



Barrett Tillman, Author

Personal Data:

Born 1948, fourth-generation Oregonian. Grew up on family wheat ranch. Occupation: author. Married to Sally.

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-historian 1989-present. See Publications Section.

Interests:

Aviation: private pilot, soloed 1965 (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 C-2 carrier landing, USS Ranger (CV-61) 1986.

Former Special Deputy Sheriff, Umatilla County, Oregon, firearms instructor. Led national championship team of the Single-Action Shooting Society, 1997.

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, biography-autobiography

1988: Honorary member of VF-111

1991-97 Listing in Who's Who in the West.

1992 Honorary member of VA-35.

1993 Naval Order's Emile Louis Bonnot Award for Naval History.

1994 Arthur Radford Award for Naval Aviation History.
2009 Naval Institute Proceedings General Prize
2019 Naval History author of the year.

Featured Speaker or Presentations at Symposia

Conference of Aviation History Writers

National Air & Space Museum

Carrier Aviation Hall of Fame

Champlin Fighter Museum

Midway 50th Anniversary Commemoration

Admiral Nimitz Center

Naval Strike Warfare Center

San Diego Aerospace Museum

Naval Aviation Museum.

Publications: Books

As of 2021, 41 books plus individual chapter contributions, nearly 800 magazine articles worldwide.

Numerous book club selections and often cited in U.S. Naval Institute's Notable Naval Books.

Of particular relevance to Golden Eagles:

On Yankee Station (with Cdr. J.B. Nichols, 1987)

U.S. Navy Fighter Squadrons of WW II (1997)

Clash of the Carriers: The Great Marianas Turkey Shoot (2005)

Whirlwind: The Air War Over Japan (2010)

Enterprise: America's Fightingest Ship (2012)

U.S. Marine Corps Fighter Squadrons of WW II (2014)

On Wave and Wing: The 100-Year Quest to Perfect the Aircraft Carrier (2017)

Dragon's Jaw: An Epic Story of Courage and Tenacity in Vietnam (2019).

For a full list see author's website <http://btillman.com> or Wikipedia entry.