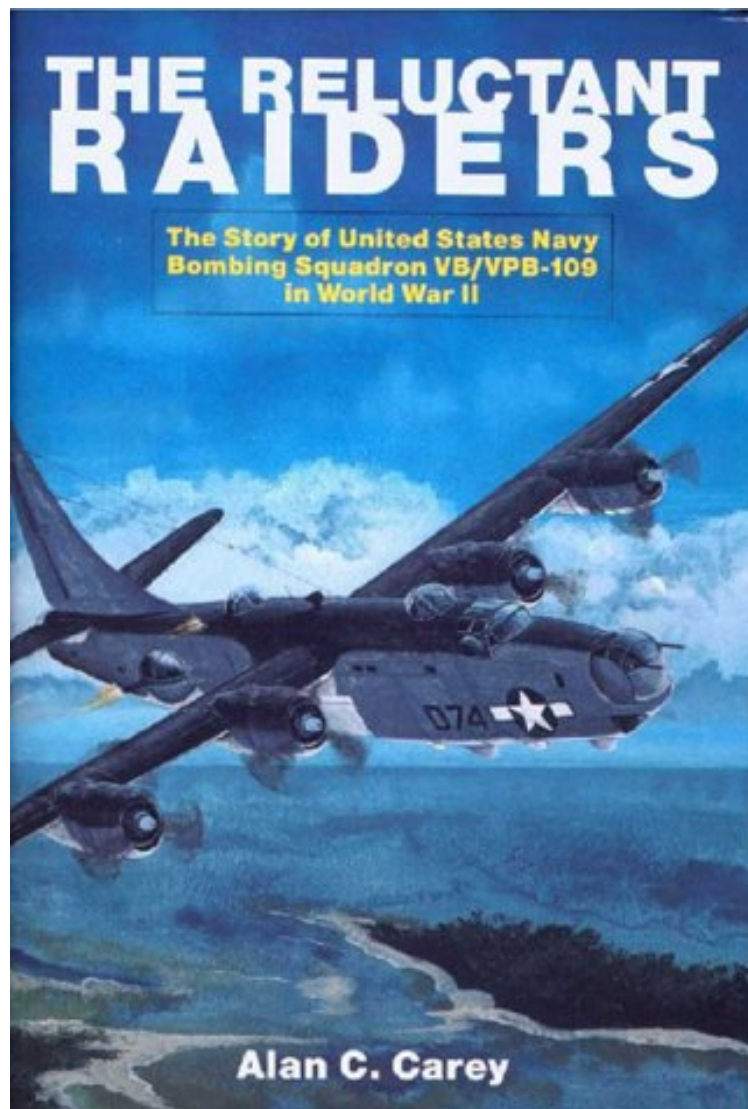


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This book provides excellent reporting on the missions and personnel for the squadron I flew with during World War II. Much of the information contained in this book was reported in my squadron book, "A Pictorial Record -Patrol Bombing Squadron One Hundred Nine" by Lt.T.M.Steele, but Steele's document is out of print and probably only available from '109 crewmen, like myself. Unlike the Steele publication, Alan Carey's book has much of this information summarized and tabulated and, if you are looking for something or some crewman, it's easy to find. I like that. I suppose this is one of the contributions of the book. The pictures are good and generally clear. The publisher did a good job on that because I suspect many of the pictures were copied from dark or yellowed photos offered by crewmen which would be more than 50 years old. The book should be of most interest to the living crewmen of VB-109 and VPB-109. But probably moreso to their children and the grandchildren of the crewmen. I know that to be my case; my grandchildren seem most interested in my role during WW II and this book tells most of the story at least for the combat end of it. So, my wife and I purchased one book for each of our children with the intent that they pass the book on to our grandchildren. Then, when their grand father is gone, they will have the story. In the meantime, they may no doubt have questions which might "open grandpa up" to reveal more of his experiences that have not or may never be published. Good history books on our VB-109 and VPB-109 squadrons are out of print or very hard to find. Here is an opportunity to get essentially the same information by way of Alan C. Carey's book, "THE RELUCTANT RAIDERS".

The Reluctant Raiders is perhaps the most documented and researched book on a United States Navy land-based squadron flying the PB4Y-1 Liberator and PB4Y-2 Privateer. The final result of five years of research, the book traces the squadron's history from its commissioning in August 1943, to the final days of World War II, including: never before published combat and nose art photography; the squadron's tactical organization; a chronology of each combat aircrew's mission record; personnel killed in action; and an appendix containing Japanese shipping and aircraft destroyed or damaged by the squadron

From the Author
The Reluctant Raiders is about my father's squadron which served in the Central Pacific between December 1943 and September 1945. It was written because I realized that such a work on a Navy B-24 Liberator Squadron had never been told and published at an international level. A considerable amount of historical information was obtained via the National Archives and the Navy History Center, such as After Action Reports and the Squadron History, and should be considered accurate. Therefore, the date, time, and location of missions are based upon official records. However, I decided to leave some controversial information out of the final draft as this work was a tribute to the men and I didn't want to distract from the central purpose of the book. Maybe, one day, I can include additional stories that were told to me after the initial publication. Still, I salute my father and the veterans of VB/VPB-109 for their forgotten service to the United States.
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Alan C. Carey is an American historian and author specializing in military aviation topics. His interest in military aviation stems from his father's service in World War II who was the inspiration for his first book. Carey graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Political Science. He currently resides in Round Rock, TX.