

★ BREAKING NEWS ★

HERO CAT ENLISTS IN THE U.S. NAVY

★ UNSUNG ANIMAL HEROES OF WWII ★

Douglas “Doug” the Cat Joins the U.S. Navy as Expert Mouser



Fredericksburg, Texas – Local feline Douglas “Doug” the Cat, who hails from the hometown of Admiral Chester Nimitz himself, has officially enlisted in the U.S. Navy as an Expert Mouser. Sources say

this brave tabby enlisted the day after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and now serves aboard Navy ships. In addition to pest control, Douglas boosts the morale of the crew and acts as an early warning system. “A ship needs a good cat like the sea needs waves, and Doug is exactly that” said the Captain of Port on Douglas’s contributions to the war effort.

Think like a historian – Were cats on naval ships more important for practical needs or for morale? What does this reveal about the realities of life at sea during WWII? How might pest control contribute to the war effort?

Pacific War Quick Facts

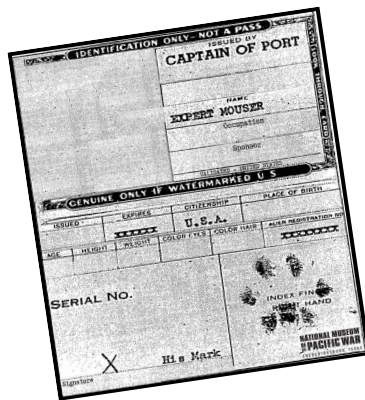
- ★ The war in the Pacific began after the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941
- ★ Japan quickly took control of many islands across the Pacific
- ★ Major battles like Midway and Guadalcanal helped turn the war in favor of the U.S.
- ★ “Island Hopping” bypassed heavily fortified Japanese positions and took strategic, less-defended islands to establish airfields and cut off enemy supplies
- ★ U.S. drops two atomic bombs on Japan in August 1945
- ★ Japan formally surrenders on September 2, 1945 “VJ Day”

PAW ENLIST YOUR OWN WAR ANIMAL PAW

★ Choose an animal

- Name
- Branch
- Description
- Place of Birth/Port
- Photo/Drawing

★ Write a “news report” about your war animal and their special skills.



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Who else served?

- Dogs
- Horses
- Mules
- Horses
- Donkeys
- Elephants
- Pigeons
- Camels
- Mongoose