

# Gary Nelson

## Coast Guard Day



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US Coast Guard Gunners Mate 2nd Class Gary Nelson served aboard an ice breaker in the USA and Antarctica during the Vietnam War. He fondly remembers playing football with penguins on Christmas Day.

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