

“Mustang- From Mess Decks to Wardroom” by Lee Foley CMDR USN Retired

Cmdr. Foley asked that I review his book which was recently published and can be found on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and his publisher Heritage Books.

This book is somewhat interesting as CMDR Foley started out as a deck ape in 1961. He struck for signalman and moved up the ranks to become a warrant officer and then a regular officer. He spent a lot of time in the amphibious Navy starting on LSD 6 USS Lindelwald and then moving around a bit as he served on destroyers, an APA and finally ended up as Captain of a Mine Sweeper. Gator ships he served on included USS MOUNTRAIL APA-213, USS TACONIC AGC-17, COMPHIBGRU TWO STAFF, COMPHIBGRU FOUR STAFF, USS RALEIGH LPD-1, & USS MOUNT VERNON LSD-39.

He spent a lot of time in the Pacific with service in Viet Nam and liberty in the Philippines where he eventually found his wife. The book flows well as he shares his experiences including Captain’s Masts (2) in his early years. He also spent time in the Caribbean and participated in the Cuban missile crisis.

I enjoyed reading this book as it brought back some warm and not so warm memories of the Navy in the sixties.