



Frederick Lanthrop Tracy, Commander USNR

Frederick Lanthrop Tracy was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania on August 2, 1896, the son of Frederick K. Tracy and Mrs. Mary (Richmond) Tracy. He attended Princeton and received a degree in Economics and Banking. While at school he participated in track, cross-country and was a member of the Campus Club.

On May 9, he enrolled in the Navy as a Seaman Second Class at Newport, Rhode Island. He attended ground school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and went on to Pensacola for Navy flight training. He was designated a Naval Aviator #724 (HTA) and commissioned Ensign, USNR at the completion of flight training July 9, 1918. He went on to duty at Hampton Roads and was Honorably Discharged in May, 1921 as an Ensign.

At the beginning of World War II he re-entered the Navy as a Lieutenant on August 14, 1942 and had duty assignments at Wright Field, Solomon's Island, Maryland and Philadelphia. He was released from active duty on July 20, 1946 and retired with the rank of Commander, USNR on November 1, 1954, with a designator of 3105.

During his service, he received a Letter of Commendation from the Secretary of the Navy for skill and daring in the rescue of a three-man seaplane crew when their plane caught fire and landed.

During civilian life he was the Secretary of the Wagner Hardware Company, Mansfield, Ohio, a member of the Board of Directors of that company and was on the Advisory Board for the Citizens National Bank of Mansfield, Ohio. He was also Director of the Rotary Club, Ex-Director of the American Red Cross, Richland County Chapter.

He was married to Harriett Swetland Tracy of Mount Vernon, Ohio on June 26, 1926 and they had one daughter, Anne Tracy Thiel.