**Warren Bell, Author**

**Biography**

Warren Bell was born and raised in ElDorado, Arkansas. During middle school, he fell in love with historical fiction when he read Samuel [Shellabarger](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel_Shellabarger)’s *The Captain From Castile*. His interest in writing blossomed in high school, and he dreamed of being a novelist. About this time, he read that Edgar Rice Burrows, the creator of *Tarzan* had gotten into writing after telling himself stories to go to sleep. Warren was soon regaling himself with adventure tales before going to sleep.

In the culture of 1950’s South Arkansas, students were strongly encouraged to enter productive professions. Pressed by family and friends and inspired by the emerging space age, he chose to go into engineering He was educated at the University of Arkansas, earning Bachelors and Masters degrees in Civil Engineering. Faced with the Draft upon graduation, he entered the U.S. Navy as an officer in the Navy Civil Engineer Corps.

During his long naval career, Warren experienced many parts of the world. He was in Kodiak Alaska during the 1964 Great Alaska Earthquake and was decorated for his work during the restoration of the naval base there. During two deployments to Vietnam as Operations Officer of a Seabee battalion, he supervised the construction of many military facilities: runways, hangars, cantonments, and Class A highways. He became familiar with several areas of the country, especially the region around Hue City.

While Warren commanded the Navy Public Works Center on Guam, he had the opportunity to travel widely in the Far East, including Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the Philippines. He took care to catalog details of the various countries for potential use in writing. Trips to Europe later in his career offered him similar experiences.

After completing his naval career, Warren became the City Engineer for Alexandria, Virginia. Many of his duties involved enforcing environmental regulations, and he authored numerous articles on stormwater quality over several years. During many lunch hours spent in the Alexandria Library, he conceived the idea of a novel about a German Luftwaffe crew flying to America in an experimental bomber to kill FDR with early “smart bombs.” When he retired from the city in 1999, he decided to write the story. When it was complete in early 2002, the publishing climate did not favor books about aircraft attacking the U.S.

After moving to a new home in Williamsburg, Virginia, Warren read an article in the *Washington Post* about the burgeoning e-book industry. Inspired to participate, he polished his manuscript and published *Fall Eagle One* on Amazon Kindle. Encouraged by friends who prefer paper books, he later published the novel through Amazon.com. The book has sold well both in the U.S. and in Australia, the U.K, and some in Germany. The book has hovered in the upper one percent of Kindle sales during most of 2013.

Warren’s second novel, *Hold Back the Sun* relates the adventures of two Lieutenants in the U.S. Asiatic Fleet in the early months of the Pacific War. It’s now available on Amazon Kindle. Paperback launch is planned for late October.