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Frank Rueckert United States Navy

Frank Rueckert entered the United States Navy on July 17, 1967 in Kansas City, Missouri. He immediately went to Basic Training in San Diego, California. He served for July 1967 to January 1972. He held the rank of Petty Officer Second Class Fire Control Technician Missile.

During Frank's nine weeks of basic training, he learned order taking, firefighting on ships, use of a rifle, and calisthenics. He worked on test equipment of the Talos missile preparing for launch or load out to put on ships. He also worked at Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, California. Frank attended Fire Control A&B School at Bainbridge, Maryland, where he learned electronics of the weapons systems.

From July through December 1968, Frank was stationed at the Naval Inshore Operations Center Mare Island, Vallejo, California, where he trained on specialized equipment he would use to work on the Talos missile. He was then transferred back to Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, California, and where he remained until April 1971.

Frank was transferred to the *USS Long Beach (CGN-9)*, a Heavy Cruiser-Nuclear powered type of ship at Mare Island. He served on the *USS Long Beach* from April 1971 until January 1972. During that time, the shipyard refueled the ship and then it would go out Monday through Friday testing equipment and then ship the equipment overseas.

Frank was honorably discharged from Long Beach, California in January 1972. He received the National Defense and the Good Conduct Medals.

Frank worked for an automobile manufacturer for 23 years prior to his retirement. He attended Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been pastoring churches for 30 years.

Frank and his wife, Diane have been married for 41 years and have five children and 11 grandchildren.

Frank has been actively involved in the American Legion having been Commander, Adjutant, and Finance Officer.

Missouris Shoal Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Frank Rueckert as Patriot of the Month for his dedication and service to our great nation.