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David R. Hooks, Jr., began his military career in the United States Marine Corp on August 28, 1965. As customary with all enlistees, he began his career as a private. He first served with the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division in Camp LeJune, North Carolina. While with the 2nd Battalion he was stationed in Cuba for six months. In 1966, he transferred to the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division. During his time with the 3rd Battalion, from 1966-1967, he valiantly fought in the Vietnam War. Upon his return to the United States, he again was transferred to the 3rd Naval District Brig and stationed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard in New York. Mr. Hooks left the military with a rank of Corporal and was awarded an Honorable Discharge in August 1972. During his time with the Marine Corp, Mr. Hooks received numerous ribbons and awards including the Good Conduct Ribbon.

After separating from the military, Mr. Hooks held numerous jobs in the civilian arena. Shortly after leaving the military, Mr. Hooks worked as a youth coordinator for Community Board #14 located in Brooklyn, New York. He served in this capacity for 10 years. In 1991, Mr. Hooks obtained employment at the SUNY-Queens Educational Opportunity Center where he specialized in career planning and development. After 20 years of service Mr. Hooks retired in 2011.