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Joined Coast Guard June 24, 1960 right out of Dracut High School. Spent 3 months basic training at Cape May New Jersey. Got stationed aboard USCG Cutter East wind. Which is an icebreaker in Castle Island Terminal in Boston. Left for the South Pole on Oct. 25, 1960. Went through the Panama Canal, crossed the Equator line at which time we had an initiation of all pollywogs. These are people who have never been across the equator. Arrived in New Zealand on December 2, 1960. On December 20 we arrived at McMurdo Sound Antarctica. Returned to New Zealand January 20, 1961. Departed New Zealand on 1-28-1961 for return trip to ice. Left the ice Pack on March 12 in route to Sidney Australia. Arrived Sidney Australia March 21, 1961. March 24 departed Sidney Australia for Colombo Ceylon which is now called Shri Lanka. Arrived Colombo Ceylon on April 17, 1961. Arrived on May 4 and departed on May 7 for Naples Italy. Arrived Italy on May 9, 1961 and departed on May 12, 1961 for Lisbon Portugal arrived on May 16, 1961 and departed may 19, 1961 for Boston, Ma. Arrived on May 23 1961 Boston. We are first icebreaker to circumnavigate the world. Spent 2 months in dry dock Bethlehem steel east Boston. On the trip but of ice we hit a #9 Sea which is the worst storm you can get 105 mile an hour wind. We were stuck in it for 3 days.

Left on second trip to South Pole in Nov. 1961 went through the Panama Canal again 3 times total over we stopped at Pitcairn Island (military on the bounty picture. We then went to New Zealand and then twice we crossed the International Date Line the Arctic Circle line. In all toll we received certificate from equator international date line- Antarctic circle- first ice breaker to circumnavigate the globe. All 4 hanging on my wall at home in tv room. We went again to Sydney Australia, Hobart Tasmania, the Society Islands, Tahiti, Lima Peru and then back to Boston. Transferred to Salem, Massachusetts (choice duty after 2 trips on icebreaker. Salem air station had 3 helicopters and 5 sea planes and 4 boats Spent 2 years there and honorable discharged 6/1964.

Spent 4 years in the United States coast guard. Got hired general motors 1965 and worked there till they shut plant down in 1984. Laid off for one year then they sent me to Westville mo. June 1990 till Jan 7, 1993. Special package to retire after 28 ½ years. Been retired since. Worked at different golf courses and shops till Jan. 2014. I worked at Pine Valley, Apple wood, fairway foot prints, mulligans driving range. Now just playing Golf.

I have 4 children 2 boys 2 girls. 12 grandchildren 7 girls 5 boys. I now live with my partner for life, Mary Grady 31 years together. I got out of the service as a Boatswain mate.





Eastwind
up on it. The weight of the ship then does the
actual icebreaking.

At ice, Eastwind backs away to

With all engines ahead full, ice spray flies as ship hits pack.



Specially constructed bow allows ship to easily ride up on ice.

