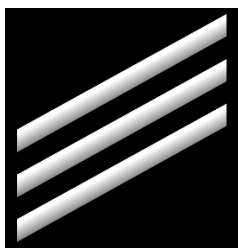


Marcus A. Rhodes

U.S. Navy – Seaman 1st Class



Died on December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

Served on the *U.S.S. Arizona*

VFW Post 5206 co-named for him



Purple Heart	Combat Action Ribbon	American Defense Service Medal
American Campaign Medal	Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal	World War II Victory Medal

Marcus "Mark" Alexander Rhodes, S1c, Enlisted in 1939, Attended Edneyville HS. His birth record states he was born Marcus Alexander Rhodes on 07 Mar 1920 in Edneyville, Henderson, NC. Mother was Stella Ruff. One of four brothers in the service. NSN: 262-44-66. Died on Arizona, body retrieved on 07 Dec 1941.

Enlisted 22 Nov 1939 at the Naval Recruiting Station (NRS), Raleigh, NC. Sent to recruit training at the Naval Training Station, NOB, Norfolk, VA. Rank: Apprentice Seaman. Received at NTS same day. Graduated on 01 Mar 1940 and transferred to the Receiving Ship, San Diego for assignment by COMBASEFOR. Assigned to duty onboard USS Arizona. S1c Rhodes reported for duty on 08 Mar 1940. In Sept 1941, he was member of Arizona's salvage team assigned to refloat the S.S. Iowan grounded off Government Point, CA. Ship was successfully refloated as a result of the party's zealous efforts, performed without regard to normal working hours. The members of the group were commended by the Commandant. He died from injuries during the attack. His remains are buried at the national cemetery in Hawaii.

Awards, American Defense Service Medal with Fleet Clasp, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Navy Combat Action Ribbon and WWII Victory Medal.