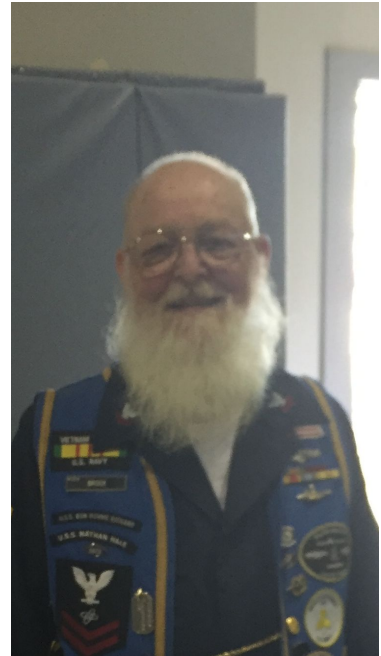


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Daryl Brock

Navy

6 Years in Service

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Daryl Brock served in the United States Navy for six years. He served during the Cold War and in Vietnam. He was born in Carlsbad, New Mexico in 1948. Daryl moved to Riverside, California in 1960 and it has been his home since then. He graduated from Ramona High School. As a child, Daryl learned the duck and cover routine because of the bomb threats from the Soviet

Union. He was not anxious over the fact of bomb threats, just understood the reality of it and learned the technique. He stated, "Throughout Riverside there were bomb shelters and resources to be used in the event of an attack."

During 1962, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Mr. Brock was in the eighth grade at this time. President Kennedy had blockaded, preventing Soviet ships from coming in or out. Within 2 years of his high school graduation, he lost at least 20 of his classmates in Vietnam. Daryl received a letter from the draft classifying him as 1A. He tried going into the Air Force but enlisted in the Navy. His parents were teachers and weren't too fond of the fact that their son joined the Navy. He enlisted in US Navy Reserves for three and a half months before active duty.

The six weeks of boot camp started June 11 to August of 1968 and was stationed in San Diego. There he took an aptitude test where he was in the highest 2-4% mark. Daryl could do anything he wanted. He extended his enlistment to six years to become an electronics technician in the Nuclear Power Program, and entered the submarine service. In the barracks, there wasn't a lot of space to be comfortable. He had to learn to do everything himself, the Navy way. Everything had to be in order, Mr. Brock said, "Navy boot camp is not much different from other services." There had to be a new language learned, it was a new lifestyle. He attended Basic Electricity School in San Diego from September to November of 1968.

From November of 1968 to July of 1969, Mr. Brock was stationed in San Francisco attending Electronics Technician, a school at Treasure Island. He was Qualified as Electronics Technician Radar 3rd class. Within the first day, he was taught how to put out diesel fire. He fired three rounds from a shotgun one time in his life. Daryl had to cope with tear gas by

shouting the Pledge of Allegiance at the top of his lungs in the presence of it. He made forty-two dollars every two weeks.

The first ship Daryl Brock was assigned to was the USS Bon Homme Richard, an aircraft carrier. He was off the coast of Vietnam and their duty was to provide fighter/bomber support to ground troops. There was a crew of about 3500 men and he was responsible for radar equipment upkeep and repair. There wasn't enough fresh water for showering, if you needed a shower, there was only salt water at sea.

Daryl entered Nuclear Power School at Mare Island Shipyard in April of 1970, ended in October of the same year. There was a major exam every Friday. If you failed, you had the weekend to study and if you didn't pass again on Monday then you were kicked out of the school. He lived in Idaho from November 1970 to April 1971 attending the Nuclear Power training Unit. There he qualified as a Reactor Operator. A third of the class was kicked out of the program because they were suspected of drug use. He explained the Navy is very strict with drugs.

His next assignment was Submarine School at New London, Connecticut from May to June of 1971. Daryl was assigned to Pearl Harbor and was a member of the USS Nathan Hale SSBN-623 Gold Crew for three years. Mr. Brock qualified in submarines and was a qualified reactor Operator in October 1972. In June of 1973 to 1974, Daryl Brock went to the Bremerton Naval Shipyard, Bremont, WA. He was discharged on June 11, 1974.

During his six years of duty, 17 months were spent out at sea, 25 months he spent his time in a variety of schools and training for jobs, 12 months he spent on shore duty in the Shipyard at Bremerton, and about 18 months were spent on general shore duty. He was awarded

the Meritorious Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Men and women like Daryl Brock are important to this country. It takes a great deal of courage to even enlist in the military. Daryl is such an inspiration and his contribution to this country is greatly looked upon and is so important. He can inspire young people to take pride in their country such as he did. His accomplishments have made an impact on today's lifestyle and without hard working, dedicated people our country could be a different place.