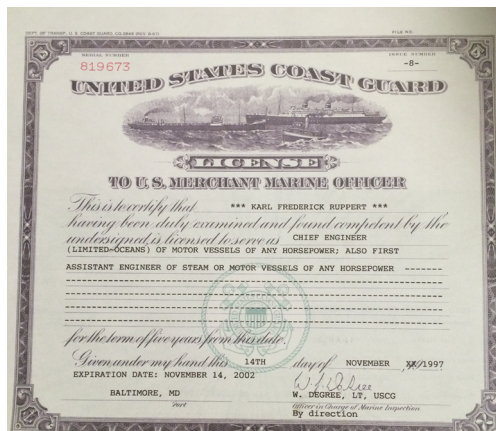
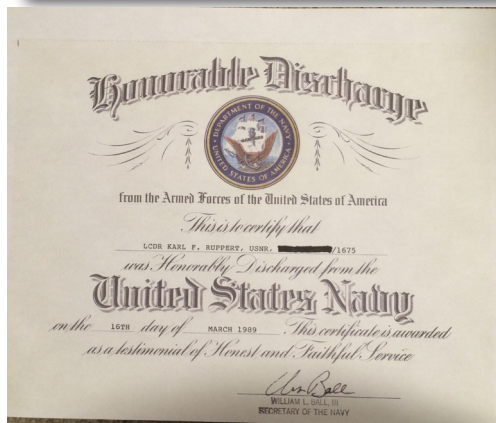


# LHS65 Military Veterans

## *Karl F. Ruppert*



*I went to the Univ. of Md. for 2 years. I then transferred to the Calhoun MEBA Engineering School and upon graduation, sailed for 30 years in the Merchant Marine. During that period of time, I earned a Dual Chief Engineers License for Steam and Diesel, Unlimited/Horsepower. I received a direct commission, thru the Merchant Marine, into the U.S. Navy. I served for 12 years and came out as a Lt. Cmdr (O-4). I have served on over 100 Merchant and Navy ships during my career. I have been in multiple Military campaigns, in direct and support roles, with the Merchant Marine, DoD, MSC and the U.S. Navy. I have been married for 39 wonderful years and have one Son, who is also married. I currently work full time and enjoy every minute of it! My schedule is such that I get 6 days off out of every 14 days total!!!*



# LHS65 Military Veterans

## *Ken Boyer*



### USN/USNR 1968-1990

- Enlisted USNR, February, 1968, Naval Reserve Center, Baltimore
- Boot Camp - Great Lakes April 1968
- Afloat Training, August 1968 - USS J.D. Blackwood, DE-219



### *Boot Camp, Great Lakes, IL - 1968*

- Communications Technician (Collection) "A" School January – June 1969, Naval Communications Training Center, Pensacola, Florida
- Called to Active Duty, October 1969
- Sent to Naval Radio Station (R), Sabana Seca, Puerto Rico, December 1969. Command disestablished and reestablished as Naval Security Group Activity, Sabana Seca in July 1971
- Released from Active Duty, September 1971
- Returned to active drilling status, September 1971 at Naval Reserve Center, Baltimore
- Promoted to Chief Petty Officer, October 1976
- Over the next 18 ½ years, Training Duties at various stations including, NSA, CIN-CLANTFLT Cryptologic Staff, USS Newport News CA-148, NSGA Homestead, FL and 6th Fleet Cryptologic Support Group, Rota, Spain.

# LHS65 Military Veterans

## *Ken Boyer (Cont'd)*



*Favorite Navy moment #1 -- February 1988 re-enlistment oath by LCDR Ray Boyer*



*Favorite Navy moment #2 -- Upon retirement: COMNAVSECGRU Meritorious Service Award*

- *Helped develop what eventually became a nation-wide Navy Reserve mission in support of active duty units.*
- *First Reservist awarded Naval Security Group Bronze Level II Morse Code Proficiency Award.*
- *Awarded Navy Achievement Medal for professional achievement while serving as Unit Training Officer*
- *Awarded Commander, Naval Security Group Command Meritorious Service Award at Retirement*
- *Transferred to Retired Navy Reserve Status, February 1990*
- *Transferred to US Navy Retired, September 2007*



# LHS65 Military Veterans

## Tony West



*Active Duty: 1966 - 1970  
Inactive Reserves: 1970 - 1972*

*Boot Camp -- 1966  
Great Lakes, IL*



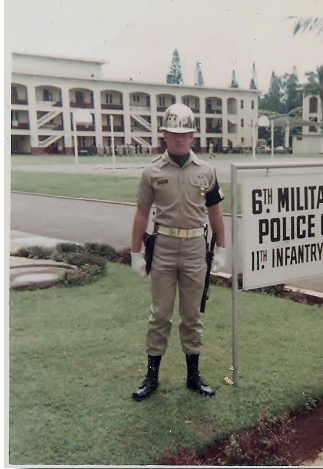
*Tony West entered the U.S. Navy in July 1966. After boot camp in Great Lakes, IL, he reported aboard the USS Decatur (DDG-31) as a part of her nucleus crew in Newport, RI. His specialty was RADAR. He became a plank owner when the Decatur was commissioned in April 1967 in Boston, MA. The Decatur traversed from Boston, MA to Long Beach, CA (new home port). He rode the Decatur during two WestPacs (Western Pacific cruises) to Vietnam.*

*He was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea, 1968), the Vietnam Republic, the Vietnam Service (with 2 clusters) and the National Defense service medals. Tony received his honorable discharge after leaving the Decatur in 1970 as an E-5.*

*He is the current President of the USS Decatur Association (2006-present), a member of the Tin-Can Sailors Association and a member of the American Legion Post 39.*

# LHS65 Military Veterans

## *Jim Daucher*



*Schofield Barracks, HI  
1966 - 1967*



- 1966 -- Jim enlisted into the U.S. Army.
- 8 weeks of basic training at Fort Gordon, Georgia
- 8 weeks of Military Police training, Fort Gordon, Georgia
- 1966 -1967 assigned to 6TH MP CO which later became part of the 11th Infantry Bri-

*gade, Americal Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii*

- 1968 sent to Vietnam. Spent 6 months at LZ Bronco, Duc Pho with the 11th Infantry Brigade
- Spent 6 months at LZ Bayonet, Chu Lai with the 198th Infantry Brigade
- Discharged as a SP4 in December of 1968



*A Village north of Chu Lai, Vietnam  
1968*



*Vietnam Service and Republic*



*11th Infantry Brigade*



*Americal*



*198th Infantry Brigade*

# LHS65 Military Veterans

## *Edgar Caillouet III*

- I tried to avoid the draft by joining the Air Force, but I still spent more than a year with the army. The meningitis outbreak in February 66 delayed my enlistment, and travel to Lackland, and the day before or after I would have been at Amarillo. Most of the first week was spent in semi-quarantined status for my basic training. I was awarded a promotion to E2 on completion. I was paid \$2 more a month, but it raised me into the next tax bracket, so I received \$2 less each month.
- I passed the basic electronics course at Fort Monmouth in New Jersey, but received orders to relocate to Kessler in Mississippi. I completed the Microwave 42 week course in 35 weeks previous training. I was awarded a three level, and promotion to E3. (This allowed me to work with Hugh's Scarecrow group, and later development to acceptance testing of the B2 radar system without radar training.)
- I was sent to Tinker in Oklahoma, where I studied, and passed the five level test. I also received my



secret clearance, shots, survival training, and passport for an oversea assignment in northern Greece.

- I spent a year assigned to Agyroupolis with the Army at a Nato Base. We did the operation and maintenance on the microwave and shortwave (Ham band) equipment thirty mile from the Bulgarian and Yugoslav border. We were there, when the King attempted to regain the rule of his country (Greek counter coup), and later for the Greek-Turkish crises. I signed a three year extension for Germany. They were market in the witnessing officer's spaces, so I erased, and signed the correct spaces, and was promoted to E4.
- I was assigned to the field repair unit at Ramstien, where some time was spent on high value soldering and digital logic schools, when not repairing microwave equipment. (The digital logic allowed me to get a job

with Bendix to support Apollo 16 and 17, and Skylab with computer like equipment at the Goldstone Site.) I was given a re-up speech that reminded us of 1 year in 4 was spent at a remote isolated site and most likely being retrained on a stateside assignment, plus the change of the VRB from 4 to 1. (I then became a twenty year man of 4 in and 16 out.) I was sent TDY to the Autovon site at Feldberg. It was about a hundred yards north of the Roman wall running through Germany. I helped to reconfigure telephone lines on the mainframe for a month. We were barracked at the Army's Camp King below the Autovon site, since the Air Force was short on money.

- I was soon transferred to the Autovon site with less than 6 months left in the service possibly illegally. The sergeant doing the paper work almost asked me to resign the extension, when he said, "I would not be allowed to rejoin, if I did not sign them." This was the closest that I remembered being asked to sign again. I spent two years on inactive before final discharge as Buck Sergeant (E4).

