



DESTROYER ESCORT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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USS STERN - Van ZIJLL

Accompanying Questions

1. Why was the ship named for Charles Stern?
2. What was the job of Destroyer Escorts in WWII, and why were they built?
3. In July 1945, what was STERN's main job? Was she successful? How?
4. For what reason would the United States give ships to the government of the Netherlands after WWII?
5. Who was the ship named after once it was transferred to Netherlands?
6. What advantages allowed the USS STERN to down aircraft so effectively? How are the USS STERN, USS SLATER, and the Netherlands connected?
7. How many planes did USS STERN defeat during WWII?