

**Raymond Bisailon
Veteran**

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Interviewers**

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Bisailon Residence
Warrensburg, New York**

**Interviewers: I
Raymond Bisailon: RB**

I: Could you give me full name and date of birth?

RB: Raymond Bisailon

I: Where and when were you born please?

RB: 1941 in Witherley, NY

I: Where was that?

RB: that's uh, 25 miles North of Ticonderoga

I: How much schooling did you have before entering the service?

RB: I got to the 7th grade

I: then you enlisted?

RB: Yes

I: Why did you select the Navy?

RB: Because I happened to like it at the time

I: So you went into the service in 1958?

RB: Yes

I: Where did you go for your basic training?

RB: Great Lakes IL

I: What was your training like?

RB: oh pretty good

I: was this the first time you were away from home?

RB: oh yes

I: did you ever get home sick while you were there?

RB: nope. Too many fellas

I: Did you get any specialty training while you were in the Navy?

RB: No I didn't. I didn't stay long enough too

I: You left in '59

RB: Yes

I: Why were you in for such a short period of time?

RB: At that time, they had an overflux of men and they were discharging them at a rate of 150 a week

I: So you were basically in for a year or less?

RB: Less than a year

I: Less than a year?

RB: Yes. Three months and fifteen days. I had one more week left to go in basic to graduate

I: So you just had your basic training?

RB: Yes. I wish I could've stayed but couldn't do it

I: So that's when they were cutting the size of the Navy

RB: Yes they were

I: So after that short period of time they discharged you?

RB: Yes

I: What did you do after you left the service?

RB: Went back to Albany and worked as a short order cook

I: No training in cooking at all while in the Navy?

RB: No

MR: Where about in Albany did you cook?

RB: Corning towers and Greyhound and places like that

I: Did you like your time while you were in the Navy?

RB: Oh yes. They had shrinkers who said I couldn't adapt to military life so that how come they discharged me under honorable conditions

I: What were your officers like?

RB? Pretty good. Kinda strict

I: So you went right into a job right after you left the Navy?

RB: Oh yes

I: Did you make any friends while you were there?

RB: Oh yes. A few friends yes

I: Do you think your time in the service did anything or changed you in any way?

RB: Nope. It was unfortunate I was not able to stay

I: Thank you

RB: Thank you