
Askren, Robert F

Nickname Bob **Rate** MM2 **Division** M
Spouse Helen **Hometown** Holton, KS
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Wheel Shop Supv, Santa Fe Railroad
Special Hobbies Snow Skiing, Water Skiing, Boating, Golf
Favorite Memory Seeing all the new countries
Worst Memory Taking 45 degree rolls in storm between Hong Kong and Subic Bay, Philippines
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments I am recovering from cancer surgery, but will be in Texas next year. I really was disappointed we had to cancel out this year.

Ayre, Delmer L

Nickname Del **Rate** EM2 **Division** E
Spouse Florine **Hometown** Abilene, KS
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1951-09 **Years To** 1954-11
Civilian Occupation Construction Electrician-Now Retired
Special Hobbies Woodworking, Repairing, Dancing
Favorite Memory Hong Kong Liberty
Worst Memory Korea and riding out typhoon
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Bainbridge, James E

Nickname Jeb **Rate** FN1 **Division** A, B
Spouse Betty **Hometown** Weirton, WV
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1946-04 **Years To** 1947
Civilian Occupation Steelworker
Special Hobbies Masonry, Travel, Hunting
Favorite Memory A-Bomb tests at Bikini Atoll; the 3,000 cases of beer we left the states with
Worst Memory The lesser number we arrived there with and trying to keep the fire extinguisher charged
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Barrientos, Jr, Manuel

Nickname Rate BM3 **Division** Boat Div
Spouse Tina **Hometown** Dallas, TX
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1962-10 **Years To** 1963-03
Civilian Occupation Owner/Operator of Personnel & Employment Service
Special Hobbies Golf, Bowling, Traveling
Favorite Memory Arriving in Port-au-Prince, Haiti during the Cuban Crisis
Worst Memory Black oil spill during ops. Port Side 1963
Children 9 **Grandchildren** 23
Special Comments

Bates, Jr, Dennis L

Nickname Rate RD2 **Division** Radar
Spouse Georgia **Hometown** San Antonio, TX
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1945-11 **Years To** 1947-01
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies None
Favorite Memory Trip to Japan Dec 1945, and A bomb tests
Worst Memory None
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Battson, Arthur L

Nickname Art **Rate** Capt **Division** C/O
Spouse Rosaline **Hometown** Shreveport, LA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1964-07 **Years To** 1965-09
Civilian Occupation Naval Architect & Marine Engineering
Special Hobbies Golf, Bridge
Favorite Memory Too many to list. I was blessed with outstanding officer and crew
Worst Memory Having to announce the "killed in action" of a Bexar engineer who went on temp duty to an AFD for Engineer on their small boat. (Langford, Richard)
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Beeler, John L

Nickname Rate SK2 **Division** Supply
Spouse Sandi **Hometown** Winamac, IN
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Retired Auto Parts Store Owner
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory Boarding 1967
Worst Memory Departing 1969
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Bekins, Marshall

Nickname Ben **Rate** QM3/SM2 **Division** OS
Spouse **Hometown** Bend, OR
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1955-11 **Years To** 1958-04
Civilian Occupation Merchant Marine
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory The ship being kicked out of port at Hilo, Hawaii the Summer, 1956
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Bell, Virgil R

Nickname Ding Dong **Rate** BM3 **Division** Boat Grp
Spouse Carole **Hometown** Tulsa, OK
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Oil & Gas Well Tech
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Return to San Diego, 1953
Worst Memory Net Training, 1953, Hokkaido, Japan
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Bigbie, James E

Nickname
Spouse Margie
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237)

Rate YN2
Hometown Savannah, GA

Division OPS
Years From 1963
Years To 1967

Civilian Occupation Vice President of Savannah Communications

Special Hobbies

Favorite Memory The Far East Cruises of 1966 & 1967 were my favorites though they were to Viet Nam. This is the period of time that I managed the on board Radio Station KBEX and was editor of the newspaper. The BEXAR Facts.

Worst Memory

Children 1
Grandchildren

Special Comments

Bigler, Glade S

Nickname
Spouse Lois
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237)

Rate Lt (jg)
Hometown Salt Lake City, UT

Division O
Years From 1952
Years To 1953

Civilian Occupation Attorney-Chief Attorney US Dept of VA)

Special Hobbies

Favorite Memory The Bexar was scheduled to go into Bremerton for over haul, but it was suddenly switched to Pearl Harbor and the Secretary of the Navy authorized the ships crew to take our cars, wives & families on board and sail to Hawaii. It was a nice weeks cruise with our wives and families. We then spent three months in Hawaii with them.

Worst Memory When I received orders to transfer from the Valley Forge to the Bexar, the Chief Yeoman called me and said your orders came in. I ask, "Where am I going?" He replied, "To the USS BEX-ER an APA" (pronouncing it with an X and not Bear). So for the next month before my arrival at the ship, whenever anyone ask where I was being transferred, I told them, the USS BEX-ER. Upon reporting aboard, my first night, I was assigned the quarterdeck watch. While standing the watch the phone rang and I picked up the phone and said, "USS BEX-ER, quarterdeck". The response was: "This is the Captain speaking, I thought the name of my ship was BEXAR."

Children 5
Grandchildren 17

Special Comments G Walter Clark once wrote: Life is made sweet because of friends we have made, and the things which in common we share. We want to live on, not because of ourselves, but because of the people who care. It's giving and doing for somebody else; on that all life's splendor depends, and the joy of this life, when you've summed it all up, is found in the making of friends.

Blaine, Art

Nickname Art **Rate** HTCS **Division** R
Spouse Arline **Hometown** Sacto, CA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Welder
Special Hobbies Fishing, white water rafting
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Heavy Seas 44 degree roll 1955
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Blancaflor, Celedonio P

Nickname Cel **Rate** EM3 **Division** E
Spouse Clariza **Hometown** Philippines
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Maintenance Electrician, ARCO Refinery
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory There was a fire in the engine room, one officer was killed, one crewmember missing and one crewmember was killed.
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Bowers, Rodney Charles

Nickname **Rate** YN1 **Division** X
Spouse **Hometown** Swan, IA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1969-01 **Years To** 1969-12
Civilian Occupation Postal Clerk
Special Hobbies Just enjoy life in general
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Have none
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Brink, Elsworth K

Nickname Slim **Rate** S I/C **Division** 2nd
Spouse Doris **Hometown** New Foundland, PA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1946-04-05 **Years To** 1947-10-16
Civilian Occupation Retired Carpenter
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing
Favorite Memory 1st & 2nd Atomic Bomb Test -Bikini Atoll
Worst Memory None
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Brock, Billy Gene

Nickname Bill **Rate** DK1/DKC **Division** Supply
Spouse Connie **Hometown** Knoxville, TN
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Federal Civil Service-Fiscal Accounting
Special Hobbies None
Favorite Memory Promotion to Chief Petty Officer - May 1960
Worst Memory Loss of 3 shipmates during hurricane
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Brode, John G

Nickname Jack **Rate** QM3 **Division** Navi
Spouse Patricia Stoner **Hometown** Windsor, Ontario, Canada
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1948-04 **Years To** 1949-06
Civilian Occupation Delta Airlines
Special Hobbies Sports
Favorite Memory The great crew we had
Worst Memory None
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Canfield, Arthur R

Nickname Bones **Rate** SH3 **Division** S
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Panama City, FL
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation School Maintenance
Special Hobbies Fishing, and any sports
Favorite Memory R & R in Hong Kong
Worst Memory Tac
Children 7 **Grandchildren** 14
Special Comments

Carmichael, Vern D

Nickname Vern **Rate** EN3 **Division** A
Spouse Pat **Hometown** Rimersburg, PA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1949-01 **Years To** 1952-03
Civilian Occupation Painting Contractor
Special Hobbies Golf, Travel, Hunting, Fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Carr, Eugene V

Nickname Flickers **Rate** EN2 **Division** A
Spouse Audrey **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1948-06 **Years To** 1952-05
Civilian Occupation Research Technician at Dupont in Wilmington, DE
Special Hobbies Football & Electronics
Favorite Memory Great bunch of guys in "A" Division
Worst Memory Part of standby boat crew sleeping on cots in Medical Section, Capt Johnson dreamt that ship was going to hit a Island in China Sea
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Collins, Clifford O

Nickname
Spouse Della
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237)
Civilian Occupation Realtor

Rate BM2c
Hometown Santa Ana, CA
Years From 1944
Years To 1945

Division

Special Hobbies

Favorite Memory Being part of the first crew on board. Just before going aboard the ship, it caught on fire and we had a three month lay over in San Francisco. Some of the crew called their wives and we had about three months lay over there. Praise the Lord.

Worst Memory

Children 1 **Grandchildren** 1

Special Comments

Compan, Jerry L

Nickname
Spouse
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237)
Civilian Occupation Maintenance

Rate FTG3 (SS) Gunner
Hometown Massillon, OH
Years From 1966
Years To 1966

Division

Special Hobbies Bowling, Hunting, Golf

Favorite Memory Landing Marines in Chu Lai

Worst Memory None

Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4

Special Comments I was a qualified Submariner who got stuck on a troop transport just before I got released in Sept 1966. The Captain at the time found it amusing to almost dunk me in the drink while being Hi Lined back from the USS KEARSARGE. I made a few good friends the short time I was onboard. I would like to get in contact with Dave Bishop if anyone knows him.

Cook, Robert E

Nickname Bob
Spouse Linda
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237)
Civilian Occupation Grade School Principal

Rate SN
Hometown Cyclone, WV
Years From 1965
Years To 1968

Division Boat Group

Special Hobbies Gardening

Favorite Memory Crossing the International Date Line

Worst Memory Hitting a typhoon

Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0

Special Comments

Courtney, Royce F

Nickname
Spouse Rita - Deceased
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237)
Civilian Occupation Shift Supervisor--Power plant
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Cracraft, Harold L

Nickname
Spouse Loyce
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237)
Civilian Occupation Mechanic
Special Hobbies Golf, Golf & Golf
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments

Cravens, Bob

Nickname
Spouse Rita
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237)
Civilian Occupation Marketing Sales Director
Special Hobbies Boating, Fishing, Travel
Favorite Memory Hong Kong liberty and Travel in general
Worst Memory Military style discipline and the consequences and effects of war on whole populations
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments It was a great experience for a young, naïve teenager from the Midwest. Like most, I would not trade it for anything, or repeat the experience again.

Cronin, David

Nickname Rate SFFN **Division** R
Spouse Vera **Hometown** Deer River, MN
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1967
Civilian Occupation Engineer/Mate on San Francisco Bay tug boats
Special Hobbies Motorcycles & Music, Boy Scout Troop Leader
Favorite Memory Wishing I was back on board after being sent in country
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Crump, Gerald C

Nickname Jerry **Rate** CWO **Division** E
Spouse Bettye **Hometown** Ohumwz, IA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Electrician
Special Hobbies Reading, Travel, Stamps
Favorite Memory Days on Beach at Subic Bay during 6 week standby to land Marines in Indonesia
Worst Memory Almost missed ship deploying to WestPac. Sailor promised to pick me up didn't. Long Beach to San Diego
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Cunningham, Robert E

Nickname Road Runner **Rate** BT2 **Division** B
Spouse **Hometown** Cleveland, OH
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Mill Wright
Special Hobbies Playing Golf
Favorite Memory Had a ball for 41 months
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments Looking forward to seeing everyone

Currie, Duane H

Nickname Duke **Rate** ET3 **Division** Ops
Spouse Marilyn **Hometown** Sioux Falls, SD
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1954-05 **Years To** 1956-02

Civilian Occupation Sales, Auto Sales now

Special Hobbies Golf, Collecting everything, but nothing of value

Favorite Memory My best buddy in High School was John Winter. I knew he was going in the Marines and I knew I was going in the Navy. So in my annual from High School, he wrote "See you on the boat going over". Well, we had an exercise in Korea where we picked up the Marines, brought them aboard and took them up the coast and dropped them off. My duty was to tend the net as the Marines climbed up to the ship from the Peter Boats. As the Peter boat pulled along side the Marines were all looking up at their new home for a few days. Just as I was looking down at the Peter boat full of Marines, Yes, our eyes looked at each other!

Worst Memory I had mess duty for the 1st time, just as we were leaving Frisco. I just put a bowl of jam and bowl of butter on the table in the mess hall. When we started out to sea under the Golden Gate, it got rough (the two bowls slid down the table, then back again toward me, hit the edge and flipped on to the deck and broke. I thought this was the way it was going to be for the whole cruise, and I started to feel sick. I did go up top side and look out at the horizon and soon felt fine. That was my first and only time I got woozy! I later liked the rock and roll of the ship to really get a good sleep, like rocking a baby.

Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3

Special Comments

Darrington, Frank

Nickname **Rate** QM3 **Division** Nav
Spouse Joanne **Hometown** Munster, IN
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1969

Civilian Occupation Graphic Arts/retired inventor

Special Hobbies

Favorite Memory Hoisting Rex McFall up the yard arm by his belt loops after the cross-pier food fight with the Iwo Jima.

Worst Memory

Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2

Special Comments

Daugherty, William

Nickname Bill **Rate** DK3 **Division** Supply (Disb.)
Spouse Cindy **Hometown** Claremore, OK
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1953-01 **Years To** 1956-08

Civilian Occupation Off Shore Diver

Special Hobbies Sky Diving, Golf, Running

Favorite Memory Leaving the ship

Worst Memory Tachen evacuation 1955-Keluny, Formosa

Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5

Special Comments

Davis, Wesley

Nickname Rate RDSN **Division** OPS
Spouse **Hometown**
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1950 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation I worked for Power Co and later owned Liquor Store
Special Hobbies Travel, I love history
Favorite Memory Traveling via Suez Canal from Crete where I came aboard to Kobe, Japan
Worst Memory Running aground in Korea
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 3 GG3
Special Comments

Dayton, John P

Nickname Jack **Rate** EN3 **Division** A
Spouse Elizabeth **Hometown** La Crosse, WI
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1948 **Years To** 1951
Civilian Occupation Plant Supervisor
Special Hobbies Camping, Hunting & Fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Deats, Jr, Wayne L

Nickname **Rate** QM2 **Division** Nav
Spouse Lynn **Hometown** Houston, TX
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1967
Civilian Occupation Commercial Insurance Sales
Special Hobbies Gardening & Computers
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

DeConinck, Jr, Frank J

Nickname DeCon **Rate** BM2 **Division** Boat
Spouse Nancy **Hometown** New York, NY
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1949-12 **Years To** 1951-06
Civilian Occupation Lead Security Officer--United Air Lines
Special Hobbies Model boat building, playing the guitar, gardening
Favorite Memory The day that the USS BEXAR (APA-237) arrived back in the USA from Korea
Worst Memory Sleeping in the LCVP (landing craft) at 10 degrees below 0; Being an assault boat
Coxswain
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

DeJesus, Juanito G

Nickname Jesse **Rate** E-3 **Division** Supply
Spouse Conchita **Hometown** Sangley Point, Clvite, Philippi
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1959 **Years To**
Civilian Occupation Maintenance at the School District
Special Hobbies Go on a tour, Eat, Read Newspapers, Walking, Watch TV News & Fishing
Favorite Memory When we went around the world, Crossing the Equator, The good times with my friends
Worst Memory When we had the Indonesian troops on board going to South Africa, Congo
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments I miss all my friends & shipmates. I hope & pray they are still around after 50 years. I will always remember them and cherish the memories.

Desfosses, Roland

Nickname **Rate** EM2 **Division** E
Spouse Zelma S. **Hometown** Auburn, NH
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1967
Civilian Occupation Chief Engineer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Detloff, Don

Nickname Rate MRFN **Division** M
Spouse Single **Hometown** Mt Clemens, MI
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1969-01-28 **Years To** 1969-12-15
Civilian Occupation Engine designer - Ford Motor Co
Special Hobbies Fishing, boating, hunting, anything out of doors
Favorite Memory Until I joined the Navy, I had never been outside of Michigan. Serving on the BEXAR was my first opportunity to "See the World"!
Worst Memory Cleaning the condensers when I "upset" Chief Landry
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments I have been looking forward to a BEXAR reunion for a long time and am anxious to see everyone again in the very near future

DeWald, George E

Nickname Rate SKSN **Division** Supply
Spouse Carol **Hometown** Buffalo, NY
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1949 **Years To** 1950
Civilian Occupation Construction Operating Engineer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory I met my wife of 53 years while serving aboard the Bexar. I hitchhiked home to Buffalo on an Easter weekend liberty. She was working at my father's florist shop. It was love at first sight. Upon returning to the ship a day late, (with permission) I told shipmate George Leidolph that I had met the girl I was going to marry, and I did, two year later in January 1953.
Sleeping topside under an M boat on a warm night, during operations in the Caribbean Sea. A welcome relief from the sometimes smelly conditions below. Troops were not always the best housekeepers.
Worst Memory Serving as ship's company mess cook during Operation PORTREX in 1950. Many of the troop supplied mess cooks were of a higher rank than I was. They didn't like the work we were doing, and naturally, they resented me for being their superior in my capacity.
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments My wife and I attended the 2003 reunion in San Antonio. We enjoyed meeting shipmates who had served aboard the Bexar over the years. It was interesting to learn of the ship's operations after the time of my service. The placing of the ship's plaque at the Bexar County Courthouse was impressive, a lasting memorial to the Bexar.

DeYoung, Donald S

Nickname Don **Rate** BM1 **Division** Bt Gp
Spouse **Hometown** Britton, SD
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1964-01 **Years To** 1964-11
Civilian Occupation Carpenter
Special Hobbies Gardening, woodworking
Favorite Memory As I was leaving the ship with orders to ACB-a, I said so long to the 1st Lt. Smith and new chief BM. Lt Smith said, "Chief, we never had a Boat Group until DeYoung came aboard." If it wasn't for family, I wouldn't have left
Worst Memory When myself and a 2nd class BM got drunk on St Patrick's Day and Lt Smith gave me a lecture
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Dobson, Johnny

Nickname **Rate** ME3 **Division** R
Spouse Joanne **Hometown** West Point, MS
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Sports
Favorite Memory Capt Johnston relieved by Capt Roscoe
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Dolinger, Donald W

Nickname **Rate** EN3 **Division** Engineering
Spouse Yolanda **Hometown** Panama City, FL
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Locksmith
Special Hobbies Golfing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Eide, Gary A

Nickname Rate SK2 **Division** S-1
Spouse Jackie **Hometown** Anderson, CA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation Customer Service Rep
Special Hobbies Fishing, Gamble, Watch Boxing
Favorite Memory Boxing matches aboard ship
Worst Memory Typhoon Ellen incident
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Ekmark, Larry Steve

Nickname Nuke **Rate** QM3 **Division** Navi
Spouse **Hometown** Duluth, MN
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1965-01 **Years To** 1969-01
Civilian Occupation Janitor and Telemarketer, I am currently on disability (VA and social Security)
Special Hobbies Am active in the Loyal Order of Moose, enjoy photography and traveling
Favorite Memory Crossing the Equator and becoming a shell back
Worst Memory Being called to a real general quarters while anchored in Da Nang
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Elliff, Daryl

Nickname **Rate** RM2 **Division** OC
Spouse Brenda **Hometown** Colorado Springs, CO
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1960-03 **Years To** 1961-01
Civilian Occupation High Tech Sales & Service
Special Hobbies Fly Fishing, Travel, Reading, Fly Tying
Favorite Memory Around the World
Worst Memory The smell of fish heads and rice cooked by Indonesian troops for 48 days
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Farrell, Joseph G

Nickname Rate RD3 Division Ops
Spouse Betty Hometown Wilkes-Barre, PA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) Years From 1949 Years To 1951
Civilian Occupation Boilermaker, Field Const.
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory All good memories
Worst Memory None
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments It's about time we get together

Faust, Thomas R

Nickname Rate RM 1/c Division Ops
Spouse Pat Hometown Cincinnati, OH
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) Years From 1945-08 Years To 1945-12
Civilian Occupation Furniture Sales
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory The fire at Swan Island
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Fenet, Jr, Courtney A

Nickname Rate E-4 Division
Spouse Sally Hometown Lake Charles, LA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) Years From 1968 Years To 1970
Civilian Occupation Highway Construction
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Fino, Joseph A

Nickname Rate QM3 **Division** Nav
Spouse Janiee **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Senior Engineering Specialist at UNISYS (Computers)
Special Hobbies Weight Lifting, Skiing, Running, American Indian Artifacts, more Education
Favorite Memory The commissioning of the Bexar in Portland, OR
Worst Memory On the way to Japan, hitting a massive storm (typhoon?) at sea.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments I have photos of the commissioning and of the devastation in Yokosuka and Yokohama due to the atom bomb.

Fiorello, James R

Nickname Rate LT **Division** OPS
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Boston, MA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1945-1946 **Years To** 1950-1951
Civilian Occupation Teacher and High School Principal
Special Hobbies I manufacture Model Airplane Kits-Company is Golden Age Reproductions
Favorite Memory Seeing Mt Fuji shinning in the dawn sun when we entered Tokyo Bay on Christmas 1945
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Fisher, Joseph H

Nickname Rate MM3 **Division** E
Spouse Vicki **Hometown** Mattoon, WI
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Heavy Equipment Operator
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, and Restoring "Used Cars" (1930's)
Favorite Memory When we won the engineering "E" in '58
Worst Memory Typhoon of '59!!!
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Fleming, Bob R

Nickname Breezy **Rate** BT2/c **Division** B
Spouse Bette **Hometown** Clintwood, VA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation High School Industrial Arts Teacher 30 Yrs
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Golf, and Grandkids
Favorite Memory Christmas Party for Korean orphans 1954. We each adopted a child for the day.
Worst Memory At sea during a typhoon and the BEXAR rolling 43 Degrees in 1953
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Fordtran, Dr. Robert L

Nickname Bob **Rate** LT **Division** Med Officer
Spouse **Hometown** Bishop, TX
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1958-09 **Years To** 1959-09
Civilian Occupation Cardiologist
Special Hobbies Hunting, Ranching
Favorite Memory Coming into Yokosuka after typhoon
Worst Memory Typhoon
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Fry, James E

Nickname Jim **Rate** PN1 **Division** Admin/X
Spouse Vicky **Hometown** Lubbock, TX
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1965-09 **Years To** 1967-03
Civilian Occupation USDA, Ass't Port Director, Atlanta, GA
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Bowling, Wood Working, Antique Restoration
Favorite Memory Liberty call
Worst Memory Anchorage in Da Nang
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Gallagher, Richard P

Nickname Rate SN 1/c Division S
Spouse Jean Rose **Hometown** Youngstown, OH
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1946 **Years To**
Civilian Occupation Electrician IBEW Retired
Special Hobbies Golf, hunting, fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 15
Special Comments

Galvin, Gene

Nickname Rate PN1 Division Admin
Spouse Carol **Hometown** Greeley, CO
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1957-06 **Years To** 1960-06
Civilian Occupation Management Analyst, US Census Bureau
Special Hobbies Painting
Favorite Memory Party in Sasebo - Camel races, etc in S China Sea
Worst Memory Typhoon, Engine room fire
Children 7 **Grandchildren** 18
Special Comments

Garcia, Pablo

Nickname Paul Rate EN3/EN2 Division A
Spouse Angie **Hometown** El Paso, TX
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Regional Service Manager for Latin America
Special Hobbies Fishing, Restoring old cars and machines
Favorite Memory None
Worst Memory None
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Garrett, Jay L

Nickname Jeb **Rate** HM3 **Division** H
Spouse Wanda Jean **Hometown** Hanover, PA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Lime Production
Special Hobbies NASCAR, traveling, 50's & 60's records
Favorite Memory 4th of July, 1968--Pontoon cookout on the Tonkin Gulf, Vietnam
Worst Memory When she about tipped over in the typhoon of ' 68.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments I have a home video of the reunion and copies made available for purchase other than that looking forward to the "Sexy Bexy" reunion

Gatliff, Wiliam D

Nickname Bill **Rate** CS3 **Division** S
Spouse Carolyn **Hometown** Indianapolis, IN
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Boiler Operator
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Going to Alaska & Ft Louis, WA
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments I retired in October 1972 as a MRI After 20 Yrs Service

Gee, Jack A

Nickname **Rate** MM3 **Division** Machine Room
Spouse Shirley **Hometown** San Antonio, TX
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Engineer
Special Hobbies Model RR & Golf
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Greenspan, Jay M

Nickname Rate SN **Division** 1st
Spouse Diana **Hometown** North Hollywood, CA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver
Special Hobbies Car Racing, Coin Collecting
Favorite Memory Trip around the world
Worst Memory Out running a bad storm
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments Just want to meet old friends!!

Griggs, Larry N

Nickname Rigor Mortis **Rate** BT3 **Division** B
Spouse **Hometown** Ripley, TN
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver & Owner
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Auto Racing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory When we were taking Military dependents from the Philippines to Hong Kong and hit a typhoon.
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments I would like to see all of my old friends that was aboard during the time I was aboard the BEXAR. I have thought of you guys often and wondered what happened to you. Looking forward to seeing you all in St Louis. Keep on kicking until then. Larry

Grimm, Robert F

Nickname Bob **Rate** BT1 **Division** B
Spouse Johna **Hometown** So Milwaukee, WI
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Boiler Operator
Special Hobbies Classic Cars, Model Railroad, Computers
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Haack, William

Nickname Rate SN Division 1st
Spouse Donna Hometown Wisconsin Rapids, WI
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) Years From 1962-05 Years To 1964
Civilian Occupation Technical Instructor
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Cuban Missile Crisis
Worst Memory Same as above
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Hall, Homer

Nickname Rate RM3 Division C
Spouse Spouse Deceased Hometown Mt Airy, NC
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) Years From 1952 Years To 1954
Civilian Occupation Graduate of VA Tech, Retired Agriculture Instructor
Special Hobbies Traveling, Hunting, Fishing and all Sports
Favorite Memory Traveling to and Liberty in many foreign ports
Worst Memory The typhoon between Subic Bay and Hong Kong
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments My daughter gave me all the information this Father's Day about the BEXAR Growl and your complete listing of crew members. I knew nothing about it. It was the Best Father's Day present I ever received. I can't come to this years (2007) Reunion, I may be able to when it returns to the East.

Hannah, Gary L

Nickname Rate RMSN Division OR
Spouse Cheryl Hometown Alhambra, CA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) Years From 1958 Years To 1960
Civilian Occupation Customer Relations Mgr, L A City Dept of Water & Power (32 Yrs)
Special Hobbies Flying & Off Road Racing
Favorite Memory The camaraderie in the Radio Shack
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Hearn, Joe C

Nickname Joe **Rate** YNC **Division** X
Spouse **Hometown** San Antonio, TX
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Realtor
Special Hobbies Land Restoration, Organic Gardening
Favorite Memory Serving with Capt Kaufman
Worst Memory None-Good Ship
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments

Helms, Dennis G

Nickname Greg **Rate** SK3 **Division** Supply
Spouse Janice **Hometown** Naperville, IL
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1966-06 **Years To** 1967-12
Civilian Occupation District Service Mgr, General Motors
Special Hobbies Fish, Hunt, Gardening, Work on old cars
Favorite Memory Transporting Korean ROK Marines from Tui Hoi, South Vietnam to Chu Lai, South Vietnam in the fall of 1966
Worst Memory Going through a typhoon where about two thirds of those on board got sea sick. I was one of the lucky ones who didn't get sick, but it was not fun to watch others throw up.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Henderson, Arthur R

Nickname Hendy **Rate** RM3 **Division** OC
Spouse Valerie **Hometown** Boston, MA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1948 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Director of Operations, New England Telephone Co.
Special Hobbies Golf, boating
Favorite Memory Great shipmates
Worst Memory Long watches and GQ
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Henderson, Jr, Floyd "Hank" F

Nickname Hank **Rate** CM 1/c **Division** R
Spouse Denella **Hometown** Sedalia, MO
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1946-02 **Years To** 1947-04
Civilian Occupation Security Mgr, Pacific Telephone, Civil, Criminal & Security Investigations, Pro & Con.
Special Hobbies Genealogy research, musical performance, travel
Favorite Memory Operation Crossroads, Bikini Atoll, Converting a Mare Isle dry dock dinghy to a sailboat along with Ski Lewandowski, CSF and others.
Worst Memory Temporary assignment on the "Strand" Coronado, CA along with Chief Shipfitter. The two of us charged with refloating "P" boats etc, with no crew to help us
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 15
Special Comments

Heynar, George

Nickname **Rate** RM3 **Division** OC
Spouse Linda **Hometown** New York, NY
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Mechanic
Special Hobbies Travel, Camping, Car Races
Favorite Memory The first trip overseas
Worst Memory Cleaning the huge pots and pans in the galley. But even that I remember with fond memories
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments Since I made San Diego my home, which also was the home port of the BEXAR, I would like to welcome any and all who attend this reunion.

Howard, Richard L

Nickname **Rate** EM3 **Division** E
Spouse Leialani **Hometown** San Bernardino, CA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Federal Supervisor Dept of Navy
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory When serving on the USS BEXAR on West Pac deployment I was standing engine room watch with a new eng officer. Me and my mach mate buddy started going back and forth like we were in a storm and got the officer sea sick. The officer turned out to be one of the best officers I ever served with. The name everybody called me was Dinkie Boy or Dink.
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Huggins, Oscar D

Nickname Jack **Rate** BMSN/BM3 **Division** 3rd/Boat Group

Spouse **Hometown** Bayou La Batre, AL

Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1961-04 **Years To** 1965-04

Civilian Occupation Merchant Marine

Special Hobbies

Favorite Memory USS Bexar first assignment after leaving basic training. Was on board from April 1961 till August 1965. Best ship I was on during my 23 years of Naval service. Have a lot of fond memories on this ship and of the shipmates who "took me under their wing" and steered me in the right direction. Shipmates like BM1 Ed Horne, BM1 Carl Little, and BM1 Rudy York. Learned a lot from those guys. OH! And can't leave our BM1 Bruno or BM1 Coss from this group. Though I only worked for the latter two for a couple months or so.

Worst Memory There are no worst time on the Bexar that I can recall. My worst ship memories involved the USS Dahlgren DLG-12 and the USS America CVA-66. Why the Navy would even consider sending a Gator to these 2 ships is beyond me. I guess they saw the error of their ways though, since I only spent about 7 months on each of these 2 ships. After that it was all Gator Navy.

Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5

Special Comments Have 5 grandchildren now. Three grandsons and two granddaughters who range from the age of 2 weeks to 5 years as of 11 Jan 2006 anyway.

Hughes, Martin V

Nickname Marty **Rate** RM3 **Division** OR

Spouse Katherine **Hometown** Troy, NY

Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1960

Civilian Occupation Was Supervisor of Water in City of Watervliet, Now retired.

Special Hobbies Fishing, and Hunting

Favorite Memory Working in OR Division

Worst Memory Our ship being in the typhoon

Children 3 **Grandchildren** 10

Special Comments

Iachetta, Joseph J

Nickname **Rate** QM1 **Division** Ops

Spouse Doreen **Hometown** Watervliet, NY

Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1951-01 **Years To** 1951-03

Civilian Occupation US Postal Service

Special Hobbies

Favorite Memory

Worst Memory

Children 3 **Grandchildren** 13

Special Comments

Johnston, Thurman J

Nickname Rate EN2 Division 2nd
Spouse Hometown Columbus, GA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) Years From 1957 Years To 1960
Civilian Occupation Electrician
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Had many a friend aboard the Bexar, will long remember them.
Worst Memory Typhoon
Children Grandchildren
Special Comments

Kazar, Donald J

Nickname Rate SK3 Division S-1
Spouse Jan Hometown Shamokin, PA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) Years From 1968 Years To 1968
Civilian Occupation Forklift Operator for K-Mart
Special Hobbies Garden, Railway, Model Ship Building
Favorite Memory Visiting different ports overseas
Worst Memory Training Marines off of San Diego. The Papa Boats and Mike Boats came back to the ship, well, full of puke
Children 3 Grandchildren 3
Special Comments

Keefover, Richard

Nickname Rate ET2/ET1 Division OE
Spouse Elizabeth Hometown
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) Years From 1968 Years To 1969
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 Grandchildren 5
Special Comments

Keeran, James W

Nickname
Spouse Margaret
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237)
Civilian Occupation Stationary Engineer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Kent, Donald

Nickname
Spouse Delores
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237)
Civilian Occupation Attorney
Special Hobbies Sailing, Hunting, Fishing, Traveling
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Kewley, Kenneth W

Nickname
Spouse Marie (Deceased)
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237)
Civilian Occupation Upon retiring from Navy worked for Defense Dept (Navy)
Special Hobbies Hiking, Reading, Biking, Photography and Bowling
Favorite Memory Fine friends in Gun Gang-Officer and Enlisted
Worst Memory Storm Dec '45 on way to Japan
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Kirby, Raymond H

Nickname Rate MMR2 **Division** M
Spouse Gwen **Hometown** Raleigh, NC
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Klatt, Ivan J

Nickname Rate LT **Division** Supply
Spouse Beverly **Hometown** McIntosh, NM
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Retired CDR (SC) USN, 30 June 1978 after 33 Yrs Active Duty and 4 Years in organized Reserve (while attending college)
Special Hobbies Home Construction, Home Remodeling
Favorite Memory Evacuation of the Tachen Islands (Copy of letter to family about this event. Letter recently found among other letters written to family members at that time)
Worst Memory Doing one-able exercises with Korean Marines in middle of Korean winter
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Klein, Harry J

Nickname Rate Lt (jg) **Division**
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** Yonkers, NY
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1946 **Years To** 1947
Civilian Occupation Electronics Co, Consultant to HAS
Special Hobbies Were: Golf, Bridge, Chasing Women
Favorite Memory ?????
Worst Memory CO, Ship's lack of discipline
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Kretschmer, Al F

Nickname Rate EM2 Division E
Spouse Ann Hometown Webster Groves, MO
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) Years From 1954 Years To 1957
Civilian Occupation Software Engineer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Lacquement, Victor F

Nickname Rate BM1 Division 2nd
Spouse Hometown
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) Years From 1945 Years To 1946
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Lamb, Harold

Nickname Rate Capt Division Com Offr
Spouse Barbara Hometown
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) Years From 1966 Years To 1967
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Landau, Rex E

Nickname Rate EN-2 **Division**
Spouse Jane **Hometown** Atwood, KS
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Hospital Facilities Maintenance
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Just getting to see the Far East, crossing the equator in 1968.
Worst Memory First time out to sea, got real sea sick.
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments Just a lot of memories. Loved being out to sea. The time period of the Vietnam War was quite an experience I'll never forget. God bless.

Lane, Bruce B

Nickname Rate EM3 **Division** E
Spouse **Hometown** Bethel, ME
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1967-07 **Years To** 1968-11
Civilian Occupation Auto Body Repair
Special Hobbies Making Money, Traveling
Favorite Memory Making Rank
Worst Memory Chipping Paint and working in scullery
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Laubhan, Don C

Nickname Sonny **Rate** SN **Division** 3rd/01 Div
Spouse Carol **Hometown** Burbank, CA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Barber
Special Hobbies Sailing, 29 Model Hotrod, Golf
Favorite Memory I was a member of a small rock and roll band that we formed onboard ship. We had many fun times playing in many ports in the finest gin mills
Worst Memory Certain Lt
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments Hope all you guys have had a good life and don't you wish we were all sailor age again

Lefebvre, Edward J

Nickname Ed **Rate** LT **Division** NAV
Spouse Marianne **Hometown** So Portland, ME
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Retail Management
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Sailing and Travel
Favorite Memory WestPac Cruise/Cuba Trip through Canal 1962
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments Sorry I can't be with you this year. Next Year hopefully. Have great time. Tell a lie for me. Regards, Ed

Lefevre, John Joseph

Nickname Frenchy **Rate** EM2 **Division** E
Spouse Elaine - DECEASED **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1966-05 **Years To** 1969-10
Civilian Occupation Chief of Utilities, Fort Ord, California
Special Hobbies Knights of Columbus, Traveling
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory The landing at Chu lou
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Legler, Charles A

Nickname Chuck **Rate** SN **Division** Boat Grp
Spouse Leona **Hometown** Cedar Falls, IA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1960-09 **Years To** 1964-03
Civilian Occupation Mechanic/Present Fleet Mgr
Special Hobbies 1955 Ford Wagon/Fishing
Favorite Memory Hong Kong
Worst Memory 2 Broken Ankles
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Lehman, Robert A

Nickname Bob **Rate** SN **Division** E
Spouse Judith **Hometown** Bensonville, IL
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1961-08
Civilian Occupation Owner, Electrical Supply House (25 Yrs)
Special Hobbies Investing in the stock market
Favorite Memory Around the World Cruise 1960-61
Worst Memory Poly Wog to Shellback initiation when we crossed the equator.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Lemmo, Joseph G

Nickname Joe **Rate** LCDR **Division** Supply
Spouse Sharon **Hometown** Bethesda, MD
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Contract Negotiation/Administration
Special Hobbies Golf, Travel, Dancing
Favorite Memory Getting Off!
Worst Memory Major theft from the Ships Store and Ships Store Storeroom.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Lewis, Samuel John

Nickname Louie **Rate** SKSN **Division** S-1
Spouse TU **Hometown** Pinole, CA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1963-07 **Years To** 1964-01
Civilian Occupation Central Tool Bin Operator, Cache Creek Casino Resort
Special Hobbies Boating, Fishing
Favorite Memory Playing soft ball in Korea against the Marine Officers.
Worst Memory Watching the USS BEXAR (APA-237) being towed out of the Moth Ball Fleet in Suisun to be scraped.
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Malloy, Walter S

Nickname Steve **Rate** SK2 **Division** S-1
Spouse Jofa **Hometown** Columbus, OH
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1967
Civilian Occupation Logistics for government contractor
Special Hobbies None
Favorite Memory Port visits and good shipmates
Worst Memory Long transits to WestPac
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments Thanks to the BM's (John Ison, Rudy York, and Coy Habich deceased) who taught me how to be a sailor and a shipmate. Also, thanks to John H Cogburn and Billy D Reed for teaching me leadership skills. Invite all past shipmates to stop in and swap stories if they ever get to Bremerton, WA.

Marshall, Patrick Noel

Nickname Marsh **Rate** SK3 **Division** Supply
Spouse **Hometown** Jim Thorpe, PA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1969-07 **Years To** 1970-01
Civilian Occupation Therapeutic Recreation worker at a State Hospital
Special Hobbies Sports, Hiking, Biking
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Martin, Edward

Nickname Ed **Rate** ENFN **Division** A
Spouse Betsy **Hometown** Glendale, CA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Mortgage Banking
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory When we anchored at Beppu, Japan and 3 boat crews went ashore for some reason and Bos'n Deiter let us buy some beer while on duty. It was a BIG deal at the time
Worst Memory Mess cooking in the scullery enroute to Korea with Hundreds of Marines on board a long, long trip
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Martin, Herbert L

Nickname Herb **Rate** BMG3 **Division** lest
Spouse Florence **Hometown** Flint, MI
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1951-08-08 **Years To** 1955-05-05
Civilian Occupation Letter Carrier-US Postal Service 37 1/2 Yrs.
Special Hobbies Wood Work
Favorite Memory Was not on Board very long, but was a very good Ship, Crew, and Officers
Worst Memory Was sent to retrieve a LCM with my LCUP #13 after a storm (Japan) couldn't get it.
Children **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Massey, Herbert

Nickname **Rate** E-3 FN **Division** A
Spouse Esther **Hometown** Hartwell, GA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1955-10 **Years To** 1959-09
Civilian Occupation Manufacturing Work
Special Hobbies Boating, Fishing
Favorite Memory Westpac Cruise 1957-58
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Matthews, Frank L

Nickname **Rate** BM3 **Division** 1st
Spouse Rosalie **Hometown** Los Angeles, CA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Aerospace Senior Systems Engineering Analyst
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Christmas Day 1945 in Tokyo, Japan boarding US Army troops and serving them turkey dinner, their first in four years and bringing them back to San Francisco.
Worst Memory Typhoon in North Pacific. Bexar rolled 38 degrees and if the ship rolled more than 38.5 degrees it would have turned over.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments As a Plank Owner it's wonderful to get together with old shipmates every year.

Mayfield, Ben M

Nickname Rate RM3 **Division** Commu
Spouse Lee **Hometown** Alton, KS
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1948-09 **Years To** 1951-12
Civilian Occupation Retired Geologist
Special Hobbies Travel, Photography, Wood Working
Favorite Memory Shore leave in foreign ports
Worst Memory The day Capt H D Johnston relieved Capt C E Coffin - Hell followed!
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Mazanec, John J

Nickname Rate SN **Division** 2nd
Spouse Edna **Hometown** High Hill, MO
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Retired Deputy Sheriff
Special Hobbies Camping
Favorite Memory Liberty in Hong Kong and Japan
Worst Memory Korean War, evacuation of Tachen Islands
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

McEnaney, John

Nickname Rate YN3 **Division**
Spouse Doris **Hometown** Springfield, OH
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1945-10 **Years To** 1946-05
Civilian Occupation Printer
Special Hobbies Music and Travel
Favorite Memory Tying up in Long Beach for repairs after shakedown. We got a lot of liberty
Worst Memory Went through a typhoon on way to Japan in Dec 1945
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Miller, William R

Nickname Bill **Rate** EM2/C **Division** E
Spouse Joyce **Hometown** Bucyrus, OH
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1945-12 **Years To** 146-04
Civilian Occupation Prudential Ins. Co. in Sales
Special Hobbies Travel (5th Wheel), Golf
Favorite Memory Had keys to Ice Cream Room
Worst Memory Don't have any
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments I just hope I can recognize them. I have pictures taken aboard the BEXAR.

Mingus, Vance J

Nickname **Rate** EN 2/c **Division** A
Spouse Frances **Hometown** Cromwell, MN
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1947
Civilian Occupation Credit Manager
Special Hobbies Golf, Reading, Computer
Favorite Memory Helping to put the USS BEXAR in commission
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4 GG1
Special Comments

Moeser, Maurice W

Nickname Moe **Rate** EN3 **Division** A
Spouse Judith **Hometown** Hinckley, MN
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1948 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Self Employed Welding
Special Hobbies Being lazy
Favorite Memory R & R Hong Kong
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Moody, Jr, Homer

Nickname Rate SN 1/c Division R
Spouse Hometown Cedartown, GA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1947-12 **Years To** 1951-03
Civilian Occupation Security & Law Enforcement
Special Hobbies Hunting & Traveling
Favorite Memory Closeness of the R Div
Worst Memory Capt Kawasski tour as CO
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Moore, Urshal A

Nickname Rate RM2 Division OR
Spouse Patricia Hometown Durango, CO
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Linedriver
Special Hobbies Hiking & Backpacking
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Moorman, Joe E

Nickname Rate SK3 Division Supply
Spouse Lillian Hometown Glen Dean, KY
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Aluminum smelter workers (Retired)
Special Hobbies Fishing, Deer Hunting and Wood Working
Favorite Memory Coming back to home port
Worst Memory Night exercise with no lights on (pitch black)
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5 GG5
Special Comments Sorry, I'll be unable to attend this years reunion. Maybe some other time. So enjoy.
Thank! Joe

Moreland, Wayne A

Nickname High Pockets **Rate** MM1 **Division** MM
Spouse Joy **Hometown** St James, MO
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Business Owner
Special Hobbies Fishing, Stock Market
Favorite Memory Liberty at Hong Kong
Worst Memory No bad memories
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Morgan, Charlie M

Nickname **Rate** SFC **Division** R
Spouse Catherine (Deceased) **Hometown** Waller, TX
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1945-09 **Years To** 1946-06
Civilian Occupation Ranching cattle "Registered Charolais"
Special Hobbies All sports
Favorite Memory Happy Hour 1945
Worst Memory Storm Dec 1, 1945 - 43 degree lest
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments In 1995 I was voted into the Hall of Fame as the top breed of registered charolais cattle in North America.

Morrenzin, Richard

Nickname **Rate** MM2 **Division** B & M
Spouse **Hometown**
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1962-09 **Years To** 1965-06
Civilian Occupation Tool & die maker
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Too many good memories to say one stands out from all the rest. I met so many good people and to have it all end and to only see a few of them over all these years. I will always remember my shipmates from the Bexar.
Worst Memory The scariest moment was when we reset the favorite think of Capt. Gutting (if I remember right and it was him). We reset one alfa and set for collision, when at anchor another ship drifted down on us and over the PA system they said to clear the starboard side. My compartment was on the starboard side and it was cleared in seconds. Just a little bump in the night is all that happened.
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments Sure would be nice to see all the group from "B" Division from the time I was on it. I often wonder what has happened to all of them.

Mosher, Ronald

Nickname **Rate** EM3 **Division** E
Spouse Jane **Hometown** Eureka, CA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1963-06 **Years To** 1966-07
Civilian Occupation Electrician (Industrial)
Special Hobbies Yard sales
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Mothershead, William D

Nickname Bill **Rate** SN/YN3 **Division** 1st/X
Spouse Betty **Hometown** Big Timber, MT
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1959-02 **Years To** 1960-04
Civilian Occupation Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Currently semi-retired. Own a small ranch, raise cattle
Special Hobbies Gripe about the Government and the age of entitlement
Favorite Memory Visiting the ports of West Pac
Worst Memory Going to sea on typhoon alerts, facing very rough seas
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Mullarky, Jon I

Nickname **Rate** Ltjg **Division** A
Spouse Judy **Hometown** Charles City, IA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Civil Engineer
Special Hobbies Sailing
Favorite Memory Liberty in Hong Kong
Worst Memory Cuban Missile Crisis
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Murray, David T

Nickname SN **Division** 2nd
Spouse Lynne **Hometown** Colorado Sp, CO
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Project Engineer, CO Dept of Hwys
Special Hobbies Wood Working
Favorite Memory Trip around the world 1960, going up the Congo River, station ship Hong Kong and going through the Panama Canal
Worst Memory Being in the yards for overhaul in Tacoma, WA in the winter
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Newsom, Marshall B

Nickname Burt **Rate** CS3 **Division** S2
Spouse Annie Sue **Hometown** Jasper, TN
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Security Guard
Special Hobbies Raise goats and gardening
Favorite Memory Poker Playing
Worst Memory Sea Sickness
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Nichols, Paul

Nickname Nick **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** Supply
Spouse Josephine **Hometown** Hartville, MO
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1949 **Years To** 1951
Civilian Occupation Municipal government
Special Hobbies Golf, History, Traveling, Keeping up with current events
Favorite Memory Landing Marines Inchon, Korea, Sept 15, 1950
Worst Memory In the November-December 1950 period after leaving Chinnampo, North Korea and while steaming in the estuary toward the Yellow Sea, the Bexar ran aground.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Patton, William B

Nickname Bill **Rate** LTJG **Division** OPS
Spouse Sally **Hometown** Mason City, IA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Vice President/Shareholder Stitzell Electrical Wholesale Supply Co
Special Hobbies Golf, Univ of Iowa Football and Basketball, Travel, Reading, Bicycling.
Favorite Memory When one of the Commanding Officers, I believe Captain Gutting, asked me to organize a USS BEXAR Yacht Club and then organizing and participating in Sailboat Races in Yokosuka, Japan Harbor.
Worst Memory Weathering out a typhoon in port at Yokosuka, Japan at the pier in front of the mud flats.
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Pavlinich, Edward P

Nickname Ed **Rate** MM2 **Division** M
Spouse Kimberly **Hometown** Bridgewater, PA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Plumbing professional
Special Hobbies Cars, Hunting, Camping, Home fix up
Favorite Memory Crossing the equator
Worst Memory Picking up Indonesian troops
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments

Pedersen, Duane D

Nickname Pete **Rate** QM3 **Division**
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Tyler, MN
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Civil Engineer
Special Hobbies Golf, Yard Work
Favorite Memory A Good Ship
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments Would just like to meet friend from APA 237

Perera, Charlie

Nickname Rate HM2 Division Med
Spouse Marta Hometown San Antonio, TX
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) Years From 1952 Years To 1954
Civilian Occupation Drive In Owner (Retired)
Special Hobbies Rebuilding Antique Cars
Favorite Memory Liberty
Worst Memory Bomb
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments

Peters, Wilhelmus (Bill) A

Nickname Dutch Rate BT3 Division B&M
Spouse Violet Hometown San Jose, CA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) Years From 1960 Years To 1964
Civilian Occupation Plant Manager (Retired)
Special Hobbies Sport, Fishing, Travel
Favorite Memory Around the world cruise
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Peterson, Jr, Clarence I

Nickname Pete Rate BM1 Division 3rd Deck
Spouse Hometown Hawthorne, NJ
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) Years From 1948 Years To 1950
Civilian Occupation Electronic Engineer, IBM
Special Hobbies Woodworking, skiing, bowling, golf
Favorite Memory Running around in N. Korea
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Ray, John Thomas

Nickname Ray **Rate** CS2 **Division** Cook
Spouse Marian **Hometown** Hickory Ridge, AK
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1947 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Civil Service
Special Hobbies Gardening
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Recatto, Peter R

Nickname Pete **Rate** SN-BM3 **Division** 1st & 3rd
Spouse Ellie **Hometown** Folsom, LA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Sgt California Highway Patrol
Special Hobbies Golf, Traveling, Camping
Favorite Memory 1960 "Around the World" Cruise and going up the Congo River
Worst Memory When we had troops aboard
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Redding, James W

Nickname Arkie **Rate** EN3 **Division** BtGrp
Spouse Mary Catherine **Hometown** Coalinga, CA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Oil fields, UNOCAL
Special Hobbies Travel, hunting, fishing, woodwork
Favorite Memory When we loaded the 24th Inf Div for Japan and home
Worst Memory The day the storm hit us out of Inchon and I had after steering watch
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Register, James L

Nickname Cash **Rate** HM **Division** H & D
Spouse Rita **Hometown** Sacramento, CA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1958-01 **Years To** 1960-06
Civilian Occupation Union Laborer
Special Hobbies Collecting Non Sports Cards
Favorite Memory Bar hopping in Japan
Worst Memory The Cruise of 1959
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Reuben, Ben B

Nickname **Rate** Ensign **Division**
Spouse Sophie **Hometown** St Paul, MN
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1946 **Years To** 1947
Civilian Occupation Stock Broker
Special Hobbies Travel, Tennis
Favorite Memory The time, in general, at Bikini Island
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Riley, Travis Edward

Nickname **Rate** BMG3 **Division** BtGrp
Spouse Jerry **Hometown** Houston, TX
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1950-09 **Years To** 1951-01
Civilian Occupation Senior Design Engineer (Geophysical) Retired
Special Hobbies Hunting
Favorite Memory An Army car for the Captain. He did not keep it
Worst Memory Ice
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Rodgers, Hugh J

Nickname Hugh J **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** Ops
Spouse Meg **Hometown** Scranton, PA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1966-03 **Years To** 1968-11
Civilian Occupation General Manager, Truck Rental
Special Hobbies Tennis
Favorite Memory Hurriedly getting under way at Vung Tau because of a tidal wave that turned out to be one foot high
Worst Memory The food on our second cruise. It was so poor in the Officers Mess because Joe Lammo didn't charge the Marines enough
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Roedemeier, Gary L

Nickname **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** 2nd
Spouse Lisa **Hometown** St. Louis, MO
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1964-07 **Years To** 1966-06
Civilian Occupation Television News Anchor
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory The wonderful friends I made on the USS Bexar, many of which I still talk to on the Internet today. The Bexar also took us to many exciting places in the Western Pacific that I will always remember.
Worst Memory The two months at sea off the coast of Vietnam, while we waited for a possible evacuation of American advisors in that country. We steamed in square circles with very little activity other than steaming in formation.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Rogers, Jim D

Nickname **Rate** FN **Division** Eng Room
Spouse Beverly **Hometown** Sioux City, IA.
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1946-04 **Years To** 1947-09
Civilian Occupation Sales (Siding)
Special Hobbies Travel
Favorite Memory Cross Roads
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 13
Special Comments

Rome, James G

Nickname Jim **Rate** ENS/LTJG **Division** Deck-2nd/OPS-OI
Spouse Jackie **Hometown** Austin, TX
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1954-04 **Years To** 1955-12
Civilian Occupation Architect
Special Hobbies Traveling
Favorite Memory Hong Kong & Japan ports
Worst Memory Inchon in the Winter
Children 7 **Grandchildren** 13
Special Comments

Rowan, Neilon J

Nickname Rip **Rate** QM1 **Division** OC
Spouse Lorna **Hometown** Van, TX
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1951-08 **Years To** 1954-10
Civilian Occupation Civil Engineer, Professor
Special Hobbies Model A Fords
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Storm in 1953, Hong Kong to Subic Bay
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Royse, Richard D

Nickname Dick **Rate** YN3 **Division** Y
Spouse Joann **Hometown** Wichita, KS
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1952-06 **Years To** 1954-02
Civilian Occupation Veterinarian
Special Hobbies Hunting, Writing
Favorite Memory Operation Big Switch
Worst Memory None
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Schilling, Ronald Edward

Nickname Ron **Rate** MM2 **Division** BM
Spouse Jean **Hometown** West Hollywood, FL
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1958-09 **Years To** 1963-06
Civilian Occupation Automotive Parts/Now Retired
Special Hobbies Fishing, Playing with grandson
Favorite Memory Crossing Equator/ International Date Line, Panama Canal, Congo River, Band, and so many others.
Worst Memory Going through typhoon where men were killed!
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments I enjoyed being on the BEXAR and making friends both on and off of the ship.

Schleicher, John Dale

Nickname **Rate** BM3-E4 **Division** 1st
Spouse Linda **Hometown** Fenton, MI
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1967-04 **Years To** 1970-04
Civilian Occupation Auto Worker
Special Hobbies Golf & Computers
Favorite Memory Crossing Equator April 1968
Worst Memory Working 96 Hrs in Danger
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Schmidt, Roger D

Nickname Smitty **Rate** RM3 **Division** OPS
Spouse Dorothy **Hometown** Dorchester, NE
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1954-11 **Years To** 1957-02
Civilian Occupation Computer Printer Service
Special Hobbies Fishing, Boating
Favorite Memory The beautiful blue water in the Okinawa area. Also the first flying fish that I saw in the same area.
Worst Memory Bad storm off Alaska in Jan. 1956
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Schuler, Terry

Nickname Rate E4 **Division**
Spouse **Hometown** Salem, IN
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Retail-District Mgr
Special Hobbies Golf, Fishing, Birding
Favorite Memory Basketball team. Won tournament in Japan against USS MANSFIELD
Worst Memory Hurricane that lasted 3 days
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments Great opportunity and great duty. Opportunity to mature and learn a lot about other countries and their culture. The real opportunities we were given to us because, as a sailor we did not take the tourist trips, but instead met people at ground level. Yet, we were also able to take trips and got to know a lot about the people and their way of life.

Schweitzer, Mel D

Nickname Rate RM2 **Division**
Spouse Judy **Hometown** Warren, OH
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Probation officer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Seagraves, Conrad

Nickname Rate QM1 **Division** Nav
Spouse **Hometown** Appleton, WI
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1954-09 **Years To** 1957-11
Civilian Occupation Metal fabricator
Special Hobbies Fishing, Target shooting
Favorite Memory First time on wheel at sea detail
Worst Memory 44 1/2 degree roll to Stbd, Jan 1956, Bearing Sea
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Sharpe, Jack

Nickname JL **Rate** SN2 **Division** Deck
Spouse Cheryl **Hometown** Folsom, CA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1964-01 **Years To** 1966-07
Civilian Occupation Telephone repairman
Special Hobbies Metal detecting
Favorite Memory Liberty in Subic Bay and Hong Kong , Snowball fight between ships in Sasebo, Japan
Worst Memory Landing at Chu Li and loosing a friend Richard Langford
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 14
Special Comments Please mail or call me if you served when I did.

Shea, Ernest M

Nickname **Rate** SN/BM3 **Division** Bt Grp, 4th, 5th
Spouse Seiko **Hometown** Rochester, NY
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1950-08 **Years To** 1953-09
Civilian Occupation Civil Service
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Korean War Service 1950-53
Worst Memory Hunter's Point yard period 1951
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments Fifty years is a long time, but I can still remember vividly. I wish I had been better behaved on the Bexar, but I guess this is all part of growing up or maturing. I finally got back to battery when I hit thirty and got married.

Shenkman, Jeffrey S

Nickname Jeff **Rate** SN **Division** Boat Group
Spouse **Hometown**
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Seriously injured in an accident aboard ship in 1967. Does not see, walk, or communicate. Has been in Veterans Hospital in MA since shortly after the accident.
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments Would love to have some visitors-
Mistakenly listed as deceased in October 1999 issue-someone had reported to us incorrectly.
Can contact his friend Jerry Tierney, 46 Division Street, Easthampton, MA 01027
E-Mail: jerr@javanet.com

Shore, Cary Anthony

Nickname Rate YN3 **Division** X
Spouse Beverly **Hometown** Alhambra, CA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Senior Special Investigator, Dept of Motor Vehicles
Special Hobbies Skeet Shooting, Photography, Reading, Movies, Traveling
Favorite Memory Crossing the equator enroute to Indonesia and the Around the World Cruise. Traveling the Congo River and the Panama Canal
Worst Memory Typhoon Ellen and the ship on fire at Okinawa im1959
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments Cary died July 14, 2007 peacefully in his sleep after many years of illness.

Skipton, Donald E

Nickname Rate BT2 **Division** B
Spouse Marlene **Hometown** Haddam, KS
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation School Administration (Retired)
Special Hobbies Motorcycles, Camping & Touring
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Smith, Floyd L

Nickname Rate Ens **Division** 2nd Boat
Spouse Mary Alice **Hometown** Woodland, ME
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1946 **Years To** 1948
Civilian Occupation Safety Engineer
Special Hobbies Computers & Model Ship Building
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Stefanko, Joseph E

Nickname Joe **Rate** SN **Division** Supply (Comm)
Spouse Cecelia **Hometown** Uniontown, PA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1946-01 **Years To** 1947-11
Civilian Occupation Carpenter
Special Hobbies Fishing, Build Ship Models
Favorite Memory Drinking beer on Bikini Atoll
Worst Memory When 5" fired by my right ear
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Steger, Robert F

Nickname Rat **Rate** EN2 **Division** A
Spouse Louise **Hometown** Atlanta, TX
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Bricklayer
Special Hobbies Fishing, Traveling
Favorite Memory Liberty with the gang
Worst Memory Tacher Islands
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Steinbach, Michael G

Nickname Mike **Rate** EN3 **Division** A
Spouse Juanita **Hometown** Denver, CO
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation HVAC Tech
Special Hobbies Wood Working, Fishing
Favorite Memory How close the "A" Div was
Worst Memory Inchon, Korea
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Stepner, Michael

Nickname Mike **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** Eng
Spouse Rosie **Hometown** Chicago, IL
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1965 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Architect
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Service in Da Nang
Worst Memory Service in Da Nang
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Stiger, Richard D

Nickname **Rate** SK3 **Division** Supply
Spouse Eunice **Hometown** Tulsa, OK
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1954-08 **Years To** 1956-09
Civilian Occupation Electro Playing
Special Hobbies Early Fords, Cars & Trucks
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Stilson, Fred F

Nickname **Rate** MM3 **Division** M
Spouse Claudia **Hometown** Springville, UT
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1954-04 **Years To** 1957-10
Civilian Occupation Carpenter (Contractor)
Special Hobbies Golf, Camping, ATV Riding, Traveling, Cabinet Building
Favorite Memory Being a member of M Div and the crew
Worst Memory Severe storms and rough seas
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Strauss, Jr, John J

Nickname Rate BTR 1/c **Division** B
Spouse Gloria **Hometown** St Paul, MN
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1950-10 **Years To** 1952-05
Civilian Occupation Plant Engineer, Machine Tool rebuilder
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Loosing #2 boiler the scheduled day of departure from San Diego with full company of troops aboard
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 13
Special Comments

Summers, Leroy G

Nickname Rate SN **Division** 2nd/4th
Spouse Merlene **Hometown** Spokane, WA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1961-09 **Years To** 1963-09
Civilian Occupation Retired from Spokane Fire Dept. Fire Equipment Operator 28 Yrs
Special Hobbies Trap Shooting, Farming, Hunting
Favorite Memory All good
Worst Memory None Bad
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Surratt, Eldon L

Nickname Rate RD2 **Division** R
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Mt Sterling, IL
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver (Texaco)
Special Hobbies Wood Working, Fishing
Favorite Memory Going to Hong Kong
Worst Memory Dry Dock
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Tabor, Marvin

Nickname Lt (jg) **Division** Supply
Spouse Dolly **Hometown** Toccoa, GA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation GM Dealer- 19 Yrs, Also Financial Services
Special Hobbies Boating. Live on large reservoir, travel, reading
Favorite Memory Serving a Station Ship in Hong Kong. Also, time in San Diego where I met my wife.
Worst Memory Okinawa & Subic (heat & mosquitoes) Only A/C was in Captains cabin and sick bay
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments Since getting started attending reunions in 2003, I have been to every one and plan to come to Chicago. My wife and I have met some wonderful people, some of whom I did not serve with. It has been great to see Bill Patton, Jon Mullarky, Bob Shaffran, Howard Pinsky, Joe Popejoy and others for the first time in many years. Two years ago, we enjoyed a trip to Hawaii with Bill and Sally Patton.

Terrell, Paul H

Nickname SN **Division** BoatGrp
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Memphis, TN.
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1946-08-07 **Years To** 1947-09-19
Civilian Occupation City of Memphis-Maintenance
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory Bikini atom test
Worst Memory None
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Tidwell, Richard F

Nickname Dick **Rate** ICFN **Division** E
Spouse Jean **Hometown** Sidney, OH
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Worked 27 Yrs at Wagner Mfg Co, Sidney, OH (Now retired)
Special Hobbies Hunting & Fishing
Favorite Memory The good times and good shipmates
Worst Memory Leaving good friends
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Tipton, Robert E

Nickname Tip **Rate** SN **Division** Deck
Spouse Carolyn **Hometown** Vincennes, IN
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1952-04 **Years To** 1954-07
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Just the good times with friends
Worst Memory Working on scaffold painting. Rope broke, spent 2 months in hospital
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Turner, John B

Nickname Jack **Rate** MM3 **Division** M
Spouse Deceased **Hometown** Morrovia, KS
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1945-10 **Years To** 1947-01
Civilian Occupation Lineman Kansas Power & Light
Special Hobbies Going to auctions, Volunteer Fire Dept (38 Yrs), Helping other people
Favorite Memory Sailing from Portland down the Columbia River to Pacific
Worst Memory Trying to decontaminate returning from Bikini
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Uhls, Charlie F

Nickname **Rate** RM3 **Division** OC
Spouse Dorothy **Hometown** Pueblo, CO
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies Wood Working, Travel, Fishing
Favorite Memory Liberty in Hong Kong
Worst Memory Change of schedule-Cancelled a reunion in Yokohama with my Army brother on R & R from Korea
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Urban, Don

Nickname Don **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** Deck
Spouse **Hometown** Grosse Point, MI
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1954-09 **Years To** 1957-08
Civilian Occupation Automobile Dealer
Special Hobbies Tennis & Golf
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Valese, Anthony J

Nickname Doc or Tony **Rate** HM2 **Division** Sick Bay/Medical
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Newark, NJ
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Registered Nurse (RN)
Special Hobbies Model Railroading/Model Ship and Aircraft Building
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Van Dyke, George

Nickname **Rate** DC3 **Division** R
Spouse Mary **Hometown** London, OH
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1948 **Years To** 1952-03
Civilian Occupation Retired-Chemicals
Special Hobbies Grandchildren-No Hobbies
Favorite Memory Evacuation of Chinnampo and Inchon
Worst Memory Captain's Mass
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Vanno, Jack

Nickname Rate PHM3 **Division** H
Spouse Evelyn **Hometown** Zeigler, IL
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1951-05 **Years To** 1952-06
Civilian Occupation Retired from McDonnell Douglas, St Louis, MO
Special Hobbies Baseball
Favorite Memory The trip to Hong Kong
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Vaughn, Jr, George

Nickname Rate EN1, ENC **Division** A
Spouse **Hometown** Birmingham, AL
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** **Years To** 01-59
Civilian Occupation Retired, USPO, Self-employed garbage pick up, Bartender
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Crew working together all up the line and down; Exec and Operations getting into fight at Officer's Club, Subic Bay, over remarks made about ship; CO visiting hotel when invited in Sasebo, Japan. All good when I was there as far as memories go. Ship's parties were a blast. Morale throughout the ship was outstanding during the time I was on her.
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Wardell, Richard

Nickname Rate QM3 **Division** OS
Spouse None **Hometown** Louisville, IL
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1949 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory In 1950 going to Japan by way of Med., Suez Canal, Indian Ocean, South China Sea
Worst Memory I have none
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Warnsing, Donald L

Nickname Don **Rate** SN/SM3 **Division** Comm
Spouse Peg **Hometown** Nashville, IL
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1959-10 **Years To** 1962-11
Civilian Occupation Project Mgr
Special Hobbies Black powder shooting, armature photography
Favorite Memory When we rescued the foreign ship that had caught fire, Crossing the equator on our around the world cruise 1960, Going up the Congo River to Matador thru the Panama Canal 1960, The Cuban blockade in 1962
Worst Memory Leaving the ship on return from Cuba to USS Sumner
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5 GG1
Special Comments

Watkins, Richard B

Nickname Rick **Rate** SN **Division** 2nd
Spouse Judy **Hometown** Monterey, CA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Procter & Gamble
Special Hobbies Golf, Fishing, Boating
Favorite Memory WESTPAC Cruise, Panama Canal, Cuban Blockade
Worst Memory One Alphas
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments Like to hear from shipmates

Watson, Peter J

Nickname Pete **Rate** Lt **Division** OPS Offr
Spouse Marian **Hometown** Fairhaven, MA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1960-05 **Years To** 1961-09
Civilian Occupation Teaching after Navy retirement
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Whiteley, Thomas (Tom) C

Nickname Tom **Rate** BT3 **Division** B
Spouse Carolyn **Hometown** Dallas, TX
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Machine Shop Manager
Special Hobbies Grandchildren (2 boys & 2 girls)
Favorite Memory Food fight with the Iwo Jima
Worst Memory Being in a typhoon
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Wicke, Ralph S

Nickname **Rate** AG2 **Division** N
Spouse **Hometown** Newport News, VA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Professional Engineer -Industrial Engineer
Special Hobbies Sailing and home repair and rebuilding
Favorite Memory Hauling Marine Corps Band back from Korea
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Wilkins, Perry

Nickname **Rate** LT (jg) **Division** Deck/Navigator
Spouse None **Hometown** Lafayette, IN
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Aircraft
Favorite Memory Japan Liberty
Worst Memory 1959 typhoon which killed one Ens, a couple of sailors and a couple of Marines
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Wood, William W

Nickname Walt **Rate** RD3 **Division** C
Spouse Joyce **Hometown** Cornucopia, WI
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1948 **Years To** 1951
Civilian Occupation Carpenter
Special Hobbies Golf and Ham Radio
Favorite Memory Landing at Inchon, Korea 9/15/50
Worst Memory Running aground in Chinnampo - riding out 3 day typhoon - Inchon Korea Invasion
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Wozniak, Robert R

Nickname Bob **Rate** RD2 **Division** Nav
Spouse Marie **Hometown** Chicago, IL
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1947 **Years To** 1948
Civilian Occupation Engineer, Elec. Utility
Special Hobbies Swimming, Gardening, Traveling
Favorite Memory The fellows I met and worked with.
Worst Memory Serving under Capt Kowalski
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments See you at the reunion!

Wysocki, John J

Nickname Ski **Rate** SK3 **Division** S
Spouse Shirley **Hometown** Wilkes Barre, PA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1949 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Department Supervisor (Quality Control Dept., Refrigeration Manufacture) I retired in 1991
Special Hobbies Refinishing furniture, attending YMCA, exercise to stay in shape
Favorite Memory Comradery with my shipmates on various liberties and the confidence and assurance Captain Coffin inspired in us when we went aground in North Korea
Worst Memory I would have to say when Captain Johnson came aboard and ordered those awful haircuts--too long to be GI and too short to comb
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

York, Rudolf

Nickname Rudy **Rate** BM1 **Division** 1st
Spouse Susi **Hometown** Saginaw, MI
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1967
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Fishing, Hunting, Travel
Favorite Memory Off hours at sea
Worst Memory I have no bad memories of the USS BEXAR
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Zoeller, Jr, Fred W

Nickname **Rate** RM2 **Division** OR
Spouse Marie **Hometown** Wilkes Barre, PA
Ship USS BEXAR (APA-237) **Years From** 1956-12 **Years To** 1959-12
Civilian Occupation Programmer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Comradery with Radio Gang shipmates
Worst Memory 1958 typhoon
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments