

USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) CREWMEMBER PROFILES.

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Abshies, Arthur P

Nickname Chips **Rate** CWO-WA **Division** R
Spouse Thelma **Hometown** Devers, TX
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation Shipfitter and Shipfitter Foreman
Special Hobbies Travel, Fishing
Favorite Memory St. Lawrence Seaway
Worst Memory Three Consecutive Mediterranean Christmas
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Albertis, Peter W

Nickname Pete **Rate** SK3 **Division** Supply
Spouse Loretta **Hometown** Orange, NJ
Ship USCG CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1954-08 **Years To** 1955-08
Civilian Occupation Office Administrator: Intentional Sales; Later Ass't Verger, Episcopal Parish of Trinity Church, NYC
Special Hobbies Traveling to Europe, particularly England and Italy. Genealogical research, coins, visiting historic Episcopal Churches in US or England
Favorite Memory Visiting of foreign ports as part of the Southern Med training Cruise
Worst Memory Stormy weather en route to Lisbon, Portugal
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Amerman, William B

Nickname Bruce **Rate** SN **Division** 2nd
Spouse Jane **Hometown** Neshanic, NJ
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Retired Farmer
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Brooks, Frank A

Nickname
Spouse Brooks
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)
Civilian Occupation Disabled
Special Hobbies Hunting
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Rate BM3
Hometown Leipsic, OH
Years From 1967

Division
Years To 1969

Brown, Donald

Nickname
Spouse Delores
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Rate GM3
Hometown St. Clair, MO
Years From 1951-09

Division Gunnery
Years To 1955-04

Brunner, John H

Nickname Red
Spouse Elsie
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)
Civilian Occupation Maintenance Foreman
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Fatal Boat Accident
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Rate Ch BM
Hometown Fremont, OH
Years From 1950

Division
Years To 1951

Carlock, Jess L

Nickname Rate MM3 **Division** M
Spouse Wilma **Hometown** Morrilton, AR
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1943-11 **Years To** 1945-11
Civilian Occupation Mechanic
Special Hobbies Clock Repair
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Cartledge, George E

Nickname Rate YN1 **Division** Admin
Spouse Hazel **Hometown** North Augusta, SC
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1945
Civilian Occupation Civil Service, The Virginia Pilot Newsletter
Special Hobbies NBA Basketball, Major League Baseball
Favorite Memory Taking the occupation Marines from Agha to Japan
Worst Memory None. I went aboard after all combat engagements
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Cary, Reby

Nickname Rate RM 1/c **Division** Radio
Spouse Nadine **Hometown** Ft Worth, TX
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1944-04 **Years To** 1945-1111-4
Civilian Occupation Real Estate Broker/Retired
Special Hobbies RV'ing and Fishing
Favorite Memory Liberty in Shanghai, China
Worst Memory Weather and Bombs at Okinawa
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments Pleasant Memories and Best Wishes!

Castillo, Thomas

Nickname Tom **Rate** SHC **Division** S-3
Spouse Hope **Hometown** Austin, TX
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Barber
Special Hobbies Golfing, Fishing, Softball
Favorite Memory Lebone Support troops
Worst Memory Hurricane returning from the Med.
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Cattelino, John J

Nickname Jack **Rate** Y 3/c **Division** Trans 24
Spouse Loretta **Hometown** Pittsburg, KS
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1952-05 **Years To** 1953-12
Civilian Occupation Accounting
Special Hobbies Wood working
Favorite Memory Don't remember
Worst Memory Don't remember
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments Although I was aboard the USS CAMBRIA I was not Ships Company. At the time, the CAMBRIA was the Flag Ship of Transport Division 24. I served on that staff as a Yeoman until discharged from active duty. When I reported for duty W O Floyd was Commodore followed by Commodore Speck and Mewhinney. We traveled to the Mediterranean Sea making various stops in France, Greece, Cyprus, and Northern Africa. We also exercised Marine Troops off the coast of Labrador. Later in Aug of '53 we traveled through the Panama Canal to Yokohama, Japan. There we picked up troops that served in Korea and returned them to the US.

Charlton, Sr, John D

Nickname **Rate** E3 **Division** 1st
Spouse Mary Ann **Hometown** Sewell, NJ
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1967-11 **Years To** 1969-10
Civilian Occupation Over the road Truck Driver
Special Hobbies My family
Favorite Memory I don't have a favorite memory, it was all great duty
Worst Memory When we had a collision at sea. That scared the day light out of me.
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Clark, Richard P

Nickname Rate Y3 **Division** N
Spouse Marjorie "Midge" **Hometown** Los Angeles, CA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** Saipan **Years To** 1945
Civilian Occupation Retired letter carrier-US Postal Service
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory Cambria in San Pedro, CA being refitted for invasion of Japan when we heard that Japan had surrendered.
Worst Memory Sunday afternoon air raid by Japan with all the aircraft they could get together while anchored off Okinawa
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments God bless and be with you at all times. I know our Chaplain Keating will be with you in spirit as he loved our ship and all who served on her.

Clauser, Jr, John W

Nickname Rate DC3 **Division** R
Spouse **Hometown** Coopersburg
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation Archaeologist
Special Hobbies Motorcycling
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Steel Pike 1-all day on the boats and all night repairing the boats
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Coe, Kenneth

Nickname Ken **Rate** S 1/c **Division** Amphibious
Spouse Marion **Hometown** Syracuse
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Meat Cutter
Special Hobbies Bicycling, Fishing, Bowling
Favorite Memory Shipmates
Worst Memory None
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Davenport, Clyde R

Nickname Dav **Rate** QM3 **Division** N
Spouse Esther **Hometown** Dartmouth, MA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Teacher/School Administrator/College Professor
Special Hobbies Gardening, Nature Studies, Art, Music, Mediterranean Cooking
Favorite Memory New Year Eve in Naples, Italy, 1952
Worst Memory The Argentina "Whiskey War"
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Davenport, John A

Nickname Port **Rate** DC3 **Division** R
Spouse Gloria **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Owner, Rockets Sports Outlet, Firearms Supplies
Special Hobbies Full time firearms specialist
Favorite Memory Visiting all the ports that we did. A lifetime of memories.
Worst Memory Collision at sea with USS Shadwell. Also will never miss some of the chiefs that we served under. Thank God for the chiefs mess so he little as could hide in there.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments It was a tough time during the Viet Nam War.

DeAngelis, Anthony F

Nickname Tony **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division**
Spouse Louise **Hometown** Worcester, MA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Business Owner
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

DiDonato, Charles Dominick

Nickname Chuck **Rate** Coxwain **Division** L
Spouse Kathryn **Hometown** Bethlehem, Pa
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1943-11 **Years To** 1945-10
Civilian Occupation Retired Bethlehem Fire Dept and Local Hospital Security Officer
Special Hobbies YMCA, Gardening, Walking, Cooking, Sports of all kinds
Favorite Memory The 1st invasion I participated in. The Marshall Island Invasion showed me how all our training and preparation worked out as planned. The friendship among crew & Officers.
Worst Memory While maneuvering in the water expecting to be hoisted aboard after the 2nd or 3rd day of the invasion of Okinawa, my boat crew and I were ordered to report to the Beach Commander. Our ship pulled up anchor and went straight to San Francisco. Did not get back aboard until 3 months later. A number of LCVP boats & crewmen were affected by this order. We had no extra clothing except what we were wearing at the time. We did various assignments for the 3 months we spent on the Island. Lt Stanhope, boat crew Officer was also left behind. After 3 months, we were flown to Guam and then picked up a transport and sailed to San Francisco and back to the Cambria.
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 19
Special Comments

Digan, Bob

Nickname **Rate** L/Cpl. USMC **Division** 2nd Mar
Spouse **Hometown** Boston, MA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Ministry
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Many : Coming into port, Looking out at all the ships on the horizon, looking at the waves break at the bow, especially returning from a Med cruise (Steel Pike 1). We took the Northern route and encountered a huge storm that I was very impressed by. I especially hold a great admiration and appreciation of the sailors that had the watch on the fantail on the deck during the storm-that was very impressive and much appreciated of what they do.
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

DiLieto, Nicholas M

Nickname Nick **Rate** S 1/C **Division** S1
Spouse Gloria **Hometown** Queens, NY
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1943 **Years To** 1945
Civilian Occupation Supt of Metal Prep for Fedders Corp
Special Hobbies Wood Crafts
Favorite Memory Working together with all the guys
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Hale, Alfred B

Nickname Al **Rate** Seaman E-3 **Division** X
Spouse Brenda **Hometown** Portsmouth, OH
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1965-08 **Years To** 1966-12
Civilian Occupation Transportation Officer for a major railroad
Special Hobbies Collecting old railroad memorabilia
Favorite Memory Being transferred off of it
Worst Memory Seeing it for the first time
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Halstead, Richard A

Nickname Rick **Rate** RM3 **Division** 1st
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** Syracuse, NY
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Sales-Used Car Dealer
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory Accident at sea. Loss of life in lowering an LCVP
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Hamby, Richmond P

Nickname **Rate** FA-BT2 **Division** B
Spouse Janice **Hometown** Sarasota, FL
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Paving, Grading, Drainage Contractor
Special Hobbies Boating, Fishing, Diving
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Cuban Crisis
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Hamilton, Robert W

Nickname
Spouse
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)
Civilian Occupation Deep sea salvage, part-time carpenter
Special Hobbies Traveling, woodworking
Favorite Memory Making a rate
Worst Memory Working until 2100
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments See you there

Hancox, Jack D

Nickname
Spouse Doris
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)
Civilian Occupation Retired Clergyman (Pastor, Missionary) 30 Yrs overseas with a Mission Board
Special Hobbies Mountain lore, Longtime Counselor
Favorite Memory At Saipan two of our guys came bursting into the radio shack yelling "We are being strafed. Our Air Officer kept calmly twisting his red handlebar must ash "Straffing Hell, that was a 500 Lb bomb!"
Worst Memory When men brought aboard who had been hit with flame throwers
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 15 GG 1& 1/2
Special Comments

Harding, James E

Nickname
Spouse Allene
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)
Civilian Occupation Maintenance Mechanic
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Heyn, Donald R

Nickname Lt **Division** M
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** New York City
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Boiler and Machinery Inspection for legal and insurance purposes
Special Hobbies Golf, model railroad, renovating old houses for the homeless
Favorite Memory Landing Marines at Nagasaki
Worst Memory Escapade of two seamen at Nagasaki, committing rape and murder
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 15
Special Comments I am not interested in reunions--what's done is done--it's over.

Hilliard, John H

Nickname Jack **Rate** BM3 **Division** 3rd
Spouse Mary Ann **Hometown** Lowell, MA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Machinist & Mechanical Inspector
Special Hobbies Genealogy
Favorite Memory Liked being at sea. The Med. Liked my short time on USS Shanador, a small PC ship for 2 weeks, DDE Ship for two weeks. At the helm coming in a port, Movies on board, refueling at sea and receiving movies at sea.
Worst Memory Norfolk, VA
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 13
Special Comments

Holder, Alvin

Nickname Slim **Rate** Boat Cox Swain **Division** L
Spouse Judy **Hometown** Hawthorne, CA
Ship USCG CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** **Years To**
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Going to Pearl after the Okinawa invasion- The state side
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Jacobs, Morton

Nickname Lt/Lcdr **Rate** Lt/Lcdr **Division** Dental
Spouse Masaku **Hometown** Brooklyn, NY
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Dentist
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory 2 Med Cruises
Worst Memory Not enough time in home port
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

James, Charles Eugene

Nickname Chuck **Rate** PN2 **Division** X
Spouse Bernice **Hometown** Rockhill Furnace, PA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Commercial bank employee
Special Hobbies Sports, music, and stage plays
Favorite Memory Howard Bartlemy and someone else taught Vernon Gaskill and me how to play pinochle. The first couple times Bartlemy and the other person beat us but after that we beat them "all the time."
Worst Memory A Supply Division Officer on a weekend made me do a chore (under threat of being put on report) that should have been done by someone from the Supply Department. The Executive Officer said on Monday that the Supply Officer was in the wrong. I decided after that incident that I would never reenlist.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Jamison, Edward J

Nickname Ed **Rate** PO 2/C **Division** PN
Spouse Lorraine Jamison **Hometown** Springfield, NJ
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Accountant
Special Hobbies Golf & Gardening
Favorite Memory Seeing Morehead City, NC upon returning from the Mediterranean
Worst Memory Being transferred to another ship
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Jernigan, Charlie F

Nickname	Rate EM2	Division
Spouse Sally	Hometown Dunn, NC	
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)	Years From	Years To
Civilian Occupation	US Government Printing Office	

Special Hobbies

Favorite Memory I fixed an oven in the galley that had not worked for years, according to the cooks. When it worked, the cooks gave me a bucket of peanut butter ice cream. I took it back to the electric shop and everyone dug in for all the ice cream they could eat. I just wish they would have given me chocolate.

Worst Memory Getting shots when we left Norfolk for the Med. Then having GQ called, my GQ station was the Emergency Generator room. When the EG was fired up, it got hot and noisy and I proceeded to get sick. And it was only the second day of the cruise.

Children 4 **Grandchildren** 2

Special Comments Six Months in 1962

In May, 1962, I was stationed at the Harbor Entrance Control Base at Fort Story, VA. I had only six months left on my four year tour of duty. I was fully expecting to have spent four years of service to my country on shore duty. The only ship I had been on was a barracks ship in Charleston, SC and a destroyer that a friend of mine was stationed on. After seeing the living conditions on a destroyer, I was really grateful to have been assigned shore duty. Destroyers are hot, cramped and smell like fuel oil.

Anyway, out of the blue I received orders to report for duty on the USS Cambria APA 36 in Norfolk for the duration of my enlistment. To say I was shocked was a bit of an understatement. I had been living in a converted ammunition bunker on an Army base for three years. I didn't know anything about the Navy, I wasn't sure I even had a complete uniform. There were only

15 sailors attached to HECB, a 1st class Bosun's mate was the ranking officer. We ate in the Army chow hall. Uniform of the day was what ever you had that was clean, generally dungarees, chambray shirt, Army combat boots and field jacket. In the summer uniform of the day was cut off dungarees, a tee shirt and sneakers. We exercised by running the Army obstacle course, usually faster than the soldiers. All in all it was pretty good duty. Then this transfer bomb was dropped on me.

I borrowed parts and pieces of a uniform to make me acceptable and went to Little Creek, VA to fill out my sea bag to the point of acceptability, first I had to buy a sea bag, long ago I had traded mine for an almost new Army field jacket with liner and two pair of winter socks.

Back at Fort Story I began to read my Blue Jackets Manual to see what I should do to prepare myself for sea duty. Little items like how do you pack a sea bag, what you do when you walk up the gangplank of a ship, which end of the ship is the flag on so I know which way to salute. It was a dramatic awakening. I was a 2nd Class electrician that only knew about shipboard electrical systems what I had learned from books and Electricians school. I had spent three years changing light bulbs, maintaining emergency diesel generators, running new circuits for lights, standing radar watches and installing the PO's lounge stereo system. I was not prepared for this sea duty stuff. I had some serious studying to do before I would be ready for this "Down to the sea in ships" adventure.

In May I appeared on the quarterdeck of the Cambria in my freshly purchased dress blues, with a sea bag that still had creases in it and a white hat that had no shape at all. To say I was apprehensive would be a gross understatement, I was a nervous wreck. I saluted the Flag, the OD and asked permission to come aboard.

I was welcomed aboard by the OD and escorted to the Bosun's office. I don't remember to much about him except he was short, had a bushy mustache, was overweight, had a star tattooed on his ear lobe, a dotted line around his neck with the words "Cut Here" and a naked woman on his left forearm. This did not seem to be a

good omen. He introduced himself then led me back to the Electricians sleeping compartment. It was located at the stern of the ship, just forward of the laundry and almost directly above the ships propeller.

It was mid afternoon; there was no one in the compartment except the compartment cleaner, a fireman apprentice named "Tick". A short, skinny, sweaty, dirty person from West Virginia. He showed me the empty bunks I could choose from and where my sea locker was located. After I unpacked he said he would take me to the Electrician's work shop and introduce me to the crew.

The "Crew" consisted of a Chief Electrician, a 1st Class electrician, a 2nd Class electrician, two 3rd class electricians and three "Strikers". The chief was called "Chief", I don't recall the 1st class name, the 2nd class was "Keys" the 3rd class was "Barry" and "Scoop", the "Strikers" were "Tick", the other names elude me. I wondered what Nom de plume would be given me.

I settled into shipboard life as well as could be expected of a sailor that had never been to sea. There was a great steel ship I needed to learn.

Important things like, where was the galley, what "Water Hours" meant, which way do I go on a ladder, up/forward, down/aft. Then there was this port and starboard thing that was constantly being referred to. I had this uneasy feeling this was not going to be a walk in the park.

Then it was the dawning of the second day, I awoke to the blare of screeching sounds that jolted me into consciousness, heart pounding, ear drum bursting intensity that I would learn to dread with each new day, "Reveille, reveille, all hands on deck, sweepers man your brooms, give a clean sweep down fore and aft"; the screeching went on and on and on for what seemed like hours. This was not the way I was accustomed to starting my day, I assumed this is just the way it is at sea, I would have to cope.

I received my assignments for the fundamental duties aboard ship, Abandon Ship Station, General Quarters Station, and watch section.

On day two I learned we were departing for the Mediterranean for a six months cruise. Now cruise I could relate to, setting on the fantail, soaking up some sun, exotic ports of call in the blue Mediterranean, cool drinks on a hot afternoon, dropping a line for some recreational late afternoon fishing. Alas, the U.S. Navy and I do not share the same interpretation of the phrase "Cruise the Mediterranean".

The Marines started coming on board, and they came, and they came and they came, there must have been 1,000s of them. They were everywhere. You had to step over them in the passageways, they perched on the lifelines, they clogged up the showers, they exercised on the decks, they would fight just for the fun of it, they were like ants attacking a picnic. Rude, crude, lewd, mean and ugly, so this was the few, the proud, the Marines. Little did I know they were going through the same anxiety that I was. Two days later we cast off our lines and headed east across the Atlantic, the skies clear, the sea smooth as glass. I was ordered to Sickbay for shots. When I left Sickbay, inoculated against every disease known to man, some not known and some yet to be discovered, I was sure no germ would come within a mile of me.

Six hours later we had our first "General Quarters". I was feeling a little woozy from my shots as I headed for my "GQ" station, the "Emergency Generator Room". Room is an exaggeration, it was a eight by fourteen foot grey steel box with a six by twelve foot diesel motor/generator set in the middle of it. The engineman assigned with me told me to shut the watertight door as he fired up the behemoth diesel. As the temperature in the box went up, so did my lunch. The engineman began discussing in no uncertain terms, the legitimacy of my birth and number of parents legally married. He was not pleased with my attempt at masking the odor of diesel fuel with disgorged liver and onions. No sooner had I regained my sense of sight (my head was out of the bucket) and was able to breathe than the "Abandon Ship" alarm was sounded. Pale as a ghost, sick as a dog and dizzy as frog on bad mushrooms, topside I go to my "Abandon Ship" station. As soon as I opened the watertight door on the main deck, I'm hit by a blast of fresh, cool ocean air. Two steps and I am outside and rounding the corner of the superstructure, I see the decks covered with sailors and Marines, scurrying for their stations, dressed in life jackets in ways a life jacket was never designed to be worn or could be worn. Then I saw light reflecting from a sheen on the deck, men where slipping on this sheen, sliding in all directions, tripping other sailors and Marines as they hurried to their station. It was then I saw a Marine make a contribution to the

sheen, then I lost my breakfast and a couple of meals I ate the day before. No hands were lost, the ship did not sink, it was only a drill.

The rest of the trip east was uneventful with one exception. We were near the Sargasso Sea when the electrical shop was notified the Masthead light was out. "Chief" asked for a volunteer to change the light, no one seemed interested in this rare opportunity. It should be noted the Masthead light is on top of the tallest piece of metal on the Cambria, a steel tube about 8 inches in diameter, with steps welded to each side. The light must be close to 100 feet above the waterline. To change the light you needed two light bulbs, a safety belt, a six inch spanner, no fear of height and no regard for your life. I volunteered; I concluded if my peers would witness this act of unabashed bravery, I would certainly be elevated to God status. Up the steel spire I go, holding on for dear life and not daring to look down. As I scale the precipice, I can see inside the landing craft, cradled on top the hatch covers, then I am level with the bridge, I wave nervously at the helmsman (he doesn't wave back), I cross over the spar, I have an unimpeded view of the entire ship, bow to stern. The view from the Masthead is something you never forget, you look over the ocean and can see all ships in the fleet, including the Destroyer that crossed your bow about a mile ahead. You can see the wake of the Destroyer as it approaches the bow of the Cambria, then you see the bow of the Cambria as it gently rises, then as it crosses the wake, the Cambria pitches ever so gently to port. 100 feet above the waterline, the pitch is amplified, anyone on top of the mast at this point should be holding on for dear life. I wet my pants, my God status was reduced to a level of whale poop. I stayed on top of the mast, pretending to have difficulty removing the Masthead light lens, until my pants dried enough to be presentable. "Chief" wanted to know what took so long, was I sight seeing? I told him I was just enjoying the view. I didn't get God status, it was suggested I was somewhat nuts.

The "Cruise" stopped at Valencia and Barcelona, Spain; Naples and Livorno, Italy; Cannes, France; Valletta, Malta; Messina and Palermo, Sicily; Athens, Greece and Izmir, Turkey, If there had ever been a more perfect cruise for a shore duty sailor, I just don't know where it could have been.

We left the "Med" in October. Except for running through a hurricane on the way back it was an uneventful trip. During the hurricane, I could look out the port hole in the film storage room on the port side of the ship (now that makes sense, but shouldn't holes on the starboard side of the ship be starboard holes?). You haven't lived until you look across a storm tossed sea and watch a Destroyer hit a wave, go completely out of sight under the water then bob back up to the top like a cork. I slept like a baby, grateful I was not aboard a Destroyer, lulled to sleep by the shoop, shoop, shoop of the propeller as it came out of the water as the ship passed over the crest of a wave. The Cambria, sturdy lady that she was, only lost a landing craft.

The Cambria was supposed to go to Morehead City to drop off the Marines, we went directly to Norfolk to start replenishment and load live ammunition. After all, it was October 23, 1962, the Cuban Missile crisis was on, the great war lady was heading for picket duty on the coast of Cuba. I was discharged on the 23rd so I went home and missed out on a great adventure aboard a great ship, of all I have done in my life, this I regret the most.

A picture of the Cambria is on my office wall.

Chuck Jernigan EM2
USS Cambria APA 36
May 1962 through October 1962

Kester, Raymond D

Nickname Rate CWO2 **Division** COM
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** Portland, OR
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1950 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Tele Communications/Electronics
Special Hobbies Radio, Reading, Travel
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Kidd, Wayne E

Nickname Rate **Division** 2nd
Spouse **Hometown** Galloway, OH
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1950 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Kiley, Thomas C

Nickname Tom **Rate** SN **Division** 1st
Spouse Kristine **Hometown** Downers Grove, IL
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation Machinist/Set up Man and Inspector
Special Hobbies Fishing, Video Taping, Traveling to new places, and I am an avid reader
Favorite Memory My first Cruise to the Caribbean (Havana)
Worst Memory 1958 Asian Flu out break in the North Atlantic on the way to the Mediterranean.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Kinsel, Charles A

Nickname Rate BT3 **Division** B
Spouse Joan **Hometown** Linden, NJ
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Insurance and construction
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Kirk, Charles (Chuck) E

Nickname Chuck **Rate** BM3 **Division** Boat Gp
Spouse Karen **Hometown** Dayton, OH
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation Security Supervisor @ DOE Site
Special Hobbies Singing, Crafts, Genealogy
Favorite Memory Boat Group Department
Worst Memory Carrying an additional mooring line from forward to aft to Med moor in the winter in Genoa, Italy
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Kistner, Gary R

Nickname **Rate** RM2 **Division** CR
Spouse **Hometown** Zelienople, PA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Realtor
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Klein, Henry A

Nickname Rate SN **Division**
Spouse **Hometown** Sarasota, FL
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Funeral Director
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Getting to see the world.
Worst Memory None
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Kowalewski, Robert

Nickname Ski **Rate** EN3 **Division** A
Spouse Ann **Hometown** Newark, NJ
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Buyer for Sherwin Williams Paint Co
Special Hobbies Sports
Favorite Memory Meeting all new friends
Worst Memory Getting sea sick for the first time
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments If the Good Lord spares, would like to see everyone next year and every year thereafter.

Kruger, David S

Nickname **Rate** LTJG **Division** F and 3rd
Spouse Marilyn **Hometown** Niagara Falls, NY
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Many different ones--EMT, Police Officer, Cabinet maker, electrician
Special Hobbies None
Favorite Memory Hitting the beach in Italy
Worst Memory Refresher training at GTMO
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 17
Special Comments

Mackiewicz, William

Nickname Mack **Rate** S 1/C **Division** 1st
Spouse **Hometown** Center Moriches, NY
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** Comm **Years To**
Civilian Occupation Plumber, Retired
Special Hobbies Keeping Grandkids happy
Favorite Memory The way we got things done
Worst Memory Broken Leg (Luzon)
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Macomber, Francis X

Nickname Frank **Rate** S 1/c **Division** Boat
Spouse Lillian **Hometown** Medford, MA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1943 **Years To** 1944
Civilian Occupation Mechanical Inspector
Special Hobbies Sports
Favorite Memory Going through Panama Canal
Worst Memory 1st day loading boats
Children 9 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Mantell, Jr., Henry S

Nickname Hank **Rate** S 3/c **Division** 1st
Spouse **Hometown** Troy, NY
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Salesman
Special Hobbies Music
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

McAdoo, Hosea W

Nickname Mickey **Rate** LT **Division** H&D
Spouse Shirley **Hometown** No Little Rock AR
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Physician
Special Hobbies R/C Models
Favorite Memory The truly hard working, dedicated people I served with. They were the best I ever met
Worst Memory Ruptured eardrums, both, on the descent to Palermo airport just before I reported to the Cambria.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments My time in the Navy molded my life. I grew up. I wouldn't trade it for anything.

McGhee, Vaughn H

Nickname Sam **Rate** RM **Division** 24
Spouse Nancy **Hometown** Jefferson City, TN
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Retired School Principal
Special Hobbies Reading, Fishing
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

McKeon, James C

Nickname Jim **Rate** RM2 **Division** CR
Spouse Kim **Hometown** Norristown, PA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1958-11 **Years To** 1961-10
Civilian Occupation General Motors Auto Dealerships
Special Hobbies Golf, Travel, Granddaughters
Favorite Memory Operation "Inland Seas" when opened the St Lawrence Seaway
Worst Memory 2 Hours in bilges for taking donut to Radio room while crossing Atlantic on way to Med Sea
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Meigs, Philip R

Nickname Rate HM3 **Division** Hospital
Spouse Nancy **Hometown** Warren, OH
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Banker 30 Yrs
Special Hobbies Missionary Work (Camps, Construction, renovation, remodeling) Fishing, Golf, Gardening
Favorite Memory Cruises to Caribbean and Mediterranean
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments

Meyer, Charles J

Nickname Buddy **Rate** MM2 **Division** M
Spouse Bettye **Hometown** Smith Mills, KY
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Engineering
Special Hobbies Woodworking, Fishing, Camping
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Mlinscek, Nicholas L

Nickname Nick **Rate** GM 1/c **Division** Gunnery
Spouse Vicky **Hometown** Bronx, NY
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Businessman
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Being aboard and witnessing firsthand the destruction by atomic bombing the city of Nagasaki and the official surrender by the city officials.
Worst Memory Okinawa
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Murden, Frank L

Nickname Rate QM3 **Division** N
Spouse Dolores **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Telecommunications Mgr ATT
Special Hobbies None
Favorite Memory None
Worst Memory None
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments

Murphy, Robert E

Nickname Murf **Rate** EN3 **Division** A
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Albany, NY
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Mechanic
Special Hobbies Hunting, Motorcycles
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments Would like to hear from old shipmates

Neal, Olin L.

Nickname **Rate** ET2 **Division** OE
Spouse Carol **Hometown** Buffalo, NY
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1959-12 **Years To** 1960-10
Civilian Occupation Electrical Eng
Special Hobbies Family History Research
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Neumann, Michael J

Nickname Rate F I/C **Division** M
Spouse Kay **Hometown**
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Meeting my best hometown buddy when he came to the CAMBRIA Sunday morning at Saipan for Father Keatings church services.
Worst Memory The typhoon off of Okinawa, thought the Cambria was going to sink
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Nichols, Joseph H

Nickname Nick **Rate** S **Division** EN
Spouse Gloria **Hometown** Tarrytown, NY
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Golf & Travel
Favorite Memory Visiting many Foreign Ports
Worst Memory Returning from Cuba in Hurricane
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Nichols, William H

Nickname Bill **Rate** EM3 **Division** Eng
Spouse Grace **Hometown** Boardman, OH
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1950 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Retired Steel Worker, Now in Supply Dept, Mahoning Nat Bank
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory On winning Basketball Team
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments Like to get together after 41 years!

Niezelski, Robert J

Nickname Ski **Rate** DT2 **Division** Dental
Spouse Elaine **Hometown** Seymour, CT
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Paper Salesman, Retired
Special Hobbies Fishing, Gardening, Just taking it easy since Retiring
Favorite Memory Mediterranean Cruise, Jan 1953-May 1953 with great shipmates
Worst Memory Had a great time with no bad memories in most cases
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments Have not recognized any of my former shipmates, but would like to hear from anyone who served with me.

Nixon, Ira Merill

Nickname **Rate** BMSN **Division** 2nd/1st
Spouse Nancy **Hometown** Anderson, SC
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1957-01 **Years To** 1959-10
Civilian Occupation Retired-Owens Corning
Special Hobbies Playing Golf, Repairing old furniture
Favorite Memory Being the only seaman who could stand the BM of the watch in port
Worst Memory Loss of SN Miller, 3rd Division overboard. A very good shipmate
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments If I can find my BM pipe, I will show them how I can still pipe all the calls. They will remember.

Nowack, Rinold R

Nickname Riney **Rate** FP2 **Division** R
Spouse Carol **Hometown** Milwaukee, WI
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Carpenter
Special Hobbies Wood Working
Favorite Memory All the nice guys I met
Worst Memory When I got sick with hepatitis while in the Mediterranean Sea and left the CAMBRIA for the last time
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

O'Connor, Terry L

Nickname
Spouse
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

O'Hara, John

Nickname Jack **Rate** HM3 **Division** H
Spouse Frances **Hometown** Glendale, NY
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Student-Present-Sr Program Analyst
Special Hobbies Collector of Military Memorabilia
Favorite Memory Med Cruise Aug '54-Feb '55
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Olson, Samuel C

Nickname
Spouse Carol **Rate** EMT3/c **Division**
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Hometown** Jamestown, NY
Years From 1945 **Years To** 1947
Civilian Occupation Director of Marketing
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Orphan kids at Christmas
Worst Memory None
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 8+
Special Comments

Patterson, Leland V

Nickname Lee **Rate** IC2 **Division** E
Spouse Sally **Hometown** Clinton, PA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Switching equipment technician, Bell Atlantic
Special Hobbies Amateur Radio, boating, living life fully!
Favorite Memory Being promoted to IC3, spending weekends with my wife in the IC Room
Worst Memory Riding through a hurricane off North Carolina
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments "Liberty call"

Payne, Ronald L

Nickname **Rate** SM3 **Division** Commu
Spouse Sue **Hometown** Farmington, MO
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1959-10 **Years To** 1961-01
Civilian Occupation Worked as a Route Salesman. Have been on SS Disability since Jan 1991
Special Hobbies Fishing, Camping, my wife and I are busy with Church related activities
Favorite Memory I suppose my favorite time included our Med Cruise. A great sight seeing trip. Also we were sent to Cuba when Castro was missile minded.
Worst Memory My "Sea Duty" was cut short by sickness. After a lengthy stay at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital, I finished my tour at the degassing station at Norfolk.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments Hi! Hoping you have a great Reunion! Will not be making the trip, but memories have been recalled since thinking of this project.

Pearce, George F

Nickname **Rate** Rdm 1/C **Division** Radar
Spouse Laoretta **Hometown** Grinnell, IA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1943-11-10 **Years To** 1945-03
Civilian Occupation Insurance Broker
Special Hobbies Traveling, Golf, Fishing
Favorite Memory Crossing the equator
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Poore, Thomas

Nickname
Spouse Martha
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)
Civilian Occupation Textiles
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Friends in the CIC. Seeing the many countries while serving aboard the Cambria.
Worst Memory I only have good memories while serving in the US Navy.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Popper, William R.

Nickname
Spouse Jean - Deceased
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)
Civilian Occupation Police officer
Special Hobbies Hunting, shooting and fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Powers, Joseph J

Nickname
Spouse Irma
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)
Civilian Occupation GM Tech Center in R/D (all Seat Belts, Air Bags, plus future car experimental).
Special Hobbies Woodwork & Bowling
Favorite Memory All good, even in the worst of times.
Worst Memory
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Rabinowitz, Daniel

Nickname Lt (jg) **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** Supply
Spouse Joyce **Hometown** Allentown, PA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Professor of Accounting (Retired)
Special Hobbies Swimming
Favorite Memory The Apollo 7 mission in Dec 1968 was special as we steamed without Marines nor PHIBRON 6 staff. A recovery team consisting of an USAF Lt and Sgt, were assigned and we were given a mock up of the capsule. We deployed to the eastern Atlantic off Western Africa as a secondary recovery ship. Along the way we would lift the capsule into the sea, steam away from it, and send our landing craft to push/tow it back to the CAMBRIA, then lift it aboard. The capsule landed in the West Atlantic as planned and an a/c carrier and it's choppers recovered it. We then went into Las Palmas (Canary Islands) for some very good liberty. The Island hadn't had a USN visit in many years so we were warmly greeted by the residents and the tourists from Scandinavian and N Europe. When it was time to depart for NORVA, Capt Heath was missing. He finally showed up with a big grin on his ????. Enroute to NORVA, we were ordered to rendezvous with the USNS MIZER which had been dragging the bottom with a camera searching for the USS SCORPIAN. It found and photographed the SCORPIAN. We received the photos and took them to a USAF Base in the Azores for a flight back to SUBLANT in NORVA, delaying our return to NORVA by a couple of days. In all it was a fund and exciting deployment, especially since we steamed for over a month with the grunts and staff.
Worst Memory Mid-watches on the quarterdeck during the winter in NORVA. It was cold and very windy.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments The Cambria and it's crew were one of the best experiences of my life. The camaraderie amongst the men, the work, port visits and fun were great. I'LL NEVER FORGET IT.

Rahmer, Reynold E

Nickname Ron **Rate** FN **Division**
Spouse Cindy A. **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1970 **Years To**
Civilian Occupation Engineer/Handyman
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Mess cooking with Chief Cherry.
Worst Memory Decommission of ship
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments Go Navy!!!

Russell, Steve E

Nickname Rate BM3 **Division** 3rd
Spouse Pamela **Hometown** Salisbury, NC
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1970
Civilian Occupation Electrician
Special Hobbies Shooting
Favorite Memory Collision at sea 3:00 AM after general quarters
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Rymer, Tommy L

Nickname Bud **Rate** EM3 **Division** E
Spouse Pat **Hometown** Holden, MO
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Rural mail Carrier, US Postal Service
Special Hobbies Crappie Fishing, Mission Trips through our Church
Favorite Memory The friends I made
Worst Memory Going from Greece to Turkey, hit the tail end of a typhoon. Rough..Rough
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments

Sanders, Robert K

Nickname **Rate** RD2 **Division**
Spouse Donna **Hometown** Sheridan, IN
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Electronics Engineer/Mgr
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Everyone on board was friendly
Worst Memory Returning from Europe the last time Feb 1958. Weather was horrible
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments Happy to attend another reunion!

Shick, Charles W

Nickname Chuck **Rate** DKC **Division**
Spouse Marian **Hometown** Sheffield, PA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1950-09 **Years To** 1951-04
Civilian Occupation Letter carrier USPS
Special Hobbies Hunting and fishing
Favorite Memory Get pay records of the Residents squared away
Worst Memory Get pay records of the Residents squared away because it was so difficult
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments Hope to see you at the reunion

Sholar, Orman R

Nickname **Rate** GM2 **Division** USCG
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Bumpus Mills, TN
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1943-11 **Years To** 1945-07
Civilian Occupation General Motors, retired
Special Hobbies Woodworking, playing pool
Favorite Memory Passing through Panama Canal
Worst Memory Entering Marshall Islands Invasion
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Shonis, Anthony

Nickname Tony **Rate** SCI/C **Division** Bakery
Spouse Seconda **Hometown**
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1943-12 **Years To** 1945
Civilian Occupation Maintenance, Bakery
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Shook, Stuart H

Nickname
Spouse Wilma (Deceased)
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)
Civilian Occupation Purchasing Agent
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Shue, Donald R

Nickname
Spouse
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)
Civilian Occupation Retired - Part Time School Crossing Guard
Special Hobbies Video Taping, Big Band Music
Favorite Memory Duty at Cuba, Haiti, South France, and other ports of call in Southern Europe
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Shults, Edwin L

Nickname Ed
Spouse Sara Lea
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)
Civilian Occupation Maintenance Supervisor
Special Hobbies Sporting Clays, Trap, Skeet Shooting, Hunting, Fishing
Favorite Memory Foreign Liberties
Worst Memory 1962 Hurricane going to Cuban crisis
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments

Sonnemann, Robert E

Nickname Bob **Rate** RM **Division** C
Spouse Lou **Hometown** Centerville, KS
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1944-05 **Years To** 1946-03
Civilian Occupation Realtor
Special Hobbies Lawn Bowling, Computer, Walking
Favorite Memory Associating with other crew members
Worst Memory Kamikaze attacks
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments Sorry Health will not allow Reunion attendance.

Souza, Robert F

Nickname Sweet Pea **Rate** EN-1 **Division** A
Spouse Mahaley **Hometown** Mattapoisett, MA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1965 **Years To** 1967
Civilian Occupation ACR Tech for the US Air Force
Special Hobbies Wood Working
Favorite Memory Good times in the Med
Worst Memory Almost getting killed in wellbeck of mike boat
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Spensley, Charles R

Nickname Spense **Rate** EM **Division**
Spouse Margaret **Hometown** Mason, OH
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1942 **Years To** 1945
Civilian Occupation Sales and advertising with Ford & Chrysler
Special Hobbies Golf, breeding and raising Standard Bred and Arabian horses
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments Spense passed away August 21, 1984 as the result of a malignant brain tumor. He and I were married 36 fantastic years. We had 7 sons, 5 of whom are living and now 10 grandchildren. He was a fabulous gentleman and my best friend.

Stickney, Kenneth C

Nickname Rate CSCM **Division** S-3
Spouse Virginia **Hometown** Nampa, ID
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation Director of Dining Services
Special Hobbies Church Involvement
Favorite Memory Mediterranean Cruises
Worst Memory Nothing bad happened to me in the Cambria
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Stoll, David L

Nickname Leo **Rate** RD3 **Division** CIC
Spouse Ellen **Hometown** Wapakoneta, OH
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Professional Fire Fighter, Retired Captain
Special Hobbies Old Cars, Wood-working
Favorite Memory Med. Cruise
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Strakonsky, Joe C

Nickname **Rate** CPL-USMC **Division**
Spouse **Hometown** Wheaton, IL
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1970
Civilian Occupation Engineering
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Thompson, Frank L

Nickname Rate SN Division 2nd
Spouse Hometown Indianapolis, IN
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) Years From 1961 Years To 1963
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Thompson, Thomas R

Nickname Rate HM3 Division H
Spouse Suzanne Hometown Voorheesville, NY
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) Years From 1952-08 Years To 1953-12
Civilian Occupation Toolmaker (Retired-Volunteer work with Credit Union and County Free Clinic)
Special Hobbies Softball, Golf, Bowling and Family
Favorite Memory Cruises to the Med and Caribbean and all "H" Division crew
Worst Memory The death of shipmate
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Tochluk, Daniel V

Nickname Dan Rate Division
Spouse Katy Hometown
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) Years From Years To
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Toedt, Theodore A

Nickname Ted **Rate** BM1 **Division**
Spouse Jean **Hometown** New York, NY
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1945
Civilian Occupation Professor-School of Business -Emeritus V-Conn
Special Hobbies Sailing, Wood Working, Singing
Favorite Memory Chung Ho the Pet Monkey. We have pictures
Worst Memory Japanese Planes
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments Ted is a retired LTC-Army. He is to ill to attend a reunion.

Tomoser, Robert L

Nickname Bob **Rate** FN **Division** M
Spouse Carol **Hometown** Buffalo, NY
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Fire Inspector, Eastman Kodak Co (retired)
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing and Traveling
Favorite Memory My favorite memory is of all the guys I served with and all the good times we had together.
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Treants, Gene

Nickname Tree **Rate** ET3) **Division** OE
Spouse Brenda **Hometown** Greensboro, NC
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Child Protective Services Supervisor
Special Hobbies Wood Work
Favorite Memory Good times and my first Med Cruise. Reftra in Gitmo
Worst Memory Bouncing around in ships boats during landing exercises as I fixed and swapped out radios. Putting in the stow pin for the air search radar as the ship rolled below me in a storm.
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Tuttle, Willis A

Nickname Rate Cox **Division** L
Spouse Norma **Hometown** Seattle WA
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1944-04 **Years To** 1945-03
Civilian Occupation Teamster
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory The fun we had crossing the equator with troops on board
Worst Memory Dealing with the casualties at Saipan
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Unglesbee, James H

Nickname Rate RM3 **Division**
Spouse Anna Mae **Hometown**
Ship USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

