

Vice Admiral John T. Hayward

A high school dropout and a batboy for the New York Yankees, Vice Admiral John T. Hayward (1908 - 1999) began his naval career in May 1925 as a recruit at the Newport Naval Training Station. Subsequently he would graduate from the Naval Academy, class of 1930, and enjoy a career marked by a driving desire for professional excellence through education. In 1944, Hayward joined the Manhattan Project at the China Lake Naval Ordnance Test Station in California, where he helped to develop the implosion components of the bomb dropped over Nagasaki, Japan, on 9 August 1945. In the early 1950s, he helped plan atomic weapons laboratory work at Los Alamos and Sandia and worked for the foundation of the Livermore Laboratory program in 1952, in close collaboration with Dr. Edward Teller. After becoming a flag officer, he commanded the Navy's first nuclear-power Task Force in USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65) in 1965. As the thirty-fourth Naval War College president, he introduced a dynamic program to make over the Navy's highest professional school along the lines of civilian colleges. The focus on professional curriculum, student requirements and faculty was complemented also by a program for appropriate facilities that would ultimately lead to the construction of Spruance, Conolly and Hewitt Halls during the 1970s.

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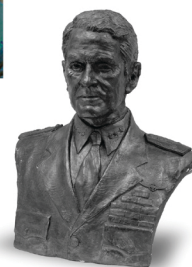
Commander Edmond J. Fitzgerald, USNR, 1968

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Snapshot of Vice Admiral John T. Hayward taken while the bust was in progress in Felix de Weldon's studio at Beacon Rock, Newport, ca. 1982
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Felix de Weldon, 1982
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