

COMMANDER CHARLES ANTONIAK  
UNITED STATES NAVY

Charles Antoniak was born on December 26, 1911, in Auburn, New York, son of John and Helen (Zakielarsz) Antoniak. He attended Myn-derse Academy, Seneca Falls, New York, before his appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, from his native state in 1930. As a Midshipman he was a member of the B-squad football and B-squad wrestling teams. Graduated and commissioned Ensign on May 31, 1934, he subsequently attained the rank of Commander to date from February 1, 1944.

Following graduation from the Naval Academy in 1934, he joined the USS MISSISSIPPI and in June 1935, transferred to the USS DENT. Detached from that destroyer in July 1936, he returned to the United States for flight training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. Designated Naval Aviator on July 6, 1937, he reported for duty with Scouting Squadron FORTY TWO, and in June 1940 was assigned to Utility Squadron TWO.

From August 1941 to October 1943 he attended a course in aeronautical engineering at the Postgraduate School, Annapolis, Maryland, continuing his instruction at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge. He received the degree of Master of Science from the latter in April 1944, and then reported for duty in the Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. From July 7 of the same year, he was assigned to the Engineering Division, Power Plant Design Branch.

Relieved of duty in the Bureau of Aeronautics in June 1945, he joined the staff of Commander Air Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet, and four months later became Logistics Officer, Marshall-Gilbert Islands area. During January and February 1946 he was assigned to the staff of Commander Fleet Air Wings, Pacific, after which he transferred to the staff of Commander Air Force, Pacific. He served on the staff at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, between April 1947 and August 1950, when he again reported for duty in the Bureau of Aeronautics, his present assignment.

Commander Antoniak has the American Defense Service Medal; the American Campaign Medal; the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal; and the World War II Victory Medal.