

JACQUE WILLIS ALLEN, EM2, 1930-2009

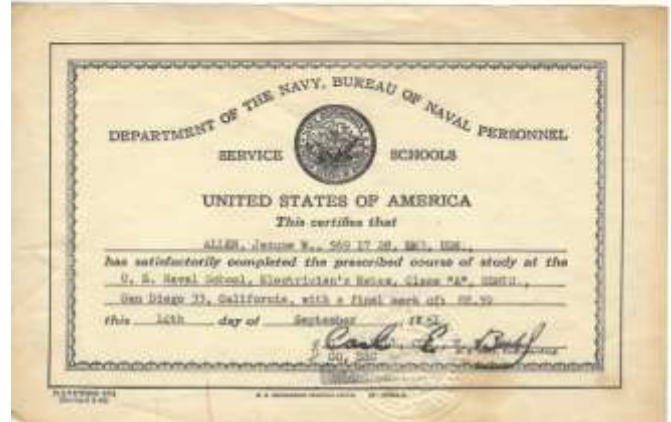
KOREAN WAR VETERAN



Enlisted into the US Navy, September of 1948 where he attended EM School in San Diego before a very brief assignment as Electrician Apprentice, to the USS Camano. This ship was configured as a Navy transport and cargo ship and operated with the U.S. Pacific Fleet until December 1951 when she was turned over to the U.S. Department of the Interior. He was then re-assigned to the ship Sausalito.





After the outbreak of the Korean War in June of 1950, the Sausalito was placed in reserve at Yokosuka. The U.S. Navy needed additional escort vessels, and on 15 September 1950 Sausalito was re-commissioned at Yokosuka with Lieutenant Commander Francis W. Deily in command. On 26 November 1950, she departed Yokosuka for Hŭngnam, North Korea.



Between February and May 1951, Sausalito's assignments included escorting the battleship USS Missouri (BB-63) on her shore bombardment station, blockade patrols, shore bombardment on the east coast of North Korea from Wonsan to Chongjin, and harbor control duty at Wonsan, broken by periods of upkeep at Sasebo and Yokosuka, Japan. Between June and August 1951, she escorted underway replenishment groups off the Korean coast.



After dry-docking and upkeep at Yokosuka, *Sausalito* departed for the Philippine Islands in October 1951. In late November and early December 1951, she conducted a patrol against unauthorized fishing vessels in the Sonsorol Islands in the western Caroline Islands, apprehending one vessel. After spending Christmas 1951 in Subic Bay on Luzon, she made a good-will tour to Saigon, South Vietnam; Bangkok, Thailand; Singapore; and Penang, Federation of Malaya. With so much sea travel the sailors found ways to keep up their moral by writing poems and playing pranks. Jacque Allen was no exception. He managed to save a couple of examples shown below:


 SUPREMACY AND JURISDICTION EXTRAORDINARY
 The Royal High Court of the Raging Main
 Region of the South Seas
 Domain of Neptune Rex
 TO WHOM MY CODE THESE PRESENTS
 GREETINGS AND REMARE
 WHEREAS, The good ship U.S.S. SALSALITO (PF-4) bound for AMERICA.....
 PHILIPPINE ISLANDS..... is about to enter our domain; and whereas the
 aforesaid ship carries a large and last-known cargo of landmines, hand-grenades,
 guard-rats, sea-layers, image-liners, parlo-dumplings, glow-decorators, parlo-
 beach servers, chicken-chasers, leg-tossers, four-drummers, green-seed puzzle bugs,
 dum-dum-shell shells, drug-store cosmoge, asphalt crabs, and all other living creatures
 of the land, and last but not least, sea-wrecks, liberty brands, San Pedro and San
 Diego Gibraltar's, comprising an arsenal, of which law even you are a member, hav-
 ing never appeared before us; and
 WHEREAS, THE ROYAL HIGH COURT of the RAGING ERIN will convene on board
 the good ship USS SALSALITO (PF-4) on the 10th day of JANUARY, 1952, at Longitude
 110° 30' N. Lat. 10° 00' S., and whereas, an inspection of our Royal Roster shows that it
 is high time your sad and wandering nautical soul appears before Our August
 Presence; and
 BE IT KNOWN, That we hereby summon and demand you
 ALLEN, Jacques W. now a Electrician Third Class
 to appear before the Royal High Court and Our August Presence on the aforesaid date
 at such time as may best suit OUR pleasure.
 You will accept most heartily and with good grace the pains and penalties of
 the aforesaid tribunal that will be inflicted upon you to determine your fitness to be
 one of our Trusty Shellbacks and answer to the following charges.
 CHARGE I--In that you have hitherto wilfully and maliciously failed to show
 reverence and allegiance to our Royal Presence, and are therein and thereby a vile
 landlubber and pollywag.
 CHARGE II--In that you have tried to violate the liberty laws.
 CHARGE III--In that you have refused to work.
 CHARGE IV--In that you have refused to work a shellback.
 Hockey this summons Under Pain of Our Swift and Terrible Displeasure. Our
 Vigilance is Ever Watchful, Our Waugance is Just and True.
 Given under our hand and seal,

 DANBY JAMES
 Boribo
Nepheus Rex

*HOT ROD RACE (PACIFIC STYLE)

NOW WE AND MY BUDDY "ONE HUNG LOW"
 TOOK OFF ON A "RACE" FROM SAIBO,
 THE CREW WAS POOR AND THE FUEL WAS LOW
 BUT THAT "CAR" WOULD REALLY GO,
 WHILE CRUISING ALONG LIKE A GOOD SEA-NIGHT,
 A CRUISER BEHIND US BLINKED HIS LIGHTS.

WE HAD TWIN SCREWS ON THIS "ONE HUNG CAR"
 WHICH MIGHT MAKE YOU THINK XXXX WE WERE IN A JAM,
 BUT TO YOU WHO DON'T DIG THE JIVE,
 THAT'S FOUR HOT BOILERS WITH A TURBINE DRIVE.
 NOW WE'RE "CAR MEN, AND WE LIKELY ERIN"
 THAT WE'D PROBABLY RACE TILL SOMETHING BLEW.

THE PASTAIL WAS DREW FROM THE CHURN OF THE SCREWS
 BUT THROUGH THE WAVES WE FLEW AND FLEW
 OUR "ERIN" WAS PALE AND SAID HE WAS SICK.
 BUT TO US CAR MEN HE WAS JUST A "RICE".
 WHY SHOULD WE WORRY, FOR WHAT THE HUCK,
 US AND THAT CRUISER STAYED KNOCK AND HUCK.

NOW OVER THAT OCEAN HE DID GLIDE,
 FLYING WITH OUR THROTTLE WIDE,
 OUR SKIPPER SCREAMED AND THE CREW THEY CRIED,
 BUT US AND THAT CRUISER STAYED SIDE BY SIDE.
 WE GAZED O'ER THE PASTAIL AND WE SAW SOMETHING COMING,
 THROUGHTY IT WAS A "JET" AS WE HEARD IT A HUMMING.

IT WAS COMING ALONG AT AN ANYUL PACE,
 AND WE KNEW RIGHT TUNE, 'T WAS THE END OF THE RACE.
 AS IT STREAMED ON BY, WE LOOKED THE OTHER WAY,
 FOR THE SKIPPER OF THE CRUISER HAD NOTHING TO SAY,
 FOR THERE GOING BY WAS A RESERVE (JO),
 PUBLISHING A "REAR END" "PF-4".



February 1952 found *Sausalito* back in Korean waters, where she resumed escort and patrol duties before returning to Yokosuka for the last time under the United States flag on 31 May 1952.

The U.S. Navy decommissioned *Sausalito* on 9 June 1952.

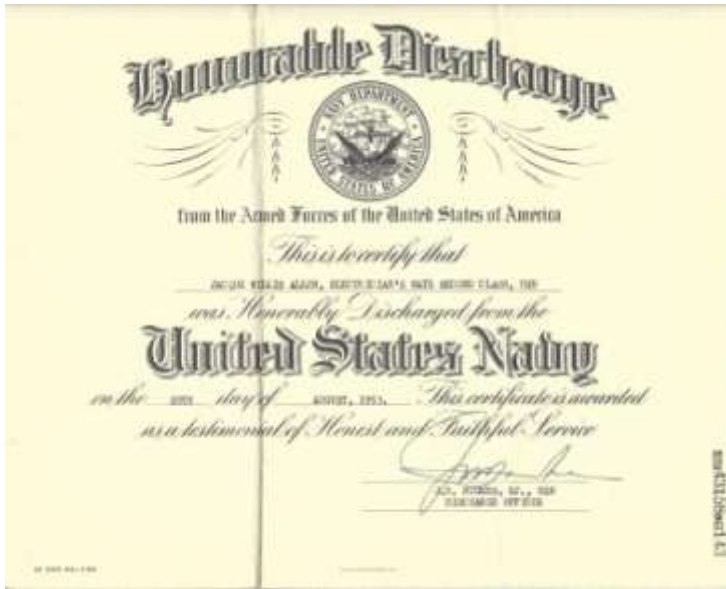
The U.S. Navy awarded *Sausalito* **six battle stars** for her Korean War service.



Electrician's Mate Second Class Jacque W. Allen was then re-assigned to the *USS Prevail*.

Prevail re-commissioned 1 April 1952, was reclassified as *USS Prevail* (AGS-20), and underwent conversion to a survey ship at New York Naval Shipyard. Reporting in late August to Commander, Hydrographic Survey Group 1, in October, she undertook her first surveying assignment in the Cape Hatteras area. From 1953 to 1956 she conducted survey and cable laying operations in the Caribbean, along the Southern and Eastern coasts of the United States north to Nova Scotia, and in the South Atlantic Ocean.





Electrician's Mate Second Class Jacque W. Allen after serving four years, eleven months, & nine days was honorably discharged August 1953.

USS General W.A. Mann AP 112 , US Naval Ship, USN

