

SOTC – OPERATION BARNABAS
Veteran of the Month Prayer Card

January 2023

Dan Kerins



US NAVY –1965 - 1996

Dan grew up in Sharon, PA. After he graduated High School, he went to work with his dad in the steel mine.

Then he was drafted.

Dan is a Vietnam War veteran who served upon the U.S.S. Conquest, a minesweeper, and on the ground in Danang as a combat quartermaster. He served on many ships during his long career, including the U.S.S. Hepburn, U.S.S. Coontz, U.S.S. Conserver, and the U.S.S Tawakoni. Kerins was appointed as Director of Navy Recruiting, at the Military Entrance Processing Station in Shreveport, LA, from 1992 to 1995. He's a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a 43-year continuous member of the American Legion. Among his many military awards and decorations are the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with V device for Valor, Vietnam Service medal with four bronze stars, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, and even an Army Commendation Medal. Dan retired from the Navy in 1996 and he and Kay moved from Shreveport, LA, to Palm Coast.

The Kerins' have been married 47 years, have been blessed with three children and four grandchildren. These days Dan keeps busy taking care of Kay and maintaining the house and yard.