

# ANTHONY FRANCIS DEMARIA, SR.

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**Anthony F. Demaria, Sr.** — affectionately called Mr. D by those closest to him — passed away December 31, 2017. He was surrounded by family and exactly where he wanted to be: the Demaria family home in San Pedro, California.

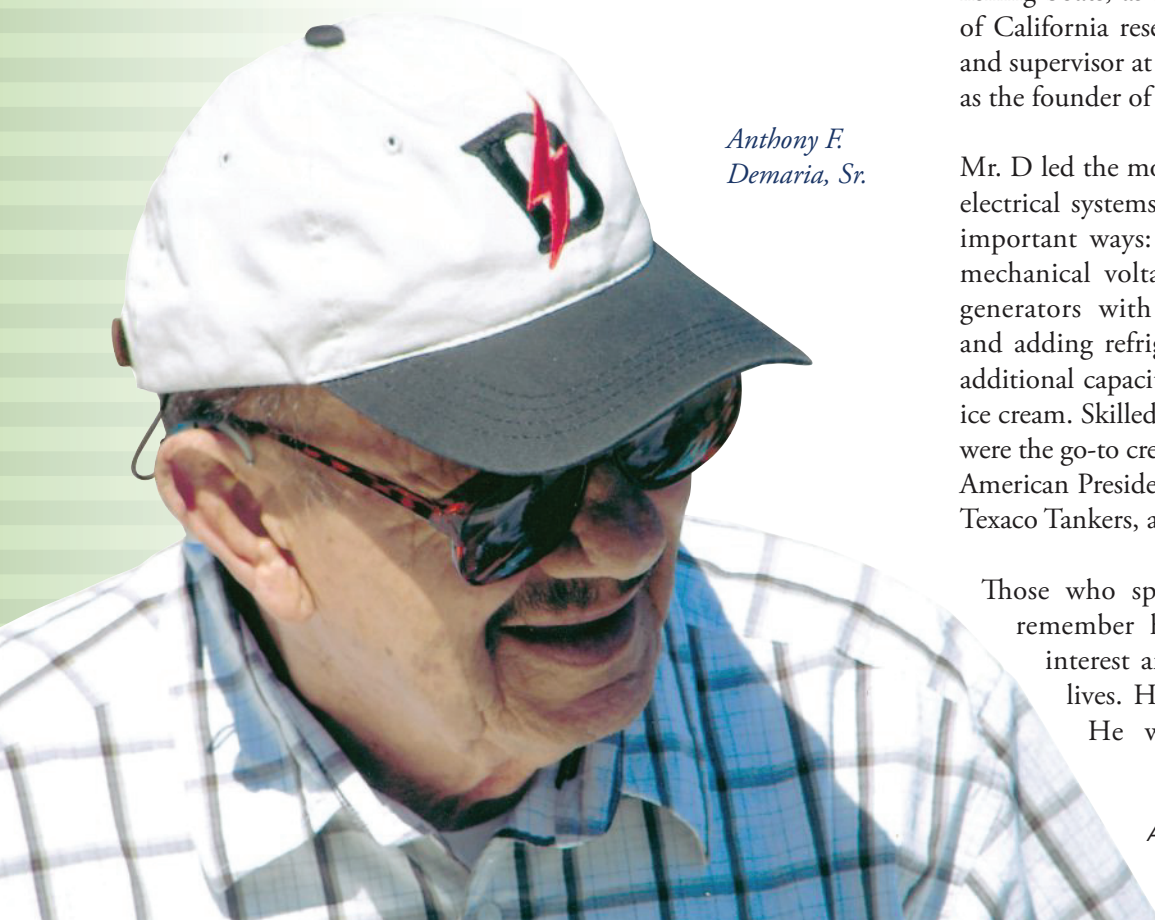
“I was born in San Pedro, and I’m going to die in San Pedro,” he said on more than one occasion. Mr. D was born there in 1925. His father, Nick, came to San Pedro in 1900, and Mr. D was proud that Demarias have lived in the town for 117 years.

Among those in electrical testing and maintenance, Mr. D was most well known for his work in the maritime and fishing industries. His career started in the Navy. He would go on to work with the U.S. Merchant Marine, the U.S. Coast Guard, aboard commercial fishing boats, as a marine engineer for a State of California research vessel, as an electrician and supervisor at Seaboard Electric, and finally as the founder of Demaria Electric.

Mr. D led the modernization and reliability of electrical systems on board ships in two very important ways: retrofitting the old electro-mechanical voltage regulators on shipboard generators with new solid-state regulators and adding refrigeration circuitry to provide additional capacity to cool produce and freeze ice cream. Skilled Demaria Electric electricians were the go-to crew for companies like Matson, American President Lines, Keystone Shipping, Texaco Tankers, and others.

Those who spent any time with Mr. D remember him better for his genuine interest and care about other people’s lives. He was truly a people person. He would talk to anyone —

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*Anthony F. Demaria, Sr. (middle) pictured with son, Anthony F. Demaria, Jr. (right), and grandson, Mathew Demaria (left) in front of the Nikola Tesla Museum in Belgrade, Serbia (former Yugoslavia) - July 1987*

acquaintances, employees, waiters, waitresses, clerks — and be sincerely interested in what they had to say. When he asked, “What’s going on?” it wasn’t rhetorical. He was asking because he cared.

Mr. D had many loves other than work. He had a thirst for knowledge and reading. He read every day. He loved planes, trains, and automobiles because they had engines. And he knew engines.

The Demaria family says only one person knew more about electricity than Mr. D: “Nikola Tesla, our dad’s hero.”



*Mr. D in Croatia, midway between Komiza and Biševo – July 1997*

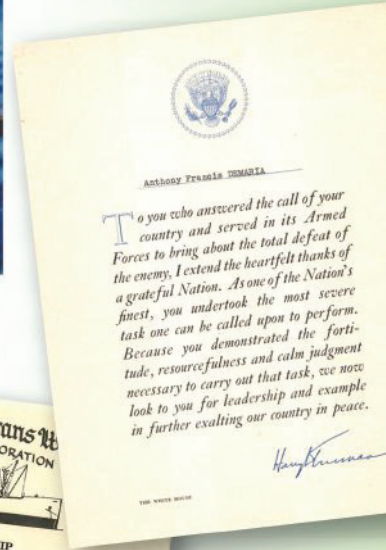
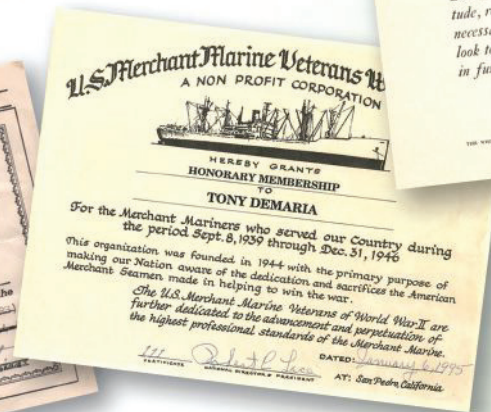
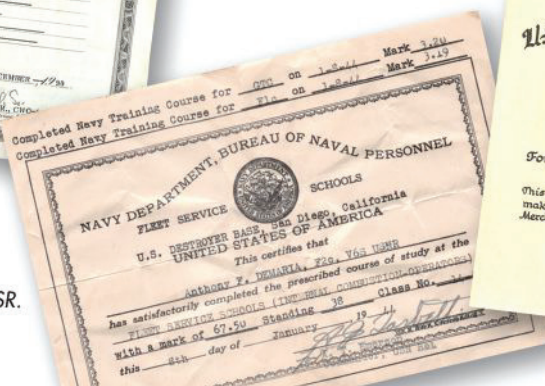
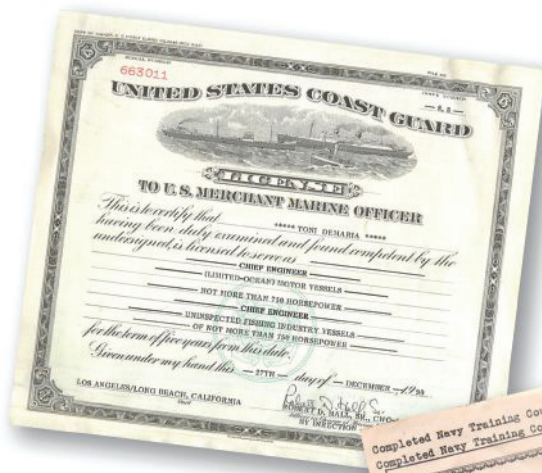
### **Certificates:**

*United States Coast Guard License to U.S. Merchant Marine Officer*

*Navy Department, Bureau of Naval Personnel Certificate for Completing Fleet Service Schools for Internal Combustion Operators*

*U.S. Merchant Marine Veterans World War II Honorary Membership certificate*

*President Harry S. Truman's Letter to Mr. D*



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