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Period: 2

Bob Schive

Navy

11 years in service

7 years interviewed at King High Remembers

BOB SCHIVE

Born in Arizona but raised in Philadelphia, Schive enlisted straight out of high school. Bob Schive was aboard a couple of submarines during his time of service as he worked as a Radioman. After being enlisted he Joined the Navy and was stationed aboard the USS Puffer, USS Parche and the USS Drum. While aboard all these vessels Schive made a lot of new friends, been to a lot of place and had many memories.

Bob Schive moved too Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he lived until 1962. Not long after his family moved to Huntington, California where Schive attended Mater Dei High School. After High School he went to Junior West College before deciding he wanted to go to the Navy. Sense he knew he was going to be drafted into the Army he rather enlisted to the Navy in 1969. After enlisting he started boot camp at the Naval Training Center in San Diego. Schive attended Radioman "A" and "C" schools in San Diego. "A" stands for morse code and "C" stands for high speed morse code. This was only the beginning of Schives training. He attended two training courses in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and five extra course in New London, Connecticut. All this training was getting him ready for his job as a Radioman.

After Boot Camp and Special Naval Training Bob Schive was ready for the real deal and was first stationed on the USS Puffer (SSN652). Schive was apart of a "Radio Gang". A Radio gang is

responsible for all communications to and from the submarine and outside world, and also for maintenance and repair. While aboard this vessel during the Vietnam war he made many encounters in Vietnamese waters. He was aboard this vessel for 3 years, March 1970 to January 1973. Not long after leaving the Puffer, Schive got assigned to the USS Parche (SSN683). Schive was part of the commissioning crew when aboard the Parche. The commissioning crew is the crew that is assigned to the new boat while it's going through new constructions. His duty was to make sure that the radio shack was in pristine condition and verify that everything worked. Schive was only aboard this vessel for two years May 1973 to August 1975. He was Transferred to the Naval Air Station where he handled incoming and outgoing traffic for the Air Station. Doing that for two years he later got assigned to the USS Drum (SSN677). As the leading radioman he was responsible for three other radioman aboard the Drum. Schive was also a Section Leader which mean he is the Senior Officer for the duty section when in port. This lasted only one year. Schive wasn't always under the water, he also served during the Cold War era. He was aboard a WESTPAC cruise. He did three cruises which means he was out at sea for around seven months but in two month increments. After all this time at war Schive entered the reserves in 1980.

Through the years of service Schive made many different friends and been to places around the world, and after service he joined several organizations for Veterans. Schive is a member of the Untied States Submarine Veterans Inc. In order to be a member of this organization you have to have qualified in submarines. Schive has been a member for just about 5 years. He is also a member of the Naval Submarine League Southwest Chapter. This organization meets monthly and is comprised of Retired and Active duty submarine veterans.

Through all the ups and downs that Bob Schive had thought his years of service he will always be honored for the good man that he is. All the years of training and fighting payed off in the end.

When you stay in a submarine for around ten years you earn the name “Bubble Head” and that's what's Schive and his friends were called.