

Choctaw Veteran Archive Information

Thomas Wayne Davis served in the US Navy from February 1, 1956 -August 28, 1957. He enlisted in Albuquerque, NM and was discharged from Corpus Christy, TX with the rank of AA.

Davis was a metal smith with a Patrol Bomber, Martin Company (PBM) sea plane training squadron. He said he was included as a flight crew member on a PBM plane, doing four-to-eight-hour hops per day. He remembers traveling to Bermuda, New York City and Jacksonville as part of his military service.

He married while in the service and about the time she moved to be with him, he was offered an “early out”. He was ready to leave the Navy and go back to work as a civilian. He worked driving oil field trucks hauling heavy equipment and also took employment at Safeway, working as the produce manager. Other jobs Davis had after his time in the Navy included driving trucks hauling livestock and working on ranches. For several years, his work on ranches included a lot of welding and building corrals.

Once Davis retired from welding he went to work for Rattan School as custodian. He also put in a BBQ sandwich stand, and did a lot of cooking for the student banquets, etc.

Various health issues have required Davis to close his BBQ business, but he still does all the mowing and brush hogging, etc. at his home place in Rattan.

He is appreciated for his service in the military and his service to his community.