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About the Author The late Capt. Charles A. (Black Bart) Bartholomew, USN, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and the Navy Deep Sea Diving School, was an engineer who made the Navy and salvage his career. He served on board the heavy repair ship USS Hector during combat support operations in Southeast Asia; as Commanding Officer of the Navy Experimental Diving Unit; and in staff positions with the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Long Beach Naval Shipyard. In 1985 Captain Bartholomew became Director of Ocean Engineering and Supervisor of Salvage and Diving. During his 22 years as a Navy diver and salvor, he participated in the salvage of 16 ships, numerous aircraft, and the space shuttle Challenger.