

## **AGC George W. Mannion USN – REL**

AGC George W. Mannion was born in Marshall, MN on July 10, 1922. He joined the Navy in 1940 and received boot training at Great Lakes, IL. His first duty station was the USS California BB-44 home ported in Pearl Harbor, HI. Primary duties were in the Gunnery Department as a fire control technician computing ranging solutions for the ships 14 inch guns. Collateral duties were that of Librarian for the ship. During November 1941, George received orders to report to Lakehurst, NJ to attend Aerographers Mate AG "A" School and was a member of Class 4124 graduating on January 23, 1942. After graduating from school his first duty station as a Navy Weatherman was Auckland, New Zealand. Other assignments during WW II included; Noumea, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima. During this time he served on various ships; The USS Maryland BB-46, USS Cambria APA-36, USS Auburn AGC-10 and USS Curtiss AV-4. George never attended AG "B" school but received his appointment to Chief Petty Officer while serving onboard the USS Curtiss AV-4. He returned to the states in May 1945 and was discharged while serving as the Leading Chief of the Weather Office at the Naval Air Station, Santa Rosa, CA. George began working for the Weather Bureau in 1947 and in 1948 transferred to Oakland, CA Office working there until his retirement in 1977. George now resides in Sacramento, CA.

George received a citation for excellent service in the performance of his duties on the staff of the Amphibious Group Commander from Sept. 24, 1943 to April 22, 1945 and on the staff of an Amphibious Force Commander April 22, 1945 to May 5, 1945. By his tireless efforts and constant devotion to duty Chief Aerographer's Mate Mannion rendered valuable assistance in preparing weather charts, weather forecasts, ballistic data, sounding-ranging information, and meteorological data for the Force Commander and for dissemination to units under his command. He demonstrated exceptional ability, initiative, and leadership, which contributed materially to the success of operations for the capture and occupation of Tarawa, Apamama, Majuro, and Eniwetok, Saipan, and Tinian Islands and Iwo Jima. His efficient, loyal service and performance of duty give evidence of his great value to the Naval Service.