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Captain Dominic A Paolucci

Captain Dominic A. Paolucci, United States Navy, was born in Buffalo New York on June 13, 1923. He attended St Lucy's Elementary School and graduated from Hutchinson Central High School in 1940. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1943. He received master's and doctoral degrees in mathematics from Indiana University. He also was a graduate of the National War College.

After serving one year on the destroyer DOYLE, which made the landing at Normandy, he attended submarine school, graduating in January 1945. He commissioned the sub RONCADOR and subsequently served on BE-

CUNA, BUGARA, SEA DEVIL, SEA LION and as Commanding Officer of the BALAO and the TRUTTA from 1956 to 1958.

He commanded two submarine attack subs, as well as submarine divisions, squadrons and flotillas. He retired from active duty in 1969 with the rank of captain. His last post was as deputy director of navy strategic systems.

He was president of a defense studies organization in Northern Virginia before founding, in 1975, the Santa Fe Corp, a management and resource studies and analysis firm. He retired as president in 1986 and remained board chairman until his death in 1988.

Captain Paolucci was one of many of the Italian Americans, raised in Buffalo, who served their country with distinction. He was instrumental in persuading his father to allow his younger brother, Christopher, to attend the University of Indiana. Chris subsequently joined the Air Force and retired as a Full Colonel. Dominic's letters sent home to his family showed sincere feelings for them, his upbringing, and for those who shaped his formative years.

Clips taken from the Hutchinson Central yearbook of 1940.

