



**CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT**    **United States Navy Memorial**

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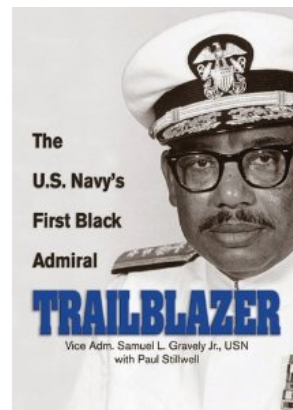
**WHAT:**        **Presented as part of Black History Month and the Navy Memorial's "Authors on Deck" series of book lectures.** Author Paul Stillwell will present his new Naval Institute Press book *Trailblazer: The U.S. Navy's First Black Admiral*, followed by Q&A and a book signing.

**WHEN:**        **Tuesday, February 15, 2011, 12:00 NOON**

**WHERE:**        **United States Navy Memorial**  
**Naval Heritage Center**  
701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004  
[www.navymemorial.org](http://www.navymemorial.org)

**COST:**         Free and open to the public.

**CONTACT:**    202-737-2300.



A Navy pioneer, Vice Adm. Samuel Gravely was the first African American to be commissioned a flag officer in the U.S. Navy, the first to command a Navy ship in the twentieth century, and the first to command a U.S. numbered fleet. In this memoir, co-authored by the noted naval historian Paul Stillwell, Gravely describes his life from his boyhood in Richmond, Virginia, through his officer service on board a World War II submarine chaser, to later tours of duty at sea and ashore. Denied housing and even jailed for impersonating an officer, he recounts efforts to overcome both cultural and institutional obstacles posed by racism as he rose through the ranks. In 2009, the Navy named the guided missile destroyer Gravely in his honor.

Paul Stillwell is the editor of the award-winning *The Golden Thirteen: Recollections of the First Black Naval Officers*. He lives in Arnold, MD.

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