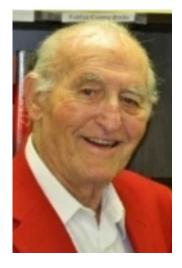
Remembering Seymour Dombroff



Former U.S.S. Decatur (DD-936) Commanding Officer, Seymour (Sey) Dombroff, answered his last hail on November 15, 2012, in Fairfax, Virginia.

Born in New York City in 1918, Sey graduated from Brooklyn College and was obtaining his masters degree in bacteriology at the University of Oregon when the United States entered WW II. He graduated from Midshipman school aboard USS Prairie State in 1942 and was commissioned an ensign in the Navy. He saw service in the Pacific during WW II and Korea. A life-long "black-shoe" Destroyer sailor, he served as XO of USS O'Bannon during the Korean War, and commanded USS Miller, USS McGinty and USS Decatur in the 50's. He also commanded Destroyer Division 322 and Destroyer Squadron 36. Shore assignments included tours at The Pentagon, Norfolk and Key West.

He retired to the Melbourne, FL area in 1972 and moved to the Virginian in Fairfax in 2007.

Married to Estelle Margolis (who survives him) in 1943, they had two children, Jeff Dombroff (of Warrenton, VA) and Wendy Sternberg (of Bala Cynwyd, PA). He is also survived by daughter-in-law, Susan Dombroff and son-in-law, Michael Sternberg, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren along with countless friends. Captain Dombroff was interred in Arlington National Cemetery on December 13, 2012.

Captain Dombroff's illustrious 30 year Naval career

- May 1942 Commissioned Ensign via V-7 Program (USS Prairie State)
- August 1942-May 1945 Assigned USS Heywood (APA-12)
- September 1945 HQ, 3rd Naval District
- 1947 Fleet Training Group, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
- 1948 Communications Officer, USS Little Rock (CL-92)
- 1948-1949 Brooklyn Navy Yard
- 1950 1952 Executive Officer USS O'Bannon (DD-450)
- 1953 1954 Commanding Officer, USS McGinty (DE-365)
- 1954 1957 Associate PNS, Columbia University
- 1957-1958 Commanding Officer, USS Miller (DD-535)
- 1958-1959- Commanding Officer, USS Decatur (DD-936)
- 1959-1962 Operations Officer, Key West Test and Evaluation Detachment
- 1962-1963 Commander, Destroyer Division 322
- 1963-1964 Head, Readiness Department, ASW Force, Atlantic
- 1964-1965 Commander, Destroyer Squadron 36
- 1966-1969 Staff, ASW Operations, OPNAV
- 1969 1972 Commanding Officer, Fleet Sonar School, Key West
- April, 1972 Retired



This was his 1959-1960 Mediterranean Cruise Book

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