The Commandant, Navy Yard
Charleston, South Carolina
requests the honor of your presence at the launching of the
U. S. S. REGISTER
and the
U. S. S. BROCK
on Thursday, the twentieth of January
nineteen hundred and forty-four
at 4:50 p. m.
eastern war time

Sponsor
U. S. S. REGISTER
Mrs. Ethel L. Register

Sponsor
U. S. S. BROCK
Mrs. James W. Brock

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JANUARY 20, 1944
JOHN WILEY BROCK
Ensign, U. S. Navy

ENSIGN JOHN WILEY BROCK was born in New Brunswick, Alabama, on August 15, 1914, and died as a result of enemy action in the Pacific Area, the presumptive date of his death being June 6, 1943. He was officially reported missing in action as of June 4, 1943, when the plane of which he was pilot was shot down in the Battle of Midway.

Ensign Brock enlisted in the United States Navy on May 22, 1936, and served continuously until the time of his death. On April 14, 1942, he was appointed Ensign, for temporary service, to rank from March 21, 1942. He was assigned on April 23, 1942, to duty with Torpedo Squadron SIX (U.S.S. ENTERPRISE) for duty involving flying, reporting April 23, 1942.

Ensign Brock was designated a Naval Aviator ('exer ranged') on April 23, 1942. He was awarded the NAVY CROSS, with the following citation:

"For extraordinary heroism and conspicuous devotion to duty while piloting an airplane of Torpedo Squadron SIX in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Midway on June 4, 1942. Participating in a vigorous and intensive assault against the Japanese forces there, Ensign Brock pressed home his attack with relentless determination, in the face of a terrific barrage of anti-aircraft fire. The unprecedented conditions under which his squadron launched its effort were so exceptional that it is highly improbable the occasion may ever recur where other pilots of the service will be called upon to demonstrate an equal degree of gallantry and fortitude. His extreme disregard of personal safety contributed materially to the success of our forces and his loyal conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

PAUL JAMES REGISTER
Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy

Lieutenant Commander Paul James Register was born at Bismarck, North Dakota, November 5, 1899, and under date of December 27, 1941, was declared officially dead as of December 7, 1941, as a result of enemy action (Japanese attack) in the Pacific area.

Lieutenant Commander Register was appointed a Midshipman from North Dakota on June 12, 1917, and during his course of instruction at the Naval Academy completed courses aboard the U.S.S. MISSOURI and the U.S.S. DELAWARE. On June 4, 1920, he was commissioned Ensign to rank from June 5, 1920, February 21, 1924, he was commissioned a Lieutenant Junior Grade on July 1, 1939, to rank from June 5, 1938; commissioned Lieutenant Commander to rank from July 1, 1939.

Upon graduation from the Naval Academy on May 26, 1920, he was assigned to active duty aboard the U.S.S. FLORIDA, reporting July 3, 1920, being detached July 1, 1921, and from that time he served aboard the following vessels: U.S.S. TICONDEROGA, 1921; U.S.S. SHAW, 1921-22; U.S.S. GEORGE E. BADGER, 1922; U.S.S. ROCHESTER, 1922-23; U.S.S. CHEWLINK, 1923-24; ARGONNE, 1924; U.S.S. MARYLAND, 1924; U.S.S. OKLAHOMA, 1925; U.S.S. ARKANSAS, 1926; U.S.S. MELVILLE, 1927-30; U.S.S. ARIZONA (Communication Officer), from May 28, 1941. He has served aboard Destroyer Squadrons, Atlantic Fleet, 1922; Submarine Division, Atlantic Fleet, 1928; Assistant to Destroyer Divisional Officer in 1928; Destroyer Battle Force (Aide and Flag Lieutenant on Staff of Commander), 1935-37; Destroyer Squadron, Scouting Force (Aide and Flag Secretary on Staff of Commander), 1937.

During his career of naval service, Lt. Cmdr. Register underwent courses of instruction as follows: Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut (Submarines, May 26, 1922, to August 30, 1925); Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland (General Line pregraduate course, 1926-28); Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island (1928-29); Battleship Division; Secondary Battery Gunnery School, 1936. He has also had the following shore duty: Navy Recruiting Bureau, New York, N. Y., 1927-28; Office in Charge, Naval Reserve Educational Center, Third Naval District, New York, N. Y, 1940-41; Instructor, 1st Division, Naval Reserve, New Rochelle, New York, and 2nd Division, Naval Reserve, Yonkers, New York. Lieutenant Commander Register received the VICTORY MEDAL (Grand Fleet Clasp), U.S.S. FLORIDA.