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COVER: "The Golden Years of Wave-Top Ops" © Hank Caruso depicts three decades of U.S. Navy seaplane development and operations: 1 − Consolidated PBY Catalina; 2 − Martin JRM Mars; 3 − Martin P5M Marlin; 4 − Consolidated PB2Y Coronado; 5 − Grumman JRF Goose; 6 − Martin PBM Mariner; 7 − Convair R3Y Tradewind; 8 − Grumman J2F Duck; 9 − Vought OS2U Kingfisher; 10 − Martin P6M Seamaster; 11 − Convair XF2Y Sea Dart. This original Aerocature™ is from the private collection of Tim Timmerman. THIS PAGE: During the last operational deployment of Navy seaplanes, P-5 Marlins of VP-40 flank Currituck (AV 7) off the coast of Vietnam.





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