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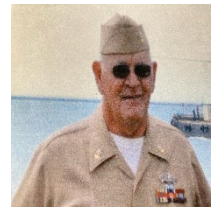


## Richard Theodore Warner

United States Navy

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Richard Warner at age 17, two days after High School Graduation, enlisted in the United States Navy on May 17, 1959. After completing Boot Camp and Electrician Mate School in San Diego, CA he was stationed in Pearl Harbor, HI. His first ship assignment was on a destroyer, the USS Joyce DER 317 where he traveled between Pearl Harbor and Alaska for 30 days out then returning for a two week leave. His job duties included keeping the radar and electrical equipment free of ice, watching the radar and listening for any Russian activity in their area. After six months the ship was decommissioned. He then spent the next 2½ years as flight deck electrician on the aircraft carrier USS Bon Homme Richard in SE Asia. Other duties would take him and another shipmate on a transport boat escorting 2 CIA advisors up the Da Nang River.



In 1983 Richard rejoined the US Navy as a Construction Electrician CE3 with NMCB-15 Det 1315 in St Joseph, MO. When this Det closed he transferred to Omaha, Neb. Det 0515 until retirement in 2001. While in the Navy and Seabees, he traveled to 9 countries and 16 states in the US. He helped build roads, houses and hospitals in Haiti and on Native American Indian Reservations in the US. An interesting job was along the US Mexican Border installing high power lines with 1,000-watt light bulbs. Richard was a US Deputy for 6 weeks on that job, giving him ability to detain illegal immigrants until Border Patrol arrived. He had many stories about his travels and the most difficult he saw was how the deceased were treated in Haiti and the best was while on leave in London he walked the same stones that Ceasar had walked upon.

Positions Richard held with the Battalion were:

Det 1315 APG/SAM Coordinator, Det 1315 PRCP Coordinator, Det 1315 Safety Petty Officer, Bravo Company LPO, Operations Department LPO, and Battalion CB Vet Coordinator.

Because of his leadership qualities Richard was chosen "Seabee Of The Year" for two consecutive years. Other awards he had received were:

1. Joint Service Commendation Medal
2. Navy Achievement Medal 4 Stars
3. Navy Battle E Ribbon with 3Es
4. Good Conduct Medal
5. Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal with Bronze Hourglass and M

6. National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star
7. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
8. Armed Forces Reserve Medal
9. Expert Rifleman Medal
10. Sharpshooter Pistol Medal

He spoke the best piece of advice anyone ever gave him was to obtain as much schooling as you can. Take every class available where your interest lies, you will never regret it. Richard is proof as his civilian career was an extension of his military career, a self-employed Electrical Contractor, now retired!

Richard has been and still is very involved in the rural community where he lives. He holds a life membership in the American Legion Post 256, VFW Post 442, the Naval Reserve Association and LA Société 40 and 8. He is a very active member of the Graham Lions Club with numerous positions and honors since 2007. He has been involved with Nodaway County and the local community in various organizations and positions over 40 years. He and his wife Ruth of 60 years were nominated for Grand Marshall of the Nodaway County Fair this past summer. They have 3 children, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Richard's oldest son Richard II followed in his dad's and uncles' footsteps joining the Coast Guard. There is one thing very special about our DAR Veteran, he grew up going to DAR meetings with his mother, Catherine Linville who was from Nodaway County. It has been a pleasure getting to know Richard's history, I must conclude he is a true patriot to both God and Country.