

## Joseph Dwight Ross

Joseph Dwight Ross, of Mendon Ohio, enlisted with the US Navy February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1941 and remained on active duty until February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1947. He was a veteran of World War II assigned to the USS Mississippi and later the USS Tawasa.

Joe was a Carpenters Mate 3<sup>rd</sup> Class trained in welding and later certified as a Diver 2<sup>nd</sup> Class at Pearl Harbor. He received the World War II Victory Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, American Theatre and Asiatic Pacific Campaign Ribbons with Medals. He participated in the invasion of Okinawa Jima from April 1, to April 7, 1945 and was authorized to wear Star. Upon completion of enlistment he received the Honorable Service Lapel Pin.

On November 1, 1945, Joe married Eloise Marie Waltz of Van Wert, Ohio. They had three children. Steven, Army Security Agency, Vietnam Era Veteran. Eric is deceased. Colonel Gina (Ross) Garabedian, California National Reserve. Joe was the owner of Joe Ross Pipeline Construction Co. from 1963 to 1982, Van Wert, Ohio.

Joseph Dwight Ross died February 17, 2012.

