



### **Leland F. Noble, Captain, USNR**

Captain Leland Forman Noble was born on May 25, 1897 in Ellisburg, Jefferson County, New York, the son of Herbert J. Noble and Minnie Jane Foreman Nobel. He attended Cornell University, Ithaca, New York for two years, where he played freshman and varsity football and was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He left college to enter naval service on April 20, 1917 and remained on active duty in aviation until June 30, 1922, attaining the rank of Lieutenant. During his naval service, he participated in the bombing and sinking of captured ex-German ships off the Virginia Capes in 1921. He re-entered naval service during World War II and served in the Pacific as a Bureau of Aeronautics Representative. He was on active duty for a total of nearly 18 years and is entitled to wear the World War II Victory Medal.

Between the wars, Captain Noble was engaged in business in Miami, Florida for several years, serving as Assistant Purchasing Agent for the Public Utilities Construction Company, and as President of the real estate brokerage company, East Coast Sales Company, Inc., Miami, FL. He served on a special assignment for Florida Power and Light Co., Miami, FL, as Superintendent of Reclamation following the tropical hurricane of 1926. He also was a quality control officer at a roller bearing plant in Canton, OH. In 1942 he became Vice-Commander of the Canton, Ohio Post #44 of the American Legion.

Captain Noble's marriage to Edna Masters ended in divorce. He later married Dorothy Brothers of Canton, Ohio at St. Charles, MO on December 31, 1931. He had a stepson Verdun Lee Brothers.

Captain Noble died of pneumonia at the Naval Hospital Bethesda at age 94 on February 22, 1992.