

Richard L. Mecom of Louisiana is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, where he worked as a cryptologic Technician First Class (E-6). His service was from 1969-1994.

Mecom's basic training was at a Naval Training Center, San Diego and he served four years at the Naval Security Group, Skaggs Island in Sonoma California.

Mecom said his work with the Navy was processing classified information for the National Security Agency (NSA).

Medals and citations include National Defense, Good Conduct Active Duty, Good Conduct Reserve, Expert Pistol, Expert Rifle, and 10-Year Good Conduct Reserve.

One of the more memorable actions during his time in the Navy includes finding Russian submarines at the Golding Gate Bridge, working with the 6th SSCT Marine Group at Cherry Point, NC when the Marine Barracks were attacked by a truck bomb in 1983.

His favorite place to be stationed was Adak Alaska.

Following active service, Mecom had a 35-year career with Southcentral Bell, American Bell, Bellsouth and AT&T.

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