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*I was born in 1944 in San Diego, California in a Naval Hospital that is where my father was station at the time.*

*After my father finished his time in the service, we went to Roade Island that is where my father was from originally. We stayed there for about four years. My dad was fortunate he was offered a job with the rail road but in order to take the job we had to move to Indiana. We have been here ever since.*

*My mom's family is from Cedar Rapids Iowa.*

*I went into uncle Sam's Navy in 1961 my job aboard ship was to get planes on and off the air craft carrier, never a dull moment.*

*After the service I married my wife Bettye in 1969, we have been together for forty years now. We had been together about three years when we had our daughter. We have one Daughter, eight grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. I have been on two different volunteer fire Departments, for a total of fifteens years between the two departments.*

*My wife was in a serious automobile accident, so I decided to give it up to help with her care. I am one of the last charter members for Indiana Chapter One. We started the chapter in 1989. For the last few years I have been president of Indiana #1. Since starting the chapter in 1989 we have made some wonderful friends and seen some of the most beautiful sights you could ever imagine thanks to the Red Knights.*

*I go twice a week and help unload the truck for the feed the hungry program, i have worked with the Food Harvest Banks, for about three years now it is very rewarding. My wife and I are always going on charity rides, we try to help when ever and how ever we can.*

*I look forward to working as Central Director.*

*Thomas Cooke Indiana Chapter One*