marine Parents – [Hispanics in the Marine Corps](#)

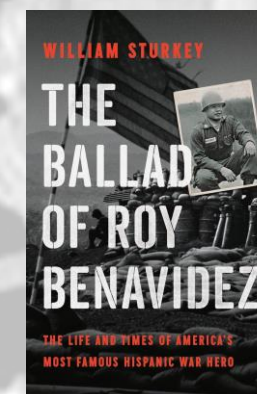
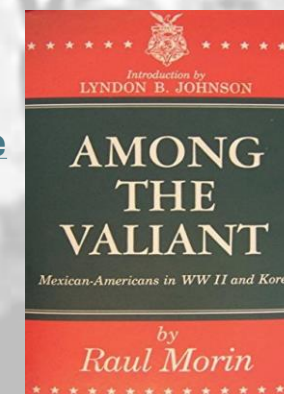
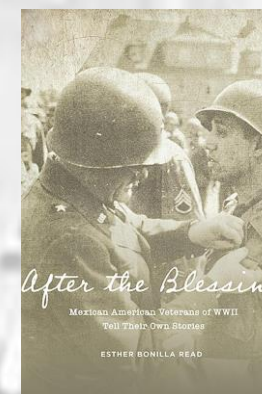
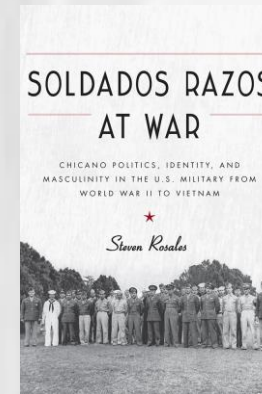
U.S. Coast Guard – [Hispanic Americans in the U.S. Coast Guard](#)

The National World War II Museum – [Los Veteranos – Latinos in WWII](#)

The National Park Service – [American Latino Theme Study: Military](#)

Library of Congress – [Serving Our Voices, Stories from the Veterans History Project: Hispanics in Service](#)

National Museum of the Marine Corps Kids  – [Hispanic Americans in the Marine Corps](#)



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WOMEN IN U.S. MARITIME HISTORY

Women Marines Association – [Celebrating Women's Roles in Marine Corps History](#)

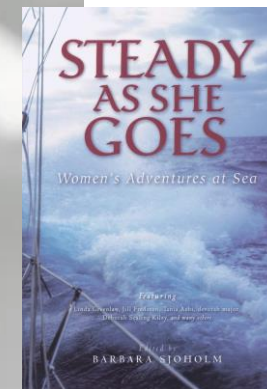
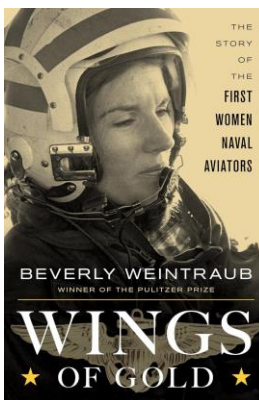
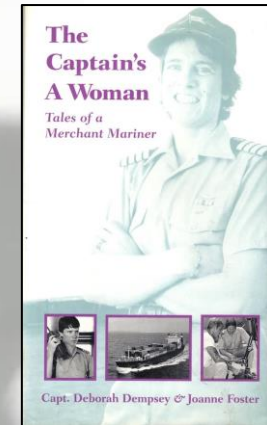
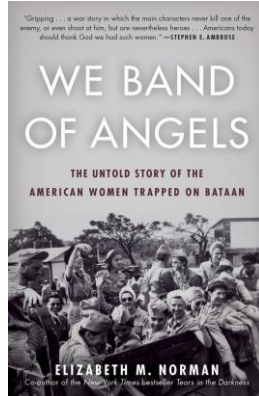
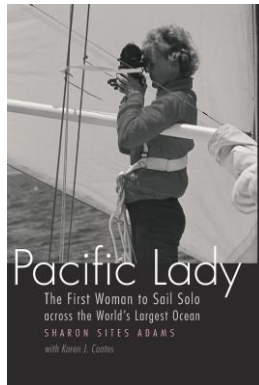
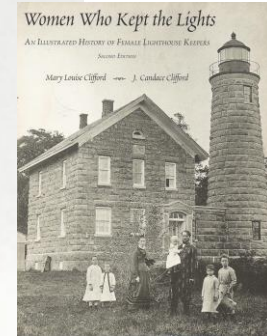
National Veterans Memorial & Museum – [Women in Uniform: Serving at Sea](#)

San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park – [Women in Maritime History](#)

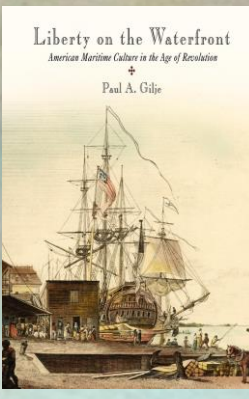
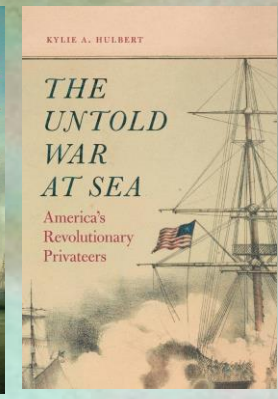
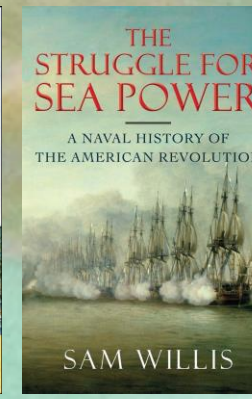
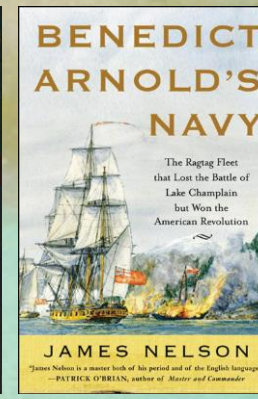
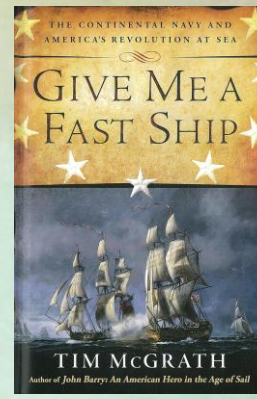
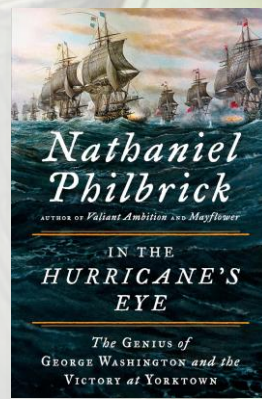
The Mariners' Museum and Park – [Amazing Women for International Women's Day](#)

The National World War II Museum – [Admiral Grace Murray Hopper: When Women Were Computers](#)

U.S. Naval History & Heritage Command – [First Female Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy](#)



Maritime History of the American Revolutionary War



U.S. Naval History & Heritage Command – [American Revolution 1775-1783](#)

American Battlefield Trust – [The Continental Navy](#)

American Battlefield Trust – [Naval Tactics of the American Revolution](#)

Naval Documents of the American Revolution – [Digital Collection](#)

George Washington's Mount Vernon – [Battle of the Chesapeake](#)

The American Revolution Institute – [The American Revolution at Sea](#)

U.S. Naval Institute – [The Importance of Sea Power in the American Revolution](#)

National Museum of the Marine Corps Kids  – [Marines in the American Revolution](#)



MARITIME HISTORY OF THE WAR OF 1812

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USS CONSTITUTION Museum – [War of 1812 Overview](#)

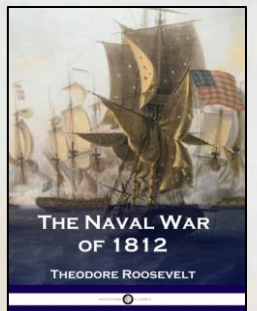
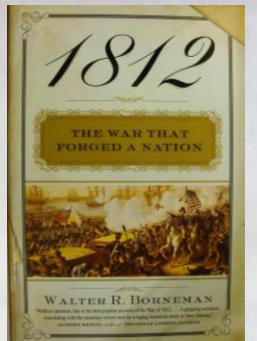
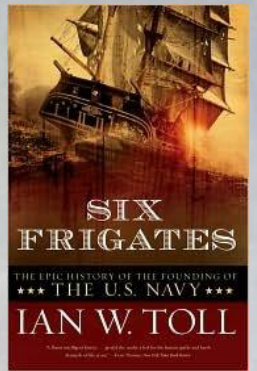
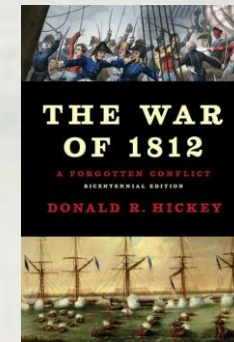
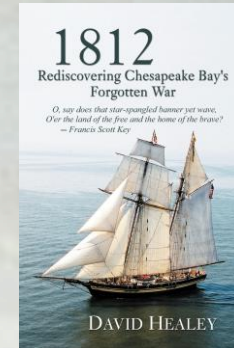
U.S. Naval Institute – [Growing Pains for the U.S. Navy: The War of 1812](#)

U.S. Naval Institute Press – [The War's Pervasive Naval Dimensions](#)

American Battlefield Trust – [Naval Engagements in the War of 1812](#)

Erie Maritime Museum – [America's Forgotten War of 1812](#)

PBS  – [The War of 1812](#)



MARITIME HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

U.S. Naval History & Heritage Command – [Civil War](#)

U.S. Naval Institute – [The Blockading, Raiding Navies of the Civil War](#)

The Hampton Roads Naval Museum – [The Daybook: Civil War at Sea](#)

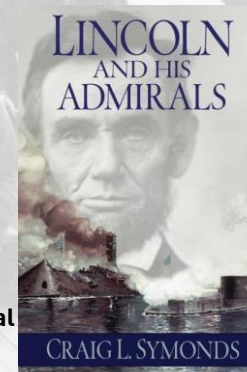
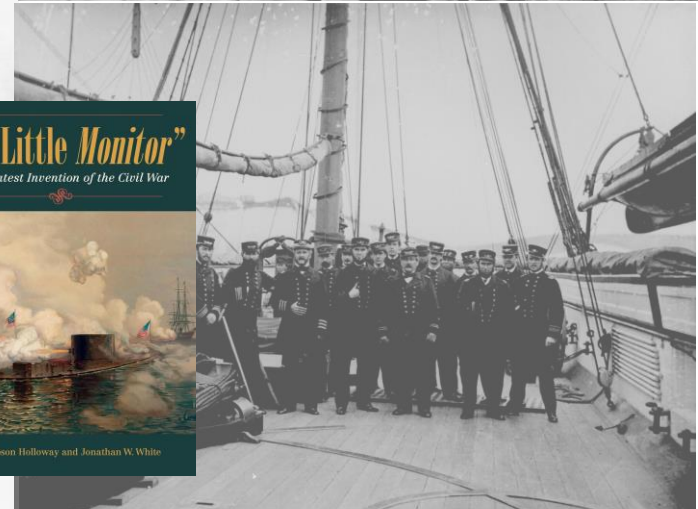
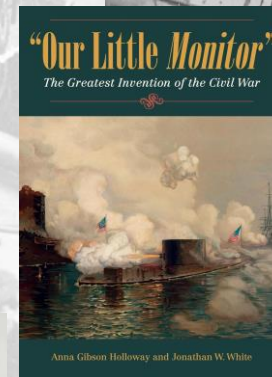
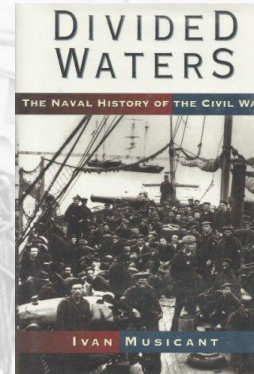
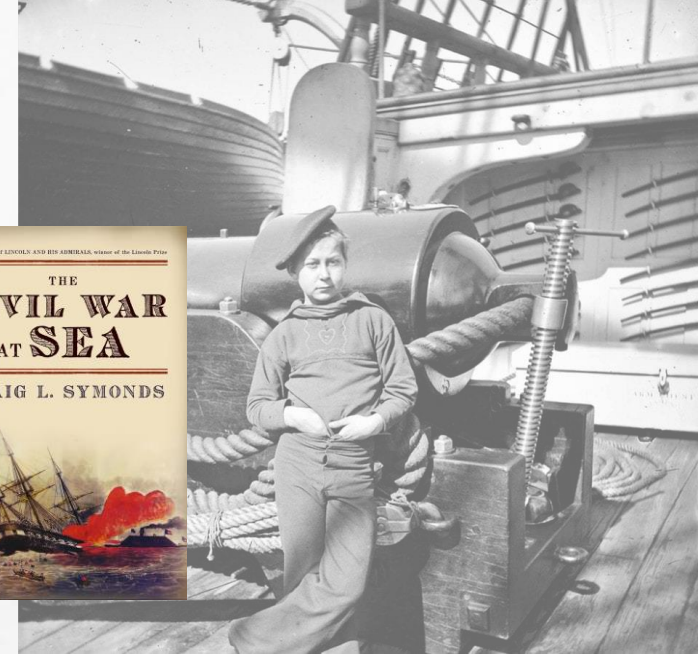
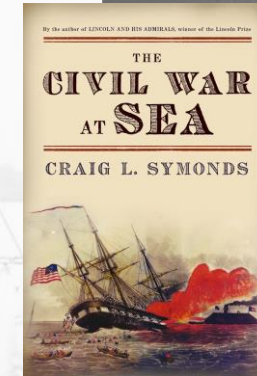
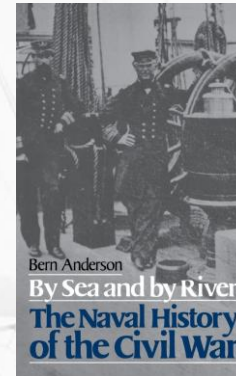
American Battlefield Trust – [The Navies of the Civil War](#)

Monitor National Marine Sanctuary – [History of the USS MONITOR: A Revolutionary Vessel](#)

R.H. Rositzke & Associates  YouTube – [Civil War at Sea Parts 1-5](#)

American Battlefield Trust  YouTube – [War on the Water: Civil War Navies](#)

History in Five  YouTube – [The MONITOR, the MERRIMACK, and the Civil War Sea Battle that Changed History](#)



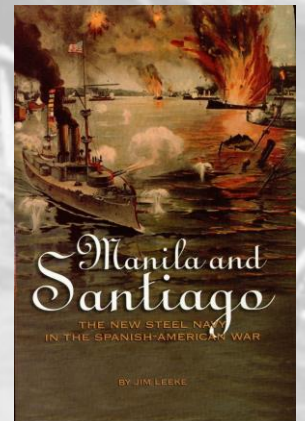
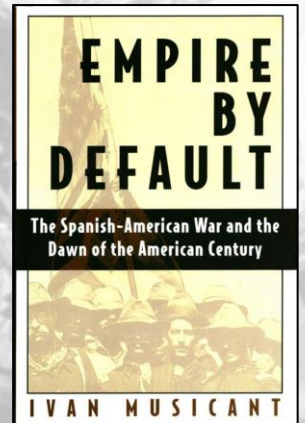
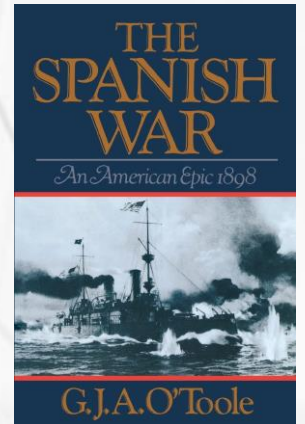
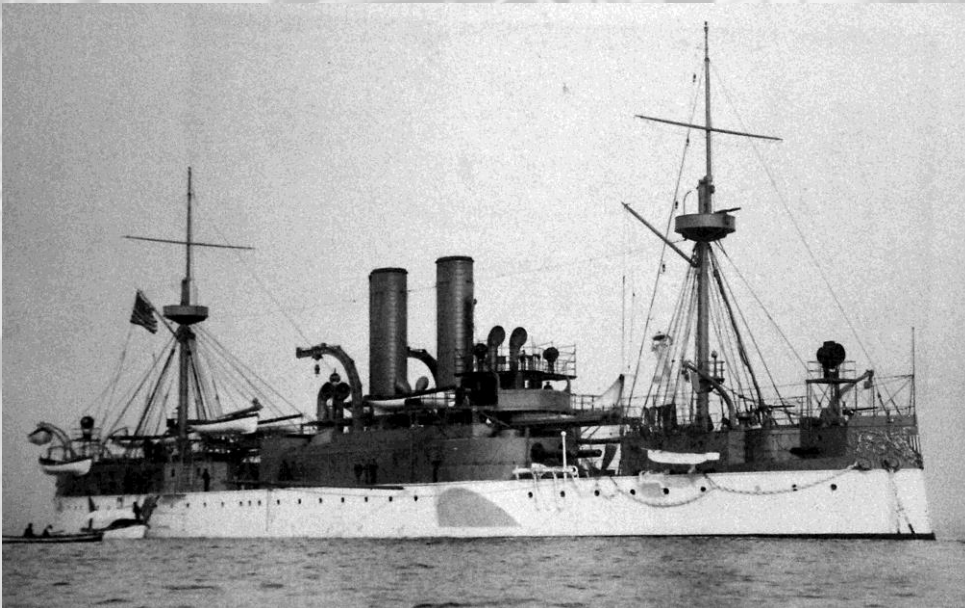
MARITIME HISTORY OF THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR

U.S. Naval History & Heritage Command – [Spanish American War, 1898](#)

U.S. Naval Institute – [Remember the MAINE, to Hell With Spain!](#)

U.S. Naval Institute – [New Navy, New Power](#)

United States Military Academy West Point – [Spanish American War Overview](#)



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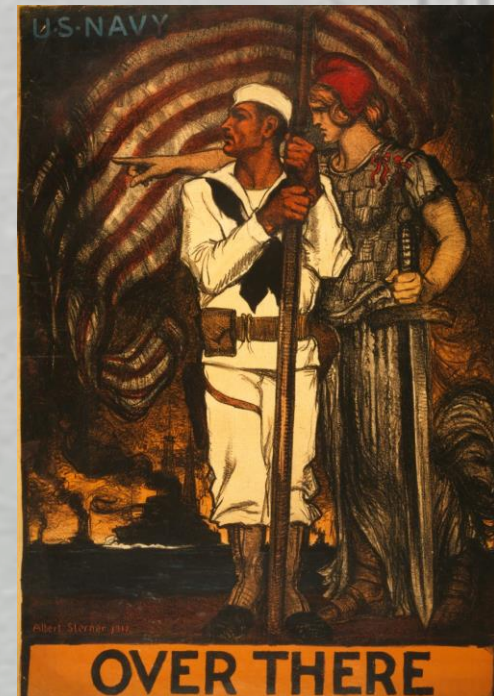
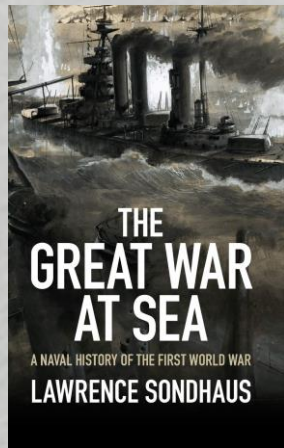
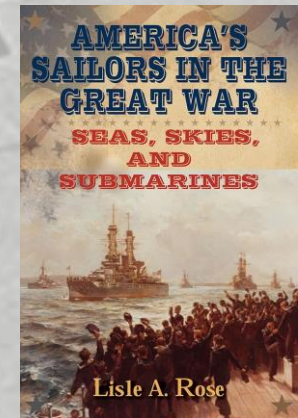
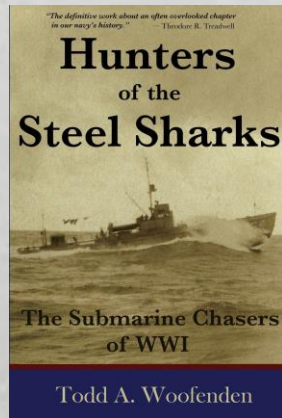
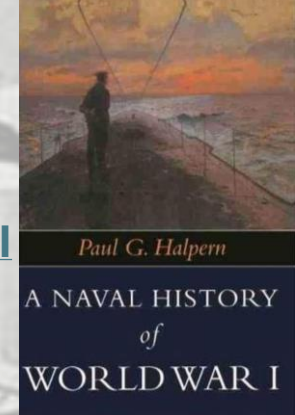
U.S. Naval History & Heritage Command – [A War to End All Wars](#)

Relevance, the Quarterly Journal of the Great War Society – [“The U.S. Navy in the Great War”](#) by Paul Halpern

The Mariners’ Museum and Park – [Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation During World War I](#)

LionHeart Film Works  – [“The United States in WWI – 1900-1918 – A Short History”](#)
YouTube

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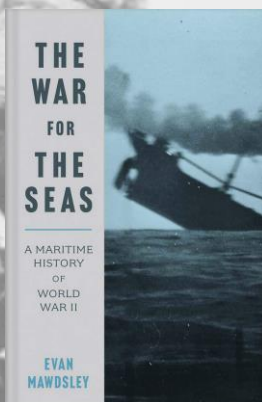
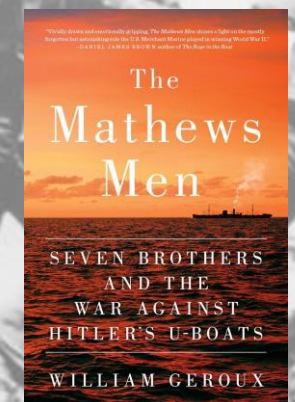
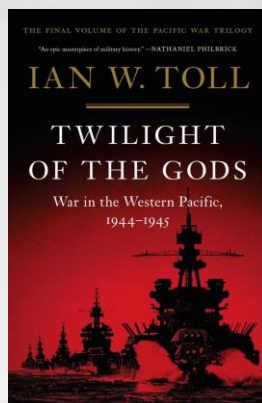
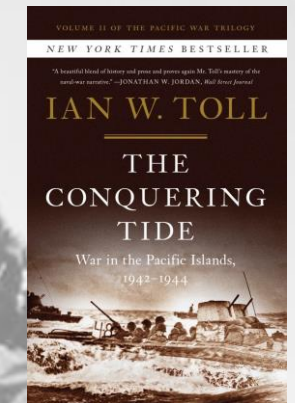
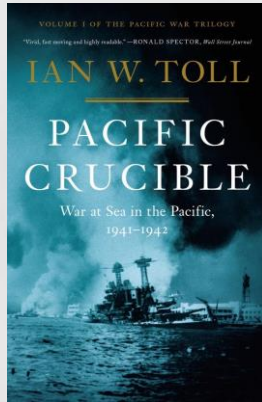
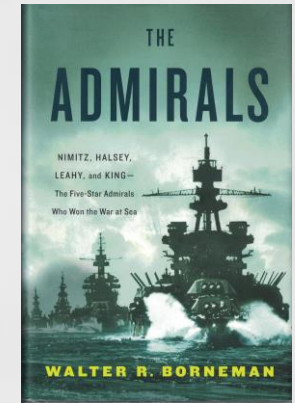
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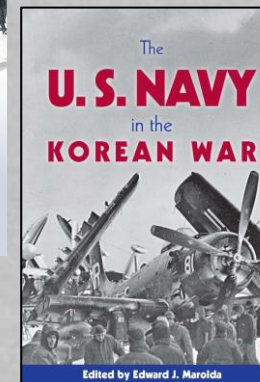
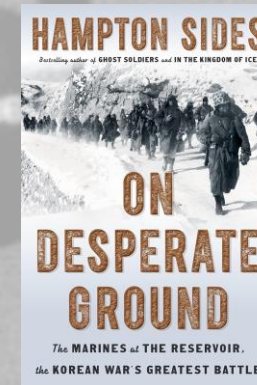
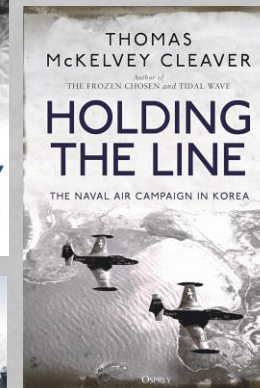
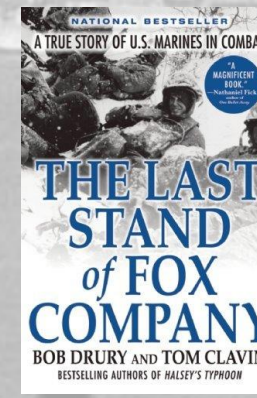
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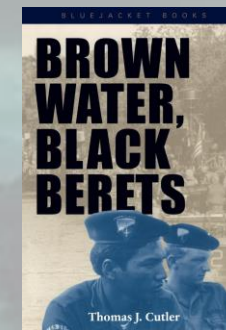
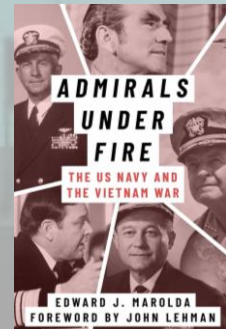
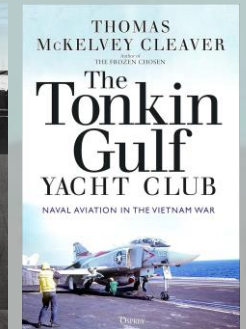
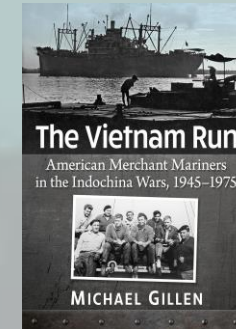
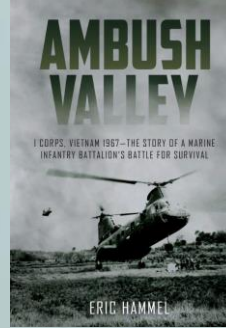
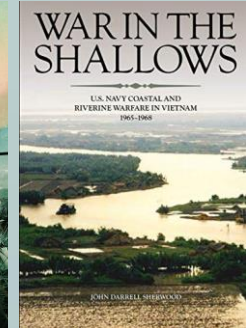
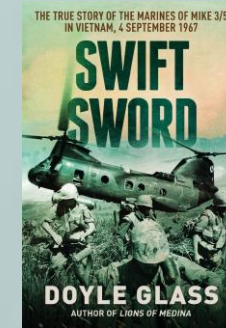
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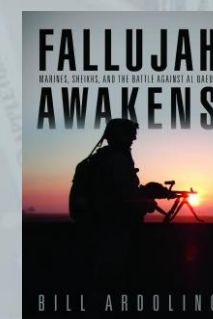
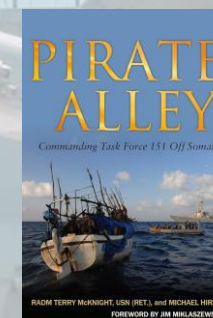
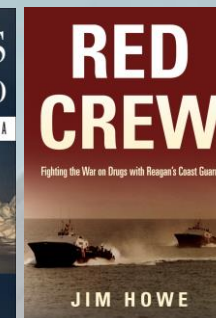
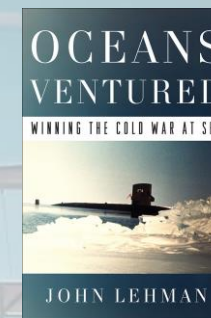
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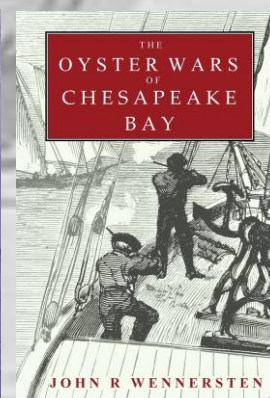
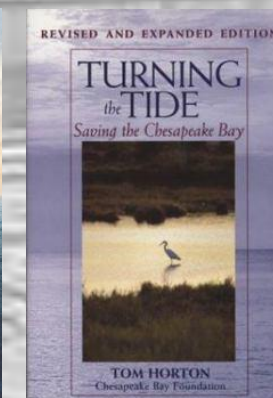
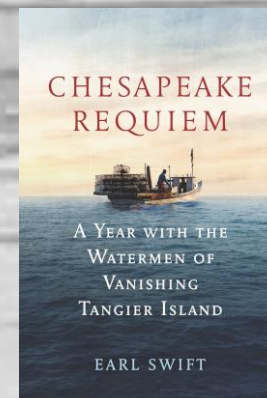
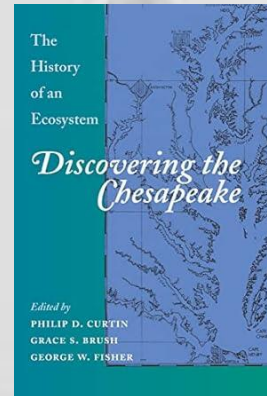
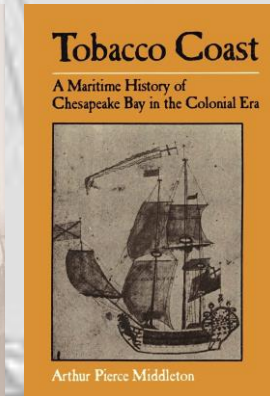
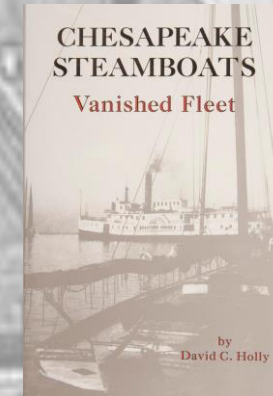
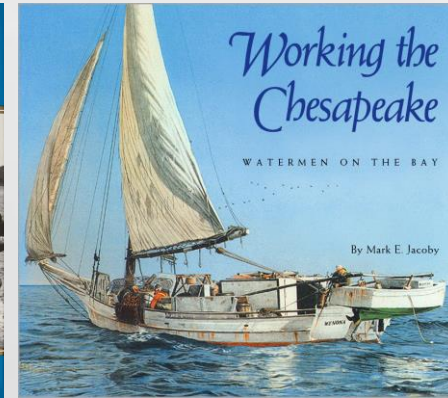
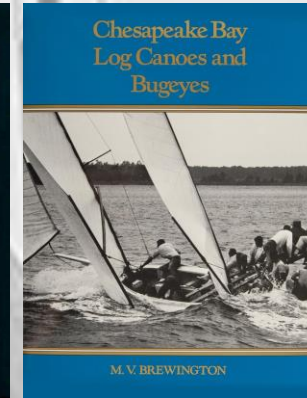
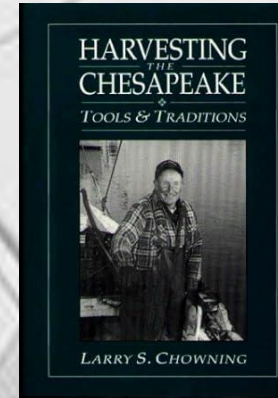
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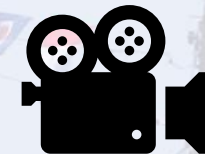
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