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SUBJ/DEATH OF CAPT EDWARD L. BEACH, USN (RET)//

RMKS/1. IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I INFORM YOU OF THE PASSING OF AN AMERICAN HERO AND SUBMARINER, CAPTAIN EDWARD LATIMER "NED" BEACH, USN (RET) IN WASHINGTON, DC, ON 01 DEC 02. HE WAS 84 YEARS OLD AND A 1939 GRADUATE OF THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, INGRID, THREE CHILDREN AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN.

2. CAPTAIN BEACH SERVED ON THE SUBMARINES TRIGGER AND TIRANTE AND COMMANDED PIPER DURING WORLD WAR II. DURING HIS TIME ONBOARD, THESE SHIPS WERE CREDITED WITH SINKING OR DAMAGING 45 ENEMY SHIPS AND CAPTAIN BEACH EARNED 10 DECORATIONS FOR GALLANTRY, INCLUDING THE NAVY CROSS FOR HIS ROLE ON TIRANTE IN DESTROYING JAPANESE SHIPS IN SHALLOW WATERS JUST MILES FROM THE ENEMY COAST.

3. FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II, CAPTAIN BEACH COMMANDED USS TRITON DURING ITS RECORD SETTING 61 DAY, 30,708 MILE SUBMERGED CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE GLOBE - A RECORD THAT STILL STANDS. HE RETIRED FROM THE NAVY IN 1966 FOLLOWING 27 YEARS OF DEDICATED AND SELFLESS SERVICE TO OUR NAVY AND NATION. IN ADDITION TO HIS SUPERB NAVAL CAREER, HE WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED AUTHOR AND WROTE EXTENSIVELY ABOUT THE SUBMARINE FORCE AND NAVY HE LOVED.

4. CAPTAIN BEACH WAS A TRUE PATRIOT AND HIS PRESENCE, COUNSEL AND EXAMPLE WILL BE MISSED.

5. VADM GROSSENBACHER SENDS.//

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