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John D. McCubbin

Died—November 3, 2008

RADM John D. McCubbin, USCG (Ret) John, age 94, passed away peacefully November 3, 2008, at his home in Steilacoom, WA. Born in Wichita, KS, John was raised in Dallas, TX. After graduating from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1939, he served as an Ensign aboard the USCG Cutter Taney in Honolulu, HI. In 1942, after completing naval flight training at Pensacola, FL, he was assigned to anti-submarine warfare duty, flying out of Greenland during WWII. He served in operational and command positions in search and rescue at Port Angeles, WA, Elizabeth City, NC, Kodiak, AK, Barbers Point, HI, San Francisco, CA and Washington, DC. While serving as Chief of Staff for the 17th Coast Guard District in Juneau, AK, he was promoted to Rear Admiral in 1969. He was then assigned as Chief, Office of Reserve for the Coast Guard in Washington, DC, receiving honors as Minute Man of the Year by the Reserve Officers Association. His final assignment was Commander, 8th Coast Guard District, New Orleans, LA.

On June 30, 1973, Admiral McCubbin retired after more than 45 years in uniform, including 34 years of commissioned service. His many personal decorations include the Legion of Merit and Air Medals. Admiral McCubbin was much admired by servicemen of all ranks. An extremely generous and kind man, he was highly regarded for his integrity, devotion to duty and outstanding strength of character.

A man loved by all who knew him, especially his family, he will be dearly missed. As he often said, "I've had a good life, thanks to the people who helped me". John was preceded in death by Margaret Budd of Summit, NJ, his wife of 48 years. He is survived by wife Mary Frances, children John D. McCubbin, Jr. of San Francisco, CA and Sandy (Richard) Sander of Seattle, WA, sisters June Wergin of San Antonio, TX and Margaret McCubbin of Sacramento, CA and granddaughters Christina and Katherine Sander. A celebration of John's life will be held at Little Church on the Prairie, 6310 Motor Ave. SW, Lakewood, WA on Friday, November 21, at 11 AM. Burial with full military honors will follow at Arlington National Cemetery next year.