



Quartermaster Insignia



**Stanley Samuel Stauffer**  
**Quartermaster 3rd Class U.S. Navy**  
**27 September 1944 – 16 April 1946**

Stanley was born at home on 25 August 1926 in Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania, and grew up on a farm near East Texas. He attended grades 1–8 from 1931 to 1939 at Keichel’s School, a one-room schoolhouse built circa 1862, and graduated from Emmaus High School in 1944. Prior to entering the Navy, Stanley worked for 9 months for Hill Metal & Roofing Company in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He enlisted in the Navy while a resident of Lower Macungie as a Seaman Apprentice on 27 September 1944, and underwent basic training and attended Quartermaster (QM) School at Bainbridge Naval Training Center in Maryland. After graduating from QM School, he went on military leave and married **Jean Lorraine Kaufmann** (born 21 April 1926) from Alburdis, Pennsylvania. Soon after, he shipped out for Shoemaker, California, where he boarded the troop transport ship *USS Kittson (APA 123)* in May 1945. After a brief layover, he was underway for Okinawa in the Ryukyu Islands in the Pacific. Enroute Okinawa the ship stopped at the Marshall and Carolina Islands. Stanley boarded the minesweeper *USS Hazard (AM-240)* in June 1945 at Okinawa. *USS Hazard* was to serve as a fleet replacement ship for the remainder of the Okinawa Campaign which was then in progress. In addition to performing escort duties, *USS Hazard’s* primary mission was to sweep and destroy contact mines in waters of the Yellow and East China Seas. She is credited with sweeping over 100 mines. After World War II ended, *USS Hazard* sailed for Japanese waters, and received special commendation for taking part in the 2nd Skagway mine sweep in 1945 in the seas off Korea and Japan to clear the waters for the post-war occupation forces. She earned three battle stars for service during the War. On 20 November 1945, while anchored in Sasebo, Japan, *USS Hazard* received orders to sail for the Naval Base in San Diego, California, where she was to undergo repairs. After she was repaired, *USS Hazard* transited the Panama Canal, headed for Texas City, Texas, via Galveston, Texas. In March 1946, shortly before *USS Hazard* was mothballed at Texas City, Stanley debarked and returned to Bainbridge where he was discharged as a QM 3/C (T) on 16 April 1946. He returned to live in Alburdis to live there with Jean and returned to work for Hill Metal & Roofing for a little over a year. He then went to work at Western Electric Company in Allentown, initially as a Sheetmetal Worker and later in as a Supervisor, until his retirement in 1981. Stanley and Jean moved to Lower Macungie in 1999, settling there at the “Fairways of Brookside” near Macungie. They had two sons, Richard and Larry who, with their families, made their residence in Lehigh County. Stanley has made it a point to attend annual reunions with surviving shipmates throughout the country whenever he can. In 1977 *USS Hazard* was purchased by a group of Omaha businessmen and is on display as a national historic landmark in Freedom Park along the Missouri River in Omaha, Nebraska. Two of Stanley’s brothers, **Elmer H. Stauffer** and **Oscar F. Stauffer**, also served during World War II in the Army. His younger brother **Kenneth H. Stauffer** served in the Army during the Korean Conflict. Stanley’s parents were **Henry Peter Stauffer** (29 August 1892 – 13 August 1953) and **Mary Alice Eisenhard** (4 May 1893 – 12 November 1977); they had eight children.



*USS Hazard*