

Author / Photographer Ed Darack Biographical Overview

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Ed Darack covers a broad range of topics as both an author and as a photographer. He is the author of hundreds of magazine feature articles on a spectrum of topics including weather, aviation, adventure travel, science, military training, geography, front-line combat, and others. His articles have appeared in Smithsonian's *Air & Space*, *Weatherwise* magazine (where he is a contributing editor), *Alpinist*, *The Marine Corps Gazette*, *Climbing*, *Rock & Ice*, *The Weather Guide* calendar, and many others. Many of Darack's articles have been re-published and discussed throughout global media, including *The Telegraph*, *Stern*, Yahoo News, Norway's NRK, Finland's *Helsingin Sanomat*, and many others.

Darack has published four books, the most recent being *Victory Point*. Published by the Penguin Publishing Group in hardcover in 2009 and paperback in 2010, *Victory Point* documents two significant United States Military operations in eastern Afghanistan's Kunar Province in 2005, Operation Red Wings and Operation Whalers. Darack is currently at work on a variety of exciting and groundbreaking fiction and nonfiction titles, including ***Highest Valor: The Complete Untold Story of Extortion 17***, which will be published by Smithsonian Books in the spring of 2017 as the publishers premier release for that year, with distribution by Penguin Random House. Darack is extremely excited about ***Highest Valor***, as his research has unveiled a tremendous amount of information about the downing of Extortion 17 never revealed to date. Please see www.darack.com/books or www.highestvalor.com for more information. Darack has travelled the world in pursuit of article and book research and photography, including two combat embeds in Iraq and four in Afghanistan.

Ed Darack's photographic images have been used by media of all types and sizes throughout the globe, both commercially and editorially. His work has appeared in and has been used by The New York Times, Penguin Publishing Group, Stern, The Sunday Times, The Telegraph, and many others, with usages ranging from postage stamps to highway billboards. Darack's imagery is represented by Getty Images, Corbis Images, and SuperStock.

Darack has appeared on and has aided in research a number of television productions. His appearances include the Smithsonian Television / National Geographic Television documentary *Titanic: Case Closed* and the weather channel documentary *Secrets of the Earth: Strange Skies*, among a number of others. Darack has assisted in research and provided informational and media materials to news programs such as the CBS weekly show *60 Minutes* and CNN's *The Lead* among others.

Darack is also a widely published cartographer, with over one hundred maps published, including a complete topographic / bathymetric atlas of Baja California's Sea of Cortez (Gulf of California) coastline.

Darack holds a number of patents related to aircraft design.