



# Help tell their story!



All of our Sea Service Veterans have stories and experiences of their time in U.S. military service. Each helped to mold our American history one bit at a time; one skirmish; one battle; one victory; even defeat; and at compassionate times, helping foreign citizens of the world in need.

A Sailor, Marine, Coast Guard sailor or Merchant Mariner who is far away from their hometown, reaches out and represents every American to all the people of the world they have encountered.

Their personal stories of combat, patrol, duty on heavy seas and humanitarian support in foreign lands, is part and parcel of our American Heritage and should never be lost in the haze of our history.

The U.S. Navy Memorial, in our nation's capitol, has endeavored to record, preserve and hold forever the Naval Heritage of our nation. The free, on-line Navy Log is paramount in their efforts to record the photos, and military service of all these men and women as well as their service memories for posterity. However we can't do this monumental task alone.

We ask you to help in this extraordinary effort. You can find Sea Service veterans in nearly every town and hamlet in our country. You may know some of them as your neighbors, and contacting one usually leads to another. Our VA hospitals across the country, local nursing homes, churches and synagogues in your area are a great source. No doubt they know of veterans who would love a visit, to tell their story and if no photos, have one taken of them for the Navy Log. Local chapters of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Posts in your area can also supply you with names, addresses and phone numbers to set up appointments for interviews. Your volunteer efforts will truly be appreciated.

Show this brochure to your veteran at the interview. All of the vets you interview will be grateful and pleased to comply. We truly need your help in this endeavor. Show them how their Navy Log entry will appear and they will be glad to share their history.



The iconic Lone Sailor statue at the U.S. Navy Memorial



# The Navy Log Entry

Each individual Navy Log record and photo are available for shipmates, friends or family at the U.S. Navy Memorial, [www.navylog.org](http://www.navylog.org).

Just type in the name of the veteran and the entry (if there) will appear on-site at the Navy Memorial's Log Room kiosk or on-line at [www.navylog.org](http://www.navylog.org).

You can even add their Service Memories and have them attached to their log entry. Many vets add this feature to their log records. These will be invaluable for future genealogy searches of military service.

As a recording volunteer, you can find living Sea Service veterans for the Navy Log Project at:

- **VA Hospitals nationwide**
- **Nursing homes**
- **American Legion chapters**
- **VFW chapters**
- **Churches & Synagogues**

Each log entry is permanently archived for years to come and there is no charge for the entry. In addition, if you have your veteran's DD-214 personnel file in family papers, it will give you the veteran's service history and earned awards. We can also assist you in finding the DD-214 form for a living or deceased veteran.

## Photographs:

We prefer a service photo of the veteran in uniform, and if these are not available, you can easily take a close-up head shot of the veteran during the personal interview. Submit photos either digitally or with a color photo print. Original period family photos sent will be scanned and returned to the family (if requested).

Your one-on-one contact with a veteran, to log his or her history, will be a rewarding experience for you both. Many veterans are eager and proud to share their service memories with you.

Recording a veteran's military history and personal service recollections always adds to the history of our great nation. All are important and special! Your volunteer efforts are surely needed in this nationwide project to forever archive these veteran's memories of their service to our country.

If they share their service memories, you can video tape them, take a laptop or note pad to write down their comments for their approval. Audio tape recorders are also useful. You will likely hear amazing stories of valor and bravery that are unimaginable.

## ERNEST BORGNINE



**Rate / Rank**  
GM1

**Service Branch**  
USN  
USN

**Service Dates**  
10/1935 - 10/1941  
01/1942 - 09/1945

**Born**  
01/24/1917  
HAMDEN, CT



LONE SAILOR AWARD RECIPIENT 1997

### SIGNIFICANT DUTY STATIONS

- USS LAMBERTON DD-119
- USS SYLPH PY-12

### SIGNIFICANT AWARDS

- NAVY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL (2)
- AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL W/FLEET CLASP
- AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL
- WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

These are the living, personal histories of our nation. Each log entry is important for generations to come.

## FOR MAIL-IN LOG ENTRIES

Please make copies of the Navy Log Enrollment Form on the back of this brochure. Mail with a photo of the person, preferably in uniform, to the address below. Original photos will be returned with SASE inclosed.

## FOR ON-LINE LOG ENTRIES

Go to our web site: [www.navylog.org](http://www.navylog.org). In the top bar, look for NAVY LOG. The drop down menu will show you several items. Click ADD A NAVY LOG and proceed through the easy steps. You can also upload a digital photo to go with the log.

We thank you in advance for helping us record the valuable, individual history of our veterans in war and peace time. Your volunteer efforts are a great service to our country and are truly appreciated!

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# United States Navy Memorial NAVY LOG ENROLLMENT FORM

Mail to: U.S. Navy Memorial • Attn: Navy Log Department  
701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW • Suite 123 • Washington, DC 20004-2608

## Calling all U.S. Sea Service Shipmates!

The U.S. Navy Memorial invites you to archive your personal U.S. Sea Service history on our U.S. Navy log for FREE! The Navy Log is the permanent register of all U.S. Sea Service men and women who have enrolled into the Log by themselves, by their friends, or honored by their families. Add your name and record your service history into the USNM Log Archive. Open to all Navy, Marine, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine veterans, regular or reserve, living or deceased.

Names in the Log are displayed electronically on video screens located in the Log room of the Naval Heritage Center, Washington, DC. Visitors are invited to search for individual records which are instantly displayed, showing name, branch of service, rate or rank, dates of service, place of birth, duty stations and personal awards. The Navy Log can also be accessed and searched over the internet. Visit The Navy Log at [www.navylog.org](http://www.navylog.org).

### FREE ENROLLMENT!

You can also enroll via the Internet at [www.navylog.org](http://www.navylog.org) (preferred)  
or by calling 1.800.628.9564

Check here if you **do not want** your log on the USNM Internet Website. ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Service Corp/Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

Address (leave blank if deceased) Deceased - date of death \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

Rank/Rate \_\_\_\_\_

**Branch of Service** - if you served in one or more of these services, please number in the order you served.

\_\_\_ Navy \_\_\_ Marine Corps \_\_\_ Coast Guard

\_\_\_ Merchant Marine \_\_\_ USNR \_\_\_ USMCR \_\_\_ USCGR

**Dates of Service (mm/yy)**

Service Branch #1 From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ mm/yy

Service Branch #2 From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ mm/yy

#### Awards:

Provide up to 5 of your highest or most significant awards or a copy of your Discharge Form DD 214.



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USE SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

☐ My photo is enclosed

Place taken \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH	
	
Rate / Rank LTJG	
Service Branch USNR	
Service Dates 6/1942 - 6/1945	
Born 6/12/1924 MILTON, MA	
WOLD-CHAMBERLAIN FIELD, MN 1943	
NAVY LOG	
SIGNIFICANT DUTY STATIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CARRIER AIRCRAFT SERVICE UNIT 21</li><li>TORPEDO SQUADRON 51 (NAVAL AVIATOR)</li><li>NAS NORFOLK, VA (U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET)</li><li>TORPEDO SQUADRON 97</li><li>TORPEDO SQUADRON 163 (NAVAL AVIATOR)</li></ul>	
SIGNIFICANT AWARDS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS</li><li>AIR MEDAL W/2 GOLD STARS</li><li>PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION AWARDED USS SAN JACINTO (CVL-30)</li><li>ASIATIC PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL W/3 STARS</li><li>WORLD WAR II VICTORY &amp; AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDALS</li></ul>	

#### Duty Stations:

Provide up to 5 of your most recent or significant duty stations or a copy of your Discharge Form DD 214.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_