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About the Book

Capturing the sweep of the Navy's history during the conflict that solidified the young American republic's standing is the goal of The Naval War of 1812: A Documentary History. The series was originally conceived in 1978 and researched and written over more than four decades. This final volume surveys the war at sea in the Atlantic and Gulf Coast theaters in 1814 and 1815, encompassing such significant events as the British naval blockade of the U.S. East Coast, U.S. Navy actions at the Battle of New Orleans, and the war's last naval engagements in early 1815.

About the Editors

CHRISTINE F. HUGHES, a native Virginian, is a former historian with the Naval History and Heritage Command and co-editor of the third and fourth volumes of The Naval War of 1812: A Documentary History. She earned BA and MA degrees in history from George Mason University and the University of Virginia, respectively. Before joining the command in 1986, Ms. Hughes worked as an editor with the Papers of George Washington Project and the Daniel Chester French Papers. Her publications reflect her interest in the early national period. She is co-author of Against All Odds: U.S. Sailors in the War of 1812 and Interpreting Old Ironsides: An Illustrated Guide to USS Constitution. The USS Constitution Museum honored her with its 2008 Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Distinguished Service. Ms. Hughes retired from government service in 2021.

CHARLES E. BRODINE, JR., retired as a Naval History and Heritage Command historian in September 2023. Mr. Brodine joined NHHC staff in 1987, and before his retirement served as head of the Public History and Education Section. In addition to co-editing and co-authoring six command publications on the early sailing Navy, Mr. Brodine published more than a dozen essays and short articles on naval and military topics ranging from the French and Indian War to the Civil War. In October 2008, the USS Constitution Museum named Mr. Brodine co-recipient of the Samuel Eliot Morison Award in recognition of his "superior leadership and thoughtful scholarship" in preserving America's "maritime heritage and the traditions of the USS Constitution for future generations." In 2015, Naval History magazine named Mr. Brodine its author of the year for his 2014 contribution to that publication entitled "War Visits the Chesapeake."

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