

# The Lone Sailor

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## Bill Cosby, Eddie LeBaron & Lanier Phillips Receive Lone Sailor Award

**T**he Hon. Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy, headlined the 2010 Lone Sailor Awards Dinner on September 15 and joined more than 660 guests in presenting the annual award to Bill Cosby, who served as a Hospital Corpsman in the 1950s; former Redskin and Dallas Cowboy Eddie LeBaron, who served in the Marine Corps in Korea; and Lanier Phillips, the first African-American Navy sonar technician. Virginia Ali, owner of D.C.'s Ben's Chili Bowl, former Marine Corps Commandant Gen. P.X. Kelley and Rear Adm. Michelle Howard, USN, presented the award to Cosby, LeBaron and Phillips, respectively. Bill Cosby commented during the evening that it was wonderful that "attention has been drawn to what you can do with the advantages you are given when you enter the armed forces." More photos of the event can be found at the Navy Memorial web site. One-on-one video interviews can be seen on Navy TV ([www.navytv.org](http://www.navytv.org)).



Lanier Phillips, Bill Cosby and Eddie LeBaron pose for their official group photo just before receiving their Lone Sailor Award.



The Hon. Ray Mabus, Navy veteran and Secretary of the Navy, welcomed the honorees and guests at the awards dinner at the National Building Museum in Washington, DC.

## Tony Curtis: The Passing of a Legend Who Provided Legendary Support to the Memorial

It is with great sadness that the Navy Memorial learned of the recent passing of one of the organization's strongest advocates and biggest fans: Tony Curtis. He died on September 29 at the age of 85. Paul Haley, the Memorial's Director of Planned Giving, first met Tony at a cocktail reception the evening prior to the 1987 dedication of the Navy Memorial and recounted his memories of the event. "He was a great sport," Paul recalled. "Once he realized that there was no formal program other than a trio offering background music, he proceeded to share a few funny stories from the stage. When he finished his performance, he jumped off the stage, mingled with the crowd and posed for pictures until everyone ran out of film." Six years later, Tony was presented the Lone Sailor Award, along with fellow recipients Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr. Tony realized that his presence was a nice draw for both the Memorial benefactors and the



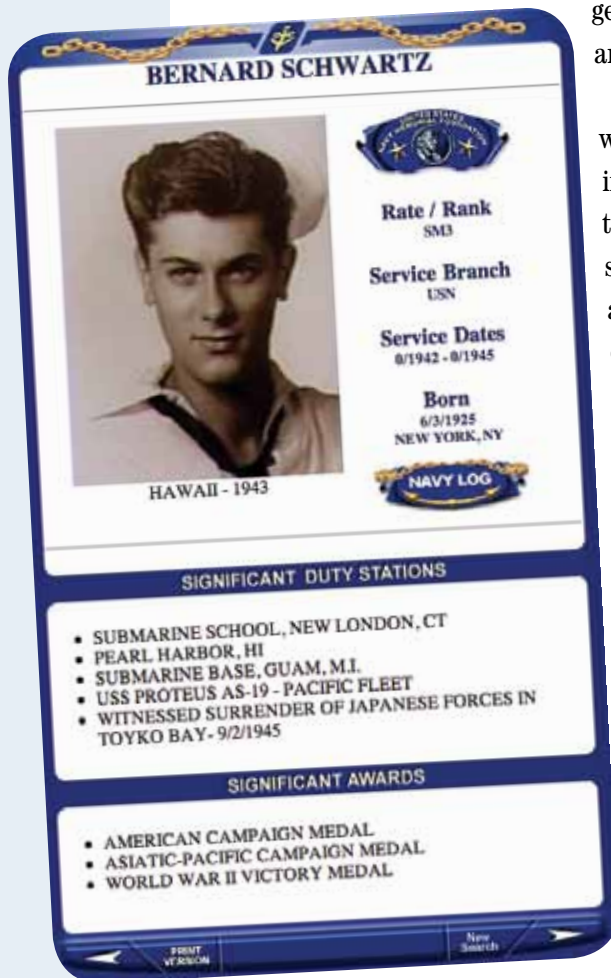
Paul Haley, Navy Memorial Director of Planned Giving, escorts Tony into the Burke Theater for a screening of "Operation Petticoat," as part of An Evening with Tony Curtis event held at the Memorial in 2004.

general public and extended an open invitation to the Memorial to attend any future events that fit into his schedule.

So in April 1995, Tony and his wife Jill arrived and spent the next week attending and supporting a variety of Memorial-related events, including the crowning of the 1995 Cherry Blossom Princess; riding in the Cherry Blossom Parade; guest appearances on local, live TV morning shows; a ribbon-cutting at the annual Navy League Sea-Air-Space Expo; an appearance at a celebrity event for noted author Tom Clancy; guest of honor at a Desert Storm commemorative wreathlaying at the Navy Memorial; and the opening of an exhibition of his own paintings in the Naval Heritage Center.

Paul once again served as Tony's official escort and "naval aide" that week. He feels fortunate to have witnessed some private moments that showcased Tony's unique sense of humor, graciousness and humility: "When Tony realized that Ace, the driver of the antique car he was riding in for the Cherry Blossom Parade, lost an arm in Italy during World War II, he teased Ace and threatened to take the wheel from him. As the car proceeded down Pennsylvania Avenue, well-wishers streamed out from the crowd to shake his hand, get an autograph and take photos. Tony turned and asked us if the Blair House would be ready for him because he was beginning to feel like a visiting Head of State."

Rest in peace, Tony. You will be missed, but not forgotten.



# recent events at the navy memorial

## Navy EOD Then and Now: Frogmen, UDTs, SEALs and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Teams From WWII to Iraq

Coinciding with the Navy Memorial exhibit now on display through 2011 entitled, “EOD: The World’s Most Capable Bomb Squad,” the Memorial and Jones International University® (JIU) hosted a panel of Navy EOD veterans, past and present sharing the stories and challenges faced by today’s Navy EOD professionals, as well as the legacy and lessons of their predecessors, Navy frogmen and UDTs.

Panelists included Rear Admiral Michael P. Tillotson, USN, Commander, Naval Expeditionary Combat Command; Mr. Draper Kauffman, son of Rear Adm. Draper Kauffman – considered the “father of Navy EOD” and the subject of the book *America’s First Frogman: The Draper Kauffman Story*; Master Chief Farris W. Foresman, USN,

Force Master Chief, Naval Expeditionary Combat Command; Lt. Cdr. Tony Nahitchevansky, USN (Ret.), former Navy EOD officer and the team leader that responded to the Iraqi attack on USS *Stark* (FFG-31); and Mr. Stephen Phillips, former Navy EOD officer, author of *Proximity: A Novel of the Navy’s Elite Bomb Squad*, and a member of the Professional Staff at The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. Former Navy EOD officer and Founder and Chancellor of JIU Glenn R. Jones served as host. The symposium can be seen on NavyTV ([www.navytv.org](http://www.navytv.org)).



## Veterans From Past and Current Wars Convene To Tell Their Stories

For the second year, the American Veterans Center hosted their annual veterans’ conference at the Memorial to a packed crowd of high school and college students, old and young veterans and the general public on November 4-6. Broadcast for the first time on Navy TV, the conference line-up included World War II baseball greats Yogi Berra, Lou Brissie, John Miles and Jerry Coleman; Doolittle Raiders Lt. Col. Richard Cole, Staff Sgt. David Thatcher and Maj. Thomas Griffin; Tuskegee Airmen Dr. Roscoe Brown, Calvin Spann and Shelby Westbrook; Medal of Honor recipients Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Rosser, Capt. Tom Hudner and Col. Barney Barnum; Air Force “Ace” from Vietnam Brig. Gen. Steve Ritchie; a panel of women veterans, including World War II WASP pilot Elaine Danforth Harmon; and several Iraq and Afghanistan veterans – including Staff Sgt. David Bellavia, Sgt. Marco Martinez and Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Workman. More coverage of the conference can be found on the Navy Log Blog ([www.navylogblog.org](http://www.navylogblog.org)).



Capt. Tom Hudner, USN (Ret.), Medal of Honor recipient from the Korean War and Lone Sailor Award recipient, chats with midshipmen from the Naval Academy. Captain Hudner spoke on a panel with other Medal of Honor recipients as part of the American Veterans Center’s annual veterans conference held at the Navy Memorial November 5 and 6.

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## 2010 Charitable Gift Annuity Program

This program allows donors to transfer cash or marketable securities to the Navy Memorial in exchange for a gift annuity contract (quarterly or annual cash return). Started in 2002 with a \$10,000 donation from actor Tony Curtis, this program now manages more than one million dollars and continues to grow. Due to the excellent rates, the Memorial has secured five 2010 contracts totaling \$100,000. Several proposals have been recently mailed for consideration – including one to a loyal member of the Board of Directors. The average return on his current four CGAs is 10.3%, which he claims is a better return than he is receiving from his stock portfolio! Call Paul Haley at 1-800-821-8892, Ext. 760, for a quote on a Navy Memorial Charitable Gift Annuity or go to our web site to learn about other Planned Giving programs.

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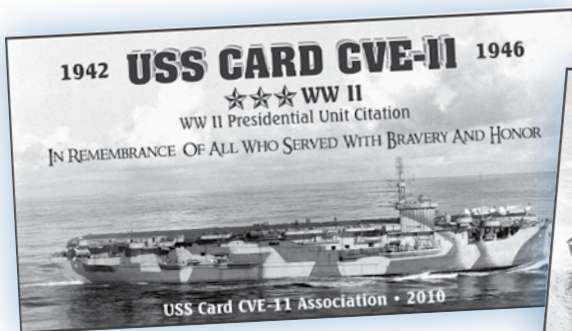
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## A Hamburger and A Thin Vanilla Shake

A hamburger and thin vanilla milkshake was the request from a sailor in blues – and that was the start of a 56-year love affair. Eileen Daniels smiled when she talked about the good looking sailor who walked in and put in that order. She worked behind the counter and remembers the first time she saw Bob Daniels, as well as the 1950 Ford he was driving. The next evening, he was back and drove her home in the '50 Ford. A year and a half later, a week after her high school graduation, they were married.

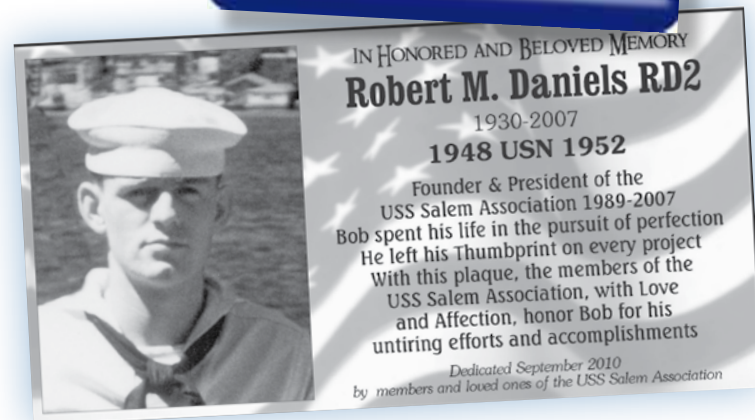
Bob and Eileen worked together on two projects that meant a great deal to both of them: the USS *Salem* (CA-139) Association and The National Hot Rod Association.

As an original plankowner of the USS *Salem*, Bob was also the founder of the USS *Salem* Association – an organization made up of former shipmates who served aboard her. The USS *Salem* is docked at Quincy, Massachusetts, as a ship museum, thanks to Bob and the rest of the Association. Eileen is now one of the Vice Presidents, together with Raymond Creamer. Ray served with Bob, beginning in radar school, and they were both discharged on the same day.

Bob was also one of the original division directors of the National Hot Rod Association and spent 20 years as the Division 3 Director. As he said, he'd rather cooperate with the police at drag strips than be chased by them down the road. He was also a former general manager of the O'Reilly Raceway Park and improved the dragstrip and the road course. He brought NASCAR to the Raceway when he improved the 5/8th oval, and designed and built Parks Tower and the main grandstand permanent area.

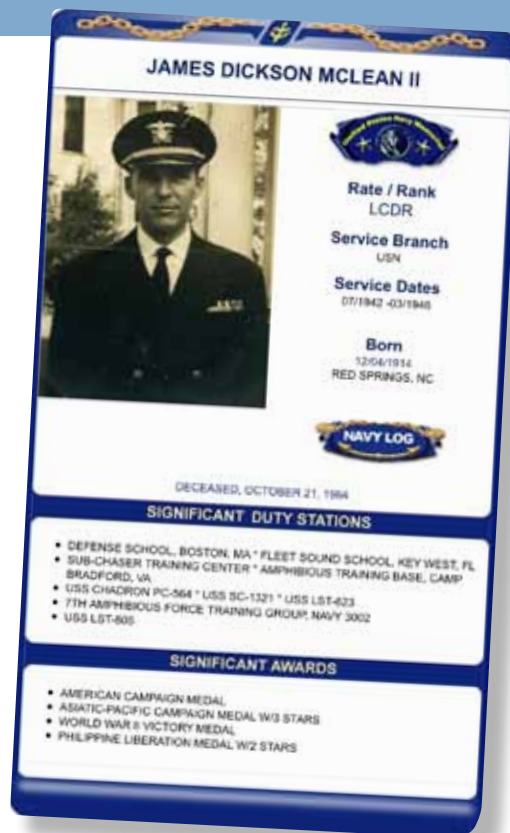
Eileen chuckled when telling the story of their 50th wedding anniversary. She and Bob renewed their vows -- wedding gown, reception and all. At the reception, their daughter asked everyone to come to the front of the rec center – all except Eileen, who had to sit and wait. After a few minutes, someone called for her. And there he was, her handsome sailor in blues – in a '50 Ford, asking her “to go on a date.” His uniform had been donated to the *Salem* Association – he'd arranged for it to be sent to him, altered and pressed. Ray said Bob was always planning surprises, and this one had to be one of his best. Bob died in June 2007.

A plaque commissioned by the Association and Eileen honoring Bob's Navy service was dedicated at a ceremony at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC, on September 29. A gathering of his Navy friends and Hot Rod friends were there – to remember Bob with love, laughter and a few tears.



## Learning About a Loved One in the Navy Log

Often the Navy Log pulls together disparate pieces of a Sailor's service history. But sometimes it pieces together lost family history. For Jane McLean, the Navy Log served as the catalyst to solve a family mystery. Her curiosity about her father's military career was sparked by several plaques on the Commemorative Plaque Wall that focused on individuals. After her parents' divorce, she lost contact with her father and, once he died, she didn't know how to find out about his early life and career. So she asked the Memorial for help. Nan McComber and Paul Haley put her in touch with the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, knowing that – as an immediate family member, she was entitled to receive an official copy of James Dickson McLean, II's service record. For the first time, she was able to learn details of his early life and his Navy experiences. Together, with the Memorial's help and with this newly obtained data, she created a Navy Log profile and a fitting tribute to her father!

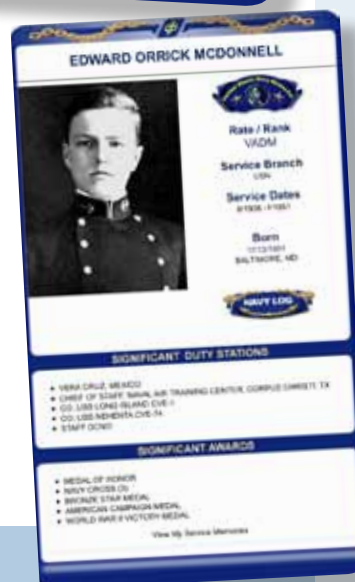


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Establish your own Navy Log profile as a legacy for your family and future generations or establish a Navy Log for a loved one. Go to [www.navylog.org](http://www.navylog.org) and register today – it's free!

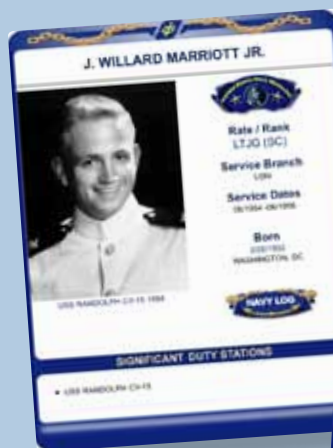
## Discovering Heroes in Your Midst...

The USS *Long Island* (CVE-1) Association knew that Vice Adm. Edward Orrick McDonnell, USN (Ret.), served as the commanding officer of their ship at one point during his illustrious naval career. But, until they searched for him on the Navy Log while visiting the Memorial for their ship's commemorative plaque dedication in September, they had no idea he had received the Medal of Honor as an Ensign during the Battle of Vera Cruz in 1914.



## Finding Shipmates

Shipmates from the USS *Randolph* (CV/CVA/CVS-15) dedicated a commemorative plaque to their ship in September and spent some time browsing the Navy Log to find out how many of their shipmates were entered. To their surprise, more than 900 shipmates had profiles. But, even more surprising was the company they were keeping: among their crew were two more famous shipmates: hotelier Bill Marriott and CACI International Chairman and Navy Memorial Board of Directors member Capt. Jack London!





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