SC3c PETER NED DUHE "PETE" 3 February 1945



PETER NED DUHE "PETE" was born in 1927 to Joseph and Marie Duhe at Garyville, Louisiana. He lived there all his life. Pete had three brothers and two sisters.

On 3 February 1945, Pete was received for duty on board USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754). That was the day she was commissioned; therefore, Pete is known as a plank holder. He was a Ship's Cook third class and served until the end of WW II.

In 1946 when Pete was mustering out of the Navy in New Orleans, there was the mandatory lecture, movie about joining the reserves, a real gung-ho thing. Pete got all excited and was truly thinking about signing up, but his first priority for now was to get the hell out the Navy. He was at the naval station for a few days and wanted to make sure he didn't screw up, which would delay his exit.

One day, over the loud speaker, came this booming voice, "Pete Duhe, report to the ship's office." "Oh my God, what did I do?" The man there say, "So you want to join the reserves. Well I'm sorry to tell you, you're unfit." "Unfit, why?" "Your eyes." "My eyes? I just finished 16 months overseas fightin' them Japs! My eyes?"

Pete was told to go down to the reserve office after he was discharged and they would probably take him down there. Pete never followed through. Imagine, his eyes!

After the war, Ned returned to Garyville, Louisiana. He married Dolores Gueret. Ned and Dolores had two sons and two daughters who brought forth nine grand children and one great grand child.

In 1992 when the first reunion was held by the USS Frank E. Evans Association, Ned was there. He was faithful to the association. Ned attended almost all the reunions.

Ned died 22 May 2008. He was 81 years old.