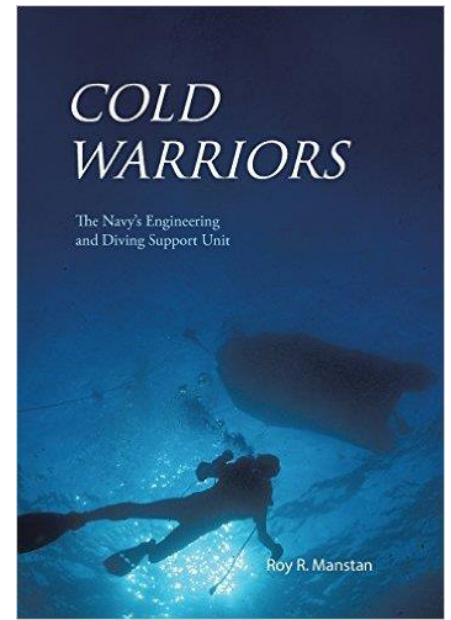
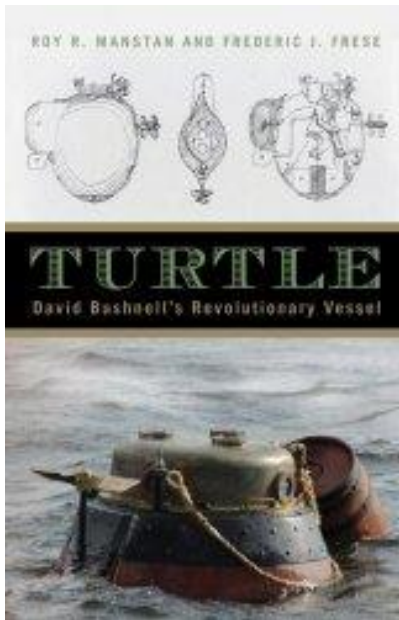


# Friends of Fort Trumbull Present *Roy Manstan on Fort Trumbull During World War I*



On Thursday, August 27, 2015, The Friends of Fort Trumbull State Park will welcome Roy Manstan who will discuss *Fort Trumbull and the U-boat during World War I*. This lecture is part of the 2015 series entitled *Windows on the World of Fort Trumbull*- a series of programs based upon the periods in history that were significant to Fort Trumbull.

In 2010, in honor of John Hanrahan-the first President of the organization- the Friends commissioned a set of window panels by Artist and Teacher- Edward Tuccio- to enlighten visitors to the park as to what is available inside the Visitors Center. Using the window panels in the Visitors Center as a guide, June Hoyer, the program co-chair, has planned presentations on the Role of the Fort throughout its history. This program will deal with the period of 1917-1918.

Mr. Manstan, after receiving- in 1974- his Navy diving training at Naval Submarine Base New London, in 1967, he began his career at the Under Water Sound Lab as a field engineer, using this diving training as the basis of his field engineering activities.

From 1967 to when he retired in 2005, Mr. Manstan was involved with many projects worldwide. In addition, in 2010, he published a book- ***Turtle: David Bushnell's Revolutionary Vessel***- about the Revolutionary War submarine with co-author Fred Frese.

In addition to researching the events surrounding Turtle-both the authors were involved in creating their own Turtles and have tested their subs in the Connecticut River. In 1976, Manstan also helped in the construction and sailing of a replica during the bicentennial celebrations, and-along with Frese- a high school teacher in Old Saybrook, CT (Bushnell's hometown), oversaw a student-lead construction of their own submarine as part of an afterschool project.

In 2014, he was also the author of ***COLD WARRIORS: The Navy's Engineering and Diving Support Unit*** and is currently working on a book that will focus on the research at the Naval Experimental Station at Ft Trumbull during World War I.

The presentation will take place at 7 p.m. in the Conference Center at Fort Trumbull State Park, 90 Walbach St., New London. The interesting Gift Store at the Fort will be open from 6:30-7 p.m. before the meeting so that participants can view and purchase the many historically themed items. The public is invited and new members are always welcomed. Come early; seating is limited. Refreshments will follow the presentation.