

This Serviceman's story is not so much about a sewing machine as much as it is about the man, his Service, and his tool case.

John Davis Couture FTMC USN - ESSOPAC (Explosives Safety Support Office Pacific) & Howard Hughes electrician's leather tool case.

John Davis was born in Rush City, Minnesota prior to World War II. His parents were farmers in both Minnesota and in South Dakota. John joined the US Navy and specialized in explosives. He served in both Korea and Vietnam attaining the rank of FTMC (Fire Control Chief Petty Officer). He was stationed out of the US Navy Base San Diego, home of the Pacific Fleet.

His final years were spent in the Veteran's Hospital in Carson City, Nevada. John's wife Sally Ann (Simeth) passed away in 2001 and John in 2012. He is buried in the *Sacramento Valley National Cemetery* near Solano, California.

The rest of his story. John lived in El Cajon near San Diego with his wife Sally Ann. He was hired for his years of expertise by yes, "Howard Hughes" the infamous Movie Director, Producer, Entrepreneur, Billionaire-recluse to work on Mr. Hughes' special projects ie, Yachts and Airplanes. This is the leather electricians tool case that he carried. I was initially drawn to the case by his wife Sally Ann's advertised sewing machine and assorted other items. My offer for the machine didn't work out but it did for the case. Sure, I wish I'd have won the auction for the Featherweight but I've lost out on many other machine auctions but I did win the case and the story!

* Note: the three removable metal parts trays, his name written on the inside of the lid and the labels with the abbreviation ESSOPAC and his name.

