

## USS Carr 52 Guided Missile Frigate



unfathomable courage of our US sailors fighting to destroy the Japanese lines of supply and Navy forces. The Foundation encourages a revival of patriotism and dedication to the United States of America by way of honoring fallen servicemen and women.

The Navy posthumously awarded Carr the silver star and the guided missile *USS Carr FFG-52* was named for him.



- Keel Laid Mar. 26, 1982
- Christened Feb. 26, 1983
- Commissioned Jul. 27, 1985
- Decommissioned Mar. 13, 2013
- Dedication of exhibit Jun. 7, 2014

### An Oklahoma Farm Boy

Carr was born February 13, 1924 in Checotah, OK and died October 25, 1944 in Leyte Gulf, Phillipines. He attended school in Checotah and graduated with honorable mention as an All-State senior center on the football team. He loved to play guitar and enjoyed his family life. His sister, Peggy Dodd , was quoted in one interview as saying he could have gotten a deferment as the only son, but he wanted to proudly serve his country.

### Notable Visits

During a series of port visits in July 2011, the *USS Carr* had the distinction of docking in St. Petersburg, Russia. The mission for the visit was to strengthen bonds between the US and partner countries. At a wreath-laying ceremony in Piskarevskoye Cemetary, a picture of Carr was donated and hangs in the Central Navy Museum with other naval heros from across the world.

## Paul Henry Carr Memorial Foundation



**FEB. 13, 1924 - OCT. 25, 1944**  
Life, legacy, & lessons of Paul H. Carr

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Paul Henry Carr was killed Oct. 25, 1944 in the Battle of Leyte Gulf, a battle considered one of the largest naval battles in history. During this battle, more than 1,130 American sailors were killed, one of whom was Gunners Mate Third Class, Paul H. Carr.

## A WWII Naval Hero

The 20 year old Carr was a gunner's mate third class, serving aboard the *USS Samuel B. Roberts DE413*. During the battle, Japanese shelling knocked out power to the aft gun mount. So, Carr and his gun-mount team manually

fired 324 rounds in 35 minutes, until the mount overheated and blew up, killing almost all of the crew members.

When the smoke cleared, Carr was found dying at his station, still gripping and trying to load the last unfired round, despite being torn open from the neck down.

This is one of many examples of the

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Cheryl Smallwood-Roberts designed an exhibit honoring Paul Henry Carr in Checotah, OK. The Carr exhibit, installed by Crain Displays, is located inside the restored 1890-era Katy Depot Museum, the MKT's oldest surviving wooden train station, just off Highway 69 at 1000 Paul Carr Drive.

For more information, call the Katy Depot Center (918) 473-6377.

Future goals include providing educational scholarships to students in the Checotah school system, educating the community about Oklahoma heroes, and encouraging patriotism among future generations.

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