



Henry F. Wells

U.S. Navy



Golden Shellback

US Navy October 1971 until October 1975

Henry "Buddy" Wells served under Capt. JB Morin (seven year POW in Viet Nam) who later became a three star Admiral. Admiral Morin was the guest speaker at Buddy's sons senior year of ROTC in 1984.

Buddy's service started with 13 weeks of boot camp in Orlando Fl. Then off to school in the Great Lakes, Illinois training center for six months.

After completing school, he was sent aboard the USS LaSalle AGF 3 and headed to the Middle East to be home ported out of the Island of Bahrain. Bahrain 15 miles off the coast of Saudi Arabia.

Buddy spent over two years in the Middle East and visiting Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Turkey, Pakistan, Singapore, Seychelles, Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia, Singapore and Taiwan.

Buddy also saw service in Africa and visited Kenya, Mozambique, Mauritius, Sierra Leone, Madagascar, and Morocco. While serving in this area, he achieved rank of E-5.

Buddy was shipped back to the states to serve aboard the USS Detroit AOE 4. He boarded the USS Detroit in Rhode Island then later the ship moved to the naval station in Virginia.

While aboard the Detroit, he made two Med. Cruises and visited many places.