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



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

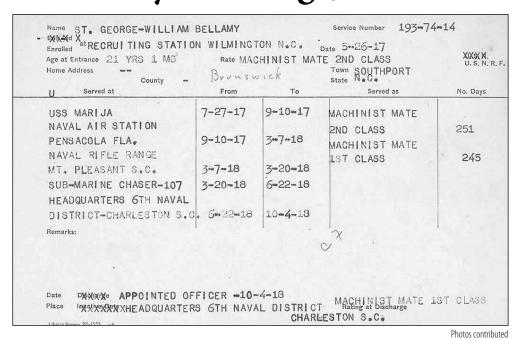
honors are shown. His obituary was added to findagrave. Source: Annapolis Capital, June 22, 1961, p.5.

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-



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

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 ftcaswellriflerange@gmail.com or go to www.caswellriflerange.

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.

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