

Although not retired from SD&E as yet, Dave Guebert provides an interesting story with his service in the military along with his career with SDG&E. If you have ideas for people we should interview or would like to see us ask other questions, please email Sammantha McDonald at samm@samm-mcdonald.com.

DAVE GUEBERT (DG)

SAMM MCDONALD (SM)

David Guebert was raised in the St. Louis area. He attended college at the University of Nebraska and graduated with a Bachelors degree in engineering. Following college, he joined the US Navy and flew various carrier based combat aircraft during the Vietnam War. After his discharge from the Navy, Dave went to work for General Dynamics Convair in the engineering department and then moved over to Cubic Corp. as a design engineer on airborne training systems. Dave was hired by SDG&E in June 1978 as a mechanical engineer in the Management Services department. During his years at SDG&E, he has worked in Customer Programs, Distribution Engineering, Facilities, Land Management, and Customer Services. He is currently the manager of Federal Accounts for SDG&E. Dave also worked for Sempra Energy Solutions for two years implementing energy efficiency projects on military bases throughout the United States.

(SM) Besides working at SDG&E, what else do you do?

(DG) I devoted over 20+ years of weekend time to the Naval Reserves and retired as a Captain. I am the Chair of the San Diego Armed Services YMCA and also the Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Committee for the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME). I am also a Fire Lookout for the San Bernardino Forest Association and volunteer time with the Escondido Humane Society assisting with dog behavior training.

(SM) Dave, I've heard that you've had an interesting military career. Can we talk some more about that?)

(DG) I was deployed to numerous locations throughout the world supporting the Navy on various exercises. I was the Commanding Officer of VAW-88; an E-2C Hawkeye Reserve squadron based at MCAS Miramar providing support to carrier battle groups and drug interdiction efforts.

(SM) What awards or recognition have you received?

(DG) I was awarded the Department of Energy Lou Harris Award for energy excellence, the SAME Regional VP Award for engineering excellence, Meritorious Service Medal, selection to the Society of Fellows for SAME. I also received the Vietnam Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and the National Defense Service Medal.

(SM) Many of your colleagues have retired from SDG&E. What keeps you motivated to continue your career?

(DG) I enjoy working with the military customers and supporting them in the achievement of their energy goals.

(SM) What's the best thing about working for SDG&E?

(DG) SDG&E offers a challenging environment to learn and work on state of the art projects with outstanding colleagues. I have enjoyed my career at SDG&E and the best part has been the relationships I have developed with fellow employees.

(SM) When you retire, what do you want to do?

(DG) When I retire, I plan to devote more time to my Fire Lookout activities and working with dogs at the Escondido Humane Society. I haven't set a retirement date as yet, but maybe in the next couple of years.

(SM) What is your life philosophy?

(DG) Listen and learn from others.

