

Sylvester Martin (Marty) Shelton

Captain, USNR (ret.)

Naval Photographic Activities

- 1929 Born in San Antonio, Texas.
- 1948 Earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas.
- 1948 Enlisted in the Naval Reserve as Seaman Apprentice.
- 1952 Called to active duty (Korean War).
- 1953-54 Photographer's Mate "A" School, NATTU, Pensacola, Florida.
- 1953-54 Pacific Fleet Combat Camera Group, NAS San Diego.
Detached to Far East Unit, NAS Atsugi, Japan.
Assigned to Korean Detachment, Base Camp, Munson-Ni, Korea:
Frank Kazukaitis, PHC was the leading chief.
Documented with motion picture photography First Marine Division and United Nations activities. Later in French Indo China.
- 1954 Released to inactive duty.
- 1956 Earned his Master of Arts, Cinema, University of Southern California.
- 1957 Commissioned Ensign as Aviation Ground Officer, Photography.
- 1957-63 Affiliated with various Naval Reserve Aviation Squadrons.
- 1963 Recalled to active duty (Vietnam War).
- 1963 Married Mary Allene Chappell, Navy Chapel, Washington, DC
- 1963-66 Assigned to the Naval Photographic Center, Anacostia, DC.:
Motion-Picture Project Supervisor.
- 1966 Armed Forces Air Intelligence School, Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado.
- 1967 RVAH-6, Integrated Operational Intelligence Center, School, NAS Stanford, Florida.
- 1967-1968 Ship's Company, *USS Ranger*, CVA 61: Target Analyst, SERE Officer, and Emergency Action Officer.
- 1968 Released to inactive duty.
- 1968-1989 Associated with various Naval Reserve Intelligence Units.
- 1975-76. **Commanding Officer**, Reserve Combat Camera Group 119, NAS, Los Alamitos, Orange County, California.
- 1989 Retired from the Naval Reserve.
Over his career he earned the following Photographic NOBCs:
- 8804, Motion Picture and Television Project Officer.
 - 8808, Film Control Officer.
 - 8824, Photographic Director.
 - 8853, Photographic Officer.
- 1981 Promoted to Captain.
- 1990 Charter/Life Member, National Association of Naval Association.

Civilian Naval Photographic Activities

- 1969-1989 Manager, **Film Project Branch**, Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California

Publications

- 2004 His book *Communicating Ideas with Film, Video, and Multimedia A Practical Guide to Information Motion Media* earned **Best of Show Award** in the Society for Technical Communication, Southern California Spotlight Publication Competition.

Awards

Earned some 40 plus awards in national and international film festivals and competitions.