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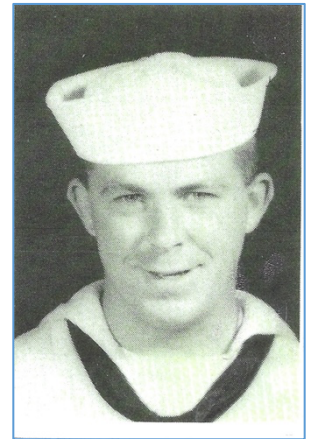
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Raymond H. Langston

United States Navy

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Raymond H. Langston enlisted in the Navy in April 1967. He was sent to basic training in Chicago, Illinois at the Great Lakes Naval Station for six weeks. He was then sent to Naval Air Base in Memphis, Tennessee for a nine week course in Jet Mechanics training to become a jet mechanic. Upon graduation he was sent to Naval Air Station Moffett Field base in Mountain View, California where he spent the remainder of his career.

Raymond was assigned to the VP-1 training squadron. He worked daily on the P-3 planes pulling maintenance to ensure the safety of the plane, or jet, to get them up and flying. Each of these planes have four engines and at times he had to pull the complete engines out to work on them. Before he worked on the airplane or jet, he had to empty the fuel, for safety reasons, and after the fuel tanks were empty he would fuel them back up again. Raymond was stationed at Moffett Field Hangar One. This was a HUGE hangar that was also used for Blimps. Hangar One is one of the world's largest freestanding structures covering 8 acres. The hangar was constructed in 1931 and is now considered a Naval Historical Monument.

Raymond enjoyed working the evening shifts. The benefits of working the evening shifts meant you could go to the mess hall and the cooks on duty would make you whatever you wanted to eat. He felt really spoiled on these occasions.

He was very proud to wear his uniform but was saddened when he was told to never wear it off base or at an airport when he was going home. This was during the Vietnam War and times were different then. Raymond said he would proudly serve again!

Raymond was Honorably discharged from the Navy in January 1971 with the rank of Petty Officer.

After his military service Ray worked as a Draftsman at Missouri Utilities in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Then in 1976 he was transferred to Eldon Missouri where his position with Missouri Utilities, the Union Electric, as an Engineer Assistant. Eventually he was transferred to Jefferson City, MO when Ameren bought out Union Electric. He retired in 2000 with over 30 years in the Utilities business.

Raymond is a member of the United Methodist Church. He has been a member of the Jaycees and the Lions Club.

Raymond has been married to his loving wife, Debbie, for over 51 years. They have raised three wonderful children. Angie, Mike, and Patrick. They have nine grandchildren. Two of their grandsons are currently serving in the U.S. Air Force.

Jane Randolph Jefferson Daughters are proud to recognize Petty Officer Raymond H. Langston, Ret. as Patriot of the Month and extend appreciation for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.