

ALL GAVE SOME; SOME GAVE ALL

This week's veteran is Bob Turntine.

Robert (Bob) Turntine, graduated from Assumption High with a GED diploma with the class of 1957. In 1957, he joined the U. S. Navy and retired from the Navy, October 1975, as Yeoman First Class. He earned four Navy Good Conduct Awards and was awarded the Navy Meritorious Achievement Award while serving with the NATO Staff in Norfolk, VA.

Bob served on two aircraft carriers; *USS KEARSARGE CVA-33* and the *USS TICONDEROGA (CVA-14)*; a destroyer; *USS ROBERT L. WILSON DD-847*; Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE Staff repair ship with his brother, Gary, in Mayport, FL; *USS DIXIE (AD-14)* out of San Diego; Commander Air Group 5 Staff, based at NAS Miramar, CA. He had three recruiting assignments: Chicago, Illinois; Decatur, Illinois; and Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bob completed two tours across the Pacific, a tour in the Mediterranean, and several trips on Caribbean exercises. One of the assignments during the Mediterranean cruise required his Destroyer Group to guard the shores of Crete while the Turkish and Greek governments waged demonstrations. The forty-five days patrolling waters around Crete required the ship to limit her water usage to showering once a week and to reduce laundry service. The crew was fed lots of spaghetti, homemade rolls, biscuits, and bread, along with plenty of powdered milk and cool-aid to drink. What a trip!

During his assignment to the *USS DIXIE* and *COMDESDIV 362*, Bob played tuba with the ships' bands while the ships refueled and received supplies. In addition, the *USS DIXIE* band performed a concert for 200 dignitaries in Taiwan.

During his tour in 1967, Bob started sports officiating. He has refereed six ASA national softball tournaments, high school softball and baseball tournaments throughout the United States, four high school volleyball state finals in Florida, and over a dozen Florida high school Basketball Finals over his forty years of officiating.

Bob married Rose Coleman of Pana in 1957. They are blessed with four daughters, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Bob and Rose and daughters reside in Jacksonville, Florida.

Thank you, Yeoman First Class Robert Turntine, for what you gave for us and for sharing your story.