

Rockey enlisted in the Navy in April 1973 and retired April 30, 1995 as an Aviation Electrician's Mate Senior Chief Petty Officer (E-8) with Aviation Warfare insignia. While serving in the Navy he received Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal and Southwest Asia Service Medal qualifying him for membership in the VFW.

He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in 1999 in Aeronautical Management.

After retiring from the Navy Rockey worked at several jobs until he found his niche in life helping veterans find jobs and teaching them how to build a marketable resume. Unfortunately, this was a temporary job that was to end in 13 months. He interviewed for an Idaho State Veteran Service Office position in Lewiston, ID in April 2006 and was hired. He moved to Lewiston in May 2006 and worked as a Service Officer for 10 ½ years and retired December 30, 2016.

Rockey joined the VFW in June 2006 and is a Gold Legacy Life Member of Post 10043 in Lewiston. By virtue of his job as a State Service Officer accepted the appointment of Post Service Officer when asked to fill the position. In September 2008 he was asked to complete the term for the newly elected Post Quartermaster and he accepted and went on to be the Post Quartermaster until June 30, 2015. He found himself performing the duties of Post Quartermaster in April 2016 and served again until June 30, 2018. He became the District 2 Commander in September 2014 after the elected Commander had fallen extremely ill and had to resign. Rockey was elected District 2 Commander in May 2015 and became an All-American District Commander in 2016.

He was elected State Jr. Vice Commander in June 2016 at the State Convention held in Lewiston, ID.

Rockey married his wife Shirley August 16, 1980 and have a son and daughter. His son served six years in the Air Force and daughter two years in the Navy.