

## General Information

### OBITUARY



### VICE-ADMIRAL ORLANDO AUGUSTO AMARAL AFFONSO

Vice-Admiral Orlando Augusto Amaral Affonso was born in the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on August 24th, 1924. He was promoted to midshipman in 1946 and, after a successful career was promoted to Vice-Admiral in 1978.

Graduating from the Naval Academy as a Bachelor of Naval Sciences, he completed the Course of Hydrography and Navigation for Officers in the Brazilian Directorate of Hydrography and Navigation (DHN) with summa cum laude in 1953. Among various courses he achieved summa cum laude for the Command and General Staff Course and the Naval Higher Studies in the Brazilian Naval War College.

He served on various Brazilian ships, being Captain of hydrographic and oceanographic surveying ships, as well as Chief of Commission of numerous hydrographic surveys, both in Brazilian national waters and abroad in conjunction with operations with foreign navies.

His shore service included a high level leadership and advisory activities, being the Brazilian National Hydrographer from 1975 to 1978. His last professional appointment was as IHB Director from 1982 to 1987.

Admiral Orlando Affonso was author of numerous articles and papers on hydrography and oceanography, mainly addressed to the Brazilian national maritime policies and sea resources.

He participated in numerous scientific societies including the U.S. Naval Institute, Founding Member of the Brazilian Cartography Association, Member of the National Geographic Council of Brazil, Member of the Pan-American Institute for Geography and History, Secretary General to the Oceanographic Commission of the National Research Council, Chairman of the Oceanography Committee of the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development and Interministerial Commission for Sea Resources of the Brazilian Government.

He received numerous decorations including the World War II Medal.

Admiral Orlando Affonso died on 25th October 2009 of pneumonia and septicemia at the Brazilian Naval Hospital Marcílio Dias.