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I was 16 and living Pearcy, Arkansas, when my dad died in 1939. My sister brought my mother and me to Columbus to take care of us. Wanting to help support my mom and serve my Country, I enlisted in the Navy in 1942 during World War II. When I got out of boot camp I was sent to Purdue University for Electrical Engineering School. After I graduated I was promoted to 3EMC which is equivalent to Buck Sergeant in the Army. I was put on the USS Cormorant ship to take care of all of the electrical work. We went to England by way of Iceland and Ireland. I was in the invasion of Normandy at Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944.

I was discharged in December, 1945 as a 2nd Class EM2. Then I was put in the Ready Reserve until called back in June, 1951, for the Korean War. I spent 16 months aboard the USS Arcadia AD23 Destroyer Tender. Again, I did all of the electrical work in all of the shops.

I received an honorable discharge in 1962. My military schooling prepared me to be an electrical contractor in my civilian life.

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