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An Interview with George S. Marquis

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George S. Marquis, a WW II sailor and submariner in the Pacific theater, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Veterans Remember* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: George Marquis was born on January 27, 1925 in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of a physician and a homemaker. His father volunteered for duty in the navy soon after WW II began, and George, after one year of college, dropped out of school to do the same. Upon induction in May of 1943, he was given the choice of surface duty or submarines, and after rigorous testing to determine his ability to withstand the stress of undersea duty, he was accepted; there was a shortage of submarine crewmen at this time in the war. Marquis's training was mainly in Idaho, but also in New London Connecticut, Key Port, Washington and Key West, Florida. He was assigned to the newly christened submarine USS Bergall in February of 1944. Marquis spent his entire combat time aboard the Bergall, and participated in all five of the boat's combat patrols, hunting Japanese ships in the shipping lanes around Saipan and French Indo-China, and later in the waters of the South China Sea, Java Sea and Indian Ocean. In March of 1946 Marquis was discharged from duty in Connecticut.

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