

# The Martin P5M Marlin

*"the end of an era in naval seaplane aviation"*

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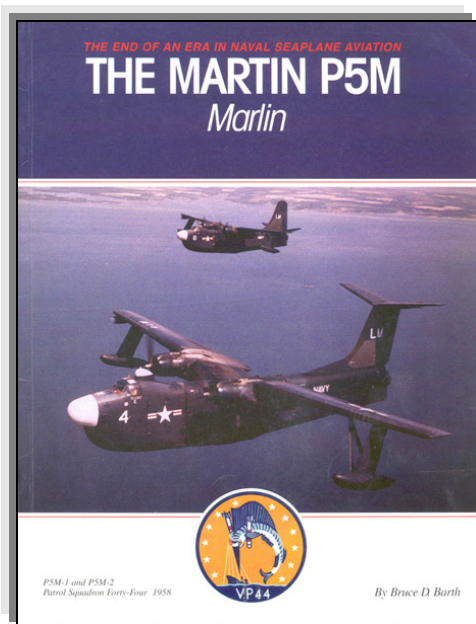


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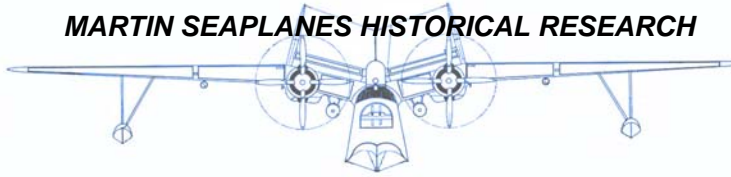
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