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Everett "Brick" Noyes

Brick Noyes, a former United States submarine veteran, started his journey in the force when he was just 18 years old. He was born on October 3, 1944 in Floral Park, New York, New York. He joined for one reason, to escape the troubles at home. He wanted to get away from the struggle of an alcoholic mother and the abuse of the pots and pans that were thrown at him when he helped hide bottles of alcohol from his mother. Brick took every chance he could get to leave the house, when his dad went on business trips, he was out of there. He started his boot camp training in San Diego 1962 and eventually graduated in 1963. That boot camp eventually closed down in '97. Brick Noyes soon began his new lifestyle to serve our country.

Mr. Noyes decided to join the Navy, enlisting in the United States Submarines. He chose this because he had always been drawn to the ocean, and growing up in California meant he was always around water. Once enlisted, Brick was sent on to the the NTS, or Naval Training System in Point Loma, San Diego California. Graduating from this in 1963 he went to a school in February and then to a submarine school where he learned anything and everything about the underwater boat, and finally Brick attended C school.

In the service there is something called the M.O.S which stands for Military Occupational Specialty. On the submarines his MOS was working as a fire control technician. This job required him to operate the submarine weapons- handling functions, operate and maintain tactical computer systems. All of these skills that he acquired were learned at the schools over the years. That was the such a rare job to have in his time because the nuclear branch was much more popular. In fact he was the only one on the submarine to have that job.

During his time on the submarine he didn't really make any friends. He wasn't the only one on the boat though, he was one of many especially when he was stationed Hawaii. Submarines are only supposed to hold a certain amount of people and in the time he was stationed in Hawaii they had to keep hopping on and off to keep within the number. This also made sleeping arrangements difficult, so since there was no room on an actual basis berrics, he found an extra mattress and slept in between the torpedoes. Not once did he feel sick or claustrophobic in there even with being down under water a whole three months, their longest time.

Brick was stationed in the port of Pearl Harbor at this time. While sleeping there one night Brick was woken up by violent shaking. It was actually another submarine who mistook them for an enemy, they had come up underneath them and rammed into his submarine. They took some damage, for this created a very large hole at the bottom and made it impossible to get the sub all the way up to the surface. They all ended up getting out, but they never heard about or saw that submarine again.

While he served he got to travel the world and see many places and encounter many different cultures. He's gone from Australia to the Philippines to the Bering sea and even spied on Russia. While on the excursions he earned the title of a Golden Shellback along with all the other members of his crew. They received that name when they crossed the equator and the prime meridian at the same time. On days he had off he went and explored Japan, which was a lot considering he had basket leave, meaning they were taking 30 plus vacation days.

He spent about 6 years in the service making him around age 24. After he stopped serving he went back to school and got a business degree. He went to work for the CHP for 20 years. Then he retired and went back to school for his teaching credential. He spent the rest of his life going to three different schools, always teaching the same grades, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. He

fell in love with his second wife later on and had kids. Still at the age of 73 he goes to his school he retired from, to sub. Brick Noyes has been coming to this event for at least 6 years now telling the story of his amazing journey.