



Lieutenant George F. Buie
United States Navy – Retired

LT George F. Buie became an Aerographer Mate Striker in December 1939 and has been in the Navy Weather Service Community for over 71 years. He was born in Greenwood, MS on July 17, 1921, enlisted in the Navy at New Orleans, LA on October 04, 1939 and left immediately for Boot Camp at Norfolk, VA. During his time on active duty, the United States was involved in WWII, the Berlin Crisis, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Conflict and the Cold War Era. When discussing his awards, his comment was SURVIVAL, and that was good enough. He reminisced about being on his honeymoon in Mississippi when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and concern that all his uniforms were in Jacksonville, FL; also when the Saratoga (CV-3) was a target ship during the atomic test at Bikini, Island.

His first assignment was to the USS Ranger (CV-4) at Norfolk, VA as a Blue Shirt (Plane Pusher) in V-3 Division. The berthing compartment was shared with personnel from OA and OP Divisions. After talking with the sailors from OA Division, he requested a transfer to the Weather Office and become an AG Striker. George received orders to Lakehurst, NJ to attend AG “A” School as a member of Class 4019 from August 01, 1940 to October 26, 1940. As the class honor student, he was allowed to pick his assignment to NAS Jacksonville, FL and was the first Aerographers Mate to report for duty. During most of WWII, his assignments were in the USS Massachusetts (BB39) and the USS Saratoga (CV-3).

George was advanced to Chief Petty Officer while serving in the USS Saratoga and after the war; he attended the AERM School, Class C-1 during 1947 at Lakehurst, NJ for those personnel that were promoted to Chief Petty Officer before they attended the advanced “B” school for aerographers. Some of his assignments as a Chief Petty Officer included that of Leading Chief, FWC Morocco, Chief Petty Officer in Charge, NS Trinidad, and as the Aerographers Mate Detailer. As a Warrant Officer, he had assignments to FWC Pearl Harbor, FWC San Diego, FWC Balboa, and at ASO Philadelphia. During September 1960, he was accepted to the METLO Program, attended EMO School in Chicago, IL and was then assigned to FWC Morocco as a METLO until March 1964. When the FWC moved to Rota, Spain, George was transferred to ASO Philadelphia and served there until December 1965. His final assignment was to the Office of the Naval Weather Service, Washington, DC. He retired from active duty with 27 years and 08 months service on June 01, 1967.

George and Ms. Francis (Brabham) Buie were married on February 05, 1941 at NAS Jacksonville, FL. She was a resident of Orange Park, Fl. After his retirement they returned to Jacksonville, FL for a couple of years before making their final move to the Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park, FL. For several years they served as house parents and counselors for teenagers, they then purchased a home and hung out their shingle “DUN ROMIN”.