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Lieutenant Carl Fredrick Tauch

Carl Tauch was born on November 24, 1899 in Chicago, Illinois. He moved to Marquette as a young child with his parents, Edward and Louise Tauch. Carl graduated from Marquette High School and attended college in Marquette where he was captain of the football and basketball teams. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Marquette post of the American Legion.

Carl served with the 409th Engineers in World War I and was a Navy Air Corps Lieutenant Commander during World War II.

Carl began his flying career in the 1920's. He instructed Royal Air Force cadets in military combat maneuvers and procedures during 1940-1941. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, he took a leave of absence from Pan American Airways and joined the United States Navy. The Navy was desperate for experienced pilots and accepted him even though he was over age.

He flew multi-engine land planes "Trans-Continental" for a year before being assigned to a seaplane squadron. While flying seaplanes, he traveled between such locales as Wake, Midway, Guam, Kwajalin, Saipan, Manila, Tokyo, Sydney and Brisbane, Australia, and Auckland, New Zealand. He flew for the Navy until World War II ended in 1945. That same year Carl joined the Civil Aeronautics Administration as an Inspector. Working out of

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LaGuardia and Idle Wilde Airports, he supervised the scheduled operations of U.S. Air Carriers and checked pilots for certification and competence.

Carl was later based in Lima, Peru where he was responsible for South America. He then moved back to Idle Wilde for a short time before spending several years in San Juan, Puerto Rico covering the Caribbean, Northern South America, and Trinidad. This concluded Carl's flying career, "hanging up his earphones", after logging over 20,000 air hours. At this time his Airline Pilots Certificate showed his qualifications to fly "the works"- both single and multi-engine land and/or seaplanes, helicopters, "lighter-than-air", etc.

Carl spent his retirement years in Jacksonville, Florida where he passed away in 1973 at the age of 74. He is buried in Marquette's Park Cemetery.

He once wrote "All power to you young men - 'fly high, fly fast, fly far.'"

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