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**PATRIOT OF THE MONTH  
MAY 2025**



**DONALD EUGENE CHERVEN**  
**UNITED STATES NAVY**  
**DECEMBER 6, 1972 – DECEMBER 1976**  
**HT3 HULL MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN**  
**PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS FIREMAN**

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Donald "Don" Eugene Cherven enlisted in the United States Navy on December 6, 1972, in San Diego, California. Boot training consisted of fire fighting at Treasure Island, California. Damage control was held in San Diego, California.

In 1973, Don was assigned to the U.S.S. Dubuque, for a government surveying mission in Alaska for a month. Later the ship was sent to Japan escorting Marines to Vietnam waters. Joining with approximately 20 ships, Vietnamese civilians were evacuated to Subic Bay, Philippines. The ships traveled about 18 knots (20 miles per hour) for forty-five days.

Donald Cherven earned the National Defense Medal. He also earned the Humanitarian Award when his unit assisted and saved a private citizen whose boat was disabled.

Don was discharged from the U.S. Navy in December 1976. He received a Bachelors Degree as a teacher in Industrial Arts. He worked in a mine and King Soopers Grocery Store where he met his wife Melanie of 19 years.

He volunteers for the city of Tumble. In his spare time, he enjoys woodworking having made a grandfather clock and a dining room hutch.