



OBJECT ID	2015.14.21
OBJECT NAME	Pin
OBJECT COLLECTION	Helias Doundoulakis Collection (is part of)
MEDIUM	Paint
MATERIAL	Diamond; Metal; Sapphire
OBJECT ENTITIES	Doundoulakis, Helias (owned by) Doundoulakis, Helias (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Portrait, 2021.24.1
ACCESS POINTS	Aerospace engineer NASA Northrop Grumman

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Circular metal pin with a silver colored back. The face is painted blue and says, "Grumman" in cursive script. Above the lettering is a star inset with a 10K diamond. Below the lettering is bird symbol for the company in a goldish color, a seperate piece of metal slightly raised from the face of the pin. At the bottom is an embossed metal flair, imprinted with lines inset with four sapphires.

ORIGIN

This is a Northrop Grumman 20-year employee pin.

Northrop Grumman is a huge aerospace and defense technology company.

Helias Doundoulakis worked for over thirty-five years as a professional engineer at Grumman Aerospace Corporation and on many notable projects, including the MetLife Building in New York City, the Apollo Space Missions (such as the Lunar Excursion Module (LEM)), the F-14 Tomcat fighter jet, and the Space Shuttle. His crowning achievement is his patent for a radio telescope, used in the design for the largest of its kind at the NAIC Arecibo Observatory, in Arecibo, Puerto Rico (see U.S. Patent Office, Arecibo Observatory). He worked on this project with his brother, George Doundoulakis, and long-time friend and business partner William J. Casey, who was appointed OSS chief for Europe by OSS Director, General William J. Donovan.

CITATION

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