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SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROFESSOR GERALD REMINICK PUBLISHES HIS LATEST BOOK

Selden, NY - Suffolk County Community College's Gerald Reminick, Professor of Library Services, recently published his seventh book on the topic of the U.S. Merchant Marine titled, *An Act of Piracy, The Seizure of the American-flag ship Mayaguez in 1975*.

Seized by Cambodia's Khmer Rouge in 1975, the SS *Mayaguez* was the first American-flag merchant ship taken by a foreign power since the American Revolutionary War. In his book, Professor Reminick describes, in captivating detail, the seizure of this sea-land container ship as she innocently steams toward Thailand. Unprovoked, the Cambodian military captures her as part of a series of piratical acts designed to assert their claim to territorial waters well beyond the limits defined by international law.

The book takes the reader on a journey that includes sitting in on executive National Security Counsel sessions with President Ford, Henry Kissinger, Donald Rumsfeld and others as they ponder the fate of the ship and her crew. With the heartbreaking outcome of the USS *Pueblo* incident still fresh in the public conscious, the decision is made for quick action to recover the vessel. However, tension builds as nothing goes as planned. Learn the final outcome of this historic event. *An Act of Piracy, The Seizure of the American-flag ship Mayaguez in 1975* is available on amazon.com.

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