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Stratford Veterans Museum

**VETERAN OF THE MONTH**



**ROY FRIEDMAN**

Petty Officer 2nd Class

Petty Officer 2nd Class Roy H. Friedman entered the U.S. Navy in 1944 at the age of 17. After basic training Roy was assigned as a Storekeeper to the USS Towner AKA 77, an attack Cargo Ship. The USS Towner and her crew transited the Panama Canal en route to the South Pacific. Once there, Roy and his shipmates shuttled troops and equipment to the battle of the Philippines. The task force the Towner was assigned to was hit by Typhoon Cobra which sunk 3 ships, destroyed 146 aircraft and killed 778 sailors. After hostilities ended in September of 1945, Roy and the crew of the Towner delivered Occupation Troops and equipment to Japan, stopping along the way at Okinawa, Guam and China.

After the war Roy returned home to continue delivering coal and oil, his job before entering the war, eventually establishing the Standard Oil Company of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Mr. Friedman is known for his numerous philanthropic programs and helping so many people along the way. As President of Standard Oil he was recognized as a model for business excellence. At 96 years of age, Roy continues to serve on various local and state boards. Roy served on the Stratford WWII Commission which helped secure a monument to our WWII Veterans and create Academy Hill. He is a Board Associate of the University of Bridgeport and Board Member of the Alzheimer's Association. He also serves on the Board of the Jewish Home for the Elderly, where he created the Roy and Aline Friedman Home Care Agency. He was recently honored as a Military Hero of the Game by the Bridgeport Sound Tigers Hockey Team. Roy is a founding member of the Stratford Veterans Museum and continues to serve on the Museum's Committee.

Roy and his wife Aline have been married for 64 years and have three daughters, two sons-in-law and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Roy Friedman is known for his devotion to family, generosity, compassion, philanthropy and unparalleled work ethic. We at the Stratford Veterans Museum are honored to count him as one of our own.