



Andrew Martin Melendrez

Born..... 24 Sep 1950, Los Angeles, CA
ParentsCarlos & Natalia Melendrez
Siblings Robert & Edward
Education Mt. San Antonio Junior College
Enlisted Los Angeles, CA
Boot CampNTC San Diego
Rating Seaman Apprentice

After working at Sears, Andrew joined the Navy 17 Feb 1969, and reported on board USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) immediately after boot camp 17 May 1969. The ship was in Subic Bay. He was assigned to 1st Division. Seventeen days later while SA Melendrez was on watch in the Pilot House as the Lee Helmsman, the collision occurred. In 1967, Andrew's brother, Robert was killed in Vietnam. Andrew's other brother Edward obtained special permission from the government and enlisted in the USMC. He retired from the Marines after 20 years.