



**DECEMBER 2015
HONOR A VETERAN
A MONTH PROGRAM
KEN ASH**

BIOGRAPHY

Mr. Ash graduated from Lindenhurst High School, Long Island, New York on Saturday, June 21, 1963 and was in Navy boot camp at Great lakes, Illinois 1 week later on June 28, 1963. He was following in the footsteps of his Godfather and namesake who had been in the Navy.

His first Duty Station upon graduation from boot camp was El Centro, California. He was assigned to the Crash Fire Department. He immediately got into action while at the annual air show as an A3 Bomber crashed into the base.

After 2 years at El Centro, Mr. Ash was assigned to Lemoore Naval Air Station. He was assigned to Attack Squadron 55, as a plane Captain of an A4E Jet Aircraft. From Lemoore the air squadron was assigned to the USS Ranger Aircraft carrier and spent a year in Vietnam. After returning from Vietnam, Mr. Ash completed his military service and was reassigned to the USS Constellation in San Diego, California. He rated as ABH3rd Class and received three medals for serving in Vietnam.

Mr. Ash was honorably discharged and stayed in California, where he married his wife of 48 years!

Mr. Ash went on to become a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Stanton and was then hired by Buena Park Police Department where he served for 27 years as a Crime Scene Investigator, Patrol Officer, and Detective. The Ash family resides in the City of Stanton to this day, as a place he calls home.