

Harold Peterson

U.S. Navy



David Harold Peterson
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Hometown: Norwood Park Township, IL

David began service in 1944 as a Fireman (engine worker) on a troop ship in the Pacific Theater. He ended service in late spring of 1946. While in the Navy, Dave circumnavigated the globe 6 times. He did not see action, and was only in the vicinity of an enemy ship once. He reflected that he would have been killed had the ship been attacked, as the engine room was relatively enclosed and near the bottom of the ship. Dave would have enlisted earlier, but a hernia prevented him from being sent over sooner. Dave reflected that this probably saved his life, as many early draftees in the Pacific theater were killed.

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