



**Paul
Newman**
Navy

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Jan 26, 1925 - Sep 26, 2008

BIRTHPLACE: Cleveland, OH

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Radioman 3rd Class

DIVISION: Navy

THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific

SERVED: 1943 - 0006

MILITARY HONORS: American Area Campaign medal Good Conduct Medal World War II Victory medal.

HONORED BY: The Eisenhower Foundation

BIOGRAPHY

Paul Newman was born in a suburb of Cleveland in 1925. His family owned and operated a small, lucrative sporting goods store that provided a comfortable lifestyle. After Newman graduated from Shaker Heights High School in 1943, he joined the Navy's V-12 program at Yale University in the hopes of becoming a pilot. His hopes were dashed, however, when it was discovered that he was color blind. Instead of completing the program, Newman was shipped to basic training where he qualified to be a rear-seat radioman and gunner for torpedo bombers. In 1944, Newman was sent to Barber's Point where he operated in torpedo bomber squadron designed to train replacement pilots. He was later stationed on an aircraft carrier as a turret gunner for an Avenger aircraft. As a radioman-gunner, his unit was assigned to the aircraft carrier Bunker Hill along with other replacements shortly before the Battle of Okinawa in the spring of 1945. The pilot of his aircraft had an earache and was grounded as was his crew, including Newman. The rest of their squadron flew to the Bunker Hill. Days later, a kamikaze attack on the Bunker Hill killed several hundred crewmen and airmen, including other members of his unit. Courtesy of Military.com