



*At RNDC and Young's Market Company, we are committed to attracting, developing, and retaining military veterans. In keeping with our core value of family and caring for the well-being of our community, RNDC recognizes and supports associates who are active duty or veterans of the U.S. military.*

**Name:** Chuck Franklin  
**Title:** Direct Sales Representative  
**Location/Business Unit:** Phoenix, Arizona



**Military Branch:** United States Navy  
**Military Rank:** E-5  
**Service Dates:** 1986-1990

**Please share details about your assignments and/or deployment(s) while serving.**

I was a Second Class Petty Officer and my specialty was Operations Specialist with the duty of Anti - Submarine Air Controller(ASAC). I also was the ship's Chart Petty Officer. I maintained the navigational tracks and positions for the ship's sailing.

**What was your proudest moment, recognition, or accomplishment?**

I received a Letter of Commendation from USS Elliot for my duties as Anti-Submarine Air Controller during Navy exercise, PACEX-90. I was strongly recommended for advancement to Petty Officer First Class and for participation in programs leading to a commission (Officer).

**What was the most valuable experience you gained from your service? How has it helped you in your post-military career?**

I value the time I was able to spend traveling to different countries; it gave me an opportunity to experience diverse cultures around the world.

I learned that the differences in people can be one of the greatest assets if properly embraced.



**What do you enjoy most about working at RNDC/Young's?**

The culture that is being cultivated.

**Share one or two FUN FACTS about yourself.**

I was able to cross the equator and international date line at the same time (Navy Tradition would title that as a Golden Shelback). Also, I was so far out sailing the ocean blue in time zones that we went through the same day twice.

**Please feel free to provide any additional information you'd like to share.**

After the Navy, I immediately began my career at United Liquor, which later became RNDC, then Young's of Arizona, and now RNDC/Young's. I spent my first three years as a merchandiser, before transitioning to OnPremise sales where I spent 26 years, and about 1-year-ago I made the move to InSide Sales.

After my time in the Navy I became one of Jehovah's Witnesses. My wife, Deborah, and I also have fostered children over the years.

