

Story #919 Bernard O’Hora

Seaman Bernard O’Hora (1923-1998) was a Mazomanie World War II veteran and a charter member of the Mazomanie Greening – Buelow American Legion Post #437.

Bernard enlisted in the Navy on February 24, 1943 and mustered out on February 18, 1946, having served three years. It is not known in which unit or where he served.

Bernard Antony O’Hora Jr. was born in Detroit MI on September 24, 1923 to Mazomanie born Detroit physician Bernard A. O’Hora Sr. and Ruth Nagle. He is found there with his family at the 1930 as a six year old. Bernard is a 16 year old living with his grandmother in Mazomanie at the 1940 US Census. His Detroit June 30, 1942 Draft Card listed him as 5’-10”, 155 # with a light complexion, brown hair and blue eyes. Bernard was listed as a student at Notre Dame University.

After the war, Bernard returned to Michigan, where he is found at the 1950 US Census of Ann Arbor MI. He is then a 26 year old university student. Bernard married Margaret Meehan (1924-2011) in St. Joseph IN on June 18, 1951. She was the daughter of Pontiac MI automobile factory supervisor Thomas Meehan and Gladys Wasalaski. Bernard was a medical doctor at Henry Ford Hospital of Midland MI until he retired to Mazomanie about 1990. He was also on the Michigan Board of Medicine. Bernard passed away in Mazomanie on October 9, 1998 and is buried in the New Calvary Cemetery of Midland MI with his wife. They had six children.

