

## General Information

### OBITUARY



### VICE-ADMIRAL ALBERTO DOS SANTOS FRANCO

Vice Admiral Alberto dos Santos Franco was born in the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 5<sup>th</sup> December 1913.

In 1933, he was promoted to Midshipman and, after a successful naval career, was promoted to Rear Admiral in 1961.

He graduated from the Naval Academy with a Bachelor's Degree in Naval Sciences, and completed the Course of Hydrography and Navigation for Officers at the Brazilian Directorate of Hydrography and Navigation (DHN) in 1937.

He served on a number of Brazilian ships, and was in command of hydrographic surveying ships, as well as Chief of Commission of many hydrographic surveys. During the war years 1944-1945, he served as Executive Officer on the warships - Corvette *Cabedelo* and the Destroyer *Beberibe*.

His shore service embraced a range of high level posts, faculty, and advisory activities, including a term as an IHB Director from 1962 to 1967.

Upon his return to Brazil, he was appointed Coordinator of the former Brazilian National Space Activities Commission, and in 1970 he was nominated Director of the Oceanographic Institute of the University of São Paulo (IOUSP). From 1974 to 2009 he worked as an advisor to various institutions on projects related to tides, which included the concept and production of tidal prediction software.

Admiral Santos Franco was the author of innumerable articles, papers and books on hydrography and oceanography, mainly concerning tides, and was recognized as an international reference on the subject.

He was awarded a number of decorations amongst which the Conrado Wessel Foundation Award in Applied Sciences to Water and a World War II Medal.

Admiral Santos Franco died in the city of São Paulo, Brazil on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 as a result of a multiple organ dysfunction.

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