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My bio for NATEODA Board of Directors Election

I reenlisted for EOD school in 1962. I was a mechanic and the 61st EOD Detachment, Ft. Sill, OK, was in our battalion. I worked on their vehicles and got to know the guys and then started to hang out at their unit several times a week.

Although I didn't have plans for reenlisting, I knew I wanted to become an EOD man. So I did and in Sep 62 I arrived at Indianhead. It was Conventional, Chemical, Biological, and then Nuclear. I graduated Nukes in Feb 1963 and was sent to 137th EOD at Red River Army Depot in Texarkana, TX. Two years later I applied for a direct commission. It was approved and I was commissioned in Dec 1965. After completing a tour of duty on Okinawa I was sent to Vietnam in Dec 1968. Very fortunately, I got back into EOD there and was assigned to the EOD Section of the 3RD Ord Bn at Long Binh. Three months later I was assigned to the 99th EOD at Phuoc Vinh.

Other EOD assignments were the 548th EODC at the Presidio of San Francisco, CA, 16th EOD Detachment in Athens, Greece, and Ft. Gillem, GA.

Awards - Bronze Star for Valor, Bronze Star for Meritorious Achievement, Army Commendation Medal for Valor, Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Achievement, Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal, 2nd award, Master EOD Badge.

If re-elected, I will continue to work with the Commander, Vice Commander, and the other Directors in improving our organization.

Chet Heidl
Director