

## RADM Stephen Hadley Evans

RADM Stephen Hadley Evans, '27 (Ret.), a former Superintendent of the Academy, died at his home in Walnut Creek, CA on 23 March 1983. He was 77 years old.

Admiral Evans was born in Clinton, MD on September 7, 1905. He graduated from Western High School, Washington, D.C. in 1923 and from the Coast Guard Academy in 1927. As a junior officer he served in several cutters in the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean. In 1937 he was assigned to the Academy as an instructor of history. At the outbreak of World War II, he organized the initial phase of the Coast Guard Reserve Officer Training Program. In 1942 and 1943, he commanded a cutter in the Greenland Patrol, escorting troop transports and supply ships between Newfoundland and United States bases in Greenland. In 1943 he was placed in command of an escort and anti-submarine warfare task group and was awarded the Legion of Merit with Combat "V" for this service. From 1946 to 1951, he was Chief of the Shore Units Division at Coast Guard Headquarters. He helped plan and execute the post World War II reorganization and modernization of the Coast Guard shore facilities during that tour of duty.

A book authored by Admiral Evans entitled, "The United States Coast Guard 1790-1915 — A Definitive History" was published by the U.S. Naval Institute in 1949. Today, 34 years later, his book still stands as an important comprehensive history of the Coast Guard.

Admiral Evans served as chief of the Operations Division on the staff of Command of the 14th Coast Guard District in Hawaii from 1951 to 1953. He graduated from the National War College in 1954. Returning to Hawaii in 1957 as Commander of the 14th Coast Guard District, he helped implement the national search and rescue plan throughout the central, southern and southwestern Pacific Ocean. He also designed and implemented a voluntary safety program for small craft in Hawaiian waters.

Admiral Evans was an outstanding officer by any standard of measurement. He was a scholar as well as an able administrator. American history intrigued him and he regarded Coast Guard history as an important facet of our country's development. Personally, he was informal, warm and deeply interested in every person in his Command. His fine sense of humor was an important element of his personality. As Superintendent of the Academy from 1960 to 1962, he worked to modernize the Academy

curriculum and to expand and improve the faculty. He was instrumental in planning and implementing an Academy construction program to accommodate the growth in the Cadet Corps from 600 to 850 cadets.

But aside from his impact on the Academy in an educational sense, Hadley Evans instilled a spirit of good will and enthusiasm for the job at hand. Those privileged to know him will not forget the ready smile, the friendly greeting and the ever-present Hawaiian style sport shirt.



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