



At RNDC and Young's Market Company, we are committed to attracting, developing, and retaining military veterans. In keeping with our core value of family and caring for the well-being of our community, RNDC recognizes and supports associates who are active duty or veterans of the U.S. military.

Name: Chuck Franklin
Title: Direct Sales Representative
Location/Business Unit: Phoenix, Arizona



Military Branch: United States Navy
Military Rank: E-5
Service Dates: 1986-1990

Please share details about your assignments and/or deployment(s) while serving.

I was a Second Class Petty Officer and my specialty was Operations Specialist with the duty of Anti - Submarine Air Controller(ASAC). I also was the ship's Chart Petty Officer. I maintained the navigational tracks and positions for the ship's sailing.

What was your proudest moment, recognition, or accomplishment?

I received a Letter of Commendation from USS Elliot for my duties as Anti-Submarine Air Controller during Navy exercise, PACEX-90. I was strongly recommended for advancement to Petty Officer First Class and for participation in programs leading to a commission (Officer).

What was the most valuable experience you gained from your service? How has it helped you in your post-military career?

I value the time I was able to spend traveling to different countries; it gave me an opportunity to experience diverse cultures around the world.

I learned that the differences in people can be one of the greatest assets if properly embraced.



What do you enjoy most about working at RNDC/Young's?

The culture that is being cultivated.

Share one or two FUN FACTS about yourself.

I was able to cross the equator and international date line at the same time (Navy Tradition would title that as a Golden Shelback). Also, I was so far out sailing the ocean blue in time zones that we went through the same day twice.

Please feel free to provide any additional information you'd like to share.

After the Navy, I immediately began my career at United Liquor, which later became RNDC, then Young's of Arizona, and now RNDC/Young's. I spent my first three years as a merchandiser, before transitioning to OnPremise sales where I spent 26 years, and about 1-year-ago I made the move to InSide Sales.

After my time in the Navy I became one of Jehovah's Witnesses. My wife, Deborah, and I also have fostered children over the years.

