

**BROCKTON, 1913**  
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**ADMIRAL FRED E. BAKUTIS**

**Named Newly Discovered Territory in Antarctica as “Brockton,USA, Antarctica”**

**Only Navy Officer to Command Naval Forces at Both Ends of the World**

**Fred Bakutis grew up in the “Lithuanian Village” section of Brockton which was home to many Lithuanian immigrants and their families.**

**After graduating from Brockton High School and the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, he began a distinguished career which included service as a highly decorated Navy fighter pilot in World War II and as commander of Naval forces at both the North and South Poles. He also led a Naval task force that recovered the Apollo 10 astronauts.**

**While serving in Antarctica, Bakutis discovered a new territory and named it “Brockton, USA, Antarctica” in honor of his beloved hometown. In 1967, Brockton Assistant City Solicitor Henry Frenette, representing Mayor Jack Sims, presented a time capsule containing Brockton memorabilia to Commander Robert O. Doherty of the United States Navy. The time capsule is on site in Antarctica and is scheduled to be opened in 2067.**

**The Brockton, USA, Antarctica Naval Station is operational today providing regular weather reports and is still valued as an important part of our national defense program.**

**Courtesy of Register of Deeds John R. Buckley, Jr.  
and Attorney David P. Frenette**

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