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Patriot of the Month

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David Blackburn

United States Navy

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Dave Blackburn enlisted in the Navy March 5, 1971. He attended the Defense Language School in Monterey, California for 47 weeks learning Bulgarian. After language school, he was sent to San Angelo Airforce Base in Texas for further language instruction.

Dave was stationed at the Naval Communication Station in Rota, Spain as a Communication Technician Intelligence (CTI). The mission was to support the operation of the U.S. Mediterranean fleet.



The most interesting thing Dave said he experienced while in the Navy was meeting his Bulgarian Instructor at the Defense Language Institute, who fought against the Yugoslavian partisans in World War II. The stories that gentleman could tell.

The best advice he received was to do the best you can do on your placement test.

After being released from the service, Dave attended the University of Alabama where he received a master's degree in Student Personnel/Counseling. He later attended Murray State University where he obtained an MBA.

He has worked in Higher Education throughout his career.

Dave has been married to Anne Blackburn, his wife for 48 years and has one daughter. Both his wife and daughter are members of the Webster Groves DAR Chapter.