

Chief Boatswain Mate Gordon Joseph Anderson

Born: 8/6/1917

Died: 8/1990

Period of Service: WW II
US Coast Guard
Sources: Cemetery 338 S,
B10 F2a, Electors 1944, JG
Am Legion Scraabk-box 17

Entered Service August 14, 1937 at Racine, WI
Discharged June 4, 1946 at Detroit.

He was involved in the invasion of Guadalcanal, the battle of Savo Island, the Defense of Guadalcanal.

His medals include the Presidential Unit citation with a Bronze Star. He spoke on the radio from California in connection with a defense bond drive, and also was in a movie on the same theme. He was stationed on Catalina Island. He also received a letter of commendation, dated October 15, 1946, in which he was cited for:

“outstanding gallantry in executing forced landing assists against a number of strongly defended Japanese positions on Tulagi, Gavutu, Tanambogo, Florida, and Guadalcanal, the British Solomon Islands.”

After service, he continued in the US Coast Guard, and was Captain of the Port of Milwaukee.

Son of Dagmar and Maurice Anderson, and a cousin of Russ Gunnlaugsson. He married a school teacher from Sturgeon Bay, Eva Berger, on November 23, 1940. Had a son, Daniel, born 9/22/1941. He had grown up in Ray Hansen’s house and was a quiet man.

Moved to Sturgeon Bay after the War. Had been a member of American Legion Post 8, before transferring to Post 402.