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Devin Hibbitts

United States Navy

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Lieutenant Commander Devin Hibbitts enlisted into the US Navy as a Cryptologic Technician operator. Upon graduation from basic training, he was assigned to the Naval Technical Training Center, Pensacola, Florida. He attributes his family's patriotic service as his reason for joining, but not the Army as did his family before him. He attributes the Navy recruiter's natural ability and ease of conversation as one reason he chose the Navy over the other branches of service.

His career spanned 28 years, during which time he served in numerous stateside locations and overseas.

Devin recalls that his most enjoyable time was in the 1990s in Anchorage, Alaska. He was assigned to Naval Security Group Detachment One and Detachment Seven as a special operator conducting field deployments in support of USSTRATCOM and Naval Information Warfare Activity. During his tours, he received extensive firearms training, at the Smith & Wesson Academy & Anchorage Police Department SWAT unit, earning designation as a Range Master and Combat Firearms Instructor. He was a Heavy Equipment Operator/Trainer, Vehicle Control Officer and managed the Blanket Purchase Agreements for both Detachments.

Although he was not initially interested in college when he graduated from high school, Devin eventually participated in the Enlisted Commissioning Program and attended the Naval Science Institute in Rhode Island. He continued on to North Carolina State University, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude, earning a BS in Agricultural Extension and Education. He was commissioned an Ensign, U. S. Navy in December 2001.

His best advice to anyone thinking of joining the military is to take advantage of every opportunity and resource, and to "never accept defeat." To those already in the military, he advises, "people are your greatest asset," and "never expect what you wouldn't do yourself."

Devin's personal awards include the Air Medal (1 Strike/Flight award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation medal (5), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medal, Joint Service Achievement medal and various other unit and service awards.

Among his hobbies are classic cars and trucks, and he relates he has even been a rodeo clown. He and his wife make their home in West Plains, Missouri.

Ozark Spring Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Lieutenant Commander Devin Hibbitts as Patriot of the Month for his very patriotic and dedicated service to our great nation.

