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- Biography, Raymond Joseph Evans, Jr. 1939-1962 U. S. Coast Guard career.
- 9-18-39 Enlisted at eighteen as Apprentice Seaman at \$21.00/month, Seattle Recruiting Station.
- 9-25-39 Volunteered with six other recruits and reported aboard USCGC Spencer, W-36 enroute from Valdez, Alaska on permanent change of station to Staten Island, NY.
- 7-40 Transferred as Signalman 3rd Class to staff of Commander Transport Division Seven (CTD7) with flag aboard the Coast Guard manned USS Hunter Liggett, APA-14.
- 8-7-42 Landed with First Marine Division on Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands as Signalman 1st Class to establish a signal tower at the Naval Operating Base, Guadalcanal, code name "CACTUS".
- 11-42 Returned aboard USS Hunter Liggett as a member of crew and subsequently transferred to Admiral William Halsey's flagship at Noumea, New Caledonia because of recurring malaria attacks. While aboard flagship awarded field promotion to Chief Signalman by Admiral Halsey. To my knowledge the first such field promotion experienced in the Coast Guard.
- 5-15-43 Married to Dorothy Viola Jackson, Tacoma, Washington
- 6-43 Reassigned to Recruiting Station, Denver, Colorado.
- 8-43 Commissioned Ensign USCG for temporary service and became OINC Recruiting Station, Denver.
- 9-28-48 Granted permanent Warrant Officer commission.
- 7-43 Presented with a Navy Cross for action at Point Cruz, Guadalacanal Island, September, 1942 in ceremonies at Alameda Training Station, Alameda, California. Assigned temporary duty, St. Augustine and Miami, Florida for ASW training for duty aboard Frigates.
- 5-44 Promoted to LTJG for temporary service.
- 9-8-44 Transferred to Coast Guard manned USS Admiral Capps, APA-121 being commissioned at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, California. Duty as Assistant Communication Officer.
- 11-1-45 Promoted to Lieutenant for temporary service.
- 11-45 Transferred to CCGD13 for discharge. (Decided after due consideration to stay in service). Was assigned duties at Coast Guard Receiving Station, Fort Lewis, Washington in conjunction with separation processes following end of WWII.
- 6-46 During the month of June, 1946 at the height of reducing Coast Guard forces following the end of WWII, I was demoted to Chief Signalman; discharged honorably; re-enlisted as Chief Signalman and reappointed an Ensign, USCG for temporary service. Losing five years seniority in the process.

During this period I was assigned as Commanding Officer CG-83527 based in Tacoma, Washington and when reappointed to commissioned status was assigned to duty as a Search and Rescue Controller, CCGD13.

- 1-4-49 Transferred to USCGC Bering Strait, WAVP-32, home port Seattle, Washington as Navigator.
- 1-26-49 Received permanent appointment to LTJG grade.
- 10-15-49 Transferred to USCGC Kukui, WAK-186 home port, Honolulu, Hawaii for duty as Navigator.
- 2-10-50 Promoted to Lieutenant temporary service.
- 2-13-51 Reported to Coast Guard Explosive Loading School, U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Concord, California.
- 2-21-51 Received permanent status as Lieutenant, USCG.
- 4-30-51 Assigned to Captain of the Port, Seattle, Washington as Operations Officer for Port Security.
- 1-12-54 Transferred to USCGC Chautauqua, WPG-41 home port San Francisco, California as Executive Officer.
- 7-23-54 Temporary duty aboard USCGC Iriquois, WPG-43 as Commanding Officer of a dead ship under tow with six officers and 35 enlisted men. Towed by Coast Guard tugs from Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii to Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, Maryland. Iriquois damaged by grounding at Midway Island was decommissioned at Curtis Bay, mothballed by my crew and subsequently scrapped as too expensive to repair.
- 9-54 Promoted to Lieutenant Commander, USCG for temporary service.
- 1-13-55 Transferred to USCGC Ivy, WAGL-329, Astoria, Oregon as Commanding Officer. Responsible for bar and entrance buoys (56) at Columbia River, Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor, Washington.
- 5-8-58 Transferred to COTP, Houston, Texas as Commanding Officer and Captain of the Port.
- 10-10-60 Promoted to Commander, USCG for temporary service.
- 8-1-62 Retired in ceremonies at COTP, Houston. Returned to permanent home in Tacoma, Washington.
- 3-63 to 8-81 Employed as agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and Office Manager for a Marina in Tacoma. In 1967 returned to Houston, Texas as Superintendent of Construction for a company building large apartment complexes. Completed 20 such projects prior to my final retirement from work August 1, 1981.

Comment: With only a High School education and thanks to wartime conditions requiring extreme measures to provide leadership, I was fortunate to be chosen to serve in a commissioned status and to be retained with other temporary service officers in the active duty commissioned ranks. I enjoyed every minute of my 23 plus years in service which included in excess of twelve years of sea duty.

At Tacoma, Washington, August, 2000.

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