



Leon Edward Cameron
Aviation Electronics Technician ATN2
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Leon was born on 18 December 1937 in Hooke County, North Carolina. He attended Vass-Lakeview Grade School and High school in Vass, North Carolina. He graduated from High School in 1956. Prior to entering the service, Leon attended North Carolina State College for two years. He enlisted in the Navy in 1958 as a Seaman Recruit while living in Cameron, North Carolina. His initial assignment was at Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois, for recruit training. After that he was assigned to Naval Air Station in Memphis, Tennessee, for advanced training as an Aviation Electronics Technician (AT). After receiving his ATN rating in 1959, Leon was transferred to Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, where he was assigned AT duties in support of the Navy's Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Squadron. He left Pensacola in 1961, and reported to for duty to Air Group Attack Squadron VA-134 based at Cecil Field Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida. VA-134 was part of the Air Group assigned to *USS Constellation* (CV-64). The *USS Constellation* underwent fitting out and acceptance trials off the coast of Cuba and conducted initial air operations off the Florida Coast. Leon served aboard *USS Constellation* until the ship was reassigned to the west coast. VA-134 was then decommissioned and Leon was assigned to Training Squadron VA-46 stationed at Jacksonville until his discharge. He was discharged as an ATN2 Petty Officer on 27 December 1962 at Jacksonville, and returned to North Carolina. In 1963 he attended



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the Capitol Institute of Technology, in Washington, D.C., for two years, receiving an Associates Degree in Electronics. Leon then went to work for Bell Telephone Laboratories in Whippany, New Jersey, in 1965. While working in Whippany he enrolled in Newark College of Engineering where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in 1971. He was then transferred to Bell Telephone



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Laboratories in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and made his home in Lower Macungie Township. While working in Allentown, Leon went on to earn a Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in 1976. He retired from Bell Telephone Laboratories in 1995, and continued to live in Lower Macungie Township. Leon married **Evelyn F. Lake** (born 18 January 1940). His parents are **Martin H. Cameron** (26 December 1909 – December 1979) and **Magdalene Bass** (born 12 June 1911).