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WWII Merchant Marine Recognition

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Merchant Mariners on board US merchant ships in WWII died at the rate of 1 in 26 which is the highest rate of casualties in any of the services.

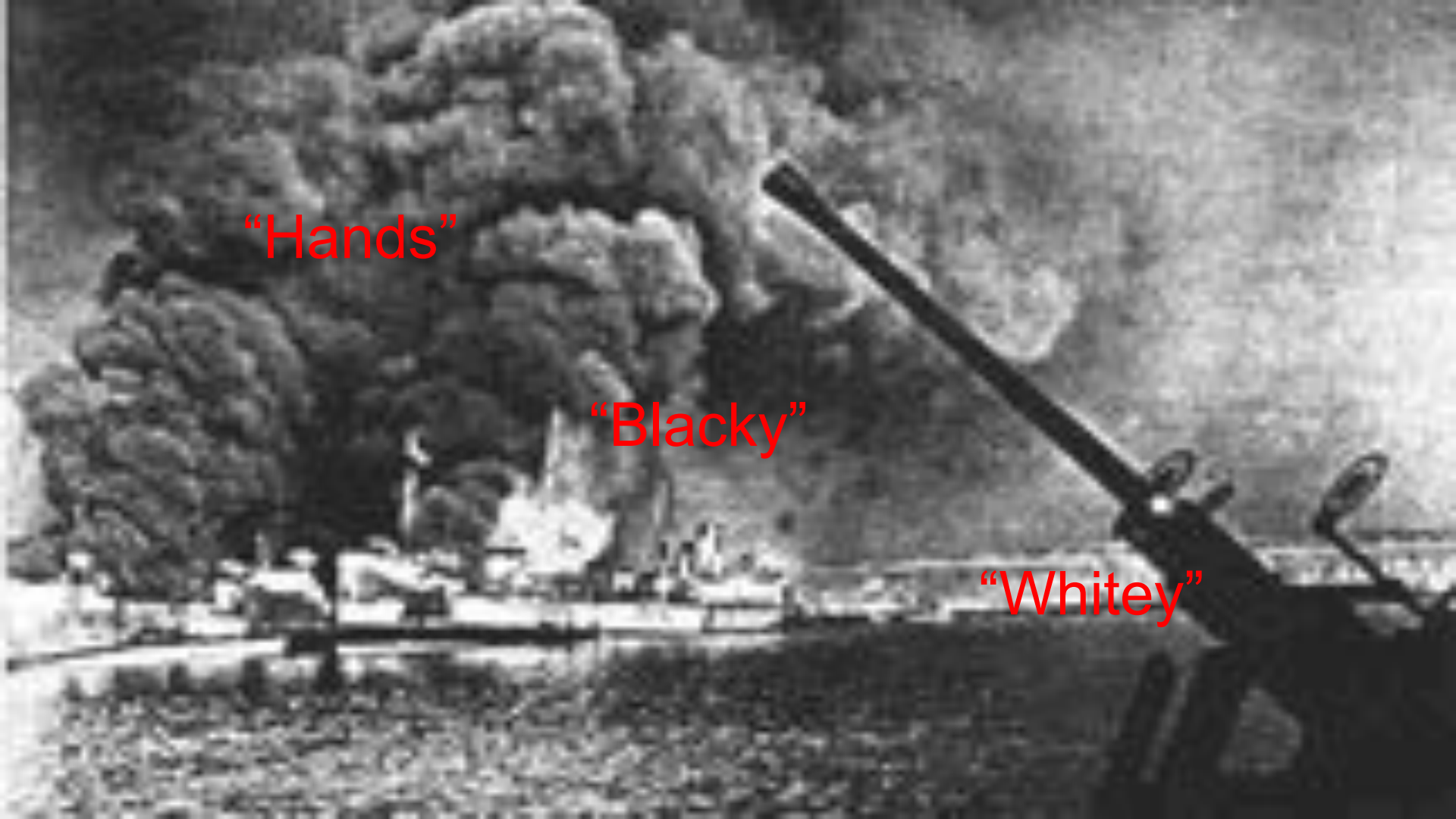
They received no GI Bill or VA benefits like the other services. Endured physical disabilities and PTSD alone.

Merchant Mariners were bestowed Veteran status in 1988 and received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2022.









“Hands”

“Blacky”

“Whitey”

Eliot Kleinberg presentation:
WWII in Florida at the Marco Historical Museum





Benton, MT.



Portland, OR.



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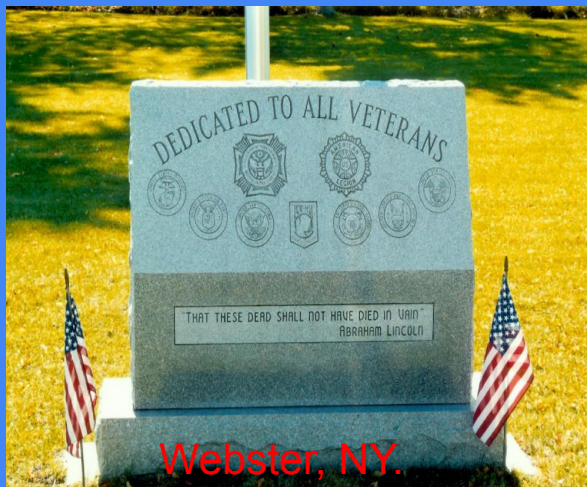
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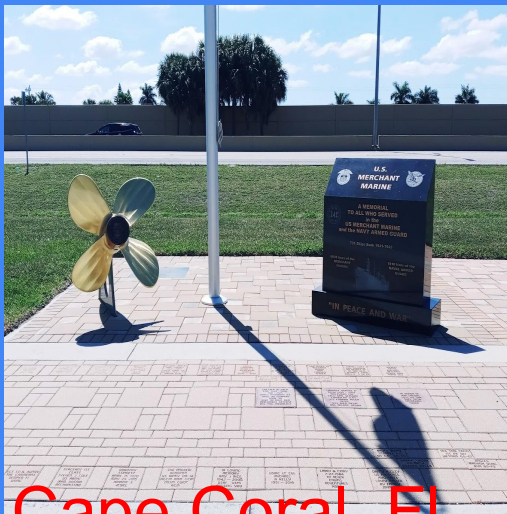
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CFR title 38: Service by the American Merchant Marine in oceangoing service during armed conflict 1941 to 1945 as active duty in WWII

Dept. of Veterans Affairs M21-1 Merchant Service in WWII: Eligible for benefits in the same manner as any other Veteran including discharge certificates (DD214). Deemed active duty for burial benefits. (Arlington).

A 101 y/o Merchant Marine Veteran:
“say to them what we did; urge them to read about
us and find out about us. We gave up our
yesterdays for your better tomorrow.”







Next Steps



