



Raymond Leger

Ray Leger enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October 1965. He attended boot camp and initial technical specialty training at San Diego, CA. In late 1966 he was assigned to Submarine Force Atlantic and joined the crew of USS Orion, a submarine tender at Norfolk, VA doing maintenance and repair work on both diesel-powered and nuclear-powered submarines. At the completion of his tour on Orion, Petty Officer Leger attended Basic Submarine School at New London, CT; Enlisted Nuclear Power School at Bainbridge, MD; and Nuclear Reactor Prototype Training at West Milton, NY. In September 1968, he was assigned to the engineering division aboard the USS George C Marshall, SSBN654, a nuclear-powered submarine armed with 16 nuclear-tipped submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs). For the next three years, Petty Officer Leger participated in submarine deterrent patrols from Rota, Spain; Holy Loch, Scotland; and Charleston, SC, serving as electric plant control panel operator, shutdown reactor control panel operator, throttle man, auxiliary electrician, the crew's motion picture projection operator, and ship's photographer in addition to normal maintenance and repair assignments. In the summer of 1971, Petty Officer Leger was chosen to lead a ten-man team in assessing a shipboard waste disposal system prototype aboard the USS Fulton. At the end of this assignment, he was given a Commanding Officer's Letter of Appreciation for his performance during the program. Petty Officer Leger chose to leave the Navy in December 1971 and was given an honorable discharge. During his enlistment, he earned the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Navy Enlisted Submarine Dolphins Badge, and the US Navy Submarine Deterrent Patrol Pin with five stars.

