



Vic Campbell
Author, Filmmaker, Publisher

Vic Campbell was born in 1949 to Aviation Machinists Mate First Class, James Lee Campbell and Myrtle Carswell Campbell at the Jacksonville Naval Hospital. A ready-made older brother was already in the household. This brother was to become Captain James E. Campbell, Medical Service Corps, United States Navy Reserve. Some years later a sister was added to the family. Wanda would grow into the Navy themed family as well. Both the Navy and strong family roots in the Florida Panhandle would shape all the children of J. Lee and Myrtle Campbell.

After formative years in Chumuckla, Florida, Vic moved on to Pensacola Junior College and then the University of West Florida for a degree in Biology, while also attaching himself to a Navy Reserve association. With his BS degree in hand, the Navy accepted him as a Junior Officer and provided him opportunities to explore the Western reaches of the Pacific, including Vietnam. In this time he married Karen Gatewood Campbell of Avalon Beach. It was a brief Navy career for Vic as he began to understand that the organization was entirely based on military discipline. When the opportunity arose, he left the Navy to pursue graduate school in Agricultural Economics at the University of Florida. Vic's military ribbons include the RVN Service Ribbon, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Combat Action Ribbon, Pistol Marksmanship and Good Conduct. His last rank held was Lieutenant Junior Grade.

Vic and Karen then began careers that took them to Georgia and now after retirement back to Chumuckla. A son, Alex, was born in 1991 and is now entering his senior year at Auburn University. After some 20 years in the business of marketing chemicals and pharmaceuticals into the agricultural world, Campbell stepped away, writing and filming in his own business, Buzz Creek. Some results from that effort are a documentary film about the demise of the Navy's Asiatic Fleet in 1942, and a warm reflection of memories in a book called "Junction, County Road 197 (Mild Adventure for The Armchair Ruralist)". Vic maintains a close association with the USS Houston Survivors Association and continues to interview veterans for historical record when opportunities allow. Many of these are featured in excerpts shown at me3tv.org. He runs the website for his own ship at ussocallahan.org and maintains the website for The New York Commandery of The Naval Order of The United States (nousny.org), where he is a member.