

ED's Bio

Edward F. Gallagher. Ed enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1960, completing Boot Camp at Great Lakes, Illinois, then assigned to the Naval Station, Orange, Texas. working on the base diving barge as a deckhand. Transferred to the Naval Station, Bermuda as a Gunners Mate an assigned to the Crash & Rescue Boat Crew, then TAD to the Second Class Diving School, (YFNB-17) Norfolk, VA (1963). Upon his return to Bermuda he was assigned to the base diving locker.

Ed then became a Seabee and reported to Equipment Operators "A" School, Port Hueneme, CA. His next assignment was for one year at Adak, Alaska where he was assigned to the base diving locker. He then reported to MCB- 8 (Quan Tri, Vietnam), His next two year assignment was at the Submarine Base, New London, CT. again assigned to the base diving locker.

Then back to sea duty with MCB- 74 at (Gulfport, MS & DaNang, Vietnam). Before deploying to Vietnam Ed was pulled out of Military Training and sent TAD to the Virgin Island and assigned as a support diver for project Tetite I (the first project that later led to the formation of the UCT's). he returned to MCB-74 and deployed to DaNang, Vietnam. He was selected for First Class Diving School, Washington, DC. (1970).

Ed was assigned to MCB- 5, Port Hueneme, CA, deployed to Ben Hoi, Vietnam, Okinawa & Nam Pong, Thailand.

In January 1971 he was assigned rear echelon duty with the 31st Naval Construction Regiment, to help set-up facilities for the newly formed UCT-2 team. Deployments included Naval Station, San Diego, CA (Degassing inspection and repair), Carpinteria, CA (NCEL test of sonic methods for profiling the seafloor) and Naval Station, Kefice, Iceland (cable repair).

In 1974 transferred to the Naval Reserves and moved to Tucson, AZ. Where he attended Pima College and the University of Arizona. Employed by U.S. Customs and the Veterans Administration Police.

In 1976 Ed was sworn in as a Deputy, United States Marshal and assigned to the U.S. Marshals Offices in Los Angeles, CA, with transfers back to Tucson, AZ, New Orleans, LA and Beaumont, TX. He retired in 1997 as a Sr. Criminal Investigator, Supervisor Deputy, U.S. Marshal with thirty-six years of U.S. Government service.

Seabee Divers Association: Following the Seabee's 50th Anniversary Open House at CBC in June 1992 several of the original divers, Tom Melugin, JD Dutton, Bucky Shinn and several others with their wives meet at BanDar Bar, Ventura. Over a few drinks, we started to plan having a reunion every couple of years. Shortly after that I started sending out a newsletter and over the next couple of years were able to connect about five hundred former divers and support personal.

Some of the reunions were: February 1994 20th. UCT-2, October 1995 in conjunction with the USS Stethem Commissioning UCT-2, in June 1999 UCT-1 has a 25th reunion with UCT-2 having their 25th. reunion in October 1999. February 2004 UCT-2 had a 30th., in August 2005 UCT-1 had a reunion. Our 35th reunion was held at UCT-2 in July 2009.