



ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

SHIPFITTER FIRST CLASS **HARRY L. FRICKEY**, USN
1912-1995

"For extraordinary heroism in the line of his profession as a diver during the rescue and salvage operations following the sinking of the U.S.S. SQUALUS on 23 May 1939. His courage and devotion to duty in making repeated dangerous dives during the most difficult diving conditions characterizes conduct far above and beyond the call of duty."

Harry Lloyd Frickey enlisted in the Navy in 1933. He completed basic training at the Naval Training Station in San Diego, California, and was promoted to shipfitter third class within three years. While aboard USS *Argonne* (AS-10) in 1937, Frickey qualified as a Class C swimmer. In 1939, he began training at the Deep Sea Diving School, graduating as a first-class diver just days after the sinking of USS *Squalus* (SS-192). Frickey took part in the salvage operation to raise *Squalus* and received the Navy Cross on 4 January 1940 for his efforts. After being honorably discharged in 1941, Frickey worked as a shipfitter at Portsmouth Navy Shipyard in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and later, at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington.