

## Jimmy Schill

by Doug Kent

Hi Sailor! Our March Hottie was born in 1939 in a small mining village, somewhere south of the Mason-Dixon Line. He was one of a large family of 9 children – 4 of each gender – and our Hottie! Son of a coal miner and not able to sing, he joined the Navy at the tender age of 17 (see photo). After 2 years in the reserves, he served 2 more years on active duty. Discharged in 1960, he had served onboard destroyers, destroyer escorts and destroyer tenders out of Norfolk, Virginia.

Finding Norfolk a great place for sailors, he decided to remain there and attend night school at Old Dominion University, majoring in accounting and art appreciation.

After 2 years, studies became too demanding and he left for Chicago to work for a friend of a friend in his hardware store as a clerk.

This town was much too cold for this southern boy, so after six months he blew that town and returned to Norfolk. He found a job as a purchasing agent at an electronics store, then a job at Westinghouse Supply Company. He then settled into a job for the next 30 years with a nationwide industrial supply company as a purchasing agent.

This Hottie has been a Prime Timer for over 20 years beginning with Prime Timers Worldwide. After meeting Woody Baldwin in the 1980's at Mardi Gras in New Orleans, he became interested in forming a local Prime Timer Chapter. He was a founding member of Prime Timers Tidewater, Virginia.

Although he moved here in 2001, he and his, now deceased, partner of 12 years, kept their membership there. They were two of the founders of the Fort Lauderdale Prime Timers chapter.

