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I am a North Idaho native, born in St. Maries, Idaho on March 7, 1924. I am the second of five children, three boys and two girls. My father was a logger and my mother cooked in the camp. I attended school in Kingston, Idaho, from the Fourth through the Twelfth grade. There were 10 people in my graduating class.

I enlisted in the WAVES on my twentieth birthday, March 7, 1944. My enlistment was witnessed by my father, who was on active duty as a CeeBee. Part of the reason for enlisting was the Navy motto, "Join the Navy and see the world."

After boot camp at Hunter College in New York and Yeoman's school at Cedar Falls, Iowa, the Navy sent me back to North Idaho, to Farragut Naval Base, not even an hour's drive from home. I was stationed at Farragut until September, 1945, then transferred to Bremerton, Washington, for approximately six weeks and finally to San Francisco, California, where I was discharged on October 31, 1945.

I met my husband, a Marine, at Farragut. After the war, he joined the Army and we made a career of the military, retiring in 1968. We were stationed overseas twice, 1952-1955 and 1962-1965, both times in Germany. We retired to Hauser Lake, Idaho where we have lived in the same house for thirty-one years. We have five children, three boys and two girls, all college graduates, and seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.