

SOTC – OPERATION BARNABAS

Veteran of the Month Prayer Card

June 2024

Jim Schmitz



US NAVY: 1977 – 1981 and 1985 – 2001

Jim was born and raised in Chicago, IL. He attended the Naval Support Activity in Millington, TN, in 1978 for Aircraft Electrician "A" School. From 1978 – 1981 he served at NAS Norfolk, VA, for shore duty at Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD). In 1985 Jim was stationed at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, VA, for Attitude Heading Reference System "C" School.

From 1985 – 1989 he was stationed on the USS Midway CV-41 home ported in Yokosuka, Japan, and deployed to the Persian Gulf.

He met Marilyn, his wife to be, during this time.

1989 – 1992 he was stationed at the Naval Air Station Cubi Point, Philippines, for shore duty at AIMD.

From 1992 – 1993 Jim was in the VA-155 A-6E squadron onboard USS Ranger CV-61 and deployed for operation Southern Watch and Restore Hope. Jim served on the USS Nimitz CVN-68. AIMD from 1993 – 1995.

1995 – 1998 found Jim at the Naval Air Station in Kingsville, TX, assigned to Defense Contract Management.

In 1998 Jim was on the USS Eisenhower (CVN-69) Sea Op Det. Deployed to Mediterranean, transited the Suez Canal to deploy in the Persian Gulf.

Jim has served in the following countries: Japan, Philippines, Korea, Hong Kong, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Jabil Ali, Africa, Australia, Diego Garcia, Virgin Islands, Guam, Crete, Italy, Israel, Greece, Croatia, Turkey and Portugal. He also served in Hawaii. Jim retired from the Navy in June 2001 with the Rank of E-6.

Jim and his wife, Marilyn, have been blessed with three sons and three grandchildren. He currently works at Northup-Grumman in St. Augustine. Jim enjoys gardening, electronics, programming, weight lifting, and playing chess.