



**SYMBOL OF LEADERSHIP**





*Official Presentation*  
**THE ARMY-NAVY**



*To All Employes*  
*of*  
*The Shell Plant*

**FLORENCE STOVE COMPANY**  
Kankakee, Illinois

*for*

*Outstanding Production*  
*of*  
*War Materials*

FEBRUARY 25th, 1944  
3:00 P.M.





DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON

19 January 1944

Mr. C. Herwig  
Florence Stove Company  
Shell Plant  
2207 West Station Street  
Kankakee, Illinois

Dear Mr. Herwig:

This is to inform you and all employees of the Shell Plant of the Florence Stove Company that the Army and Navy are conferring upon your plant the Army-Navy "A" Award for outstanding production of war materials.

Your effort, as shown by your remarkable production record, is helping our country along the road to victory. May I extend to you men and women of the Shell Plant of the Florence Stove Company my congratulations for accomplishing more than seemed reasonable or possible a year ago.

In conferring this award, the Army and Navy will give you a flag to fly above your plant, and will present to every individual within it a lapel pin symbolic of leadership on the production front.

Sincerely yours,

James Forrestal



# FLORENCE STOVE COMPANY



KANKAKEE DIVISION  
2207 WEST STATION STREET  
KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS  
January 24, 1944

The Honorable James Forrestal  
Under Secretary of the Navy  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Forrestal,

This is to acknowledge your letter of January 19, addressed to Mr. C. Herwig, and notifying us of the award of the Army-Navy E for outstanding production of war materials.

On behalf of the employees and the company I wish to thank you for this mark of appreciation. We realize this award is due to the conscientious and tireless effort of the employees, and it will be the cause of encouragement to them for the achievement of still greater results.

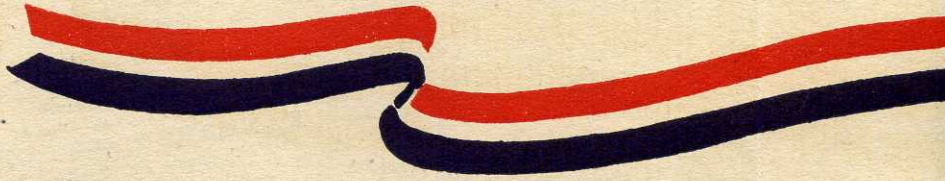
Very truly yours,

*W. J. Cooper*  
Vice President.

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# Program of Presentation



## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

THE HONORABLE HARRY L. TOPPING, Representative State of  
Illinois

## POSTING OF THE COLORS

Color Guard  
Co. G. 5th Inf. R. R. M. Ill. Reserve Militia

## AMERICA

## SIGNIFICANCE OF ARMY-NAVY "E" AWARD

THE HONORABLE HARRY L. TOPPING

## PRESENTATION OF AWARD

REAR ADMIRAL WILLARD A. KITTS, U. S. N., Ass't Chief, Bureau  
of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

## RAISING OF ARMY-NAVY "E" FLAG

Color Guard  
Co. G. 5th Inf. R. R. M. Ill. Reserve Militia

## ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD

W. L. COOPER, Vice-President, Florence Stove Company  
FRED KELLAR, Int'l Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers and  
Helpers, Local 618

Singing Led By:  
GEORGE E. PIERSOL

Music by:  
U. S. NAVY BAND  
Great Lakes Naval Training Station



# of Presentation



## PRESENTATION OF "E" PINS

MAJOR G. D. DEARLOVE, U. S. A., Chicago Ordnance District

## TO RECEIVE "E" PINS

AUGUST BRUMMITT, Representing Int'l Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers, Local 438

EMMA BYRNES, Representing Stove Mounters Union of North America, Local 32

FRANKLIN A. FORTIN, Representing Int'l Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers, Local 296

VERONICA GARSKI, Representing Int'l Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers and Helpers, Local 93

ELMER G. RAVENS, Representing Int'l Association of Machinists, Local 1122

VERA I. ROAT, Representing Office Employees

## ACCEPTANCE OF "E" PINS

ELMER G. RAVENS, for the employes

## TAPS

In honor of our fellow workers who have given their lives for their Country

## STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Singing Led By:

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## WHAT THE ARMY-NAVY "E" AWARD MEANS

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**T**HE ARMY-NAVY PRODUCTION AWARD presented today to the employes of the SHELL PLANT of FLORENCE STOVE COMPANY is a joint recognition by our armed forces of exceptional performance in war production.

The origin of this coveted award dates back to 1906, when the Navy instituted in the Fleet an award for excellence in gunnery. Later this award was made for outstanding performance in engineering, communications and other activities in which various units of the Navy excelled all others.

Following Pearl Harbor there came a demand for war production such as the world has never known; also a realization that our fighting forces and the men and women in American industry are partners in a great struggle for human freedom; and with it arose a grim resolve to work and fight together—for each other—until victory is final and complete. From this was created the Army-Navy Production Award, a symbol of appreciation by the Army and Navy for exceptional performance in the production of vital war materials. In making this award, the Armed Forces of our country acknowledge their dependence upon the great army of men and women on the production front—upon the capital which provides production facilities—upon the management which coordinates, directs and engineers these activities—and, above all, upon the patriotism of all Americans and their will to win.

This flag which you see raised here today, has not been easily won, nor will it be lightly regarded or soon forgotten. On it there is space for the addition of service stars—one star for each six-months period in which our record of high production is continued. It is our solemn pledge that we shall continue to earn the right to have this banner flying from our flagstaff, and to merit additional service stars until final victory is achieved.



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Elaine Margaret Tetrault  
Esther Louise Voudrie

Betty Shaw  
Dorothy M. Stagner  
Helen N. Toler

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Raymond Ranz

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