



Honoring Our Veterans

Millie Slamin



Millie Slamin was born in Norwood, Mass., in 1947 and moved to Bangor, Maine when she was 7. She attended Bangor schools up to grade 12 but graduated from rival school, Brewer High School, in 1965. After graduation, she moved to Goffstown, N.H., where she joined the Navy in February 1966. The Vietnam Era veteran attended Basic Training in Bainbridge, MD and was assigned to the Navy Schools Command in Newport RI, where she worked as an ID Card Yeoman at the Officer Candidate School. She was honorably discharged in December 1968, married and gave birth to a son and moved to Jacksonville, NC.

Unhappy with civilian employment and missing the camaraderie, travel, and diversity of jobs the military offered, Millie re-enlisted in the Navy in Miami, Florida in February 1981. She was sent to Orlando, Florida for re-indoctrination and assignment as a Navy Photojournalist. She graduated from the Defense Information School at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianan and later the Military Photojournalism Course at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University. In Millie's 26 years of Navy service she was assigned to shore duties from Virginia to Hawaii and in war zones in Somalia, Bosnia, and Kosovo. Her shipboard tours included the destroyer tender USS YELLOWSTONE (AD-41), the amphibious command ship USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC-20), the aircraft carrier USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72) USS BATTAN (LHD-5) that took her to every war and conflict from 1981 to 2004 to include Desert Storm, the Gulf War, and the War on Terrorism. She retired at the Norfolk Naval Base in Virginia April 30, 2004 and moved to Rutherfordton, NC in August 2016.