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1988-2008: Active duty
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During my first 10 years of service in the Navy I was stationed in Yokosuka, Japan and Bahrain. In the early 1990s I also served in Desert Storm. Throughout my career, I served on five Naval Ships. I lost count of all the deployments I was a part of. I will say that when you are sitting at sea for four to six months straight, you learn to live with less and you also learn the difference between your needs and your wants.

My proudest military moment is the time I spent helping the people of Thailand after the tsunami in 2004. At the time, I was attached to the USNS Mercy in San Diego, Ca. We were deployed for six months alongside civilian medical professionals who volunteered their help. It was a beautiful thing to see all the positive work being done and also being able to visit Singapore every other week was just as beautiful.

My proudest military recognition is when I qualified for the Surface Warfare and Air/Surface Warfare certifications. My time in the military taught me the value of teamwork and hard work. I was also able to travel and see the world through my own eyes and not someone else's or through movies/television. The military has given me superb leadership skills, communication skills, integrity and has made me very self-sufficient.

My proudest military accomplishment is retiring with an honorable discharge after 20 years of active service.