# USS HARMON (DE-678), Our Society and the Military â€“ 63 Years Ago

## Description

History. The military taking the lead in the changing of the society on the issue of racial integration.

PO Leonard Harmon

In 1943, on this day: Commissioning of USS Harmon (DE 678), first Navy ship named for an African-American Sailor.

This is the quick story of the man the ship is named for:

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Leonard Roy Harmon, Mess Attendant First Class, USN

Navy Cross Medal

Poster featuring Mess Attendant Harmon and USS Harmon (DE-678), which was named in his honor. He was killed in action on board USS San Francisco (CA-38) during the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal, 13 November 1942. For his heroism in that action, Mess Attendant Harmon was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross. The poster also features the text of his award citation and a representation of the Navy Cross medal.

USS HARMON (DE-678)

A fitting namesake for the ships that are at the tip of the spear, even today.

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