

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Sergeant Edwin I. Adolphson, Jr.
Served with the Honolulu Police Department
September 1, 1939 to May 31, 1966

Edwin "Buddy" Adolphson is considered one of the most honored police officers in the United States, credited with saving the lives of more than 100 people--swimmers, surfers, fishermen, boaters, and hikers.

Sergeant Adolphson was the only person assigned to the Safety Patrol and spent most of this time on the North Shore. In addition to his regular police gear, he had a surfboard, medical kit, resuscitator, rope, and equipment for mountain rescues.

Sergeant Adolphson's numerous honors include the U.S. Army Pacific Command's Military Honor of Loyal Companions, Australian Bronze Medallion, Carnegie Hero Fund Commission's Bronze Medal, National Police Officers Association Medal of Merit, and the HPD Merit Award First Class. He was inducted into the National Police Hall of Fame, and he is the first officer to receive the departmental flag for outstanding heroism.