

## **SOTC – OPERATION BARNABAS**

### **Veteran of the Month Prayer Card**

**March 2025**

## **Donald Schlueter**



### **US NAVY: 1980 - 2000**

Don grew up in Bunceton, MO. He earned his Electrical Engineering Technology Degree from the Central Technical Institute in Kansas City, MO. He worked for the City of Jacksonville, FL as the Chief Electrical Inspector. When he was 40 years old, his wife said he needed something to do on weekends. He saw an ad that the Navy was looking for experienced electricians willing to work in remote locations. He applied and was hired by the Navy as a Second-Class Construction Engineer into the Advanced Paygrade Program.

In the Navy, he worked for Mobile Inshore Warfare Unit 207, setting up the electrical system for mobile sights. He served in Turkey, Egypt, Panama, and various East and West Coast ports. During this time, he kept his job with the City of Jacksonville. Whenever and wherever the Navy needed him, they called him. His Assistant would take over his responsibilities at his job. Normally the unit and all of their equipment would be dropped into the remote area by helicopter.

They were a complete self-contained Unit.

In 2000 he retired from the Navy with the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer (E-8). He also retired from the City of Jacksonville that same year.

He and his wife, Chiyako, have two children and five grandchildren.

In 2000 they moved to Palm Coast from Hastings, FL.

His wife passed away in 2010.

Don has many interests. He has two dogs, Henry and Princess. He is an Amateur Radio Operator on station WD4EKF. He belonged to an Amateur Radio Operation club and spoke to people all around the world. He sings in the SOTC church choir. Plus, he still works part-time as an inspector for Intertek. He has 25 plants that are Edison Testing Laboratories in the area he inspects.