

Name De Voge WILLIAM E.
LAST (Deceased) FIRST Female Last name when in service

Birth date 19 25 Birth Place OAKCREEK - CO. Yr moved to LW 1999

MILITARY HISTORY

Branch NAVY Entry date and Location 3-9-1942 Rank _____

Disch. date & location 10-3-1945 Yosemite, CA. Rank ELECTRICIAN
MATE 2ND CL

Military Specialty _____

Theatre of Operation, Unit

United States

San Diego

Overseas

USS Wisconsin

Hawaii - New Caledonia

Samoa - Solomons Pago Pago

Guadalcanal - New Hebrides

AWARDS/ CITATIONS

Purple Heart

combat ribbon

SPECIAL/UNUSUAL SERVICE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Departing Espiritu Santo 12 October to escort a convoy of freighters to Guadalcanal, Meredith engaged Japanese aircraft on the morning of 15 October, then shortly after midday was attacked by a force of 35 bombers and torpedo planes from enemy carrier Zuikaku. Meredith fought fiercely against these terrible odds, and brought down three of her attackers before she sank. Only seven officers and 56 men survived the attack and the three ensuing days of exposure to the open sea and sharks until they were rescued by destroyer Grayson (DD-435) and fleet tug Seminole (AT-65).

Meredith received one battle star for World War II service

One of the survivors - USS Mendette -

(Please submit additional Korean or Vietnam duty on separate sheet)

Date 7-9-06