

Albert A. Morel, Jr.

Commander Albert A. Morel, Jr. was a native son of Hudson and a graduate of Hudson High School. When he graduated from HHS in 1943, the country was embroiled in World War II. Like many of his generation, he enlisted in the service. After only two year of college at Holy Cross, he found himself as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy headed towards the Pacific. He was only 19 years old.

After the war, he went back to school at Holy Cross and after graduation, decided to make the United States Navy his career. His tours of duty are detailed below and are highlighted by:

- Participated in the Blockade of Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis as Executive Officer of the USS Bristol.
- Received a special commendation from the South Korean government for his work as Protocol Officer when attached to the United Nations Command in Korea.
- Was the Security Officer at the US Naval Base in Yokosuka, Japan which was the home port of the USS Pueblo when it was captured by the North Koreans.
- Was executive officer of Subic Bay in the Philippines, which, at the time, was one of the largest naval installations in the world.

Chronology of the Military and Public Service Commander Albert A. Morel, Jr., USN

10/12/1925 – Born Marlborough Hospital; Marlborough, MA

6/1943 - Graduated Hudson High School; Hudson, MA

7/1/1943 - Entered V12 Program

9/1943 - Entered Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA

10/1/1944 – Graduated V12 Program

11/1/1944 - Transferred to Asbury Park, NJ

3/1945 – Transferred to Fort Schuyler; New York, NY

7/3/1945 - Commissioned Ensign USNR at Forty Schuyler, NY
USNR Midshipmen's School

8/45 – USS Whitmarsh (LSD-8); First Lieutenant

9/1946 – USS Osberg (DE-538); Ship's Secretary

5/1947 – Home on Terminal Leave from USNR.
Attached to Organized Surface Division 1-31 of Worcester, MA.

7/3/1948 - Promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade, LTJG

9/1949 - Re-entered Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA

11/16/1950 – Appointed Commander American Legion Post;
Hudson, Massachusetts

6/13/1951 – Graduated from Holy Cross College; Worcester, MA
(B.S. Political Science)

6/51 – Recalled to Active Duty United States Navy

6/22/51 – USS Rooks (DD-804); Operations Officer

7/1/1953 Promoted to Lieutenant

9/1953 – US Naval Recruiting Station, New York, NY;
Programs & Interviewing Officer

9/1956 - USS Oglethorpe (AKA-100) First Lieutenant

7/1958 – US Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia; Personnel Officer

9/1/1958 Promoted to Lieutenant Commander, USN

7/1960 – United Nations Command, Korea, Protocol Officer

9/1961 – USS Bristol (DD-857) Executive Officer

8/1/1963 – Promoted to Commander, USN

2/1964 – Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington DC,
Head of the Enlisted Personnel Performance Evaluation Branch;
Naval Clemency, Security and Courts Martial Review Branch

5/1967 – US Naval Station Yokosuka, Japan; Security Officer

2/1969 – US Naval Station Subic Bay, Philippines; Executive Officer

1971 –US Naval Communication Station, Washington DC;
Executive Officer

7/1/1973 - Retired from United States Navy

11/1/ 2000 - Died in his home in Hudson, Massachusetts

11/13/2000 - Buried with military honors at
Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

Offices Held in the Town of Hudson, MA

Capital Planning Committee, 1975-1981

School Committee, 1975 to 1981

Board of Selectmen, 1982 to 1985

Finance Committee, 1995 to 1998



In addition to his military service, Commander Morel served faithfully as a public servant here in Hudson as an elected official as a member of the school committee, board of selectmen, and many other committees.



USS Whitmarsh



USS Osberg



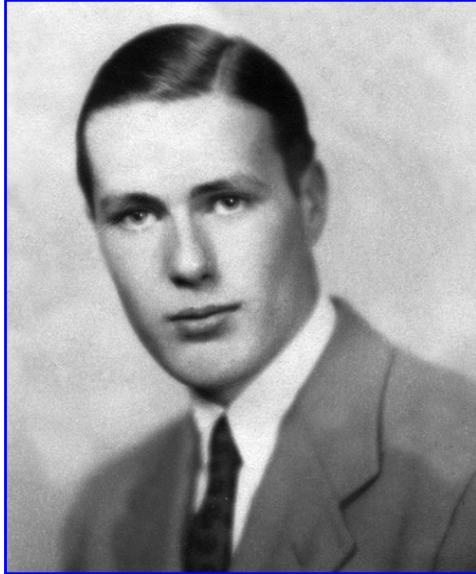
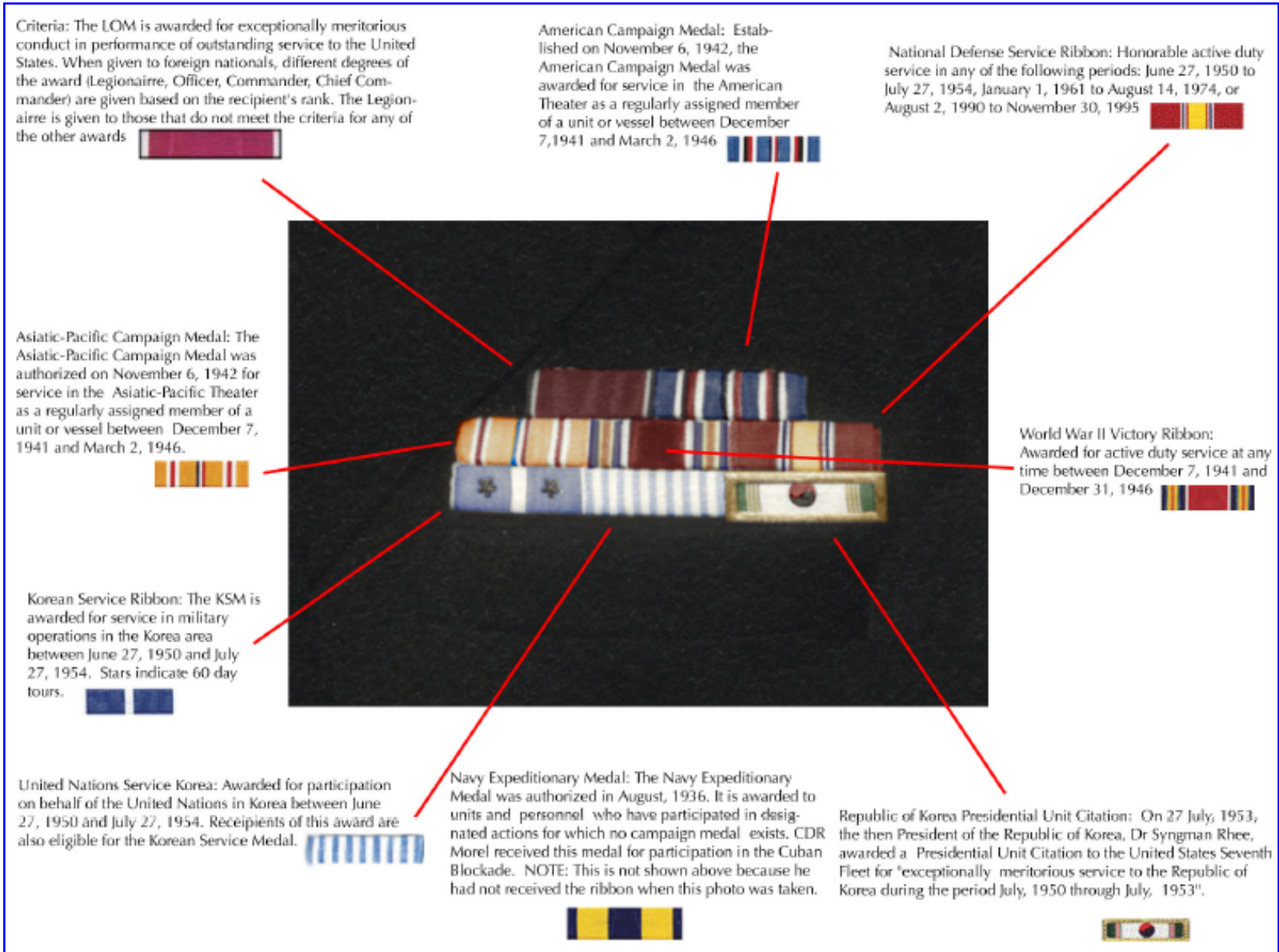
USS Rooks



USS Oglethorpe



USS Bristol



Hudson High Senior 1943



V 12 Program at Holy Cross



Passport Picture, Lt AA Morel



LCDR Receiving
Commendation
From S. Korea



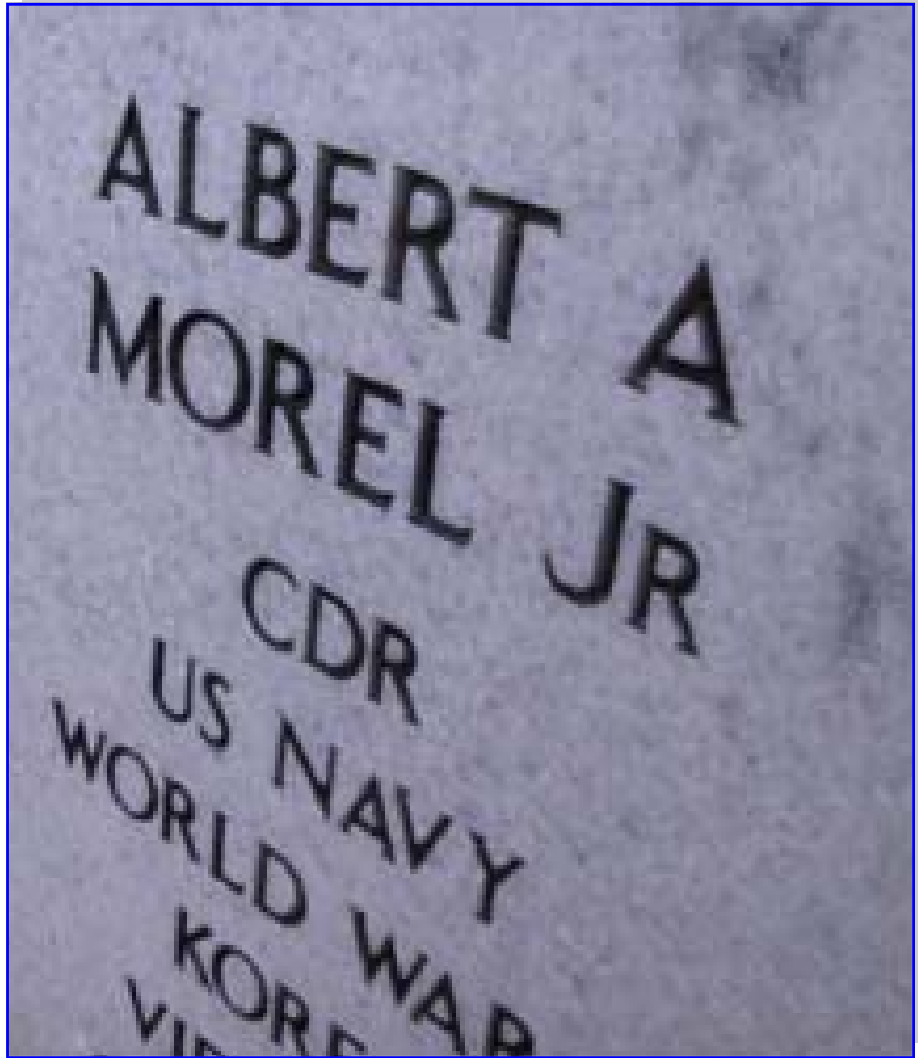
CDR and Mrs.
Joan M Morel at
son's Junior Prom
Subic Bay, R.P.



CDR Morel at his last active duty station at the US
Naval Communications Station, Washington, D.C.



CDR Morel as the keynote speaker at the
annual Memorial Day Parade in Hudson



Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, Virginia