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**Stimson, Captain Paul C., USN (USNA, 1936)**

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**Thompson, Captain Marshall F., USN (USNA, 1936)**

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### **Van Leunen, Lieutenant (junior grade) Paul Jr., USN (USNA, 1934)**

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### **Virden, Lieutenant Commander Frank USN (USNA, 1927)**

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### **Ward, Rear Admiral Norvell G., USN (USNA, 1935)**

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**Washington, Midshipman Thomas Jr., USN (USNA, 1938)**

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**White, General Thomas D., USAF (Ret.) (USMA, 1920)**

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**Wright, Commander George C., USN (USNA, 1925)**

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**Wright, Lieutenant William D. Jr., USN (USNA, 1923)**

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**Wulzen, Rear Admiral Don W., USN (USNA, 1935)**

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**Yeager, Vice Admiral Howard A., USN (USNA, 1927)**

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