

Maximus Martinez

Bruce Bachman

Navy

2 years of service

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The man who goes by the name Bruce Bachman once served as a member of the military defending the United States of America. More specifically, Bachman was an electrician in the Navy during the war in Vietnam. While in the Navy he served for 2 years, both in the reserves and, on active duty aboard the aircraft carrier know as The Hornet as an E3. College was also extremely important to Bachman, so before joining the Navy he had decided to get a college education.

In college Bachman majored in mechanical engineering, having moved on from a community college to study at USC. During his time in college Bachman saw being drafted into the military as an inevitably, what with the Korean war ending and tension rising with the war in Vietnam approaching, so he decide to join before he could be drafted. After joining the Navy, Bachman was required to train at the naval training center at Huntington park two weekends a month, so during his training he continued his education. Afterwards Bachman attended electrician school for 14 weeks immediately after being put on active duty.

Bachman earned the rank of E3 when he began active duty, ranks begin at E1 and end at E9 for enlisted people. At E3 Bachman was still a seaman, but was earning more money than an E2 or an E1. Bachman was earning 148\$ a month as an E3. Bachman was one of the older men at

his electrician classes, and this along with his rank, allowed him to be in charge of about 19 people. Similar to his experience with boot camp however, Bachman did not find himself in any trouble and was able to do what he wanted, within the confines of his orders that is. After this Bachman was assigned to the aircraft carrier, The Hornet.

When Bachman got to the Hornet, it was still being painted in the dry docks. Bachman painted the Hornet for a bit before moving to kitchen duty for three months. One interesting trend that Bachman noticed was that as the sailors used up more money from their paychecks, they would come to the kitchen more and more often as opposed to eating out. Bachman himself spent most of his free time partying along with his fellow sailors on land while they waited for the ship to be ready.