

The Richelieu Leger Family Association, Inc. Familiar Faces

Who is "Ranson"

Ranson Paul Lege was born on a farm on the east bank of the Vermillion River, two miles north of Abbeville, La. He is the son of Demosthene (Edward) Lege, son of Adras and Lezida Celestine Marceaux of Kaplan, and Lucille Anna M. of Abbeville. He attended school in Kaplan and Sulphur, La., and Port Arthur, Tx., where he graduated as an honor student from Thomas Jefferson High School. The next day, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving for twenty-three years, retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer of the Supply Corps.

He married Mildred (Millie) Joyce G. of Houston, Tx..

They have two children and one grandchild.

While in the Navy, he was stationed aboard the USS Gen. A.E. Anderson TAPIII, the USS Strong DD758, and the USS Ault DD698, at the Fleet Training Center, Pearl Harbor, Oahu; at the Defense Atomic Support Agency, Albuquerque, NM; at the Navy Ordnance Test Unit, Patrick Air Force Base, Cocoa Beach, FL; at the Navy Mission to Peru, (Lima); at the Naval Station, Kodiak, AK; and at the Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, Ga. He is a graduate of the Sanz Spanish Language School, a six-month contracted school of the Defense Language Institute, Washington, D.C. and the seven-month Warrant Officer Indoctrination and Navy Supply Training Course, Athens, Ga. During his Navy career he visited nineteen foreign countries, during which time he traveled some 300,000 miles at

sea, surviving several typhoons in the Pacific and hurricanes in the Atlantic.

His most memorable and notable experiences were: the recovery of an unmanned Mercury capsule called "Little Joe" in 1959; his participation in the 1959 NATO exercise, operating in the Norwegian Sea and above the Arctic circle; his tour of duty at Patrick Air force Base (1962-1965)