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On The Horizon



Navy names aircraft carrier after Pearl Harbor hero Doris Miller

On January 20, our nation celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a tribute to a beloved American civil rights icon. It was also a fitting day for the Navy to announce, at Pearl Harbor, that an aircraft carrier will be named after Mess Attendant 2nd Class Doris Miller. He was the first African American to receive the Navy Cross for valor, for his bravery aboard the USS West Virginia on December 7, 1941.

In those days, an African American was not even allowed to man a gun in the Navy. Yet Miller jumped into the fray and showed amazing courage in the face of Japan's unrelenting assault on Pearl Harbor, including:

- Carrying his captain, who had been mortally wounded, and other injured crew mates to a safer location
- Manning a .50-caliber Browning anti-aircraft machine gun and returning fire to attacking Japanese planes
- Continuing to fight until running out of ammo and being ordered to leave the bridge

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet, personally presented the Navy Cross to Miller on board the USS Enterprise in Pearl Harbor on May 27, 1942.

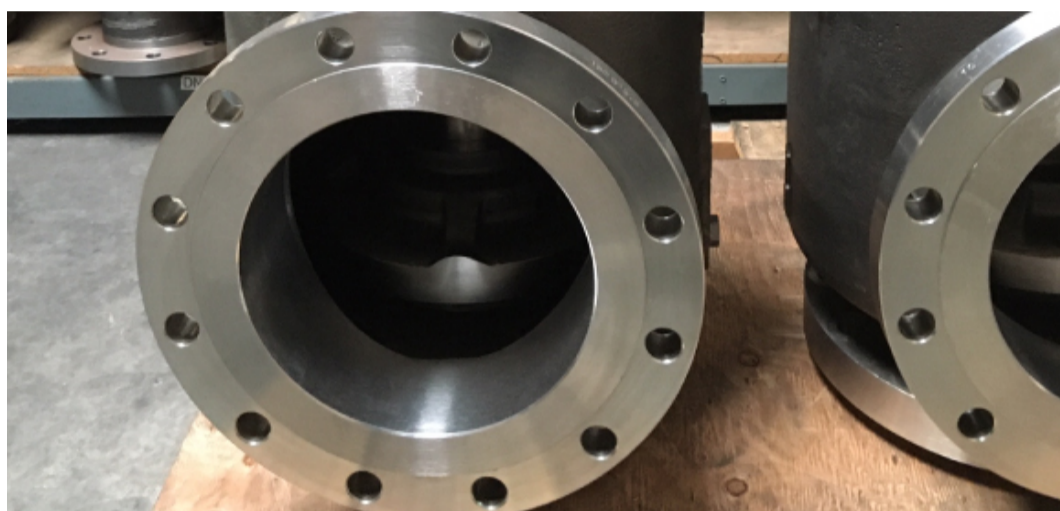
Miller, who died in 1943 when his ship was torpedoed by the Japanese during the American invasion of the Gilbert Islands, will become the first African American to have an aircraft carrier named after him.

"Without him really knowing, he actually was a part of the civil rights movement because he changed the thinking in the Navy," said Doreen Ravenscroft, a team leader for the Doris Miller Memorial. Many believe that Miller's heroics helped pave the way for the eventual integration of the armed forces during the Korean War.

Want to learn more about this fascinating American hero? Read the full article and tribute in the [Honolulu Star Advertiser](#).

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Trade Talk



Mission critical: Shaping valve designs to performance needs

As an article in [Offshore Engineer Magazine](#) reminds us, in offshore drilling and other potentially hazardous environments, equipment performance is crucial to both productivity and safety. For example, a blowout preventer (BOP) stack, which is a series of mechanisms designed to regulate pressure levels and shut in a well when required, is essential when experiencing control problems that could threaten worker and environmental safety.

Reliability is especially critical with massive subsea stacks, which can feature:

- Multiple ram and annular preventers
- Valves
- Actuators
- A myriad of critical pipework

However, like with many complex configurations in high-stakes production environments, the system is only as reliable as its least reliable component. Having to "pull" a stack and shut down operations because of a faulty control valve would be disastrous for productivity and profits. That's why valve design has to be spot-on.

Drillers demand, and deserve, valves designed and built to:

- Reflect their specific usage needs and overcome pressing performance challenges
- Minimize failure issues even among rugged, gritty environments
- Feature quick, easy maintenance during regular servicing schedules
- Offer "set it and forget it" simplicity and peace of mind

Discover how innovative valve manufacturers are creating durable, reliable designs that get the job done. Read the full article in [Offshore Engineer Magazine](#).

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Lisa's Letter

A salute to my grandparents on Dante's 60th anniversary

This year, we're celebrating the 60th anniversary of Dante Valve, a company founded by my resourceful and hard-working grandfather. I want to share some details on how our company began, because it's an interesting tale and a uniquely American success story.



From horse trainer to valve distributor

In 1960, my grandfather, Tom Dante, was a thoroughbred racehorse trainer based in Southern California. To augment his income, he started buying and reselling random government surplus items, including cars, trucks and industrial equipment. My grandpa was one of those people who could sell anything – he was smart, had a big personality and loved to connect with people and make a deal. He was "that guy."

Over time, Grandpa began selling more valve products, especially relief valves. It became a focus for his business, and the Dante name soon gained a reputation as a leading distributor of relief valves. "Dante Valve" was born. But that's only half the story.

Angie Dante – Venture Capitalist

My grandparents lived in Arcadia, California, in a beautiful neighborhood and home. But, being survivors of the Great Depression, they were both pragmatic and thrifty. While Grandpa was building the business, my Grandma Angie worked in a department store and saved every penny she earned. Every. Penny.



Grandpa had all his surplus purchases shipped directly to their home and as the company grew, inventory began piling up in and around the house. My Grandma grew tired of large spools of cable, pipe, valves and fittings in her driveway and finally demanded that Tom move his operation out of their home and into a warehouse. Tom's practice was to reinvest the money he earned back in the business. His eye was on the horizon, he was building something. Consequently, he had no money for a warehouse. So, who helped fund the move into the new facility? That's right – Grandma. In fact, with her hard-earned savings, Grandma provided ongoing financial backing as our small company kept growing.

Danco is born

The biggest leap came in the early 1980s. Tom and his two sons Chuck and Mike, saw an opportunity to manufacture relief valves for the U.S. military, and they seized it. Dante Valve started producing its own line of mil-spec valves under the Danco brand. And sure enough, Grandma helped finance our new production capabilities, like CNCs, test equipment and lathes.

Fast-forward 30-some years: We've gone from a fledgling, home-based distributor in Arcadia to a go-to expert in relief valves, with three locations and a global network of partners. Grandpa and Grandma would be proud.

To help celebrate our 60th year in business, we'll be traveling across the country and saying thank-you to our customers, partners and friends – all the people who've helped us grow and succeed. We'll also be unveiling a new logo and look. Watch for details in a special upcoming newsletter.

And, as we embark on our next 60 years and beyond, we're excited to implement our "Innovate and Automate" theme, with new IT initiatives, technologies and shop-floor automation systems that will drive greater efficiencies to benefit our customers. The future has never been brighter.

If you have questions about any of the topics in this email, or just want to say hi, contact me at lpapini@dantevalve.com. And as always, thank you for your support of Dante Valve!

Lisa Dante Papini
 President

Industry Happenings

Military

[SIBC Submarines Supplier Day](#)
 March 3-4, 2020 | Washington, DC

[ACIBC Action Days](#)
 March 18-19, 2020 | Washington, DC

[National Ship Repair Industry Conference](#)
 March 23-25, 2020 | Crystal City, VA

Commercial

[Valve Repair Meeting and Exposition](#)
 June 3-4, 2020 | Houston, TX

What A Relief!



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