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At the age of 17, a young Warren Craig voluntarily enlisted into the United States Navy. Due to his age, he had to have his parents sign a consent form before he could enlist. As part of the greatest generation, his spirit made him one of our unique heroes who ran toward danger instead of away from it.

US Navy Water Tender 2nd Class Warren Craig first served on the USS Duncan DD485. While serving for less than a year, his ship was sunk by the Japanese on October 12th, 1942. Warren spent 14 hours surviving in shark infested waters until he was rescued. Upon escaping death he immediately returned to duty aboard the USS Shubrick DD639

vehemently seeking to provide service to his country instead of thinking of his own safety and well being.

Warren Craig was discharged as a US Navy Water Tender 2nd Class at the age of 21 on November 30th, 1945. Craig received many awards and citations including the China Service Medal; Navy Good Conduct Medal; European Campaign Medal; European, African, Mid-Eastern Campaign with (3) Bronze Stars; Asiatic Pacific Campaign with (2) Bronze Stars; WWII Victory Medal; Philippine Liberation Ribbon; Philippine Independence Ribbon; National Defense Service Medal; and the Purple Heart.

US Navy Water Tender 2nd Class Craig is an active member of local veterans organizations. He is involved in Memorial Day parades and is a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Craig also was just honored with the flight of a lifetime by Hudson Valley Honor Flight. He was one of 87 WWII Veterans flown free of charge to visit the memorials that were erected to honor him and all of our heroes who served in WWII.

Warren Craig continues to serve his country with honor and dedication as an activist for veterans issues. Warren continues to be a champion for veterans from all generations and all walks of life. We are grateful for his work and service to our nation.