

# Coquille

## ARCHIBALD JACOBSEN U.S. AIR FORCE Mar. 1942 to Dec. 1945

Anti Aircraft Bn Tech. Auto Mechanic. Served in France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Remembers being under attack of Buzz bombs, gadgets Germans made - sounded like a model T, had 1,000 lbs. TNT. Made a real smack and tore up every thing. Lost our lumber mill when I went overseas and had to start over on return.

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## JACK WOOD - U.S. NAVY 27 Aug. 1942 to 13 Oct. 1945

Ships cook, USS Holland Gragoon - Submarine, USS Litchfield - Destroyer. Served in the South Pacific, China Sea. Recalls sinking a convoy in the China Sea, picked up a survivor. He was assigned to me as a mess cook. We became good friends. When he was turned over as a prisoner of war my Captain allowed me to go with him and we embraced and shed tears. I still think of Atma and would like to see him. Bombed off Iwo Jima, getting

bombed off Wake Island, depth charged off of Gaaipan, battle surfaced, sunk ship with 5" deck gun.

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## LOUDON KAY JR. - U.S. ARMY Oct. 1945 to Dec. 1949

Counter Intelligence. Served in the European Theatre and the U.S.A. Job called for Investigations of crimes, accidents, sabotage, sedition, etc. in which military & civilian personnel involved. Located Nazi fugitives in Bavaria. Graduated from OSS school-Holibird, Md., Trained in Oberamgau, Germany, visited Dachau concentration camp in 1945, and then being present for 4 days at Nurnberg War Crimes Trials. Meeting so many fine military personnel and having so many adventures at a young age. Am lifetime DAV member, as well as American Legionnaire.



## THEODORE "TED" A. MCNAIR U.S. NAVY 1941 to 1945

Aviation Mechanic. Served in the South Pacific. Recalls having 125 Japanese planes attacking at the same time at Henderson Field, Guadalcanal in 1943. \* Began as a Japanese air base. Allied Armada bombed and combat Marines landed. Resumed Henderson Field. Two days later Japanese task force struck back. Their water and land battles went on for months until finally the Japanese were defeated at Guadalcanal.

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## KARL ALPINE - ARMY AIR CORP Nov. 1940 to July 1945

Master Sgt. Airplane Mechanic. Served 1 yr. in the U.S., 3 yrs. in the West Indies, and 1 yr. in the Pacific. Remembers the day they dropped the bomb on Japan. \* August 6, 1945 8:15 a.m. on Hiroshima a uranium bomb, three days later a plutonium bomb dropped on Nagasaki. August 10 the Japanese surrendered. Seventy or 80,000 people had died at Hiroshima alone.

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## RON BANGERT - US NAVY 1932 to 1958

Lt. commander Retired. Served in the Pacific Ocean area, Phillipines, China, Japan, East Coast, Atlantic Ocean, Europe and Italy. Start of War II left Hong Kong for Manila, P.I. on Dec. 4, 1941. Arrived Manila Bay, Dec. 10. Then to Batann to P.T. Boat. Sank off Mindirao Island after going out on PT boat with Douglas MacArthur. 3-1/2 days in the water. Japanese destroyer picked me up - two weeks on destroyer. Dropped at Formosa, then Japan as P.O.W. 3 yrs, 4 mos., 16 days. Returned to states at end of war. Bud Gaffey in same prison and Rudy Busselmeir of North Bend.





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