



Part 1: Introduction to NHHC and the Navy Library



NAVAL HISTORY AND HERITAGE COMMAND

Lest we forget their sacrifice





NHHC Mission

OUR MISSION

To preserve and present an accurate history of the U.S. Navy.



NHHC Headquarters

Navy Yard, Washington, DC

- Navy Library holdings
- 490,000 artifacts
- 186 million pages of historic records
- 1 million historic Navy photos
- 20,000 Navy artworks
- 1,100 display aircraft; 17,000 U.S. Navy ship and aircraft wrecks worldwide



Elements of NHHC's Mission

- **Present the history and heritage of the U.S. Navy to Navy leadership, Sailors, and the American public through publications, museum exhibits, web and social media outreach, speaking engagements, static displays, loans of artifacts and art, educational programs, and maintenance of the USS *Constitution* and Historic Ship *Nautilus*.**
- **Locate, collect, and preserve documents, artifacts, photos, oral histories, and art that best represent the history of the U.S. Navy.**
- **Locate and protect lost U.S. Navy ships and aircraft, particularly those that represent the last resting place of American Sailors, to the maximum extent feasible.**
- **Serve as the de facto institutional memory of the U.S. Navy.**





Where We Are

Naval History and Heritage Command





The Navy Library



- **Established by directive of President John Adams to SECNAV, 31 March 1800**
- **Evacuated during burning of Washington, DC, by British forces, 24 August 1814**
- **1824: Catalog of 1,349 volumes**

“All the best writings” in English, French, Dutch, and Spanish on naval science and naval history...



The Navy Library



- **1879: Move to “State, War and Navy Building” (Eisenhower Building)**
- **7 August 1882: Public Act No. 21 establishes library as departmental institution, subordinate to Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI)**
- **1884: Collection of Civil War naval records/documents begun (1893)**
- **1895: Navy Library joined Federal Depository Library System**



The Navy Library



- **1918: Office of Naval Records and Library move to Main Navy Building (National Mall)**
- **1920: 50,000 volumes; revival of historic documentation function**
- **1931: 77,600 volumes**



The Navy Library



- **1921-46: Commodore Dudley Knox as officer-in-charge**
- **1949: Office of Naval Records and Library combined with CNO's History Division to form Naval History Division**



The Navy Library

- **Today: Library is home to the most comprehensive collection of historical literature on the U.S. Navy**
- **Over 13 percent of the cataloged items is unique and located nowhere else**
- **Emphasis of holdings is on naval, nautical, and military history, including foreign navies**
 - **114,000 book titles**
 - **374,000 manuscripts**
 - **189,000 issues of periodicals**
 - **5,644 rare and 11,011 Special Collections titles**
- **Accessibility: OCLC/Worldcat; online catalog**



Part 2: NHHC Documentary Histories



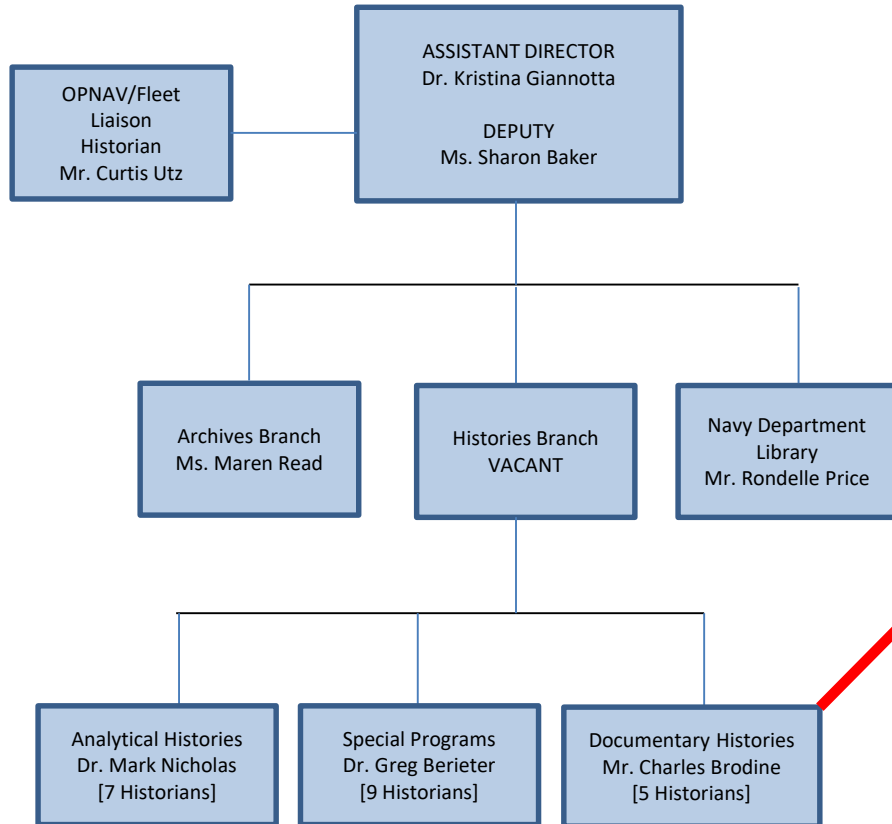
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History & Archives Division (HAD) Organizational Structure



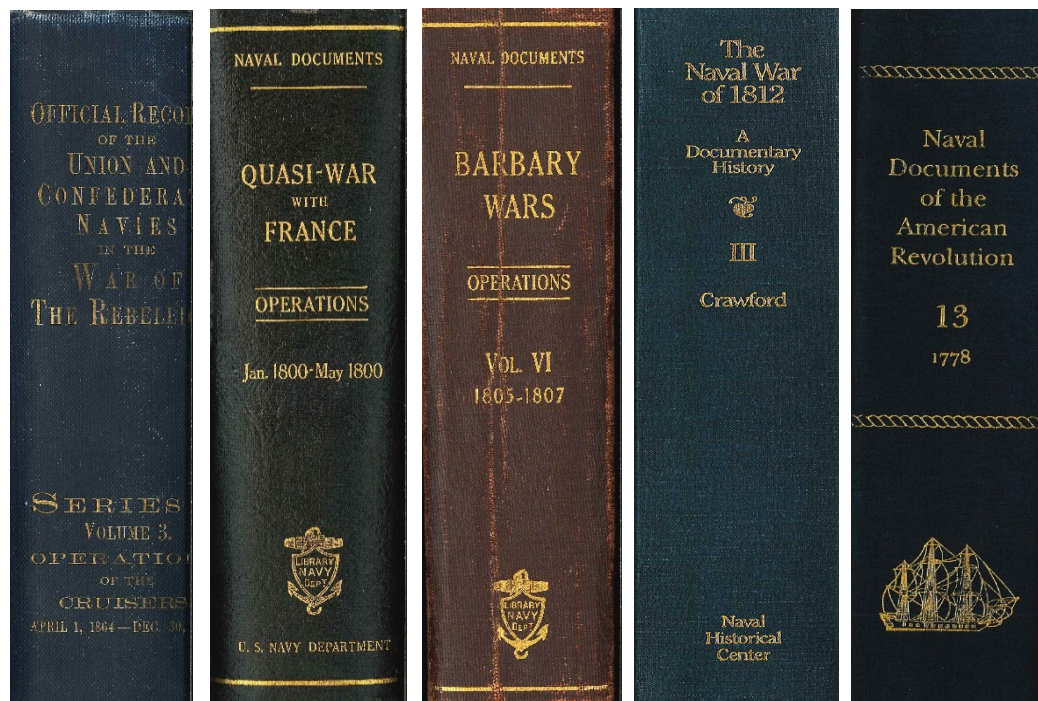
Documentary Histories makes selected Primary Source material available to the Navy & Public through....

- **Multi-Volume Series**
- **Case Studies & Teaching**
- **Biography/Memoirs/Oral History**
- **Letters/Diaries**
- **Commemorations & Online Editions**



Documentary Histories/ Multi-Volumes

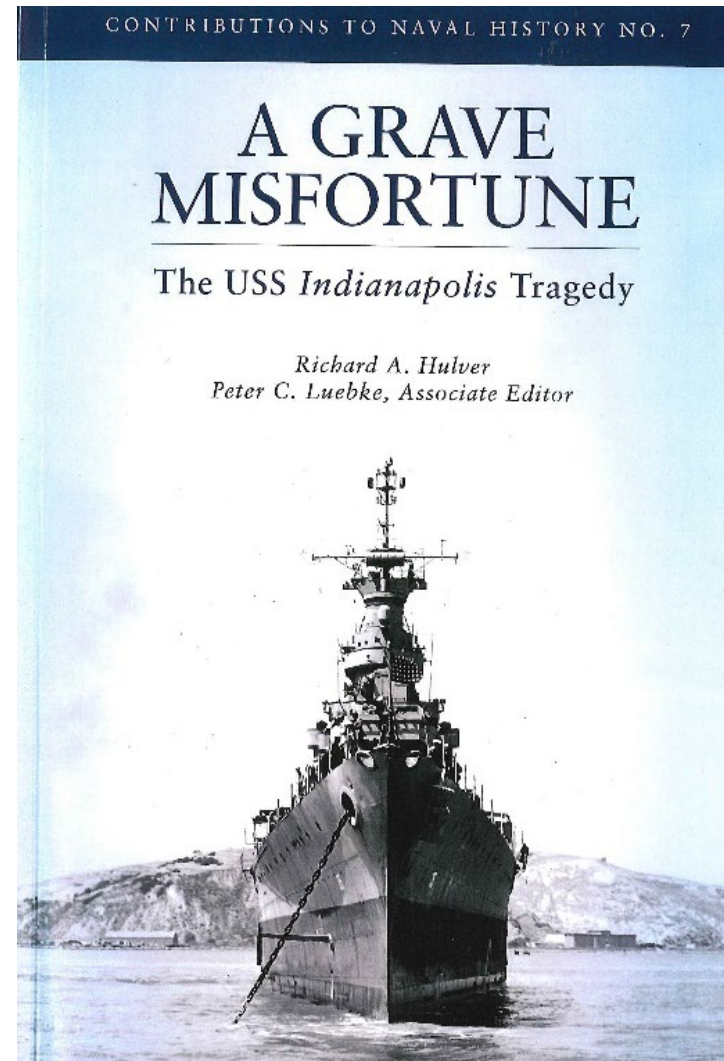
- **Official Records of Union & Confederate Navies**
 - 30 Volumes 1894-1922
- **Quasi-War with France**
 - 7 Volumes, 1935-38
- **Barbary Wars**
 - 6 Volumes, 1939-44
- **The Naval War of 1812**
 - 4 Volumes, 1985-2019
- **Naval Documents of the American Revolution**
 - 13 Volumes (projected 28), 1964-present





DH/ Case Studies

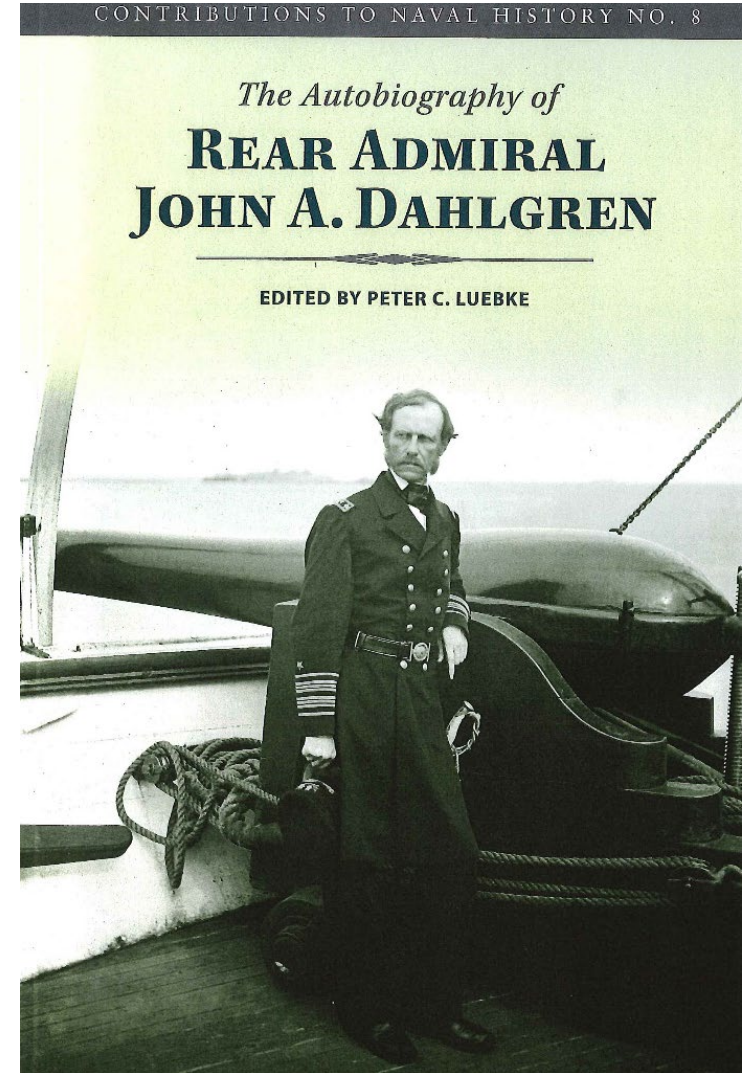
- Teaching Resources
- Companion Editions
- Lessons Learned/Items of Interest
 - USS *Indianapolis* (CA-35)





DH/ Biography-Oral History

- **John Dahlgren's
Autobiography**
- **Admiral Jesse
Oldendorf**
- **Oral History
Collections**
 - **WWII-centric**





DH/ Letters/Diaries


➤ Admiral Nimitz Letters

➤ Arleigh Burke Letters

➤ Diary of Navy Nurse



Monday - 22 Dec - 41
Leaving Boston Calif - 9 am

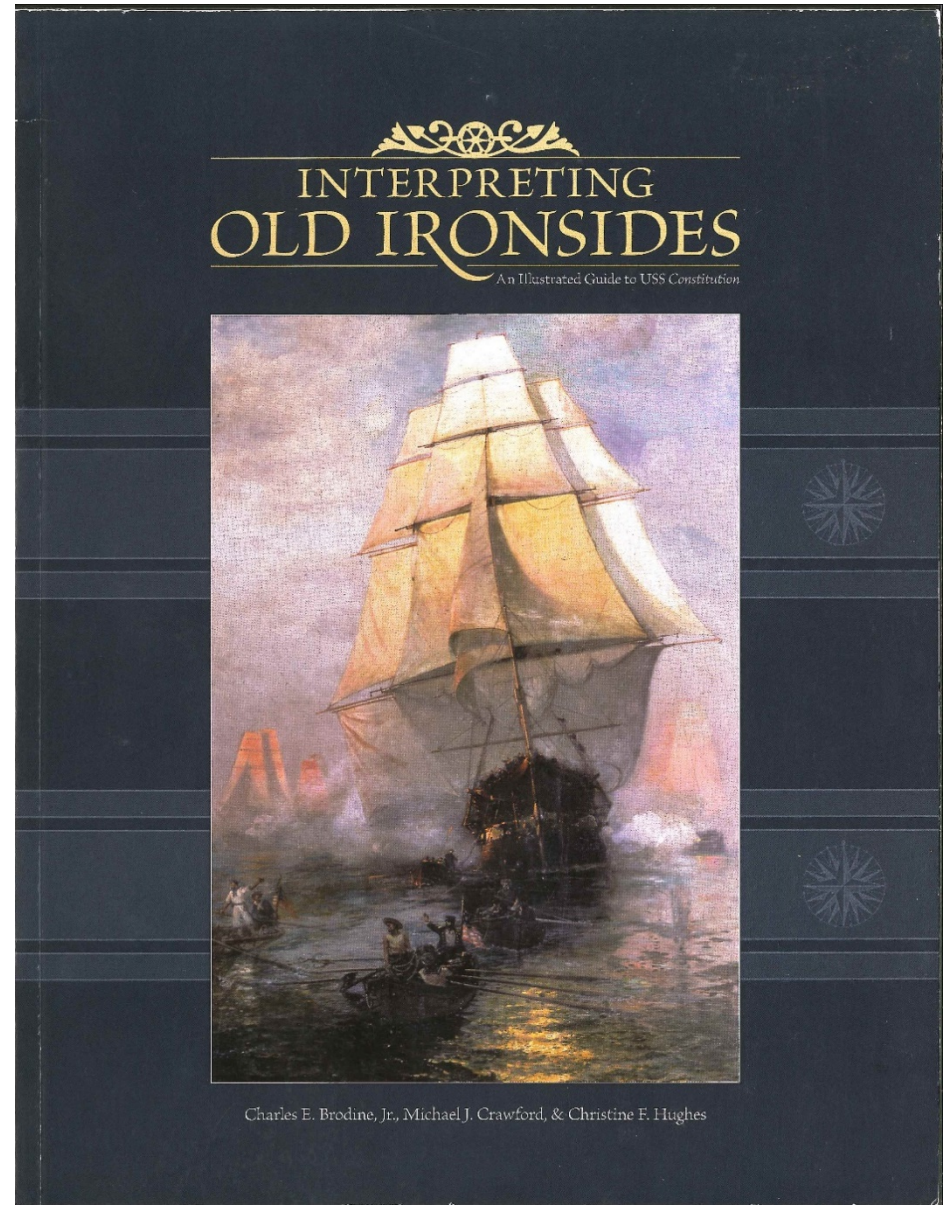

The Chief

Our train in 3 1/2 hours late and is still losing time. Chief cause - a number of troop trains also moving west. The air has turned balmy and out in the desert there is brilliant sunshine - Not a cloud in the sky. Lets pray that this is a good omen for the future and that eventually all will be sunshine and peace. The news paper report submarine activities on the west coast which was to be expected even before war. Their presence may complicate my departure from the Coast because I believe all planes will be out hunting subs. Samor has been learning cribbage rapidly and I am sure will be able to give Catherin a contest at any time. Last night he insisted on inviting me to dinner - which I declined - but agreed to a game of cribbage for dinner. He was going along at a great rate until near the end he pocketed the crib for me and I won. He has been a



DH/ Commemorations & Online

- **Rev. War 250th**
- **Spanish American War**
- **WWI**





Questions?



<https://history.navy.mil>