



CPO James Ferguson

May 1927 – December 2011

FERGUSON, JAMES WESLEY, 84, a life member of the Fist of the Fleet Association, died of a heart attack on Dec. 11, 2011. He was born May 17, 1927, in Woodbury, N.J.

Jim Ferguson joined the Navy in 1944 when he was 17, an age that required his mother to sign a permission form. He proudly protected his country for 21 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring in 1964 as Chief Petty Officer.

Jim Ferguson was in training in air gunnery while stationed at various naval bases when WWII was coming to a close. His service would take him to the Mediterranean, North Africa, the Arctic Circle and, eventually, Korea.

In his 21 years of service, Ferguson took on many duties, including loading ammunition as an aviation ordnance officer. He later became a nuclear weapons technician and met his wife, Dot, when he was stationed in Sanford. He sailed aboard several ships, including the USS Boxer, USS Valley Forge, USS Philippine Sea, USS Midway and USS Shangri La. His service during the Korean War included the Battle of Inchon and the Formosa Blockade.

He attended Fist '11 with his daughter Lisa Lochridge.