

## ***RAYMOND ARTHUR HUNDEVADT***



Ray, a native of New Jersey, was on the water polo and swimming teams at the Academy. Upon graduation, he reported on board heavy cruiser VINCENNES, which initially was engaged in "neutrality patrols" and convoy duties in the Atlantic. On November 5, 1941, he married his Academy OAO, Del Kronmeyer, at Portland, Maine. VINCENNES deployed to the Pacific shortly thereafter, where it participated in the launching of the Doolittle raid on Tokyo and in the Battle of Midway.

On August 9, 1942, the ship was sunk and Ray was wounded in the Battle of Savo Island, incident to the initial landings on Guadalcanal.

For the remainder of World War II, he was assistant gunnery officer on destroyer HERNDON during convoy operations in the Atlantic and the landings at Sicily; exec of destroyer UHLMANN during Pacific carrier task force operations and the Second Battle of the Philippine Sea; and flag navigator for Commander Amphibious Group One, the commander of the advance force at the Iwo Jima and Okinawa landings.

Post-war, Ray took postgraduate courses at Annapolis and Cornell. He then commanded the Atlantic Fleet UDTs in their initial work with SCUBA and submersible sneakcraft working from submerged fleet submarines. Then came command of Atlantic destroyer VOGELGESANG, a tour as COMCRUDESPEC's operations officer, a planning desk at BUORD, a year at the National War College, and a tour as Commander Second Fleet's war plans officer. Following two years as director of missile propulsion RDT&E at BUWEPS, he commanded Atlantic AKA **MULIPHEN**. From then until his retirement in June, 1965, he was director of program planning in OPNAV.

Ray and Del then moved to Redlands, California, where he became associated with Lockheed Propulsion Company, initially as senior program manager, and later as Chief Project Engineer. There, he was manager and chief contributor of an eight-company study for NASA, which designed the system by which the two large, solid-rocket booster cases are retrieved from the ocean after each launch of the Space Shuttle.

Ray and Del still live at Redlands. They have two daughters, Mrs. Linda Pew of Redlands, and Mrs. Jane Pole of Bismarck, North Dakota, as well as four grandchildren.