

An Interview with Salvador Sciortino

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Salvador Sciortino, a WW II navy veteran who supported the D-Day landings, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Veterans Remember-WW II* Oral History project.

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Abstract

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Salvador Sciortino was born on July 5, 1923 in Rockford, Illinois. Salvador spent his earliest years in Rockford, but the family moved to Los Angeles, California while he was a young child, then moved back to Rockford where he finished his high school education. Salvador was a World War II veteran, serving in the United States Navy. He was assigned to the USS Neville, an attack transport ship, which supported the landings at Utah Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He served in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters during the war. Although his official title was ship's cook, his battle station was on an anti-aircraft gun.

Following the war, Salvador was employed as a chef at Rockford's famous Faust Hotel for thirty years, working his way up to becoming to an executive chef in five years. He passed away on April 3, 2018 at the age of 94.

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