

A Salute to Cliff Teague WWII

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Clifford Teague was born March 4, 1923, in Dallas, Texas. He has an older brother named Gordon, a sister Patricia who has passed away, and a younger sister named Judith.

At age five the Teague family moved to Fort Worth, Texas where Cliff's father was an architect. Cliff went to school at Fort Worth. He also was a member of the ROTC at 15 years of age.

Cliff's first job, at 13 years old, was as a "carrier salesman" for the [Ft. Worth Star Telegram](#). He began the day at 4:30 a.m. delivering morning papers, and later, evening papers; he also delivered papers on Sundays. He did this for four years.

During high school Cliff worked part time for a radio repair shop fixing vacuum tube type radios. When his boss joined the [Civil Service](#) to avoid the military, Cliff bought the business and operated it on his own. He was 17 years of age at that time.

After graduating high school in May, 1941, Cliff applied for Naval Pilot Training. Unfortunately he was rejected because of a Class 3 tooth bite which might cause him to black out in the air, so he did not get to be a Navy pilot.

Cliff joined the Navy in December, 1942, as an Apprentice Seaman. Boot Camp was at San Diego, CA; then to Treasure Island at San Francisco Bay, CA. He attended college at [Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College](#), [Editor: Texas A&M] School of Engineering. He completed that course with a certificate in elementary Electricity and Radio Material on July 17, 1943. He then took airborne radar training at Ward Island, Corpus Christie, Texas. He says, "I learned a lot about radar and avionics".

He finally was assigned to Special Weapons Test Tactical and Evaluation Unit (SWTTEU) at Traverse City, Michigan, in 1944.

At a USO in February 1945 Cliff met Margaret Littel who was from Ontario, Canada. They dated, then married on July 2, 1945. They have a son and a daughter, both married, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Cliff and Margaret have now been happily married for 63 years.

The war ended in 1945 and the base at Traverse City was closed down. His last duty was at Mojave, CA. Cliff was discharged at Terminal Island, CA. He then went to Fort Worth, TX, where he got a job with [Convair Aircraft](#) wiring the prototype [B-36 aircraft](#). Then he moved to Tucson, Arizona, where he put up a building and went into business called Dan Cliff Service, repairing radios, etc. He then bought a lot and built a house. While in Tucson, he took pilot training on the GI Bill and received his private pilot's license in 1946.

Cliff sold his house and moved to Ontario, Canada where he opened his own business, Teague Electric, in Ingersoll. In 1950, he returned to Dallas, TX, and joined [Chance Vought Aircraft](#) becoming the foreman of Electronic Assembly, producing units for the [Regulus Missile](#), F7U, and F8U Navy Aircraft.

In 1957 Cliff joined IBM at the Space Guidance Center at Owego, NY, where he became manager in Quality Control. In 1966, Cliff was transferred to Research Triangle Park, NC, so he moved to Cary. He resigned from IBM in 1973 and formed Teague Electronics doing Audio Recording of Conferences for seven years. Then he worked at Durham Products as Manager of Quality Assurance for eleven years, retiring in 1991.

At 86 years of age, Cliff is now active in the [NC Gourd Society](#), Operation Teaching Tools, and crafting in his home workshop.

Cliff joined the American Legion in 2004 and became a member of Post 67 two years ago.

Cliff Teague, we salute you for your service to our country in the military and business.

The American Legion Post 67, Cary, North Carolina, salutes you.



CLIFFORD TEAGUE
20 YEARS OLD



CLIFFORD TEAGUE & MARGARET LITTELL
MARRIED JULY 2, 1945



Maggie & Cliff October 9, 2007