

Books by Our Classmates

United States Naval Academy | Class of 1966

A selected bibliography of 13 publications

Discover the writing of five classmates whose work spans Revolutionary War history, military service, naval leadership, personal experience, and spirituality. This initial list includes 13 publications written or coauthored by members of the Class of 1966.

John Beakes (34th Company) | Revolutionary War and family history

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Cool, Deliberate Courage: John Eager Howard in the American Revolution

Coauthored with Jim Piecuch. A study of the Maryland officer and his contribution to American independence.

“Light Horse Harry” Lee in the War for Independence: A Military Biography of Robert E. Lee’s Father

Coauthored with Jim Piecuch. An account of Henry Lee’s military service during the Revolutionary War.

Otho Holland Williams in the American Revolution

A biography examining Williams’s service and leadership in the Continental Army.

De Kalb: One of the Revolutionary War’s Bravest Generals

A study of Johann de Kalb’s military career and service in the American Revolution.

William Campbell in the American Revolution: Commander of Riflemen at Kings Mountain and Guilford Courthouse

An examination of Campbell’s leadership and the role of riflemen in the southern campaign.

A History of One Branch of the Beakes Family in America, 1682–1996

A family history tracing a branch of the Beakes family from William Beakes’s emigration from England through later generations. Published under John H. Beakes Jr. Title shortened for this listing.

About this selection

This is a starting bibliography, not a complete catalog of publications by the Class of 1966. It includes coauthored works, a family history, an official military monograph, and an article-length study available as a standalone Kindle publication, as well as full-length books. Different editions and formats of the same work are counted as one title.

Military Service, Leadership & Life Stories

Andrew R. Finlayson (25th Company) | Marine Corps and Vietnam history

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Killer Kane: A Marine Long-Range Recon Team Leader in Vietnam, 1967–1968

A memoir of Finlayson's first Vietnam tour, drawing on his experiences, official histories, and letters home.

Rice Paddy Recon: A Marine Officer's Second Tour in Vietnam, 1968–1970

An account of his second Vietnam tour and service in reconnaissance and counterinsurgency operations.

Marine Advisors with the Vietnamese Provincial Reconnaissance Units, 1966–1970

An official historical monograph on Marine advisers working with Vietnamese Provincial Reconnaissance Units. Published by the U.S. Marine Corps History Division in 2009.

A Retrospective on Counterinsurgency Operations: The Tay Ninh Provincial Reconnaissance Unit and Its Role in the Phoenix Program

An article-length study of the Tay Ninh unit and its role in the Phoenix Program, originally published in *Studies in Intelligence* in 2007 and also listed as a standalone Kindle publication. The original article's title ends with "1969–70."

Albert H. "Al" Konetzni Jr. (36th Company) | Naval leadership

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Command at Sea, Fourth Edition (1982)

Coauthored with William P. Mack. A professional reference on naval command. Konetzni's author credit applies to this fourth edition; later editions have different authors. ISBN: 9780870211300.

Tom Murphy (32nd Company) | Memoir, trauma, and spirituality

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Beyond the Trident: A Navy SEAL's Search Through Trauma for Meaning in Life

A memoir connecting Murphy's SEAL career and combat experiences with his exploration of trauma, recovery, and spirituality.

Robert V. Smart (35th Company) | Personal experience and civic affairs

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All in the Record: One Couple's Fight to Expose Deceit in Lancaster County, Virginia

Smart's account of his and his wife Jena's efforts to challenge what they describe as deceit in Lancaster County. This description reflects the author's account, not an independent finding about the dispute.

Listings, availability & sources

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