

Vice Admiral Donald B. Beary

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Donald B. Beary (1888 - 1966) was awarded the Navy Cross for convoy duty in World War One. When the United States entered World War Two in 1941, Beary commanded the Fleet Operational Training Command, Atlantic. Later, during the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa in 1944, he was serving as Commander, Service Squadron 6, and was assigned the task of providing at-sea support to the Third and Fifth Fleets. At the Naval War College, Vice Admiral Beary undertook to broaden the students' views by bringing to Newport a wide variety of business authorities and leaders to meet and have discussions with students. What were first referred to as round-table discussions blossomed into the Global Strategy Discussions of the 1950s, and eventually, into the present-day Current Strategy Forum. The Knox class frigate USS *Donald B. Beary* (FF 1085) was named for him.