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## **Pearl Harbor survivor, civic legend Jack Hammett receives Mayor's Award**

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—Jack Hammett has been chosen by Mayor Gary Monahan as the August 2011 recipient of the Costa Mesa Mayor's Award, which recognizes individuals in the community who have performed an outstanding act, service or good deed.

Hammett, who served in the U.S. Navy for 22 years and survived the attack on Pearl Harbor, had a remarkable second career as a successful Costa Mesa businessman and one of Costa Mesa's most civic-minded citizens whose good work spanned more than four decades.

He worked for 26 years as administrator for Bristol Park Medical Group and was instrumental in getting the health center built and assisting thousands of people in improving their health and bettering their lifestyle;

His involvement in civic life included serving in the Costa Mesa Police Reserves, on the Planning Commission, Costa Mesa City Council, as Mayor, and on the boards of nonprofits such as the United Fund, the Rotary Club, and Chamber of Commerce—work that earned him many deserved honors such as the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce's "Man of the Year" award and the Orange County Bar Assn.'s "Government Service Award."

Hammett's service wasn't confined to Costa Mesa. He served in several state organizations, including Gov. Ronald Reagan's Advisory Committee on Physicians Assistants, the state Board of Medical Assurance, and the California Aeronautics Board.

Hammett will be honored at Tuesday's City Council meeting. The award presentation will take place in the Council Chambers at Costa Mesa City Hall at 6 p.m.