

Birch Equipment Honors Veterans



On behalf of Birch Equipment, our heartfelt thank you goes out to all of our country's veterans, past and present. Our gratitude and honor also goes to the family and friends of all of the veterans who have protected our United States of America.

A special thanks to our staff at Birch Equipment who have served in the US Military:

Dan Arneson
Dan Backman
Jeff Blair
John Chapman
Frank Doering
Terry Hislop
Ron Jansen
Ron King
Clay Marsh
Charlie McLachlan
Steve Olson
Doug Shoup
John Theel

Birch's veteran of the year is Frank Doering, who has been a mechanic at Birch Equipment for nearly 6 years. For the past 15 years employees of Birch Equipment have asked the owner if they could have Veteran's Day as a paid holiday and her respectful response has not wavered, "If you are still able to fit into your original uniform, you deserve the day as an extra paid holiday." Well, none of the Birch employees have had the extra paid day until this year.

Today, Tuesday, November 11, 2008, at a prompt 0700, Chief Aviation Electrician's mate, Frank Doering, arrived in his dress blues and stood at attention at his current call of service location at Birch Equipment in Bellingham. Twenty minutes later Frank was on the road, headed home to change and enjoy the day.

Frank enlisted in the US Navy in November of 1974 where he traveled the world with Ports of Call in Washington, Alaska, Hawaii, Spain, Italy, Greece, Egypt, and the Philippines, with his first and last call out of NAS Whidbey. He made several detachments to such carriers as USS Ranger, USS Nimitz, USS Constellation, USS Independence and received two Navy Achievement Medals, 5 Good Conduct Awards and a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

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Thanks again Frank and all of the fine Veterans.