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Concerning my military career, I never served on active duty. I did serve in the U.S. Naval Reserve for eight years, starting when I was a senior in high school. When I graduated from SUNY Brockport in May 1957, I had my orders to attend OCS in Newport, RI starting in July 1957, which obligated me to three years active duty. In late June 1957, President Eisenhower issued an executive order saying USNR personnel no longer had an active duty obligation. I quickly sent a request that my activation orders be rescinded. They were. I went on to complete my 8-year reservist obligation in an inactive capacity.

Especially because of my USNR experience, I have always had the greatest respect and admiration for those who did serve.

