



Barrett Tillman, Author

Personal Data:

Born December 24, 1948, eldest of three sons of J. H. and Beverly Barrett Tillman of Athena, Oregon. Grew up on family wheat ranch. Single. Occupation: author.

Education:

Graduated Athena Grade School 1963, McEwen High School (Athena) 1967. Attended Oregon State University 1967-68, transferred to University of Oregon and graduated with bachelor's degree in journalism December 1971.

Career:

Freelance writer 1972-1982. Publisher, Champlin Museum Press (Mesa, Arizona) 1982-1986; Managing editor, The Hook magazine (San Diego) 1986-1989. Novelist 1989-present. See Publications Section.

Interests:

Aviation: private pilot, soloed 1965 (Martin Field, Walla Walla, WA). Restoration/flight of 1940 Naval Aircraft Factory N3N-3 and 1943 Douglas A-24B (SBD-5). Familiarization/background flights in variety of USN, USCG and USAF fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft. One carrier landing, USS *Ranger* (CV-61).

Former Special Deputy Sheriff, Umatilla County, Oregon: firearms instructor. Co-founder Oregon Practical shooting Assn. 1978; represented Oregon in IPSC national championships 1978-1979.

Honors and Awards:

- 1978 Contributor's Award, American Aviation Historical Society.
- 1981 USAF Historical Foundation Writing Award.
- 1986 Honoree, American Fighter Aces Association.
- 1987 North American Society for Oceanographic History.
- 1991-97 Listing in Who's Who in the West.
- 1988 Honorary member of VF-111.
- 1992 Honorary member of VA-35.

Honors and Awards (continued):

- 1993 Trustee, Association of Naval Aviation.
- 1993 Emile Louis Bonnot Award for Naval History.
- 1994 Arthur Radford Award for Naval Aviation History & Literature.

Featured Speaker or Presentations at Symposia

- Conference of Aviation History Writers, 1986-present.
- Virginia Bader Fine Arts, 1987.
- National Air & Space Museum, 1988.
- Carrier Aviation Hall of Fame, 1991, 1993, 1995.
- Champlin Fighter Museum, 1990, 1991.
- Midway 50th Anniversary Commemoration, 1992.
- Admiral Nimitz Center, 1993, 1994 .
- Naval Strike Warfare Center. 1993.
- San Diego Aerospace Museum, 1993.
- Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, 1994, 1995, 1996.

Publications: Books

- The Dauntless Dive-Bomber of WW II (1976).
Naval Institute Press, Annapolis.
- Hellcat: the F6F in WW II (1979).
Naval Institute Press, Annapolis.
- Corsair: the F4U in WW II and Korea (1979).
Naval Institute Press, Annapolis.
- TBF-TBM Avenger at War (1979).
Ian Allan Ltd., UK. Re-released by USNI, 1991.
- MiG Master: Story of the F-8 Crusader (1980).
Nautical & Aviation, Annapolis.; Second edition by USNI, 1990.
- Wildcat: the F4F in WW II (1983).
Nautical & Aviation, Baltimore. Second edition by USNI, 1990.
- History of U.S. Naval Air Power (1985).
Aerospace Publishers, UK. (R.L. Lawson, ea., et al)

Publications: Books (continued)

- On Yankee Station: the Naval Air War Over Vietnam (1987).
Naval Institute Press, Annapolis. (With CDR John B. Nichols).
- Warriors (1990).
Bantam novel, New York.
- The Sixth Battle (1992).
Bantam novel, New York (With John L. Tillman)
- Dauntless (1992).
Bantam novel, New York.
- Sundowners: VF-11 in World War II (1993).
Phalanx Publishing, St. Paul.
- Carrier Battle in the Philippine Sea (1994).
Phalanx Publishing, St. Paul.
- Pushing the Envelope: The Biography of Fighter Ace and Test Pilot Marion E. Carl. (1994).
Naval Institute Press, Annapolis.
- Wildcats to Tomcats: The Tailhook Navy (1995).
Phalanx Publishing, St. Paul. (With CAPTs R.L. Cormier, W.M. Schirra and P.R. Wood).
- Wildcat Aces of World War Two (1995).
Osprey Publishing, U.K.
- Hellcat Aces of World War Two (1996).
Osprey Publishing, U.K.
- Hellcats: A Novel (1996).
Brassey's, Inc., McLean, VA.
- Pictorial History of U.S. Naval Aviation in WW II, 1939-1946 (1996).
Motorbooks, Osceola, WI.

Publications: Periodicals

- Over 250 articles in 40+ publications in North America, Europe and Asia, including:
- The Hook
Naval Aviation News
Naval Aviation Museum Foundation
Naval History
Naval Institute Proceedings
Wings of Gold.
Asia-Pacific Defense Review (Malaysia)
USAF Fighter Weapons Review
Icare (France)
Interavia
International Defense Review (Switzerland)
Journal of the American Aviation Historical Society
Air power
Air Progress
Flight
National Aeronautics
Wings
Arizona Highways
Portland Magazine
Precision Shooting
Soldier of Fortune
Southwest Art