



NFL stars Drew Brees, Donnie Edwards and Billy Miller came out to see us yesterday!! Very good visit! Had a lot of fun!
USS NASSAU (LHA-4)



Chapter 9 Adopt A Highway FOD Walk-down. Picture was taken by the President's daughter Alyssa Pratt. It was conducted on March 20, 2010.



Chapter 34, Pensacola, HAPPY BIRTHDAY AO's



USS Bataan LHD 5

John Finn Passes Away



Longtime San Diegan Lt. John Finn, who was the first man to receive a Medal of Honor in World War II, has died.

Finn passed away before 6 a.m. Thursday in San Diego, where he'd been living for more than 50 years.

"We lost a national treasure and a national hero today," said Capt. David Leopard with the U.S. Navy. "It's really touching his death occurred on Memorial Day Weekend and he'll never be forgotten."

Finn was not only the first but also for many years the oldest Medal of Honor recipient from WWII. He lived on a ranch not far from Oak Springs.

On December 7, 1941, Finn manned a machine gun in the open, fully exposed to enemy fire. He was shooting at and hitting Japanese planes even while he was being hit.

"My chest and my belly and my arm and foot were penetrated by shrapnel," Finn told About San Diego's Ken Kramer in 2008.

His Medal of Honor was approved by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on September 15, 1942.

"I don't feel like a hero," Finn once said. "I do know this. I didn't run away. I stayed there and we fought the Japs until the last one left."

Finn will be buried on the Campo Indian Reservation, where his wife is buried, with full military honors. Funeral plans will likely be released sometime next week



VFA-137 Loading and DROPPING MK-83 on 27 MAY 2010, loaded out of the NAS Lemoore CALA. The troops wanted to put John Finn's name and dates on the load.
CWO4 Decker, Gunner