

134 Wake Island Civilian Contractors from Oregon in WWII

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31 WAKE ISLAND CIVILIANS FROM OREGON WHO DIED IN WWII

NAME	HOME	DOD	BURIAL
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KIA during the siege and final battle for Wake Island, December 8-23, 1941

Charters, Carl C.	Portland OR	12/17/1941	HI, NMCP* Wake Island mass grave
Miller, Don K.	Cove OR	12/23/1941	HI, (same); Cove OR, Cove Cemetery

Among the 98 prisoners on Wake Island massacred by Japanese forces, October 7, 1943

Anderson, Norman A.	Portland OR	10/7/1943	HI, NMCP Wake Island mass grave
Andre, Roland A.	Pendleton OR	10/7/1943	HI, NMCP Wake Island mass grave
Carlson, Stanley A.	Portland OR	10/7/1943	HI, NMCP Wake Island mass grave
Chambers, David S.	Grants Pass OR	10/7/1943	HI, NMCP Wake Island mass grave
Hochstein, Ernest A.	Newburg OR	10/7/1943	HI, NMCP Wake Island mass grave
Kelly, Martin T.	Roseburg OR	10/7/1943	HI, NMCP Wake Island mass grave
Reynolds, William H.	Brightwood OR	10/7/1943	HI, NMCP Wake Island mass grave
Shepherd, Orbin R.	Portland OR	10/7/1943	HI, NMCP Wake Island mass grave
Stringer, Wesley W.	Grants Pass OR	10/7/1943	HI, NMCP Wake Island mass grave
Susee, Arthur J.	Hillsboro OR	10/7/1943	HI, NMCP Wake Island mass grave
Tucker, Earl E.	Gold Hill OR	10/7/1943	HI, (same); Central Pt. OR, Cent. Pt. Cem.

Died as Prisoners of War of the Japanese, 1941-1945

Anderson, Eric W.	Sherwood OR	1/2/1944	Portland OR, River View Cemetery
Easter, George C.	Portland OR	2/27/1944	Portland OR, River View Cemetery
Farstvedt, Knut	Clackamas OR	3/27/1943	Galena KS, Oak Hill Cemetery
Follett Frank F.	Cloverdale OR	3/23/1943	Newburg OR, Valley View Memorial Park
Hardisty, Herbert A.	John Day OR	7/4/1943	Canyon City OR, Canyon City Cemetery
Hornyak, John M.	Portland OR	3/16/1945	Lemay MO, Jefferson Barracks Nat Cem
Mackie, Elmer E.	Portland OR	May 1942	MIA, lost at sea
McEvers, Ralph	Portland OR	3/22/1943	HI, NMCP, P773
Moe, Charles A.	Grants Pass OR	11/20/1943	Camas WA, Camas Cemetery
Murdock, William I.	OR	2/27/1944	PH, Manila American Cemetery
Pawlofske, Richard P.	Portland OR	2/17/1943	HI, NMCP, F1128
Proteau, George F.	Portland OR	3/30/1943	Portland OR, Lincoln Memorial Park
Proteau, Lawrence H.	Portland OR	3/23/1943	Portland OR, Lincoln Memorial Park
Reed, Harry E.	Portland OR	4/3/1945	PH, Manila American Cemetery
Stone, Clinton M.	Portland OR	3/20/1943	HI, NMCP, C80
Thomas, Owen G.	Portland OR	4/30/1943	Canby OR, Zion Memorial Park
Villa, Edward E.	Portland OR	3/20/1943	HI, NMCP, F1015
Walker, George M.	John Day OR	5/4/1943	Canyon City OR, Canyon City Cemetery

*NMCP: National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, aka the Punchbowl, Honolulu HI

103 WAKE ISLAND CIVILIANS FROM OREGON WHO SURVIVED WWII

NAME	HOME	DOD	BURIAL
Austin, Melvin A.	Portland OR	9/4/1954	Portland OR, Greenwood Hills Cemetery
Barbour, Thomas J.	Portland OR	9/4/1985	Portland OR, Portland Mem. Mausoleum
Becker, Zane Q.	Riddle OR	8/22/2015	Roseburg OR, Roseburg National Cemetery
Beeman, Clarence E.	Portland OR	1956	Portland OR, River View Cemetery
Bonat, George V.	Portland OR	12/13/1956	Portland OR, Lincoln Memorial Park
Brauer, Leslie D.	Eagle Point OR	6/5/2002	Eagle Point OR, Eagle Point Nat. Cemetery
Brown, Delos B.	Grants Pass OR	1/21/2007	Riverside CA, Riverside National Cemetery
Buttler, George A.	Grants Pass OR	8/31/1989	
Campbell, Francis C.	Rogue River OR	12/1/1994	GU, Guam Veterans Cemetery
Carter, Wesley W.	Bonanza OR	9/2/1980	Portland OR, Riverview Abbey Mausoleum
Cerny, Harry W.	Grants Pass OR	1/5/1954	Grants Pass OR, Hillcrest Mem. Park Cem.
Collier, Rulen F.	Union OR	3/24/2005	Union OR, Union Cemetery
Crenshaw, Richard S.	Roseburg OR	12/16/1985	
Crow, Eldon A.	Kirby OR	4/1/1988	Winston OR, Civil Bend Cemetery
Curphey, Robert E.	Grants Pass OR	1/23/2005	OR Grants Pass, Granite Hill Cemetery
Curphey, Hugh A.	Grants Pass OR	3/2/2011	
Davidson, Melvin C.	Murphy OR	1/24/2003	Williams OR, Sparlin Cemetery
Deimler, Ward H.	Rogue River OR	7/7/1993	Thornhill TN, Dalton Cemetery
Donovan, Joseph P.	Portland OR	7/1/1968	Tigard OR, Crescent Grove Cemetery
Dowling, George W.	Portland OR	1/4/1967	Portland OR, River View Cemetery
Doyle, Robert T.	Portland OR	12/11/2000	Hood River OR, Idlewild Cemetery
Flanery, Frank K.	LaGrande OR	7/30/1969	Summerville OR, Summerville Cemetery
Gillen, Thomas A.	Portland OR	3/5/1966	Portland OR, Willamette National Cemetery
Green, Claude G.	Grants Pass OR	10/13/2011	Grants Pass OR, Granite Hill Cemetery
Hall, Frederick G.	Grants Pass OR	3/28/1990	
Hamilton, John K.	Grants Pass OR	8/21/1977	Grants Pass OR, Granite Hill Cemetery
Hancock, Jack M.	Gold Hill OR	6/7/1966	
Harbeck, Lester W.	Grants Pass OR	10/14/1979	Madras OR, Jefferson Memorial Park
Hargis, Eldon F.	Roseburg OR	2/3/1983	Roseburg OR, St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery
Hargis, Eugene D.	Roseburg OR	6/24/2011	Powell Butte OR, Powell Butte Cemetery
Harris, Theron J.	Roseburg OR	3/12/1966	Melrose OR, Melrose Cemetery
Harvey, Burdette	Oakland OR	5/6/1987	
Head, Robert P.	Tygh Valley OR	8/5/1992	
Henderson, Wilson P.	Portland OR	9/23/2001	Portland OR, Willamette National Cemetery
Hickenbottom, John	Portland OR	4/23/1963	Portland OR, Willamette National Cemetery
Higgins, Lorne H.	Grants Pass OR	11/6/1994	Rowland Hts CA, Queen of Heaven Cem.
Hogan, William F.	Portland OR	4/2/1964	Portland OR, Lincoln Memorial Park
Hopkins, Kenneth H.	Canyonville OR	12/22/1987	Canyonville OR, Canyonville Cemetery
Howes, Claude D.	Portland OR	4/28/1966	Portland OR, Willamette National Cemetery
John, Richard C.	Portland OR	6/8/1998	Roseburg OR, Roseburg Memorial Gardens
Johnson, Conrad I.	Grants Pass OR	2/23/1997	
Kay, Logan S.	Coos Bay OR	7/19/1975	Coos Bay OR, Sunset Memorial Park

Kennedy, Buren C.	Rogue River OR	10/31/1994	Klamath Falls OR, Eternal Hills Mem. Gard.
King, Fred M.	LaGrande OR	4/21/1962	Island City OR, Island City Cemetery
Kirk, John E.	Sitkum OR	11/29/1971	Norway OR, Norway Cemetery
Lambirth, George L.	Umatilla OR	1/28/1978	New Meadows ID, Meadows Valley Cem.
Lapay, John	Seaside OR	3/5/1983	Forest Grove OR, Forest View Cemetery
Lent, Oscar C.	Portland OR	7/18/1982	ashes at sea
L'Esperence, James P.	Lake Oswego OR	4/20/2002	Portland OR, River View Cemetery
Lewis, Walter L.	Portland OR	1/13/1975	Coos Bay OR, Ocean View Mem. Garden
Maiden, George W.	Coquille OR	5/25/1947	Norway OR, Norway Cemetery
Mansur, Elbert D.	Vale OR	7/19/1969	Boise ID, Cloverdale Memorial Park
Marz, Joseph V.	Cascadia OR	2/22/2000	Cascadia OR, Marz Family Cemetery
McCullah, Howard W.	Riddle OR	11/15/1996	Riddle OR, Riddle Cemetery
McKee, Gerald E. Jr.	Corvallis OR	5/9/2000	
McPherran, George W.	Azalea OR	1/12/1962	Boise ID, Morris Hill Cemetery
Meek, John E.	Cornelius OR	4/22/1988	Hillsboro OR, Old Scotch Church Cemetery
Meiners, Darwin L.	Seaside OR	5/15/1956	Warrenton OR, Ocean View Cemetery
Miller, Benjamin F.	The Dalles OR	1969 May	The Dalles OR, Odd Fellows Cemetery
Murphy, Gerald R.	Eugene OR	12/23/1984	Springfield OR, Springfield Mem. Gardens
Nelson, Lloyd O.	Roseburg OR	12/1/2011	Roseburg OR, Roseburg Memorial Gardens
Norbury, Harry S.	Grants Pass OR	11/14/1969	Bakersfield CA, Hillcrest Memorial Park
Olsen, Lawrence C.	Ashland OR	3/17/1977	Provo UT, Provo City Cemetery
Olson, Lawrence O.	Salem OR	12/20/1961	Salem OR, City View Cemetery
Olson, Theodore B.	Portland OR	1/14/1994	ashes at sea
Osborn, David E.	Medford OR	4/7/1953	Medford OR, Siskiyou Memorial Park
Pepple, Lloyd F.	Bonanza OR	10/19/1989	Klamath Falls OR, Eternal Hills Mem. Gard.
Priebe, Gustaf A.	Creswell OR	9/27/2016	Eagle Point OR, Eagle Point National Cem.
Quigley, James E.	Roseburg OR	1/2/1973	Port Orford OR, Port Orford Cemetery
Ramsey, Alfred B.	Riddle OR	11/22/1986	Portland OR, Willamette National Cemetery
Revell, James D.	Grants Pass OR	8/29/1966	Grants Pass OR, Hawthorne Mem. Gardens
Rice, William H.	Grants Pass OR	2/29/1984	Deming NM, Mountain View Cemetery
Riebel, Chester A.	Grants Pass OR	7/15/1973	
Robnett, Elmo E.	LaGrande OR	7/2/1975	La Grande OR, Hilgard Cemetery
Rohan, Joseph D.	LaGrande OR	10/29/1955	
Russell, Leal H.	LaGrande OR	7/20/1957	La Grande OR, Hillcrest Cemetery
Ryan, William F.	Portland OR	11/11/1959	Everett WA, View Crest Abbey
Sanford, Thomas W.	Williams OR	8/27/1972	Tukwila WA, Riverton Crest Cemetery
Schieferstein, John A.	Grants Pass OR	5/11/1964	Grants Pass OR, Masonic Pioneer Cemetery
Shamel, Lewis W.	Grants Pass OR	1/24/2005	
Shott, Van R.	Rickreall OR	3/26/1956	
Shumaker, John C.	Drain OR	1/27/1968	Drain OR, East Drain Cemetery
Smith, Harold E.	Roseburg OR	5/28/1970	Kennewick WA, Riverview Hts. Cemetery
Smith, Lewis H.	Rogue River OR	7/6/1986	Eagle Point OR, Eagle Point National Cem.
Sporer, Robert D.	Roseburg OR	2/20/1989	Roseburg OR, Roseburg Memorial Gardens
Sprague, Steven W.	Redmond OR	10/26/2001	Redmond OR, Redmond Memorial Cem.
Sutherland, Hudson C.	Portland OR	7/6/1977	

Swift, Samuel P.	Portland OR	1/31/1994	Happy Valley OR, Gethsemane Cath. Cem.
Tallmon, David W.	Portland OR	1/27/2000	
Taylor, Donald C.	Portland OR	5/20/2005	Portland OR, Willamette National Cemetery
Thomas, Russell A.	Brookings OR	10/1/2013	ashes at sea
Trammel, J. Clarence	Medford OR	5/8/1959	Medford OR, Siskiyou Memorial Park
Turner, Lester L.	Ontario OR	10/16/1979	
Wallin, John E.	Portland OR	11/22/1977	Camas WA, Camas Cemetery
Walters, Larry R.	Portland OR	3/1/1968	Colma CA, Cypress Lawn Memorial Park
Ward, Leonard R.	Talent OR	2/15/1985	The Dalles OR, Park Lawn Cemetery
Whittenburg, Woodrow W.	Roseburg OR	1/1/2010	Woodland CA, Monument Hill Mem. Park
Wilcox, George B.	Dallas OR	7/27/1957	Marysville WA, Marysville Cemetery
Wilson, Earl J.	Portland OR	1979 Oct	
Young, Edmund H.	Grants Pass OR	3/30/1963	
Zimmerman, Edward J.	Astoria OR	8/12/1986	
Zivic, Thomas J.	Portland OR	4/21/2001	Portland OR, Mt. Calvary Cemetery