



**William
Wiley**
Navy

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May 7, 1926 -

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Signalman 2nd Class

DIVISION: Navy, Amphibian

THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific

SERVED: Sep 9, 1943 - Apr 15, 1946

HONORED BY: Daughter, Diane Wiley Bower

BIOGRAPHY

My father was a senior in high school when he asked his father if he could enlist. His father said, 'Sure, Billy, as soon as you graduate.' That's exactly what he did. He was a signalman 2nd class on LSM 13 that displayed a Black Cat on its bow, drawn by Walt Disney, as a favor to a female in his employ who was dating a sailor on LSM13. He also boasts that his ship was in the Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945, when the armistice was signed on the USS Missouri.