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Patriot of the Month



Lloyd Edward  
Ornburn

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Lloyd Edward Ornburn graduated in 1941 from Middle Grove High School and enlisted in the United States Navy in April 1943. He reported on May 12, 1943 to basic seaman training at Farragut, Idaho. After completing basic training, he was sent to Iowa State University for electrical engineering training. He completed the course in sixteen weeks for what was the equivalent of one year's study.

Lloyd was assigned to the battleship *USS Maryland* for wartime duty in the South Pacific. He was initially posted as a Gunner's mate and later transferred to the electrical division. Eventually he was promoted to the main operating division of the ship as an Electrician Mate 2<sup>nd</sup> Class.

Lloyd participated in seven campaigns in the Pacific Theatre: Tarawa, Marshall Islands, Saipan, Peleliu, Sea Battle of the Philippines, Philippine Liberation, and Okinawa. His ship saw heavy action in all of those battles. At Saipan, the *USS Maryland* was torpedoed with heavy bow damage and had to return to Hawaii for repairs. During that attack, Lloyd was injured when hit by shrapnel. During the battle at the Philippines, the *Maryland* was hit by a Japanese kamikaze and had to return to the states for repairs.

Later, at the Battle of Okinawa, the *USS Maryland* was hit again by a Japanese suicide bomber plane and had to return to Seattle for repairs.

When World War II ended, the *USS Maryland* was used as a transport ship to bring troops home from the war. Lloyd's enlistment had technically ended, but he was frozen in duty to help decommission the battleship in Seattle. He was honorably discharged as a Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class on April 12, 1946.

After serving three years in the Navy, Lloyd received the following medals:

- World War II Victory Medal
- Asiatic – Pacific (5)
- Philippines Liberation (2)

On June 1, 1946 Lloyd married Ruth Maxine Major and went to work for Orscheln Truck Lines. This was the beginning of a long, successful career with Orscheln Companies where Lloyd retired in August 1991 at age 61. They have two children, both employed with Orscheln Farm and Home.

Lloyd also was a licensed pilot with multi-engine and instrument ratings and a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. He is a member of the Baptist Church and is a Deacon Emeritus. He is also a lifetime member of the Optimist International and has served on the Moberly Park Board for twelve years.