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LUTHER KENDRICK REYNOLDS

**Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy (Ret)
1905 - 1996**

A 1926 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Reynolds was the Captain of the USS Charles Ausbourne, the flagship of Destroyer Squadron 23 which, in 1943-1944 fought "with extraordinary heroism" to defeat enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands Campaign. The squadron won a Presidential Unit Citation and Reynolds received the Navy Cross with Gold Star and Bronze Star with Combat "V." As Commander of Destroyer Division 94 and Screen Commander of escort carriers, he supported attacks on Japanese forces in Guam, the Palaus, Philippines, Ryukus and Okinawa. For his action in the "Battle off Samar" on 25 October 1944 which defeated the enemy fleet, he received the Legion of Merit with Combat "V." In the 1950s, Admiral Reynolds rose to Chief of Staff, Commander Western Sea Frontier and retired in 1957.

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