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JANEE PROBST
UNITED STATES NAVY
SEPTEMBER 17, 1989 – SEPTEMBER 17, 1993
AVIATION MACHINISTS MATE

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Janee Probst enlisted in the Navy and served from September 17, 1989, to September 17, 1993. She trained at the Naval Training Center in Orlando, Florida, which has since been closed. She was supposed to train as a Navy Military Police (MP), but this was changed to an Aviation Machinists Mate because Airmen were needed more than MPs. She worked on airplane engines. Other duties she was assigned included tool room, plane captain, and duty driver.

She was sent to Miramar, Florida, where she walked the same halls as Tom Cruise when he was filming Top Gun. While there she got to see the F-14s training. She said their formation flights were particularly spectacular.

In the Philippines, Subic Bay was her next destination, the largest overseas military installation until 1992. It had the largest volume of sales and the largest volume of fuel of any naval facility in the world. While there Mount Pinatubo erupted and typhoons and earthquakes hit the base. They were without water for a month. They had to find the "Water Buffalo", a water truck that had several potable waters for various purposes but had to be hunted down for each water need. They had no electricity for several months, but neither situation prevented them from performing their duties. The Philippines, being an island, emphasized the power and size of the Pacific, which she says is a very big ocean. While in the Philippines, Janee met the man who would become her husband twelve years later.

Janee's next assignment was Moffett Federal Airfield located in Mountain View, California where she worked on airplane engines, and did duties around the airplanes. For her service, she earned a Joint Meritorious Service Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation, A Navy Battle "E", Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Ribbon, a Naval Defense Service Medal, a Good Conduct Ribbon, and a Persian Gulf War Ribbon for Desert Storm.

When Janee entered the Navy, she was very shy. She says her experience in the Navy gave her the confidence to find out what she was capable of. She is convinced most people can do much more than they think they can. The Navy Motto, Honor Courage, Commitment, meant something to her. She was glad to serve and would do it again.

Janee married her Navy man and they have three children, two boys and a girl. She is the Director of the Family Search Center in Platte City, Missouri. She is a member of the Platte Purchase Chapter, NSDAR, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).