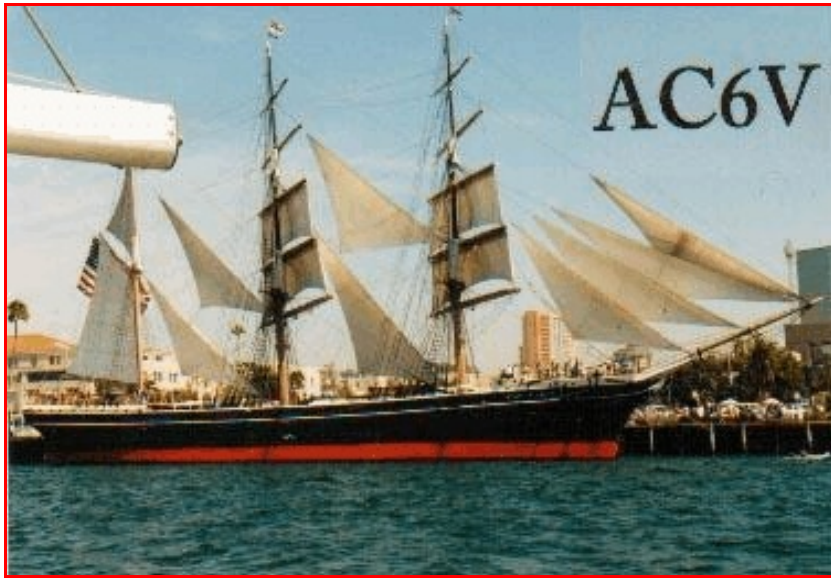


**Rod Dinkins AC6V \*1931-2008\*** It is with regret that we read through QRZ.COM That Rod is a silent key at age 77. Rod Dinkins of Oceanside California has been up front and center with his books and extensive Amateur Radio and DX Reference Guide on the Internet with 700 Topics - 6K entries and over 130 pages.



In his own words “I started in radio in the late 40s as a SWL, AM and Ham band listener with a Knight Kit Ocean Hopper - later a Hallicrafters S-40A.”

He continued; Electronics seemed to be my calling and I had 2 years of vocational electricity and electronics in high school. Four years in the US Navy during the Korean War as an Aviation Electronics Technician -AT1 rating. Also taught electronics at NATTC Memphis, Tenn - one year.

Four years at Convair Pomona as an instructor of electronics and guided missiles. 2 years as a vocational electronics teacher at the Junior College level in Walnut CA. Achieved an AA degree in Electronics under the GI Bill. Over 30 years as an Electronics Technical Writer with aerospace and Hewlett Packard. Licensed in amateur radio since 1977.

Rod had a love for full time Dxing, writing ham Books and enjoy working on his ancestry web pages and being as a good Elmer as he could. Rod is survived by XYL Karla, sons Jeff and Steve and two grandchildren. Full military honors March 13 will take place at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego.

I've noticed our Bob Green W8JYZ has The AC6V Page under his Radio History and Links, we are in hope that the AC6V page will continue for years to come as a tribute to AC6V and his gift to all who were inquisitive and in search for answers. Word received that the family desires to continue AC6V.com by son Jeff Dinkins.

A moment of silence for Rod “AC 6 Volts” is in order. Thanks Rod.

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