

ALL GAVE SOME; SOME GAVE ALL

This week's veteran is Bob Anderson.

Robert Dean "Bob" Anderson, son of the late Russell and Pauline Anderson of Assumption, served in the United States Navy for 22 years until his retirement in January, 1978, with the rank of E-8, which in Bob's MOS was a Senior Chief Aviation Electricians Mate. Bob graduated from Assumption High School in 1955 and enlisted in the US Navy following graduation.

During his career Bob received many awards including the Achievement Medal, Vietnam Era Medal, 5 awards for Good Conduct, and Meritorious Unit Commendations. (*His sisters find it hard to believe that he was ever given an award for Good Conduct - but that's another story altogether!)

His duty stations included Bermuda, Newfoundland, Pensacola, Florida, Iceland and several tours aboard aircraft carriers, including a 6-month Mediterranean "cruise" aboard the USS Independence.

Some of Chief Anderson's most memorable times during his career included some very harrowing experiences working on the flight decks of different aircraft carriers - especially memorable were those times in the North Atlantic in pitch darkness - no stars or lights of any kind - on the flight deck awaiting the arrival of the aircraft. Sometimes there were 50-foot waves on the decks, and at times they would put ropes up around the perimeter so they wouldn't fall overboard. Being on the flight deck when planes were arriving or taking off was quite an experience.

Bob and his wife, Vivian, reside in Milton, Florida. near their two children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Thank you, Jody Mink, for sharing this article with us about your brother, Bob. Jody says, "We(sisters) are proud of our brother and his contributions to the US Military."

Thank you, Senior Chief Aviation Electricians Mate Robert Dean Anderson, for what you gave for us.

Date to remember:

May 26, 2013: VFW Ladies Auxiliary dinner and gun raffle. Gun raffle tickets may be purchased from any Veteran's committee member.

Note cards with a picture of the proposed Memorial are available for purchase at Wash House Equipment.

Please view our web site: assumptionveteransmemorial.com. Mike Connolly has worked hard to give us a great site. Please check the list of names that we have to date for corrections and additions. Thank you.