

Don McLain brings to the table an incredible amount of experience having worked for over 25 years in the oil industry. His experiences have provided him with a unique perspective on both what is involved in supplying the worlds growing demand for oil and how terrorism can affect the already tight supply. His background in explosives, terrorism and oil installations is a blend of knowledge seldom found.

He has lived and worked at both onshore and offshore oilfield installations. His offshore experience ranges from the placid waters of the Gulf of Mexico and California to the treacherous waters of Alaska and the North Sea. He has ridden out hurricanes at sea and has seen the damage they can cause. In 1992 he started working on the Kuwait/Iraq border as the reconstruction of the Kuwaiti oilfields got underway. He witness firsthand the various bombing campaigns and troop movements as the political sparring between the United States and Iraq continued. At the start of the second Gulf war McLain was transferred from Kuwait to Chad. Shortly after arriving in Chad the local oil workers went on strike and McLain was held hostage for four days.

His experience with terrorism started in 1975 when he was assigned to guard munitions shipments in Europe from the Baader/ Meinhof terror group. While working in the North Sea he participated in anti-terror drills carried out by the British Special Boat Service. He has lived and traveled in the Middle East and Africa for fifteen years. Much of this time was spent in areas unfriendly to westerners. He has been warned by the US government that surveillance was being conducted on his location by extremists. These years of living and working in the Middle East provided him with the opportunity to speak at length with Muslims about their perspective on terrorism. At seventeen he joined the military. He attended the US Air Force munitions maintenance school and graduated with honors. This was the start of a four year career of working with some of the deadliest weapons in the US Air Force inventory.

He now divides his time between life in a drilling camp in Chad, where he braves malarial-infested terrain and renegade government insurgents, and a quiet life on a flower farm in south Texas with his beautiful wife of thirty years, Suzie.

In *Bluewater Seven, Terror at Sea*, McLain's latest work, he draws upon his life experiences to produce an action-packed thriller that draws you in and keeps you on the edge of your seat. For more information visit his website at [www.bluewaterseven.com](http://www.bluewaterseven.com).