

Vice Admiral Lynde D. McCormick

PRESIDENT, 3 MAY 1954 - 16 AUGUST 1956

Oil on Canvas

Commander Edmond J. Fitzgerald, USNR, 1957

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Lynde Dupuy McCormick (1895 - 1956) graduated from the NWC in 1938 and went on to a very distinguished career, serving for a time as Vice Chief of Naval Operations (1949) and Acting Chief of Naval Operations (1951). Promoted to four stars in 1950, he served as Commander in Chief, Atlantic Fleet and Atlantic Command—in which position he became the first Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic. On becoming the twenty-ninth president of the Naval War College, he reverted to three-star rank. In 1956, during the second year of his presidency, Admiral McCormick took the initiative to establish a new course for senior officers from other navies, the present-day Naval Command College. Regrettably, he died shortly thereafter, the first College president to die in office, and the inauguration of the course was left for his successor.

Edmond James Fitzgerald (1912 - 1989) was most famous for his watercolors. He studied art at the California School of Fine Arts and served in the United States Naval Reserve for twenty-six years.