



William Stanley Farrel (1918 – 1946)

William Farrel listed his home of record as California. He and his wife, Mrs. Margaret Ellen Farrel and son, William H Farrel II lived at 381 D. Street, Chula Vista, CA. He graduated from Sweetwater Union High School in May of 1934. He was born in California in 1918 and was the son of William H. Farrel, a career Navy Officer.

William Farrel was a Lieutenant Commander (LCDR/O4) in the United States Navy in World War Two. His service number was 0-100401.

He was a graduate of the Naval Academy and a submarine officer. He was serving as the Executive Officer (XO) aboard the USS Snook (SS-279) when it was sunk on April 8, 1945. Eighty-Four men were lost at sea when the USS Snook was lost.

At the time of the Pearl Harbor Attack, William Farrel was aboard the USS Mugford and was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry near Guadalcanal while assigned to that submarine. He had also served aboard the USS Mackerel, S-14 and the USS Threadfin, with operations in both the Pacific and the Atlantic.

His name appears on a tablet of the missing at the Manila American Cemetery at Manila, Republic of the Philippines. He was listed as Missing in Action (MIA) or Buried at Sea on June 5, 1946. A street in the Sunbow community of Chula Vista honors his name.

He was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.





Class of June 1934

William Farrel is a graduate and shown in this class photo.