

LCDR John Dungan, Jr., USN (Ret)  
September 25, 1895 to December 2, 1969  
Became the First Chief Aerographer's Mate (CAEROG) in June, 1924

Lieutenant Commander John Dungan, Jr. was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on 23 September 1895 and died of congestive heart failure on 02 December 1969 at Oak Knoll Hospital in Oakland, CA. at the age of 74.

He joined the Navy in 1912 with his three brothers: Aaron, William and Frank. They all served a tour of duty in USS PENNSYLVANIA, BB-38. He served with distinction as a Signalman Chief, Quartermaster Chief and was the first Aerographers Mate Chief in the Navy. He was also a rated free balloon and was among the first men to serve at Naval Air Station Moffett Field.

He retired in 1934 to join Trans World Airlines as a meteorologist and eventually became a flight superintendent with the firm.

He was recalled to active duty in January 1941 due to rising tensions in the Pacific and Europe requiring a ramp up throughput at the Aerographers Mate A school at NAS Lakehurst, this recall also came with a promotion to CWO2. He was later promoted to LTJG and was given orders to Lighter than Air (LTA) pilot training. Upon receiving his wings of gold as a rated lighter-than-air pilot he was assigned to a Blimp Squadron and flew anti-submarine patrol missions in support of the war effort. He retired as a Lieutenant Commander at Headquarters 9<sup>th</sup> Naval District Great Lakes on 01 September 1946. After the war 200 Cypress St, Alameda became his home after his final retirement.

He was active in Christ Episcopal Church, serving three terms as senior warden, a term as treasurer, four terms as president of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and many times as delegate to religious conventions. He was active in the Retired Officers Association, S.I.R.S., Masonic Lodge, and was past president of the Woodstock Mutual Homes Association.

Duty Stations in order:

Naval Recruiting Station Philadelphia

USS PERKINS DD-26

USS PENNSYLVANIA BB-38

NAS Pensacola

USS PATOIKA AO-9

NAS Lakehurst

VT-2B on USS SARATOGA CV-3

VF-1B on USS SARATOGA CV-3

Airship Patrol Group One

Fleet Airship Wing 30

Fleet Airships Atlantic

Headquarters 9th Naval District Great Lakes