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My name is Bobby Derricotte, I was born in Honolulu Hawaii on March 12, 1941, nine months before the attack on Pearl Harbor.

I joined the U.S. Navy on June 2, 1961. My basic training was in San Diego California. I was assigned a year's shore duty at Naval Base, San Diego. In September 1962 I was assigned sea duty aboard a World War 2 destroyer U.S.S. Taussig DD-746 home ported in San Diego. I was a Radioman with a "Top Secret" clearance in Encryption and Decryption of messages sent to our destroyer.

In 1963 our ship was being deployed to Vietnam when we received a request for a volunteer to join "Seal Team 2" with a "Top Secret" with encrypting to go on a "mission" into Hanoi. Our Captain asked if I would volunteer for the mission, I said yes.

I trained with the team and went on the "mission." After the mission I returned to my ship.

In January 1965 we sailed back to Vietnam. During that time I was ordered by the "High Command" to join "Seal Team 2" and other "Special Forces" groups into Cambodia and Laos because of the "Ho Chi Min" trail into those "neutral countries." We were in those countries over 2 weeks.

I was discharged on June 2, 1965 and ordered never to say about my missions in Vietnam and had no status as a Vietnam Veteran or Seal Team member until Oct. 2001 when everything about the missions were "declassified."

My Family never knew anything before that date.

"WHAT MAKES SERVICE TO AMERICA SPECIAL" KNOWING I AM SERVING GOD, AMERICA AND THE WORLD, PROTECTING THE FREEDOM OF "HUMAN BEINGS."

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