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Patriot of the Month



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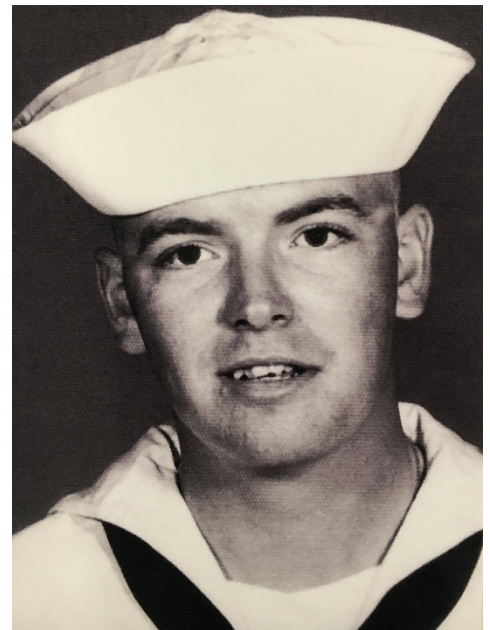


Bruce G. Hoffman

United States Navy

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Bruce G. Hoffman enlisted in the United States Navy in January 1968, attending basic training at Naval Training Center San Diego, CA and additional training at Naval Station Great Lakes, IL. Bruce was assigned to Class Harbor Utility Craft *YFU-78*, Lighterage Division at US Naval Support Activity Da Nang, Republic of South Vietnam.



The most memorable event during Bruce's entire Navy experience occurred in February 1969, when enemy rocket fire struck *YFU 78* and it immediately began to sink. Bruce, who was playing cards in the mess deck was able to direct disoriented crewmembers to the port hatch. Severely injured, he was evacuated to Guam. After convalescing in Guam, Bruce was assigned to *USS Reclaimer (ARS 42)* performing rescue/salvage work in Vietnam.

Bruce is a Purple Heart recipient and was honorably discharged in November 1971.

In civilian life, Bruce obtained degrees in photography and psychology. He eventually returned to Missouri where he was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, VFW and American Legion. In recent years he has joined with other veterans as part of Heroes for Heroes, an organization to assist veterans in ways other organization don't.

Nodaway Daughters are very proud of Petty Officer Bruce G. Hoffman and honored to recognize him as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to his community and our great nation.