

Tributes to WWII Heroes

All served on USS Laffey DD724 except William Hank and Joe Finch served and died on USS Laffey DD459.



USS Laffey DD 459 in 1942



USS Laffey DD 724 in 1945

Admiral Becton [View](#)

Ari Phoutrides [View](#)

Calvin Cloer [View](#)

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Frank Lehtonen [View](#)

Frank Hanzel [View](#)

Glen Radder [View](#)

James LaPointe [View](#)

James Townsley [View](#)

Joe Finch DD459 [View](#)

John Albert Johnson [View](#)

John B Evans [View](#)

Paul Butler Johnson [View](#)

Paul Smith [View](#)

Robert Thomsen [View](#)

Thomas Fern [View](#)

William Hank DD459 [View](#)

Ted Runk [View](#)

Wayne Haley [View](#)

Honored Shipmates Awarded Navy Cross, Silver Star, and Bronze Star

<https://www.laffey.org/Shipmates/Awards.pdf>

These awards honor the bravest of the heroes of USS Laffey DD459 and DD724 during World War II. These awards document the extraordinary courage and sacrifice of USS Laffey crew members. The award citations also give us a glimpse of the intensity of the battle on 16 April 1945. See the Hall of Valor: The Military Medals Database

<https://valor.militarytimes.com/> .

Navy Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star Recipients

Navy Cross	Silver Star	Bronze Star
 The Navy Cross is a gold cross-shaped medal with a central circular emblem depicting a ship. It is suspended from a dark blue ribbon with a white vertical stripe.	 The Silver Star is a gold five-pointed star medal with a central circular emblem. It is suspended from a white ribbon with vertical stripes of blue and red.	 The Bronze Star is a gold five-pointed star medal with a central circular emblem. It is suspended from a red ribbon with vertical stripes of white and blue.

USS Laffey WWII Killed in Action, Missing in Action,
Wounded in Action, and Survivors

U.S.S. LAFFEY (DD-724)

" THE SHIP THAT WOULD NOT DIE ! "



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USS Laffey Namesake Bartlett Laffey (1841 – 1901) received the Medal of Honor.

<https://www.laffey.org/Shipmates/BartlettLaffey.pdf>

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