

Dennis Walthall - Our Navy Hero

After completing college, **Dennis** faced the draft and chose to enlist in the Navy, attending Officers' Training School in Newport, Rhode Island. The intensive four-month program tested his resolve through competitive classes, molding him into a capable officer.

Posted to Danang, Vietnam, **Dennis** served as an ensign on an **LCM 6 Assault Craft Unit**, crucial for naval operations in amphibious assaults and logistics support. Navigating the Danang River Delta, he supported patrols and landing forces, displaying courage and resilience in challenging circumstances.

Dennis' journey epitomizes the sacrifices of those who served during tumultuous times. His experiences, particularly in Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) Training, prepared him to face adversity with honor. He transported troops and recovered them from missions, exhibiting quick thinking in high-pressure situations.

However, **Dennis'** involvement in critical missions didn't end with his training. As part of his duties, he transported Marine and Navy SEALs into their missions and played a vital role in recovering them for their return to the ship. These missions placed **Dennis** in high-stakes situations where quick thinking and decisive action were paramount.

Over the course of two years in Vietnam, one year state side and then in the US Navy reserve unit, **Dennis** faced countless challenges and witnessed the harsh realities of war. Despite the hardships, he remained steadfast in his commitment to his fellow service members and to fulfilling his duty with honor and courage.

Dennis Walthall's story embodies the bravery and selflessness of military service, highlighting the resilience needed to overcome challenges and fulfill one's duty honorably.

***Dennis Walthall,
We Thank You for Your Service!***