



OBJECT ID	1998.19.1.A
OBJECT NAME	Jacket
OBJECT COLLECTION	Defenders of Democracy (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1941 – 1961
ALTERNATIVE NAME	uniform jacket
EVENT	WWII
MATERIAL	Cotton; Wool
OBJECT ENTITIES	Sotos, George (collected by) Sotos, George (owned by) Sotos, George (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Necktie, 1998.19.1.B Shirt, 1998.19.1.C Pants, 1998.19.1.D Belt, 1998.19.1.E Cap, Sailor, 1998.19.2 Necktie, 1998.19.3.A Necktie, 1998.19.3.B Necktie, 1998.19.3.C
ACCESS POINTS	men Military U.S. Navy uniform WWII

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a Navy Captain's uniform jacket.

Dark, navy blue, double-breasted wool military jacket with notched lapels and brass accents. The right lapel crosses over the left, allowing the jacket to be buttoned closed utilizing two columns of three buttons. Each button is a bright brass color and has the navy insignia embossed on it.

On the jacket's left side, visible below the left lapel and above the right, is a breast pocket. There are three service ribbons pinned above it, and a brass star pinned just below its opening. The service ribbons are long, horizontal and narrow and are stacked vertically with two ribbons of equal length on the bottom, and one shorter ribbon (about 1/3 the length of the other two) stacked on top.

The ribbon on the top is predominately yellow and has a brass star affixed to its center. The middle ribbon is made up of three sections of equal length; yellow, blue, then predominately green. The yellow section has a brass star affixed to it. The bottom ribbon also has three sections of color; yellow, red, and the last section is a light reddish color with a yellow center.

The sleeves are long and both are decorated with a grouping of four bullion tape stripes near each of the cuffs. On each sleeve and above the set of bullion stripes, is one embroidered gold star.

There are no embellishments at the bottom of the jacket.

ORIGIN

The uniform is donated by Captain George Sotos. He served in World War II and also took part in the Vietnam War. The service ribbons from top to right are Navy Presidential Unit Citation with a Gold Star, American Defense Medal Ribbon with a Gold Star, American Campaign Medal Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal Ribbon. The Gold Pin under the ribbons is a Command-at Sea pin. He was aboard the USS Nitro, an ammunition ship, in the Pacific when WWII started. Served on the USS PC 451 from 1941-1943. Was on the USS WILLIS(DE 395) for over two years. Went aboard as the gunnery officer and left as the Commanding Officer two years later. He operated with the USS Bogue, a Carrier Hunter Killer Group in the Atlantic. The group was credited with 8 submarines and they earned the Presidential Unit Citation with battle star. Commanded Destroyer H R Dickson from 1954-1956. Commanded the USS Colonial in 1948. Commanded nine Destroyer Escorts in Escort Squadron Five in 1960. Head of Electronic Warfare for two years 1963-1965. Five years at the Defense Communications Agency in Washington. 18 months at the Military Training Officer at the Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois. Two years as the Executive Officer of the Recruit Training Command at Bainbridge, Maryland during the Korean war. Two years at Great Lakes Naval Training Center as the Executive Officer of the Service School Command. One year at the Naval War College as a student. Two years as the Director of the Department of Defense Computer Institute in the Navy Yard Washington DC 1970-1972. Commanded a fleet Oiler, the USS Tolovana, from 1960-1961.

CITATION

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