

Charles Regan, US Navy

Charles Allen Regan of McAlester, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1962 at San Antonio, Texas. "I received his service oath from my father, who was a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, and Commanding Officer of the San Antonio Recruiting office," said Regan.

Regan was stationed at the Naval Training Center in San Diego for Basic Training. "My first assignment after Basic was to Naval Air Station Miramar, California where I was attached to Fighter Squadron VG-91 as an airplane captain," he said. Regan later transferred with VF-91 to the USS Ranger CVA61 sailing out of San Francisco and patrolling off the west coast.

VF-91 was a jet fighter squadron supplying air support in Vietnam. Regan served as a plane captain of a F8U Crusader aircraft on the flight deck of an aircraft carrier, traveling to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Subic Bay, Philippines; Hong Kong, China; Yasuko, Japan and the South China Sea.

Regan was later transferred to Memphis, Tennessee to attend "A" School in aircraft engine mechanics. After graduation, Regan was transferred to the Naval Air Training Center New Iberia, Louisiana and assigned to VT-27 as a mechanic on TS2A aircraft. VT-27 was a training squadron – to train multi-engine aircraft pilots.

The Louisiana base closed, and everything moved to Corpus Christi, Texas, where Regan stayed until his discharge in 1968.

"In 1974, I enlisted in the Sea Bee Reserve in McAlester. I was an equipment operator and learned to operate all types of heavy equipment. We made drills at the Navy base in McAlester and Gulf Port, Mississippi" said Regan. He was discharged in 1980.

Regan is the grandson of Original Enrollee Lorena Wyers.