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Stratford Veterans Museum

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

ROBIN RAINVILLE



Father



Brother

Robin Rainville, DT1, USNR followed the example of her brother Gary Grahn CWO2 (Vietnam Veteran of 22 years of service) and her father Ross Grahn Seaman first class (World War II Veteran of 3 years of service) to serve her country in the United States Navy.

Robin signed up in April of 1983, her senior year in Bunnell High School and entered into a 9 month delayed entry program. Upon entry into active duty she went to bootcamp in Orlando, Florida and onto the Dental School of Assisting and Technology in San Diego, California. After graduation she went on to the following duty stations on active duty, Naval Submarine Base, Groton, Connecticut, Mobile Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport Mississippi, Naval Air Station, Sigonella, Sicily (During Desert Storm) and Naval Station, Newport, Rhode Island.

After More than 10 years active duty Robin joined the Naval Reserves with the encouragement of both her brother and father. Robin used her GI Bill to further her education, becoming a Dental Hygienist therefore increasing her value to the Navy. Her reserve assignments were Naval Submarine Base, Groton, Connecticut (where she also worked full time as a civilian GS worker) and Naval Station, Newport, Rhode Island where she retired after serving a total of 20 years (1 February 2004 her father Ross's birthday).

As a Dental Technician First Class and earning numerous awards such as 3 Navy Achievement Medals, 3 Meritorious Unit Commendation Medals and 5 Good Conduct Medals. She states that she wouldn't be who she is today without the guidance of her late brother and father and her experiences serving in the United States Navy.