

Extra Credit for Paul Henry Carr: Tin Can Sailor

About the USS Samuel B. Roberts and Destroyer Escorts

Book: Copeland, Robert W., and Jack O'Neill. *The Spirit of the "Sammy B."* Ocala, Fla: USS Samuel B. Roberts (DE 413) Survivors' Association, 2000.

Book: Doscher, J. Henry. *Little Wolf at Leyte The Story of the Heroic USS Samuel B. Roberts (DE-413) in the Battle of Leyte Gulf During World War II.* Austin, TX: Eakin Press, 1996.

Book: Hornfischer, James D. *The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors.* New York: Bantam Books, 2004.

Website: [Destroyer Escort Sailors Association](#)

Website: [Destroyer Escort Historical Museum](#)

About the Return to the Phillipines

Book: Cutler, Thomas J. *The Battle of Leyte Gulf, 23-26 October, 1944.* New York, NY: HarperCollins, 1994.

Website: [The Battle Off Samar - Taffy III at Leyte Gulf](#)

Website: [Leyte](#). A full text brochure from the Army's Center for Military History describing the invasion of Leyte, the Phillipines (the invasion Paul Carr's ship was protecting).

Website: [Pacific War: Battle of Leyte Gulf](#). Provides an animated display of the ship movements during the battle. Hint: after clicking this link, click 'animation' on the page that comes up. This will open a new page with naval battle animations. After that click "Battle of Leyte Gulf."

Fun Stuff

[Paul Carr Criss Cross](#)

[Paul Carr Word Search](#)

Discussion Questions

What was the name of the ship on which Paul Carr served?

On what type of ship did Paul Carr serve? What was the purpose of that type of ship?

What were some of the hardships faced by sailors like Paul Carr?

What character traits did Paul Carr exhibit in his approach to sports? Tell how these traits helped him perform his duty in the Navy.

Why did the ships of the U. S. Navy flee when the Japanese ships arrived in their sector? Why did their commander change his mind and turn to fight? What choice would you have made if you had been commander?

The action of Paul Carr's crew during the battle was an inspiration to all the other American ships. How do you think Paul Carr inspired his crew to keep fighting? What kinds of things would you do to inspire people working under your supervision?

Paul Carr was an inspiration to the people around him because of his technical skill and his devotion to duty. Have you been inspired by someone who shares these qualities with Paul Carr? Your role model may be someone you know personally or someone famous.

Writing and Research Exercises

In 1982, the Navy named a new ship after Paul Carr. Research the process used by the Navy when deciding on names for new ships. Why are some ships named for people and some ships named for cities, etc.?

Imagine you are a war correspondent writing for a newspaper. Write an article for your hometown newspaper telling the story of Paul Carr and the USS Samuel B. Roberts.

