



**Edward
West**
Navy

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May 9, 1925 -

BIRTHPLACE: Ozark, AR

SOLDIER DETAILS

DIVISION: Navy, USS Windham Bay (CVE92)

THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific

SERVED: Jan 19, 1943 - Jul 4, 1946

HONORED BY: Wife, Mildred Asa West

BIOGRAPHY

In June 1943, I quit High School and enrolled at the College of the Ozarks, Clarksville, Arkansas in order to qualify for enlistment in the Navy V-12 program. After one semester I was called to active duty in the V-12 program at Arkansas A & A College, Monticello, Ark. After 4 semesters of College work I was sent to Pre-Midshipmen School, Asbury Park, NJ: Midshipmen School, Columbia University; NTS Deck, Miami, FL; U.S.S. Windham Bay (CVA.92) for duty in the Pacific. On board I served as Assistant Division Officer, Division Officer, Ship's Gunner, Assistant Gunnery Officer, Top Deck Officer, in port and under way, Gunnery Officer. Upon discharge at Great Lakes, I returned to Missouri Valley College to finish work on my BS degree, completed in Jan, 1948. After getting married that same month to Mildred Asa of Dexter, MO I began teaching mathematics at MO School of Mines and Metallurgy, Rolla. After about 2 years I transferred to Missouri University where I taught and earned my Masters Degree in Mathematics. After graduation we moved to Beaumont, Texas with our first of the three children to teach Higher Mathematics at Lamar College. Two years later we started a 30 year career with IBM. I retired from IBM in 1953 with 3 children and 7 grandchildren. We spend our time traveling in our RV and volunteering in our community.