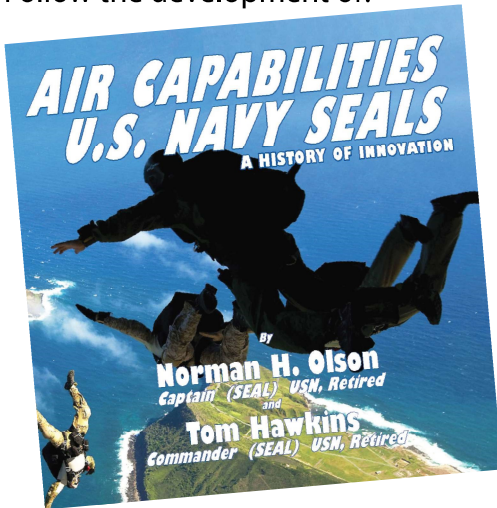


AIR CAPABILITIES **of the U.S. NAVY SEALS**

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Trace the development of “Air” capabilities of Naval Special Warfare units from the earliest experimentations to the exceptional skill and cutting-edge expertise of today. This is the first of a three-volume trilogy covering the Sea, Air, and Land capabilities of Navy SEALs and their Underwater Demolition Team precursors. Follow the development of:



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