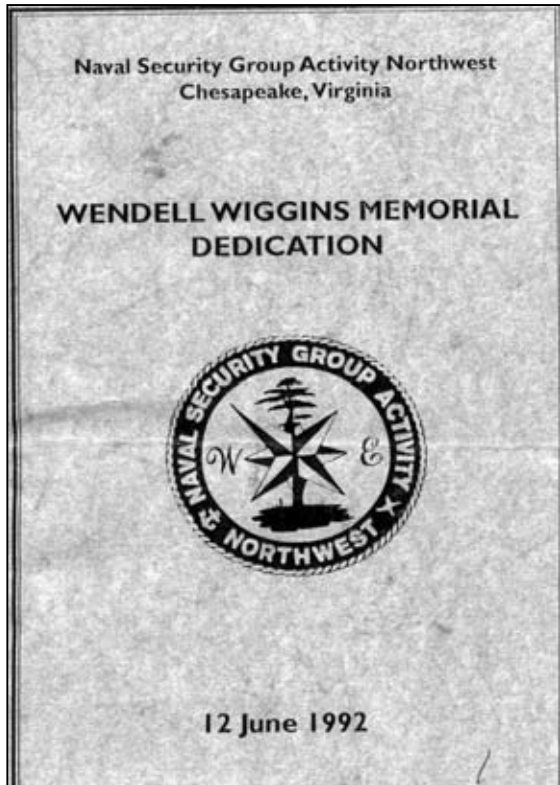


Oliver Wendell Wiggins Dedication Program



Color Guard	NAVSECGRUACT Northwest
National Anthem	
Invocation	Chaplain Vince Arnold
Welcome	Capt. J.H. Roser
History of MWR	
Hobby Shop	CDR T.M. McCaffrey
Memories	Capt. J.P. Ogren (Ret.) Capt. J.W. Moffat (Ret.)
Dedication Address	Capt. J.H. Roser
Personal Address	Mrs. O. Wendell Wiggins
Unveiling of sign	Capt. J.H. Roser Brenda W. McLaughlin
Presentation of Plaque	Capt. J.H. Roser
Benediction	Chaplain Jerry Dickerson

Wendell Wiggins Memorial Hobby Shop

Oliver Wendell Wiggins, a retired Navy Chief Radioman, a Northwest Plank owner served 14 years as the nonappropriated fund Hobby Shop Manager from its opening in December 1976 until his untimely death from cancer on 15 April 1991. The multipurpose hobby shop provides opportunities for active duty and retired personnel to maintain and repair their vehicles at a substantial savings, to create large and small woodworking projects and to pour and paint ceramic projects. Mr. Wiggins was a professional manager, outstanding administrator and model employee.

His personnel record contains multiple letters of appreciation citing his expertise, professionalism, dedication, patience and willingness to help, not only first-time woodworking patrons and "would be" mechanics, but also long term patrons and skilled craftsmen. Mr. Wiggins frequently offered technical assistance to spouses experiencing car problems while their husbands were deployed. The woodworking projects he created for the Hobby Shop resale area are found worldwide in the homes of personnel who served at Northwest throughout the years. Mr. Wiggins used his talents and ingenuity to design and construct special projects throughout the command. His legacy includes a command trophy case, the Officer's Lounge bar, shelves and storage in the Chiefs' Lounge,

plaques, picture frames, display boards, signs, bulletin boards and specially designed display and storage cabinets for recreational retail display, rental gear and unique size shaped items in the Enlisted Club, Gymnasium, Bowling Center, Youth Center, Recreation gear Issue and MWR Administration building. His dedication saved the command over ten thousand dollars in contract purchase and labor costs.

Wendell Wiggins dedicated twenty years of active duty Naval service and over fourteen years of MWR service to the Naval Security Group community and his shipmates. His name is synonymous with our excellent Morale, Welfare & Recreation Hobby Shop.

WIGGINS, OLIVER WENDELL
RMC US NAVY
VETERAN SERVICE DATES:
05/31/1956 - 12/31/1975
DATE OF BIRTH: 07/25/1936
DATE OF DEATH: 04/15/1991
DATE OF INTERMENT: 04/18/1991
BURIED AT: SECTION SS SITE 1103
CHATTANOOGA NATIONAL CEMETERY
1200 BAILEY AVENUE CHATTANOOGA ,
TN 37404
(423) 855-6590



Family of Oliver Wendell Wiggins
L to R: Oliver Wendell, Jeffrey Hayden, Charlotte
Jo (Peden) Wiggins & Charlton Wynn Wiggins.
Picture courtesy of
Charlotte Wiggins

**See Chapters 9 & 13 for family listings.*

**See Wedding of Oliver Wendell Wiggins & Charlotte Jo Peden*

**See next page for Ode to Wendell Wiggins*

Ode to Wendell Wiggins

God's Holy Bible, family and saws.
So aptly describes the one who God called.
This loving treasure, a jewel so rare,
Only had one eye, and soft, white hair.
With toughened skilled hands, his daily work began,
And all that he did turned out quite fair.
The saws were for wood, he made picture frames;
And only the best, no one complained.
He made shelves, what-nots and sometimes a chair,
All this was made with great skill and care.
With a song or a grin, to himself or a friend,
This man was happier than any millionaire.
His family was second in the love that he had,
First a husband, and then as a dad.
But always before him, God's Word was first,
For greater was heaven, when compared to the earth.
So with Bible in hand, Family studies would begin,
Hoping each member would put God first.
God's Holy Bible would lay in his lap,
And after reading a while, perhaps a short nap.
Dreaming perhaps at God's glory divine
And trusting his soul with God would entwine,
Sat God's millionaire.
No better man would the Lord ever find.
Wendell Wiggins was the dear man's name,
No greater in the great hall of fame.
A husband, a father, a friend to the world.
Loving his wife, his boys, the church as a pearl.
Now under the sod, and sleeping with God,
He waits for the day when heaven unfurls.

Billy Ray Boyd
Minister, Chesapeake Church of Christ

Then I was the craftsman at his side.
I was filled with delight day after day,
Rejoicing always in his presence,
Rejoicing in his whole world
And delighting in mankind.
Proverbs 8:30.31