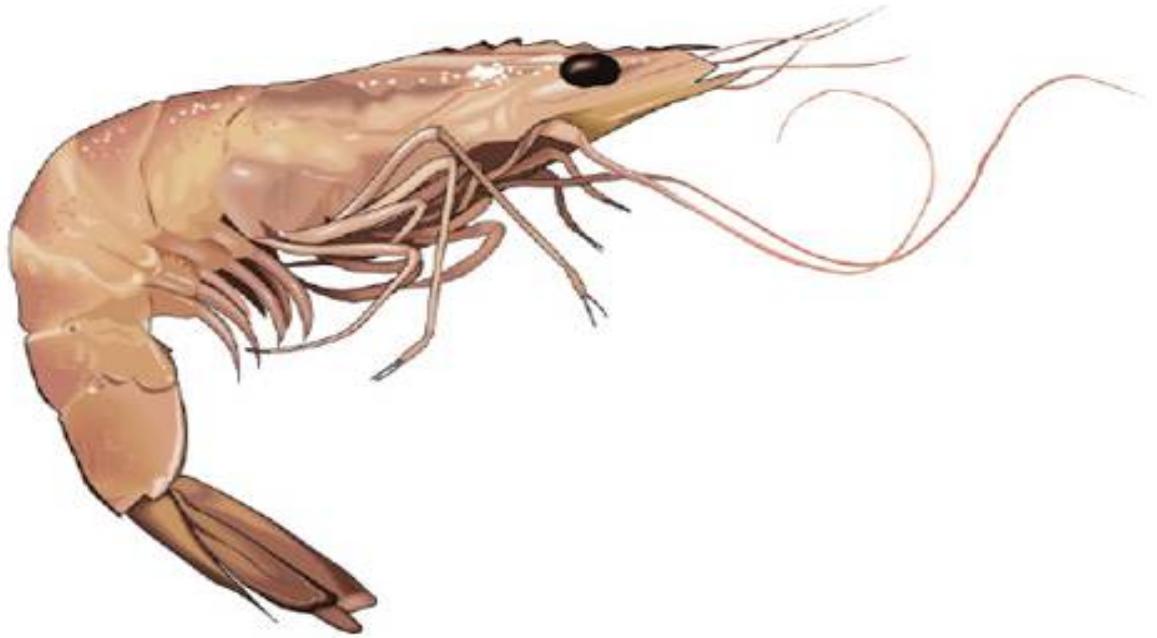
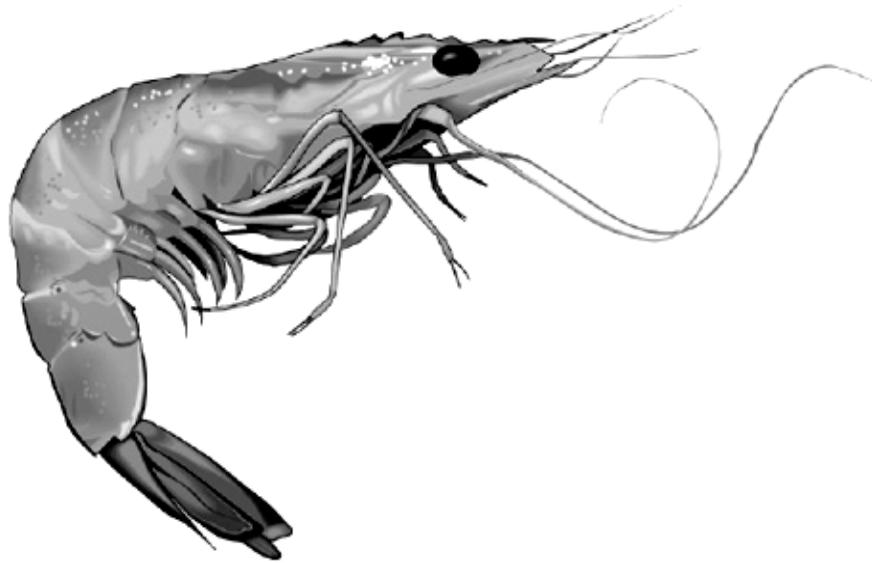


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Once upon a time ...
I was just a little kid.



Hey, Shrimp!

**One day, when I was outside with my dad ...
Some kids called me a Shrimp!**



Hey, Shrimp!

**My mom helped me ride my bike ...
But the kids still called me a Shrimp!**



Hey, Shrimp!

**My mom walked along with me ...
She was really BIG!
But they still called me a Shrimp!**



Hey, Shrimp!

**I grew bigger and my dad came with me ...
Boy! He was REALLY big!
And they STILL called me a Shrimp!**



Hey, Shrimp!

**So, I grew ... and I grew ...
and I grew ... and I grew ...
and I got GREAT BIG!**



Hey, Shrimp!

**I even got a special picture made of me ...
But they still called me a Shrimp!**



Hey, Shrimp!

**Mom took me to the beach ...
She said that's where the shrimp live.**



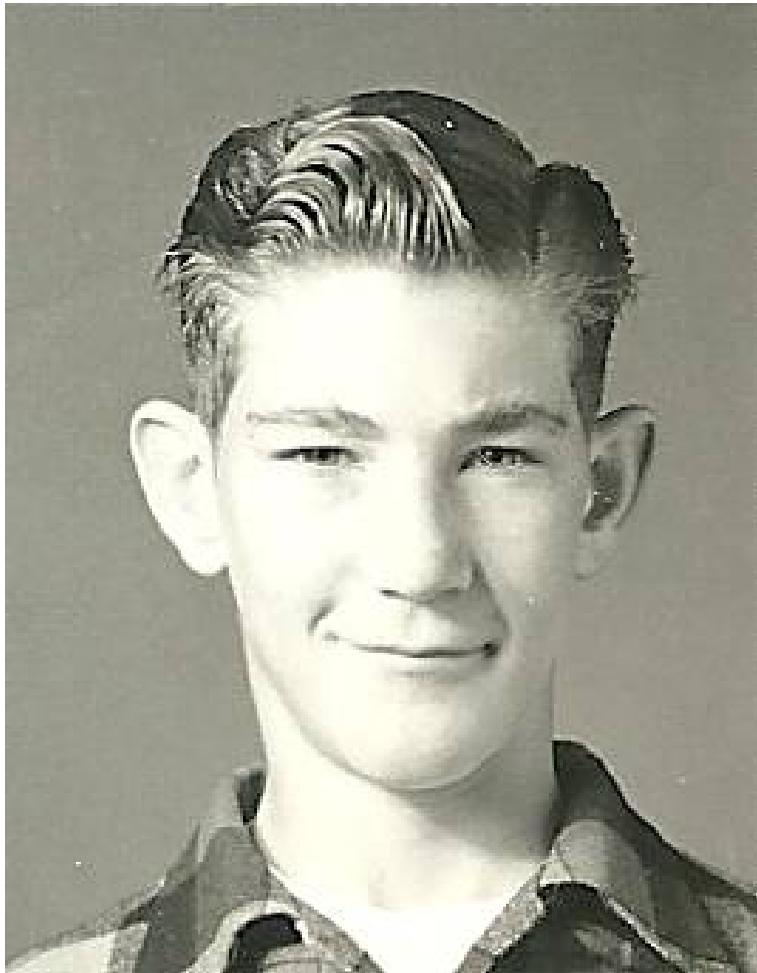
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**I grew some more and got a pet snake.
But those kids still called me a Shrimp!**



Hey, Shrimp!

**Mom said shrimp are good to eat.
So I ate some and grew even bigger.
But, they STILL called me a Shrimp!**



Hey, Shrimp!

**In high school I got taller than my friends!
Guess what ...
They *STILL* called me a Shrimp!**



Hey, Shrimp!

**After school, I joined the Marine Corps.
Because nobody calls a Marine a Shrimp!**



Hey, Shrimp!

**I was taller than my Drill Instructor.
He called me bad names - but not a Shrimp!**



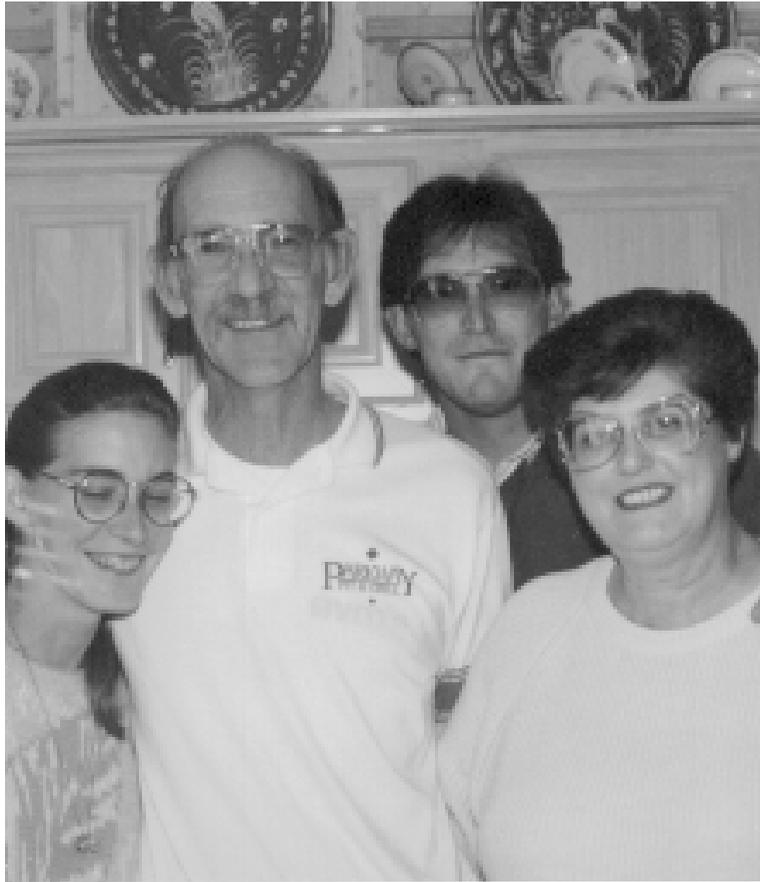
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**One day I heard the President speak ...
He called Marines HEROS, not Shrimps!**



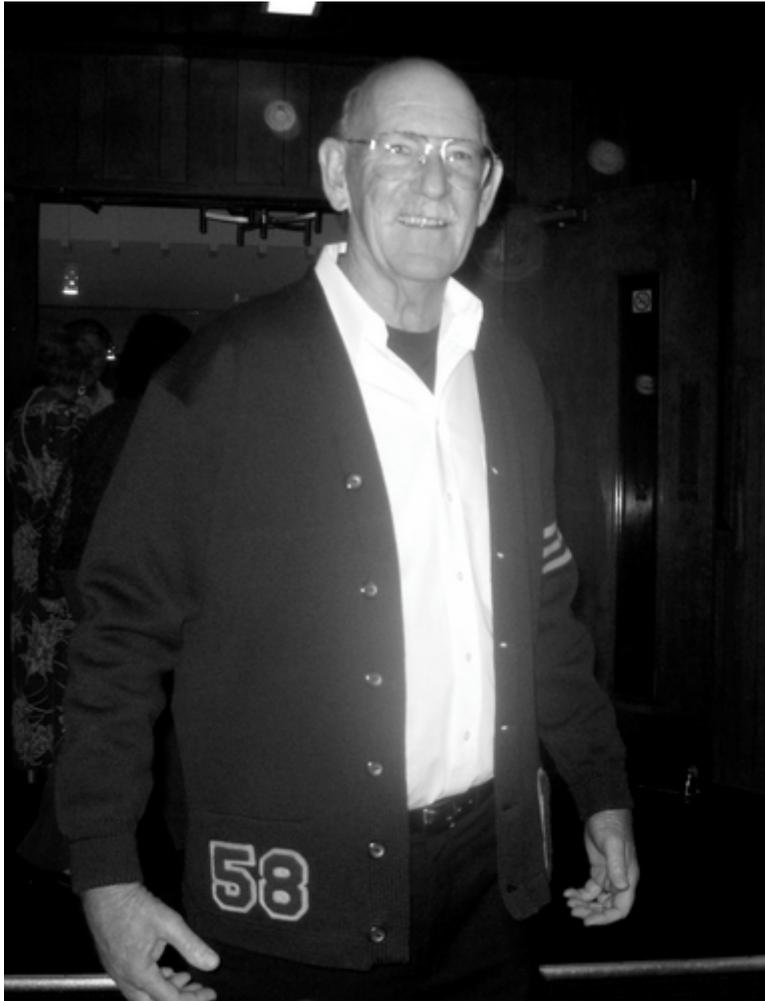
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**I'm a proud, old Marine. I'm a good dad
and good husband. I am NOT a Shrimp!**

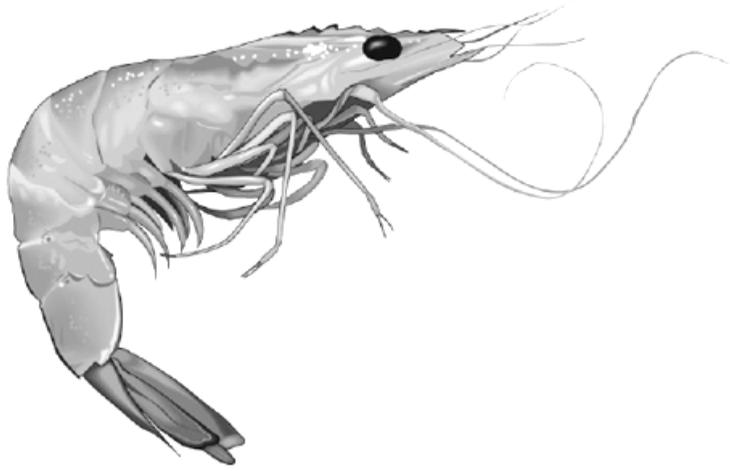


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**You know something? What people call you
doesn't matter! It's what YOU call you!**



Hey, Shrimp!



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