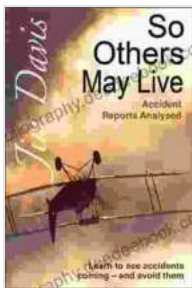


So Others May Live: A History of the U.S. Coast Guard Aviation

The Early Years

The U.S. Coast Guard Aviation was established in 1916, when the Revenue Cutter Service (which would later become the Coast Guard) purchased its first aircraft, a Curtiss Model F flying boat. The aircraft was used for coastal patrol and search and rescue operations.



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In 1919, the Coast Guard acquired its first land-based aircraft, a Curtiss JN-4 "Jenny." The Jenny was used for a variety of missions, including coastal patrol, search and rescue, and law enforcement.

In the 1920s and 1930s, the Coast Guard Aviation expanded rapidly. New aircraft were acquired, including the Grumman HU-16 Albatross and the Consolidated PBY Catalina. These aircraft were used for a variety of

missions, including anti-smuggling, drug interdiction, and search and rescue.

World War II

During World War II, the Coast Guard Aviation played a vital role in the war effort. Coast Guard aviators flew anti-submarine patrols, escorted convoys, and conducted search and rescue operations.

One of the most famous Coast Guard aviation missions of World War II was the rescue of the crew of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald. The Fitzgerald was a Great Lakes ore carrier that sank in Lake Superior on November 10, 1975. All 29 crew members on board were lost.

The Coast Guard Aviation also played a role in the D-Day landings. On June 6, 1944, Coast Guard aviators flew reconnaissance missions and provided close air support for the troops.

Post-War Era

After World War II, the Coast Guard Aviation continued to expand and modernize. New aircraft were acquired, including the Sikorsky HH-52 Seaguard and the Lockheed HC-130 Hercules. These aircraft were used for a variety of missions, including search and rescue, drug interdiction, and environmental protection.

In the 1980s, the Coast Guard Aviation began to develop new technologies, such as night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared (FLIR) cameras. These technologies allowed Coast Guard aviators to operate more effectively in low-light conditions and to detect objects that were difficult to see with the naked eye.

In the 1990s, the Coast Guard Aviation played a role in the Gulf War. Coast Guard aviators flew reconnaissance missions, provided close air support for the troops, and conducted search and rescue operations.

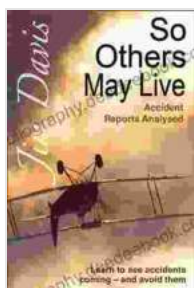
The 21st Century

In the 21st century, the Coast Guard Aviation has continued to expand and modernize. New aircraft have been acquired, including the MH-65 Dolphin helicopter and the HC-27J Spartan aircraft. These aircraft are used for a variety of missions, including search and rescue, drug interdiction, and environmental protection.

The Coast Guard Aviation is also playing a role in the fight against terrorism. Coast Guard aviators are flying patrols over the nation's waterways and airspace, and are providing security for major events.

The U.S. Coast Guard Aviation has a long and proud history of saving lives and protecting the nation's maritime interests. Coast Guard aviators are highly trained and dedicated professionals who are always ready to respond to emergencies.

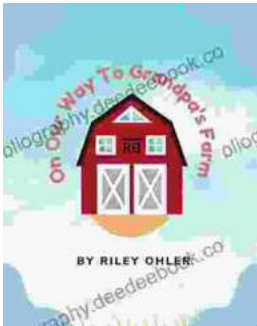
The Coast Guard Aviation is a vital part of the United States' maritime safety and security apparatus. The service's aircraft and crews play a key role in protecting the nation's waterways and airspace, and in saving lives.



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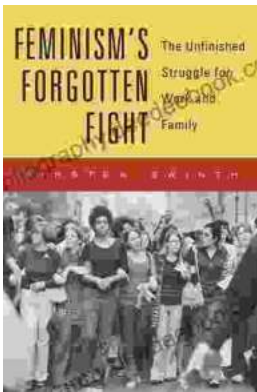
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