

Washington Island Military Archives

Arleigh Cody

Born: 1924, Wisc

Died:

Period of Service: WW II
Navy

Sources: Monument, JE
Am Legion Scrapbook box 17

Entered service in the Navy on 1/17/1943, and left for Farragut, Idaho on 1/27/1943 for boot camp. Then to San Diego in April to begin sound operator's class for five weeks and material school for ten weeks. Graduated as sound maintenance man third class on 7/30/1943. Wrote home that he enjoys the Navy very much.

His battles included the invasion of the Marshall Islands including Kwajalein and Eniwetok atolls, and Bougainville Buka campaign. His ship sank a Japanese sub on 6/16/1944, and also took part in the Mariannas campaign, including Saipan, Tinian, and Guam. On 10/25/1944, during the Philippine naval battle, his ship was sunk in Leyte Bay.

Wrote that he was on the "*USS Unmentionable*" on 10/25, a small 2100 ton craft, and the boat was badly damaged, but not sunk, though two destroyers and two destroyer escorts were sunk in that battle. However, the group managed to foil the Japanese and save MacArthur's campaign.

Lived in Jensenville. Had a sister. He was a talented writer. His parents were Lavere and Fern.