

*In Loving Memory
of*



Commander Joseph Leo McGrievy

June 14, 1918

February 18, 2008

Memorial Services

Wednesday, March 12, 2008 ~ 1 P.M.

*Roncador Memorial
Naval Base Point Loma
San Diego, California*



Commander Joseph Leo McGrievy was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on 14 June 1918. After graduation from high school in 1936, Joe was sworn in as a Navy Recruit on 17 August of the same year.

Commander McGrievy's first sea duty assignment was on the Submarine Tender **USS HOLLAND (AS-3)**, stationed in San Diego, CA. He was interested in the Signaller rating and became part of the communication division on the bridge. A Signaller on one of the Boats taught him Navigation and he was assigned temporary duty on the **USS PICKEREL (SS-177)**. After a few months, it became permanent, thanks to the XO, E.W. Grenfell.

Joe was next sent to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to be part of the commissioning crew of the **USS SEARAVEN (SS-196)** whose final destination was alongside **USS CANOPUS (AS-9)**, a Submarine Tender in Manila Bay, Philippines.

Joe made four war patrols on **SEARAVEN**, taking part in the rescue of 34 Australian Air Force personnel and two U.S. Army fliers who happened to crash land on the island of Timor. For his part in the rescue, he was awarded the Navy Marine Corps Medal.

He was transferred to **USS SKIPJACK (SS-184)** and made one Patrol with Red Coe. **SKIPJACK** returned to Mare Island Naval Shipyard for a much needed overhaul. McGrievy was then transferred to the **USS SEAHORSE (SS-304)**, as Chief of the Boat. Joe made six patrols on **SEAHORSE**, commanded by Slade Cutter, and received the Silver Star.

After six runs on the "HORSE", he went to **USS CHIVO (SS-341)**. Three weeks later, **CHIVO** headed for a war patrol.

He married Lillian on the second of February, 1940, and they remained happily married for 68 years. Unfortunately, his shipmate for life passed away on 22 January 2007. Joe and Lillian had two children, Sandra and Joseph Michael (Mike), both of whom have had successful lives and careers.

Commander Joe McGrievy's decorations and awards include the Silver Star, (our Nation's Third Highest Award); the Navy Marine Corps Medal; Commendation Medal; the Submarine Combat Patrol Pin with 10 stars; Officer and Enlisted Submarine Qualification Pins; three Area Combat Ribbons; Philippine Defense Medal; Secretary of the Navy Achievement Award; American Defense with one star; Good Conduct Medal with four stars; Philippine Liberation Medal; and the World War Two Victory medal.

Order of Services

GREETINGS.....CMDCM David Chmielewski, USN

COMMENTSEMCM(SS) T. Michael Bircumshaw, USN (ret.)

TESTIMONIALS..... Friends of CDR Joseph McGrievy

COMMENTSCaptain Mark D. Patton, USN

REMEMBRANCECommander Robert Feagle, CHC, USN

INVOCATION..... Commander Robert Feagle, CHC, USN

SCRIPTURE READINGS .. Commander Robert Feagle, CHC, USN

Ecclesiastes 3:1-12

Isaiah 40:28-31

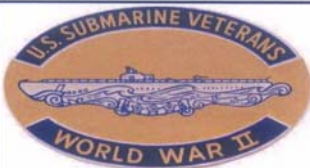
Revelation 21:1-7

23rd Psalm --- Benediction with Lord's Prayer --- Blessing

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Honor Guard

Special Thanks

The family and friends express their grateful appreciation to you for the kindness shown them during the passing of Joe McGrievy. Your prayers, cards, letters, phone calls and visits mean more than you know.



USS HOLLAND (AS-3)
1936 - 1938



USS PICKEREL (SS-177)
1938 - 1939



USS SEARAVEN (SS-196)
1939 - 1942



USS SKIPJACK (SS-184)
1942 - 1942



USS SEAHORSE (SS-304)
1943 - 1944



USS CHIVO (SS-341)
1944 - 1945



USS SAILFISH (SS-192)
1945 - 1946



USS REQUIN (SS-481)
1946 - 1948



USS NEREUS (AS-17)
1956 - 1958



USS SPERRY (AS-12)
1958 - 1961

