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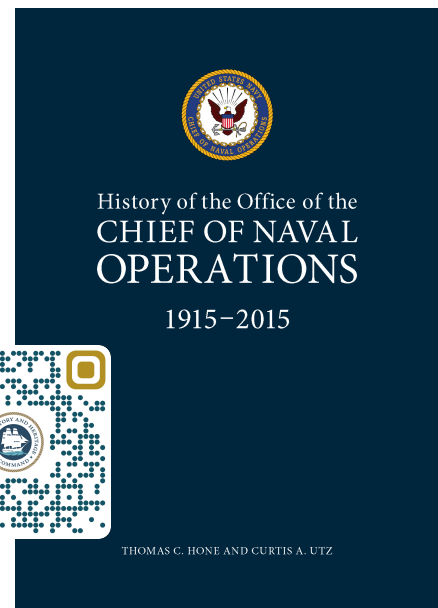
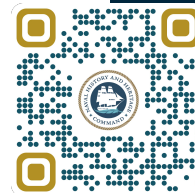
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## About the Book

This history of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) is organized around those individuals who have had the greatest impact on the agency. Most of these have been admirals, especially the Chiefs of Naval Operations (CNO). At times, however, a Secretary of the Navy, a Secretary of Defense, or a President has taken center stage, forcing the Navy's senior officers to react accordingly. What affects the country influences the Navy and its senior leadership.

This story of OPNAV and the CNOs is a fascinating one—bureaucratic “battles” instead of actual combat—and provides insights into how the U.S. Navy's organization, planning, policies, and strategy have evolved over the past century.

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