

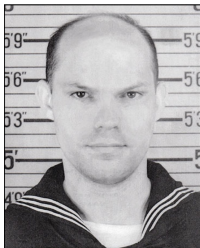


## James Richard Ek, S2c

James Richard Ek was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 12, 1924 to Victor and Alice Ek. At that time the family lived in Effingham, Illinois. James' father, Victor was a Millwright who had immigrated from Sweden with his wife in 1907. Victor became a US Citizen in 1931. He passed away in 1933 when James was 9 years old. His mother is the only one listed as next of kin.

James enlisted in the Navy Reserve January 20, 1943. He must have gone through bootcamp and training in San Diego, CA, and was sent to San Francisco where he Boarded the USS Yorktown for transport to Pearl Harbor for assignment by ComSubForPac. He arrived in Pearl Harbor on September 19<sup>th</sup> for his first assignment and was attached to the USS Corvina at commissioning. He turned 19 at sea, two days before entering Pearl Harbor to prep for their first patrol, which left on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

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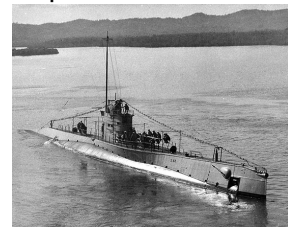
## John Walden Emerick, EM1

On May 12, 1915, John was born to John C. Emerick and Jessie Hazel Emerick in Junction Valley, Iowa.

Twenty-five years later he joined the US Navy in Des Moines, Iowa, on January 16, 1941.

After training he reported to his first ship, S-44 (SS-155), as a Seaman Third Class. He joined S-44 early enough in the war to make her first four war patrols. S-44 was the only S boat that sank at least one ship on each of her patrols. On the second patrol, they were bombed by an aircraft, damaging the conning tower, the planes and so they thought, the number 2 periscope. When they surfaced to check the damage, they found a Japanese sailor's jacket over the scope. On the third patrol she sank the Japanese Heavy Cruiser, Kako, the largest Japanese warship that had been sunk at the time.

After the Fourth patrol S-44 transited through the Panama Canal to Philadelphia for overhaul. While in Overhaul, John was transferred as EM2 to Sub base New London on 5/13/43 for new construction.



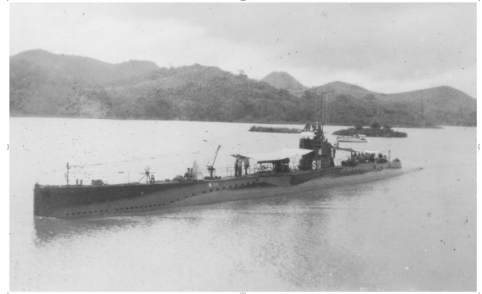


## Robert E. Ennis, Jr., TM1

Robert was born on January 22, 1922 in Auburn, Alabama, to Robert E and Bessie Ennis. By 1930 they were living in a rooming house in Denver, Colorado.

He joined the Navy on March 13, 1940 six weeks after his eighteenth birthday. After a year of training and a stint on the R-13, a training submarine out of New London, he was transferred to the submarine USS S-11 (SS-116) on March 3, 1941 and served aboard, in Coco Solo, the Canal Zone until May 28, 1943. During his time aboard S-11 he went from Fireman Third Class to Machinist Mate 1<sup>st</sup> class.

As a side note, Glenn Curtiss who was listed in an earlier article was also a Fireman aboard S-11 prior to being to MM A school which means that Robert would have been Curtiss' LPO.



Robert transited to New London aboard the USS Beale DD-471 from April 28 to May 5, 1943 for assignment to new construction.

While in New London, Robert Married Amelia Zawacki, on July 8, 1943, and set up household in Norwich, Conn. That is why although he joined the Navy through Denver, Colorado, his home of record is shown as Norwich.

He officially joined the Corvina at commissioning on August 6, 1943.