



**David  
Houlton**

*Navy*

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**Jan 12, 1926 -**

**BIRTHPLACE: Abilene, Kansas**

### **SOLDIER DETAILS**

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**HIGHEST RANK: Seaman First Class**

**DIVISION: Navy, Company 787**

**THEATER OF OPERATION: American**

**SERVED: Jul 12, 1944 - Apr 20, 1946**

**HONORED BY: Wife, Catherine Houlton**

### **BIOGRAPHY**

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I was sworn into the Navy in Kansas City on July 12, 1944. Then I was sent to Farrigut, Idaho for 13 weeks of basic training. We fought 13 forest fires in Idaho and Washington. Then I was sent to Hawthorne, Nevada with 124 other general duty men. They put us to work making ballistic rockets for the Navy and I was frozen to that base for the duration. After my discharge as a Seaman First Class, I worked in various grocery stores until I bought my own in 1961 in Abilene. I sold that in 1975 and worked at various jobs until my retirement. I was married to Catherine Sanders on June 9, 1946 after my discharge from the Navy. We have two sons: Steve and Mike