

DD 891

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It is about the history of a typical U.S. Navy Gearing class DD710 destroyer. The actions and involvements of this imaginary destroyer, the USS Martin DD891 and her thirty year role in the U.S. Pacific Fleet are dramatically portrayed in sixty exciting chapters. The ship, and the lives of the officers and the tin can sailors aboard are depicted in “sailor dialogue.” Wives, family and sweethearts are not forgotten and the roles they play in the life of the tincan sailor is apparent, and affective. The operations these destroyer men face are based on historical situations. The day-to day operations and the behind the scenes conduct of those involved are described in authentic detail. The valor, dedication to duty, romance, humor and heartbreak of the main characters and the supporting key personnel are captured as they visit famous seventh fleet ports of call and perform at sea.

In peace, that short respite between tensions and conflict and its demands are extolled. The effect of the political changes in policy and planning on the daily lives of those that have chosen to bear arms in defense of their country and its affect on the lads in the destroyers, carriers, submarines and Marine Corps are expressed. Although difficulties abound, humor persists.

Meet Rear Admiral “Uncle Buck,” Medal of Honor winner Leon Gratsky, chief “Grumpy ” and petty officer “Dog Wrench.” Fly with the USMC’s “Ice Man” and “Dog Food” in Korea. Follow Commander Charley Wilson from Fireman in an old World War 1 destroyer to the highest ranking naval officer in the United States Navy. Learn how ships and fleets operate in peace and war and how destroyers bombard targets with 5 inch projectiles, out of sight of their targets and miles away. Be with the lads as they go to and come from harm’s way. Join the navy family and learn why the U.S. Navy is more than an adventure.