

Albert Renner

Killed in Action ~ USS West Virginia ~ December 7, 1941



Navy Fireman 2nd Class Albert Renner was assigned to the battleship USS *West Virginia* that was hit by two bombs and at least seven torpedoes from Japanese airplanes on Dec. 7, 1941. The 24-year-old was killed along with 105 other crewmen.

He was interred in Hawaii as an unidentified service member until his remains were identified and returned to North Dakota on September 15, 2020. Funeral was held at Christ the King Church in Mandan. He was interred at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan, ND, on September 18, 2020, and is memorialized at the Honolulu Memorial.

From Register of North Dakota Veterans World War II and Korea. Page 1225: RENNER, ALBERT SN 328 76 77; born Mandan, NDak 24 Nov 17; resident Morton County, NDak; entered US Navy Mpls, Minn 22 Oct 40; served Asiatic Pacific Theater; KIA 7 Dec 41 Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; FN2; remains not recovered.

From Forum News Service: The remains of Albert Renner were laid to rest at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Friday, Sept. 18, almost 80 years after this death. Navy Fireman 2nd Class Albert Renner was killed on the USS *West Virginia* when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. For 79 years his remains, along with many of the other 105 crewmen killed, were not identified until recently. It was a full military service for Renner, with family, military members, and the public paying their respects.

Family members provided DNA to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency in the mid-1990's to assist in identifying Albert's remains.

"Having the closure for my grandfather's brothers and siblings and the rest of the family. Just being able to have that closure of almost 80 years later finally able to honor their brother and inter him into the veteran's cemetery," said Staff Sgt. Steve Renner. The Burial Flag was presented to 99-year-old Ed Renner of Milwaukee, WI, one of 15 Renner siblings.

