



Vice Admiral Lawson P. Ramage - KB3DE *1909-1990*
Admiral Ramage received the Congressional Medal of Honor as a submarine commander in World War II and was one of the Navy's most decorated submariners. Also receiving two Navy Crosses and two Distinguished Service Medals.

The Admiral expired of cancer at his home in Bethesda, Maryland 15 April 1990 at age of 81. A graduate of the United States Naval Academy, he retired in 1969 as commander of the Navy Military Sea Transportation Service, the ocean going transport branch of the Armed Forces.

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born in 1909
Monroe Bridge, Mass. Of seven, his family moved to Beaver Falls, as his father would become superintendent of the Beaver Falls High School. After graduation, Red continued his education Williston Academy, Easthampton, Ma. where he was appointed to U.S. Naval Academy in 1931.

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L.P. (Red) Ramage
The Old Submariner
Looking for Fletcher, N.C.

A blue line drawing of a submarine on the left and a rocket launching from the right, with a figure inside the rocket's nose cone.

Ramage continued his early career on various ships and later entered the submarine service. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor during the Japanese attack. He became C.O. of the submarine USS Parche SS384, and awarded the Medal of Honor after a daring dawn assault on a heavily escorted Japanese convoy in 1944, during which he sunk two ships and damaged several others. The award was personally presented by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1945. The USS Ramage (DDG-61) was named for the admiral.

After retirement, Red enjoyed the fellowship of Amateur Radio from his home in Maryland and had many friends on the early morning 75 Meter Rooster Net. He was just plain "Red" then, but many knew of the honor and sacrifice this man laid down for his fellow man.

The conning tower of the USS Parche SS-384 was removed before salvage and rests today in Hawaii at the Naval Memorial Base. Appreciation goes to www.w8jyz.com For the Lawson Ramage QSL card.