

# Napoleon J. Jones

## Personal information

Name: Napoleon James Jones  
(Napoleon Jones, Napoleon J. Jones)

Birth: 19 August 1908  
Marlin, Falls County, Texas

The first child of his family, Jones was born in Falls County, Texas, near North Prairie and Golindo Roads. The family moved to Denton, Denton County, Texas, before 1920, lived at 1920 Bois d'Arc Street, and had grown to four children. Their home was located at 521 Avenue S in Denton in 1935, and he still lived there when he registered for the draft. His residence at the time of his death was 304 South Ruddell Street in Denton.

Family: Parents: Elijah J. Jones and Mary Sewell  
Marriage: Single

Death: 01 December 1981  
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

Cemetery: Oakwood Cemetery, Denton, Denton County, Texas; Block: 3E-120  
(GPS: 33° 12' 36" N 97° 7' 20" W)

Description: Height 5 ft., 8 in.; Weight 145 lbs., black hair, black eyes, dark brown complexion

## Military Service

Military Branch: US Navy

Dates: Registered 16 October 1940, Denton, Denton County, Texas  
Serial #4073, Order #1688

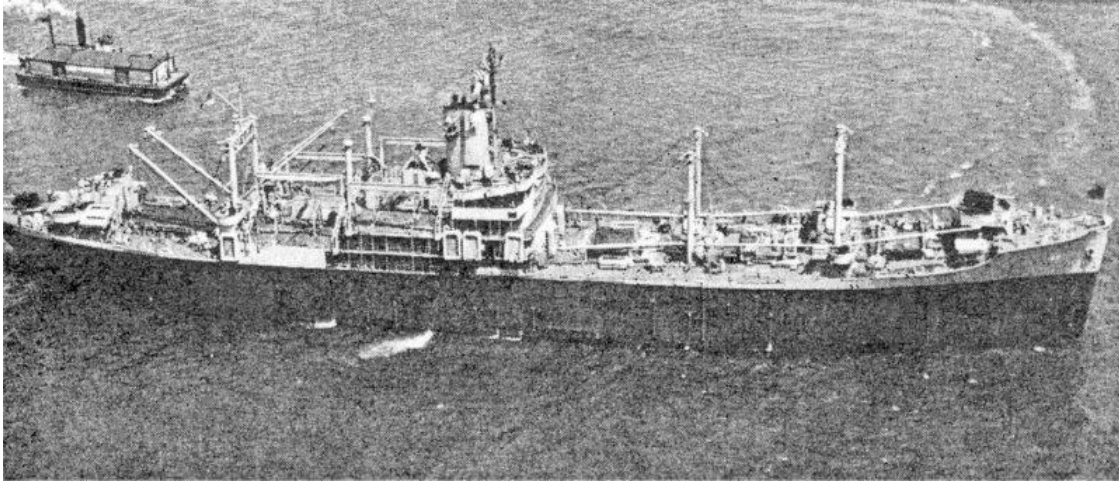
Enlisted 28 January 1942  
Released 16 October 1945

Rank at Discharge: Chief Steward (CST)

Era/Service: World War II

Service Number: 616-26-33

Assignments: U.S.S. *Custer* (18 July 1943)



*The SS Sea Eagle was re-commissioned as the **USS Custer (APA-40)** on 18 July 1943 and saw heavy duty during World War II, earning five battle stars.*

During WWII, the **USS Custer** was assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater under the command of Capt. Ralph E. Hansen. It sailed from Norfolk, Virginia, on 11 December 1943, carrying Seabees and arrived at Pearl Harbor on 10 January 1944. The Custer saw action in the Marshall Islands, Saipan, Guam, Leyte, Lingayen Gulf, and Okinawa.

(Source: <https://www.navsource.org/archives/10/03/03040.htm>)

## Civilian Life

Education: Grammar School (4<sup>th</sup> grade)

Occupation: Cook

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