Record Nr. UNINA9910463203603321 Autore Taaffe Stephen R **Titolo** Commanding Lincoln's navy: Union naval leadership during the Civil War / / Stephen R. Taaffe Annapolis, Maryland: ,: Naval Institute Press, , [2009] Pubbl/distr/stampa ©2009 1-61251-517-7 **ISBN** Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (364 p.) Disciplina 973.7/5 Soggetti Command of troops - History - 19th century Electronic books. United States History Civil War, 1861-1865 Naval operations Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references (pages 305-313) and index. Nota di bibliografia Table of Contents; Acknowledgments; Introduction; 1. Scraping the Nota di contenuto Barnacles; 2. Atlantic Storms; 3. The Mighty Mississippi; 4. Hammers on Anvils; 5. The Peripheries; 6. Turning the Tide; Conclusion; Notes; Bibliography; Index Sommario/riassunto The Union Navy played a vital role in winning the Civil War by blockading Confederate ports, cooperating with the Union Army in amphibious assaults, and controlling the Mississippi River and its tributaries. President Lincoln understood, however, that the Navy was not as important, militarily and politically, to the war effort as the Army, so he delegated authority to his Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles, who divided the Navy into six squadrons and hand-picked their commanders. This book examines Welles selections and why he

appointed them. While noting that the officers records, character