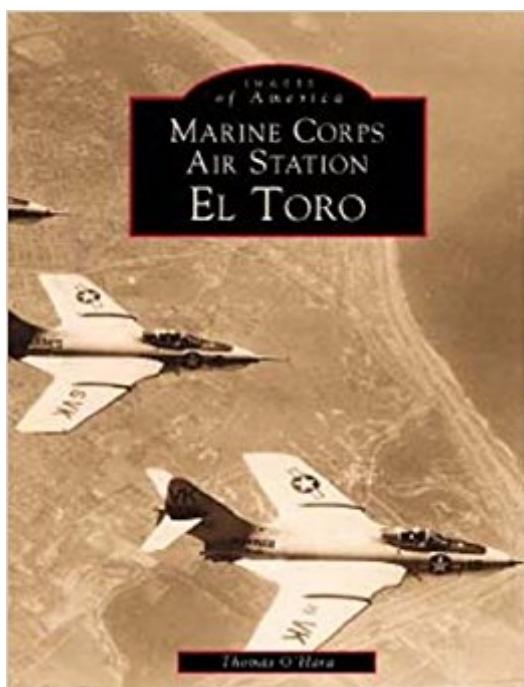


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Author Thomas O'Hara, a former marine corps pilot, is currently the director and curator of the El Toro Aviation Museum and a colonel in the USMCR. As MCAS El Toro prepares to close in July 1999, O'Hara's photographic history pays a well-deserved tribute to the men and women who supported the air station during its period of active duty.

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