

# WWI Snapshot William Bellamy St. George, 1896-1961

William Bellamy St. George served in both WWI and WWII. His son also served in the U.S. Navy, achieving the rank of Vice Admiral. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on May 26, 1917 and served as a Machinist Mate, 1st and 2nd Class, until he was appointed officer on Oct. 4, 1918. He was discharged on Jan. 29, 1921.

He returned to Southport, but eventually made his home in Annapolis, Md. His obituary, shown below, describes his WWII service.

His son, William Ross St. George, followed his father into service and had a very distinguished career. His biography is also shown below.

William Bellamy St. George passed away on June 18, 1961. He was buried in Annapolis, Md. No military

honors are shown. His obituary was added to findagrave.

Source: *Annapolis Capital*, June 22, 1961, p.5.

## William Bellamy St. George

Funeral services for William Bellamy St. George, 65, were held last night from the Taylor Funeral Chapel, 147 Duke of Gloucester St. The services were conducted by the Rev. William E. First, of Calvary Methodist Church. Burial was in the Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery. The pallbearers were Dr. Joseph G. Shevenell, Brendan O'Dwyer, Jerome A. Clark, Charles A. Santore, J. Stuart Whehon and Nicholas J. Fotes.

Mr. St. George, who lived at 200 King George St., died Sunday at the Anne Arundel General Hospital after a short illness. The son of the late William St. George and Mrs. Isabelle Wescott St. George, he was born in Southport, N.C.

He was a real estate broker and a member of the Pythagorus Lodge No. 349, A.F. and A.M. of Southport; a member of the board of directors of the 6th District Democratic Club and the Eastport Democratic Club. During World War I, he served as an ensign in the Navy and in World War II was captain of an Army transport in the Alaskan and Aleutian area. He was also a former member of the Cape Fear Pi-

Name ST. GEORGE-WILLIAM BELLAMY		Service Number 195-74-14			
Enrolled RECRUITING STATION WILMINGTON N.C.		Date 5-26-17			
Age at Entrance 21 YRS 1 MO	Rate MACHINIST MATE 2ND CLASS	XX9X U. S. N. R. F.			
Home Address	County Brunswick	Town SOUTHPORT	State N.C.		
U	Served at	From	To	Served as	No. Days
	USS MARIJA	7-27-17	9-10-17	MACHINIST MATE	
	NAVAL AIR STATION			2ND CLASS	251
	PENSACOLA FLA.	9-10-17	3-7-18	MACHINIST MATE	
	NAVAL RIFLE RANGE			1ST CLASS	245
	MT. PLEASANT S.C.	3-7-18	3-20-18		
	SUB-MARINE CHASER-107	3-20-18	6-22-18		
	HEADQUARTERS 6TH NAVAL				
	DISTRICT-CHARLESTON S.C.	6-22-18	10-4-18		
Remarks:					
Date	APPOINTED OFFICER 10-4-18		MACHINIST MATE 1ST CLASS		
Place	HEADQUARTERS 6TH NAVAL DISTRICT-CHARLESTON S.C.		Rating at Discharge		

Photos contributed

## William St. George, NC Service Card

lot Association of Southport.

Mr. St. George is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ila R. St. George; a daughter, Mrs. H. Nelson Upthegrove, of Bernardsville, N.J.; a son, Lt. Comdr. William St. George, USN, of Newport, R.I.; three sisters, Mrs. William H. Stone and Mrs. John E. Vereen, both of Little River, S.C. and Mrs. Paul M. Snell of Wilmington, N.C. and five grandchildren.

## Vice Admiral

### William St. George

Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (July

1976 -May 1979.

William Ross St. George hailed from native of Southport, N.C. While enrolled at the University of Washington, he received a presidential appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. He graduated in 1946 and went on to command the destroyer escort Van Voorhis from 1961 to 1962, the destroyer Richard E. Byrd from 1964 to 1965 and the guided missile cruiser Josephus Daniels in 1969 and 1970.

William St. George performed postgraduate work in law at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. where he graduated with distinction in 1953. From 1971 to 1973, St. George served as principal adviser to the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the National Strategic Objectives Plan. VADM William St. George served as Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet from July 1976 to May 1979. He retired from the Navy as a Vice Admiral in 1979 after

38 years of service.

During his military career, he received a Distinguished Service Medal, a Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star.

If you would like to help us honor William White or another Brunswick County WWI veteran, email the Friends of Ft. Caswell Rifle Range at [ftcaswellriflerrange@gmail.com](mailto:ftcaswellriflerrange@gmail.com) or go to [www.caswellriflerrange.com](http://www.caswellriflerrange.com).

Funds continue to be sent supporting the historical preservation of the 1918 World War I Fort Caswell Rifle Range Memorial and the book featuring all the men and women who served in the Great War from Brunswick County. Send donations to Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range, 5 Foxfire Trace, Caswell Beach, NC 28465.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the April 4 Roll Call event is canceled. We plan to continue the Roll Call on Veteran's Day if all goes well.



Source of his son's biography, Vice Admiral William St. George

Name St. George, William Bellamy		Duty Assignment To duty Sixth Naval District.	
Date of Birth Apr. 29, 1896		10-4-18--10-21-18.	
Place of Birth Southport, North Carolina.		To duty ARVAL SF 1045.	
Appointed from North Carolina.		10-21-18---2-26-19.	
Home Address Southport, N.C.		Final Disposition Temporary appointment as Ensign	
Date of Appointment Oct. 4, 1918		revoked January 28, 1921.	
Rank on Appointment Ensign Cl. 4 USNRF			
Promotions Ensign Cl. 4 USNRF 10-4-18.			
		Ensign (temporary) USN 4-22-19.	

NC Service Card 2, William St George