

Wallace E. Landin

Born April 8, 1905
In Ellefson Bay

Died: Feb 3, 1961

Period of Service: WW II,
Korea, US Coast Guard
Sources: *B10 F 2, Cemetery
161 S, Monument, daughter
Joan*

Enlisted March 11, 1927 on Plum Island, served 26 years in the Coast Guard and was released in March 21, 1953.

He served in the Pacific theater. In retaking the Pacific islands, he was involved in the first seven landings beginning with Guadalcanal. He had been trained to land LSTs in Louisiana at the Higgins boat company in New Orleans before Pearl Harbor. But because he was skilled in motor mechanics he was kept repairing the LSTs because they kept getting damaged in the landings.

One Kamikaze pilot who missed hitting their ship was rescued from the water and put in the brig. He was an artist who the Japanese high command thought were expendable and so were made to fly kamikaze missions. He drew a picture of Wallace's wife Sylvia from a photograph that Wallace kept on him. The picture is still in the family.

He served on the USS Leonard Wood and USS Hunter Liggott. Served in the Soloman Islands and Guadacanal.

His medals include American Campaign, American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct with 12 bars.

His main duty was operating and repairing gas and diesel engines. (JZ)

Married Sylvia Koyen (2/16/1908- 1/25/2009) on 11/12/1928.

Wallace's parents were John Landin and Josephine Anderson.

Daughters are Joan Delores Zorn (born 11/21/1929), twins Darline and Arline born 12/11/1931. Arline died 8/10/2008. Son Duane was born 1930 and died in 1959 in an accident.