



Thoughts On Bruce Flagler

Ah, yes, memories of Spec. 5 Bruce Flagler. I am proud to call him my friend, Bruce, today; back then, he was known simply as "Flagler."

He was 'one of the guys,' but a very unique individual. He always seemed to have that subtle, enigmatic smile, almost as though he were up to something. Little did I know, that much of the time, he WAS. He was quick-witted, and could always be counted on to make a wry comment. He had a keen perception, and usually called things as he saw them. He had a quiet confidence, and had leadership qualities. Most often, however, he preferred to provide the comic relief.

Flagler had a way of managing to bend the rules a bit; to do what made more sense to him than what the book said. He was able to get away with more than most, because he was good at what he did.

He was a skilled electronics technician who could fix the most complex problems with voice encoding equipment, to get it back to the field quickly. He knew his stuff, and was promoted accordingly. He could be relied upon.

He was an all-around good guy to have around, in any situation. In fact, if I had to go back and do a mission like that again, one of the guys that I would want to take with me would be Bruce Flagler.

Ben Jennings,

First Lieutenant, Ret.