

## ***Bill Schwartz*** - Electrical



After graduating from Cass Tech and bumming around for the summer, I enlisted in the United States Navy in October 1959. Finishing basic training, I was assigned to "Radioman A" school for 24 weeks of specialized training at the United States Naval Training Center at San Diego, California, graduating in the science of Electronic and Radio Communications, and subsequently was assigned to Commander Amphibious Group Three in the Pacific Fleet where after receiving the proper clearance, worked in Crypto with classified electronic communications equipment and materials.

My entire Navy service was spent on this assignment which continued for 38 months and I did a lot of traveling. I made one cruise to the "Far East" in 1961, the "World's Fair" in 1962, the "Rose Festival" in Portland Oregon in 1962 and in October 1962, we deployed to the Caribbean Sea where we took a very active part in the "Cuban Missile Crisis". I was separated from active duty in October, 1963 with an Honorable Discharge and transferred to the Naval Reserve (inactive) with the rating of Radioman Third Class.

I became an employee of the City of Detroit as a Tree Artisan in January, 1964 and after passing an open competitive Civil Service examination for "Operating Engineer Apprentice" in May, 1965, I switched positions and completed my apprenticeship on February 12, 1968.

I resigned my employment with the City of Detroit and after a short period at Mercy College of Detroit and obtaining a higher license, I assumed a position with the Wayne County Road Commission at the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport powerhouse in Romulus, Michigan, rising to shift Superintendent in 1978.

I retired from the Wayne County Road Commission in 1985 and went to work for "Mechanical Heat & Cold Company" where I was sub-contracted to "Ford Motor Land Development Company" as Chief Engineer of the "Fairlane Office Centre" in Dearborn, Michigan and spent 19 years at that position before retiring in February, 2004.

I married my first wife, Rosemary, in September 1964, and had one beautiful daughter Justine, born in September 1966, but that marriage, unfortunately, ended in divorce after seven years, however, we are the best of friends to this day. I robbed the cradle and married my second wife, Renee (pronounced the English way, Ree Nee) in April, 1982 and we are still happily married after 27 years. We have one son, Justin, born in August, 1985. Renee and I live in Dearborn, Justine lives in Plymouth and Justin recently moved to Orlando, Florida where he is a cook in an up-scale bar/restaurant.

Renee and I have both been active in Masonic Organizations. I was Worshipful Master of my lodge in 1980 and I am a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Moslem Temple Shrine and Renee was both Honored Queen and Bethel Guardian of the Dearborn Bethel of the International Order of Jobs Daughters. She is also the recipient of the "Triangle of Honor", a very distinguished honor within the craft. Renee is a lifelong resident of Dearborn, Graduated from Edsel Ford High School and has worked in the 19th District Court and the Dearborn Police Department for over 30 Years. She is currently employed as 19th District Court Judge Mark Somers secretary.