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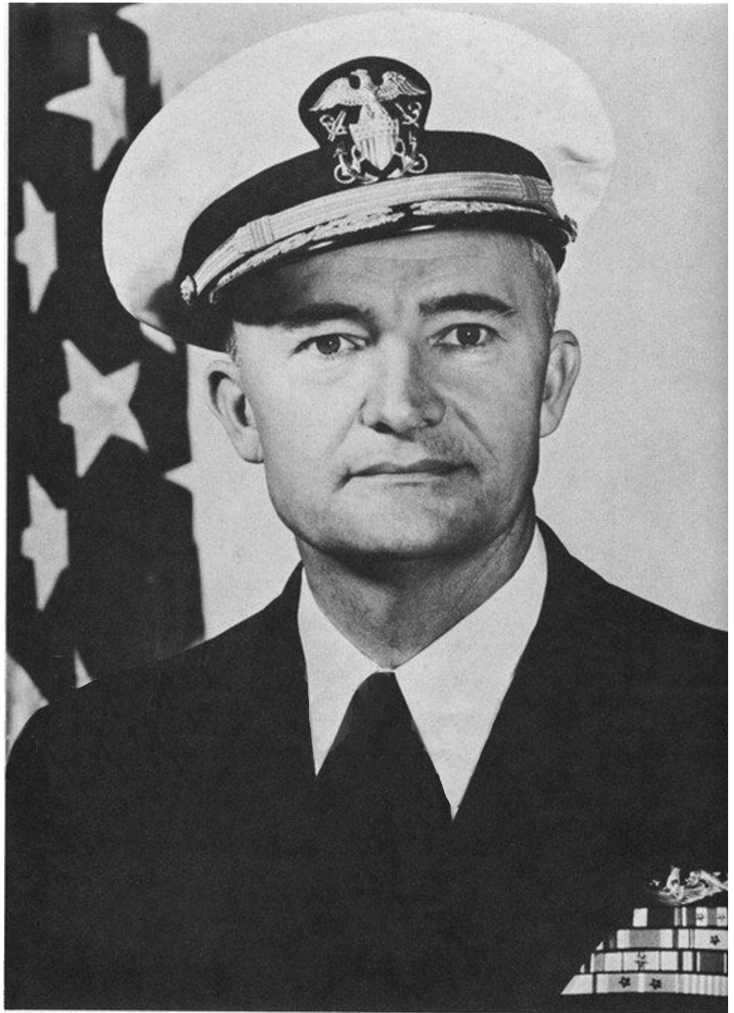
IGNATIUS J. GALANTIN, USN

Ignatius Joseph GALANTIN was born in New York, New York on 24 September 1910, son of Ignatius Peter and Mary Elizabeth (Binder) Galantin. He attended Maine Township High School, Des Plaines, Illinois, before his appointment to the Naval Academy in 1929. As a midshipman, he was captain of the fencing team, and in 1933 was inter-collegiate champion. Graduated with the Class of 1933 and commissioned Ensign to rank from 1 June 1933, he served until December 1935 as a junior watch and division officer on board the USS NEW YORK, operating with Battleship Division ONE, Battle Force. He then had submarine training at the Submarine School, New London, Connecticut, and in July 1936 joined the USS ARGONAUT, the world's largest submarine mine-layer, in the Hawaiian Islands area. In June 1949, he reported as executive officer and navigator of the USS S-24, which was transferred to the British early in the World War II period by lend-lease agreement.

In August 1942, he assumed command of the submarine R-11 operating in Atlantic waters. From August 1943 until December 1944 he was in command of the submarine USS HALIBUT which was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for her tenth war patrol. He took part in the Battle for Leyte Gulf and sank a large Japanese warship off Cape Engano, P. I. Shortly thereafter, the HALIBUT was so severely damaged by Jap depth charging, it was not feasible to repair her, and the then Commander GALANTIN flew over the Hump to Chungking, China, for duty as Submarine Liaison Officer to the Chief of the Naval Group there. At the close of World War II he was in Saipan, Marianas Islands, as operations and gunnery officer of Submarine Task Group, Saipan.

Upon his return to the United States in November 1945, he served on the Staff of Commander Submarines, Atlantic Fleet; as executive officer of the USS PROTEUS; as operations and gunnery officer of Submarine Squadron EIGHT; and commanded Submarine Division 51. From December 1949 to July 1952 he was in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D. C., as Head of the Submarine Branch, Fleet Maintenance Division.

In August 1952, he assumed command of the USS NAVASOTA (AO106), a high speed fleet oiler operating in support of the Seventh Fleet in Korean waters. The next year he commanded Submarine Squadron SEVEN, and from August 1954 to June 1955 was a student at the National War College, Washington, D. C. From there he went to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, where he was head of the Submarine Warfare Branch, Underseas Warfare Division until his promotion to Rear Admiral. RADM GALANTIN then served in NATO as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Commander in Chief, Allied Force Southern Europe, Naples, Italy from September 1957 until November 1959. On 30 November 1959, he assumed command of Cruiser Division TWO, Cruiser Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet.



In addition to the Navy Cross, the Silver Star Medal with two Gold Stars, the Commendation Ribbon, and the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Admiral GALANTIN has the American Defense Service Medal, Fleet Clasp; the American Campaign Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with five combat stars; the World War II Victory Medal; China Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Korean Service Medal with two combat stars; the United Nations Service Medal, and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Married in 1935 to the former Virginia E. Jaeckel of New York City, Admiral GALANTIN has three daughters, Joy, Vivien and Linda GALANTIN, all of whom are currently attending schools in France. His official address is 5616 Overlea Road, Washington 16, D. C.; his home town address is Des Plaines, Illinois.

Rear Admiral GALANTIN is a member of the New York Society of Military and Naval Officers of the World Wars.