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## Anderson, Glen J

**Nickname** DT3/DT2                      **Rate** DT3/DT2                      **Division** Dental  
**Spouse** Ivy                                      **Hometown** Deville, WI  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)                      **Years From** 1951                      **Years To** 1952  
**Civilian Occupation** Real Estate Sales  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, Travel, Yard Work  
**Favorite Memory** Visiting the Med especially visit to Island of Capri  
**Worst Memory** Hurting my foot climbing down the side into P Boat  
**Children** 5                                      **Grandchildren** 6  
**Special Comments** Hi to all Dental and Medical that served on board in 1951-52

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## Anderson, Lawrence

**Nickname** Andy                                      **Rate** SN                                      **Division** Boat  
**Spouse** Winnie                                      **Hometown** Monmouth, IL  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)                      **Years From** 1955-08                      **Years To** 1956-01  
**Civilian Occupation** Retired from Quality Control Dept, Gates Rubber Co, Galesburg, IL.  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, Garden, Bingo  
**Favorite Memory** Cruises to New York City (Statue of Liberty)  
**Worst Memory** Coxswain on Liberty runs on dark stormy night, with a rookie bow hook aboard  
**Children** 2                                      **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Anderson, Jr, Lloyd W

**Nickname** Andy                                      **Rate** PHM 2/c                                      **Division** Medical  
**Spouse**                                      **Hometown** Milan, MN  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)                      **Years From** 1945-06                      **Years To** 1945-11  
**Civilian Occupation** Accountant, Div Office Mgr, Ordained Minister  
**Special Hobbies** 44 Hobbies  
**Favorite Memory** Cleaning teeth of Robert Stack, but not allowed to so for Maxwell D Lapham who turned out to be Dean of Tulane Medical School to which I applied.  
**Worst Memory** The return of the CAMBRIA for trial of one crewman at Nagasaki for alleged murder, but missing the worst of the typhoon  
**Children** 0                                      **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments** Willing to correspond with anyone who remembers me.

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## Antolin, Julito M

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Lydia  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies**

<b>Rate</b> SD3	<b>Division</b>
<b>Hometown</b> Philippines	
<b>Years From</b> 1965	<b>Years To</b> 1970

**Favorite Memory** Captain Harkins was the CO and I was his steward when I turned 21. We were at anchor somewhere off the coast of Greece and I loaded the Captain's gig with a few cases of cold beers and we headed to the beach. I can't forget that memorable birthday.

**Worst Memory** The night when the USS Cambria and USS Shadwell collided during night maneuvers.

**Children** 1                      **Grandchildren** 1

**Special Comments**

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## Aronsohn, Robert H

**Nickname**  
**Spouse**  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)  
**Civilian Occupation** Teacher  
**Special Hobbies**

<b>Rate</b> SN	<b>Division</b> 3rd
<b>Hometown</b> Lancaster, PA	
<b>Years From</b> 1956	<b>Years To</b> 1958

**Favorite Memory** Liberty in Greece, Barcelona, Naples, Sicily & Crete, and many, many other places like Panama Canal, FL, Havana. My final days aboard in the summer of '58 in dry-dock in NJ.

**Worst Memory** Three days in the brig for falling asleep on after-steering watch.

**Children** 1                      **Grandchildren** 4

**Special Comments**

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## Artus, Werner R

**Nickname** Art  
**Spouse** None  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)  
**Civilian Occupation** Worked in precision measurement lab  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing, Photography  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**

<b>Rate</b> SS Laundry	<b>Division</b>
<b>Hometown</b> Poth, TX	
<b>Years From</b> Comm	<b>Years To</b> 1945

**Children** 0                      **Grandchildren**

**Special Comments**

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## Atkins, George W

**Nickname** Rate SM2 **Division** CS  
**Spouse** Gail **Hometown** Chicago, IL  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1970  
**Civilian Occupation** Retired  
**Special Hobbies** Travel  
**Favorite Memory** Filming of the movie Patton  
**Worst Memory** Colliding with the USS Shadwell  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Atkinson, John B

**Nickname** Rate EN3 **Division**  
**Spouse** Pat **Hometown** Ossing, NY  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1970  
**Civilian Occupation** Project Mgr for demolition company  
**Special Hobbies** Racing, cars, motorcycles, hunting and fishing  
**Favorite Memory** My first trip to the Med  
**Worst Memory** Winter 1969, taking boats from Whiskey Anchorage to Amsu at Little Creek, VA.  
Exhaust boot blew on stbd engine and boat started to sink. I had to go over the side in  
freezing water and stuff pieces of life jacket into the exhaust hole. We made it to ocean  
view before we had to beach the boat and keep it from sinking.  
**Children** **Grandchildren** 11 GG8  
**Special Comments**

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## Bacon, Allan

**Nickname** Al **Rate** Lt/LCDR **Division** Oper  
**Spouse** Joann **Hometown** Minot, ND  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1958-07 **Years To** 1959-12  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies** Photography, Golf  
**Favorite Memory** Occupation of Beirut, Lebanon  
**Worst Memory** Seaman lost overboard in North Atlantic  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments**





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## Bateman, John W

**Nickname** Bill **Rate** R 1/c **Division**  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Whittier, CA  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1944-04 **Years To** 1944-09  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Beard, Ernest R

**Nickname** Ernie **Rate** S/A **Division** 1st  
**Spouse** Betty **Hometown** Erie, PA  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1948 **Years To** 1949  
**Civilian Occupation** Steel Worker  
**Special Hobbies** Baseball, Softball, Any sports  
**Favorite Memory** Every day I spent on the Cambria  
**Worst Memory** When they sent me to Boston to Radar School  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Belfiore, Sam J

**Nickname** Sam J **Rate** S 1/c **Division** L  
**Spouse** Mary **Hometown** Cleveland, OH  
**Ship** USCG CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1944-03 **Years To** 1945-09  
**Civilian Occupation** Contractor  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, gardening, auto racing, all sports  
**Favorite Memory** Winning \$1,400.00 breaking up crap games on payday while at sea after the Marianas Invasion  
**Worst Memory** Being left at Okinawa on suicide Boat Patrol during invasion while Cambria was going back to States. We didn't get back until August two days before the war ended.  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**









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## Bryson, Clifford W

**Nickname** Rate FI/C Division FR  
**Spouse** Hometown Elkhart, IL  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) Years From 1948 Years To 1950  
**Civilian Occupation** Retired  
**Special Hobbies** Riding my motorcycle, Auto & Motorcycle Races (Dirt Track)  
**Favorite Memory** Swimming in the Caribbean while the Marines were on Maneuvers  
**Worst Memory** Wire brushing the bilges putting the darn thing out of commission!!!  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 6  
**Special Comments**

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## Buchanan, Oscar L

**Nickname** Rate BM3 Division 1st  
**Spouse** Eva Hometown Guntown, MS  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) Years From 1961 Years To 1962  
**Civilian Occupation** Mechanic (Diesel)  
**Special Hobbies** Camping, Traveling, Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** Bay of Pigs, Cuba  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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## Buchbinder, Irving J

**Nickname** Rate HM2 Division  
**Spouse** Brenda Hometown Willimantic, CT  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) Years From 1969 Years To 1970  
**Civilian Occupation** Podiatrist/Physician  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** I think one of my favorite times was after a heavy Eur/US crossing (mid-winter) with 90-100 foot swells (after the storm) going out onto the Foc'sle and watching the HUGE ship rise like a top atop the waves and plunge down through...  
A second was sitting on mess decks for movies with Nav, Cook, Yeoman and 6th Division having tea and having the Marines make noises about our "teapot". I made good friends. Some are still around.  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments** I think some of my happy youthful days were spent in the Navy. I remember being nominated for (and becoming) Sailor of the Month at PNH just after I'd had a very bad run-in with a double edged razor. The 'official picture' has my face in bandages, turned, but still visible.



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## Bushman, George E

**Nickname** Bushy   **Rate** BM3   **Division** 1st  
**Spouse** Rosemary   **Hometown** Hamilton Square, NJ  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)   **Years From** 1967   **Years To** 1969  
**Civilian Occupation** Carpenter  
**Special Hobbies** NASCAR fan, retired and doing what I want, Gardening  
**Favorite Memory** The Apollo recovery cruise was the best. I remember renting a car with John Arsonalt to tour the Island and getting stopped by a cop who couldn't get us to understand that we ran a red light. He finally let us go. We didn't understand till later. The time I spent onboard were great times and had lots of good friends that have stayed in my mind as if it were yesterday.  
**Worst Memory** None. It was all good. After I left I went to Rota, Spain for 3 years and then on to an ammo ship the Santa Barbara AE28. We were over off Vietnam supplying carriers in it self it was a drag, but the good friends of old habits made the cruise a good memory.  
**Children** 4   **Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments**

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## Cannon, Logan B

**Nickname**   **Rate** CSM   **Division** C  
**Spouse** Rita   **Hometown** Mathews, VA  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)   **Years From** 1943-11   **Years To** 1945-02  
**Civilian Occupation** Ret.  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Commissioning at Hoboken, NJ  
**Worst Memory** When the fleet abandoned her during invasion of Salpa  
**Children** 5   **Grandchildren** 12  
**Special Comments**

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## 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**

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## 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**

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## 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!

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## 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**

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## 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.

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## 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**

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## Cherry, Henry R

**Nickname** **Rate** E8/CSCS **Division** S-3  
**Spouse** Carlene **Hometown** Lafayette, TN  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1970  
**Civilian Occupation** Wal-Mart Door Greater  
**Special Hobbies** Gardening  
**Favorite Memory** Back home from deployment  
**Worst Memory** Officer hung himself in state room  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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## Childress, Edward E

**Nickname** Chilly **Rate** SM3 **Division** Flag  
**Spouse** JoAnn **Hometown** Knoxville, TN  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1945  
**Civilian Occupation** Credit Mgr for Knoxville Utilities Board  
**Special Hobbies** Watching TV and browsing on computer  
**Favorite Memory** Crossing the Equator  
**Worst Memory** A typhoon at sea  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments**

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## Chishton, Eddie

**Nickname** **Rate** **Division**  
**Spouse** Bilie Jean **Hometown** Beckley, WV  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1951-08 **Years To** 1955-03  
**Civilian Occupation** Working in produce warehouse  
**Special Hobbies** Baseball, Football, Basketball, Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** All my trips over seas were very good  
**Worst Memory** When the ship was quarantined for yellow fever  
**Children** 5 **Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments**

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## 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 Chaplin Keating will be with you in spirit as he loved our ship and all who served on her.





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## Daigle, Vincent P

**Nickname** Daigle  
**Spouse** Dorothy  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)  
**Civilian Occupation** Owned and operated a cabinet shop  
**Special Hobbies** Gardening, furniture, basket making  
**Favorite Memory** Enjoyed seeing the war from signal bridge  
**Worst Memory** Sleeping topside when bomb just missed  
**Children** 12                      **Grandchildren** 25  
**Special Comments** I would like to contact any of the Navy Beach Party that served in 1944 & 1945

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## Dalgan, Vernon Dean

**Nickname** Dog Wrench  
**Spouse** Marcella  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)  
**Civilian Occupation** General Motors  
**Special Hobbies** Reading and Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** Getting Off  
**Worst Memory** Getting On-I went to NOB for release from duties in April and was sent to Cambria by a glitch. 6 Months later I was told that I was supposed to have been discharged in April and this is September. (I hope this explains the getting on & getting off.)  
**Children** 2                      **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Dashnaw, Raymond J

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Linda  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)  
**Civilian Occupation** Aluminum Worker (Alcoa) Oilery  
**Special Hobbies** Sports and travel  
**Favorite Memory** All good memories!  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 3                      **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## 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**

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## 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.

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## 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**

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## Dederich, Jerome F

**Nickname** Jerry **Rate** SN **Division** QM  
**Spouse** Doris **Hometown** St Clair Shores, MI  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1948-07 **Years To** 1949-06  
**Civilian Occupation** Retired from US Navy 30 yrs plus rank EA Rate SMCM  
**Special Hobbies** Golf/woodworking  
**Favorite Memory** So long ago I can't remember  
**Worst Memory** (90 days restriction for 6 hour V/A)  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 6  
**Special Comments**

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## Del Pidio, Michael

**Nickname** Mike **Rate** BM3 **Division** 2nd  
**Spouse** Eugenia Marie **Hometown** Camden, NJ  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1956  
**Civilian Occupation** Master Plumber  
**Special Hobbies** Work and Fleet Reserve Association Branch 57  
**Favorite Memory** Crazy work on amphibious landings  
**Worst Memory** The last skipper I had before my separation from the service.  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Delp, Gay C

**Nickname** **Rate** SK-2 **Division** Supply  
**Spouse** Spouse Deceased **Hometown** Woodlawn, VA  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1957  
**Civilian Occupation** Postmaster, Retired, Galax, VA  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** Liberty in Havana, Cuba July 1956  
**Worst Memory** Gaza Strip 11-2-56 11-3-56  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments** I would like to see and share my memories with my friends that served on the USS Cambria APA-36 from 1955 - Feb 1957

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## Denison, Stanley W

**Nickname** Denny **Rate** EM 3/c **Division** Engr  
**Spouse** Joan **Hometown** Bronx, NY  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1946-03 **Years To** 1946-06  
**Civilian Occupation** Telephone Company (AT&T) Management  
**Special Hobbies** Crosswords  
**Favorite Memory** Hitting the Brooklyn Bridge  
**Worst Memory** Investigation of Sabotage (sand in shaft alleys)  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 8  
**Special Comments** Just God Bless You All!

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## DeVane, Thomas S

**Nickname** Tom **Rate** CS3 **Division** S  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Roanoke Rapids, NC  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1955  
**Civilian Occupation** Slot machine operations  
**Special Hobbies** Rebuild antique slot machines  
**Favorite Memory** When Ens Kesenbalm was shown the Sea Bat  
**Worst Memory** When electricians mate Landon died onboard. I was Jack of the Dust at the time and had to move the contents of the dairy locker into the vegetable locker to accommodate his remains. It was a sad time I will never forget  
**Children** 0 **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Devlin, Jr., Edward J

**Nickname** **Rate** DT3 **Division** H & D  
**Spouse** Carole **Hometown** Philadelphia, Pa  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1969  
**Civilian Occupation** Budget Analyst for Conrail Railroad  
**Special Hobbies** Vacationing at St Martin, Skiing out west and playing Horse Shoes  
**Favorite Memory** When our ship was ask to be in the filming of the movie "Patton"  
**Worst Memory** When our ship collided with another ship in our squadron at 3 AM off of Malta  
**Children** **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**



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## Dodd, Eugene G

**Nickname** Gene **Rate** YN3 **Division** X  
**Spouse** DeAnn **Hometown** Cincinnati, OH  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1961  
**Civilian Occupation** Retired from GE Aircraft Engines  
**Special Hobbies** Flying, Golf  
**Favorite Memory** Operation Inland Seas-We visited many major cities on the Great Lakes and conducted landings for show.  
**Worst Memory** Making a night practice landing in very bad weather, so bad it was called off after all the boats were in the water.  
**Children** 5 **Grandchildren** 10  
**Special Comments**

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## Dommissie, Ed

**Nickname** **Rate** ME3 **Division** 1st  
**Spouse** Joyce **Hometown** Sheboygan, WI  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1958  
**Civilian Occupation** Geography Professor in the U. of Wisconsin System  
**Special Hobbies** Weather Observation, Gardening, Rock Collecting, Travel  
**Favorite Memory** Rescue of a UN Party from the Gaza Strip  
**Worst Memory** Fire that broke out when in a New York Shipyard for repair  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Donathan, David L

**Nickname** Dave **Rate** E-2 **Division** Marines  
**Spouse** Denise **Hometown** Gary, IN  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1968  
**Civilian Occupation** Computer Consulting  
**Special Hobbies** Travel  
**Favorite Memory** Due to the collision with the USS Shadwell, we had to put into Naples for repairs. My buddy and I took leave, he spoke Italian so we had a treat time. Spent it in a little town called Positano.  
**Worst Memory** The huge swells crossing the Atlantic getting to the MED and the night of the collision with the Shadwell.  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**



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## Drucker, Herbert

<b>Nickname</b> Herb	<b>Rate</b> EN3	<b>Division</b> A
<b>Spouse</b> Roslyn	<b>Hometown</b> Brooklyn, NY	
<b>Ship</b> USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)	<b>Years From</b> 1951	<b>Years To</b> 1955
<b>Civilian Occupation</b> Auto Repair		
<b>Special Hobbies</b> Computers, Traveling		
<b>Favorite Memory</b> The ship was always going somewhere		
<b>Worst Memory</b> My boat being lowered into the water and the engine wouldn't start because it was freezing cold		
<b>Children</b> 3	<b>Grandchildren</b> 5	
<b>Special Comments</b>		

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## Dubites, Thomas

<b>Nickname</b> Tom	<b>Rate</b> E7	<b>Division</b> E
<b>Spouse</b> Rosemarie	<b>Hometown</b> Vestaburg, PA	
<b>Ship</b> USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)	<b>Years From</b> 1947	<b>Years To</b> 1957
<b>Civilian Occupation</b> Retired Electrician		
<b>Special Hobbies</b> Woodwork		
<b>Favorite Memory</b> 1st Trip to Virgin Islands		
<b>Worst Memory</b> Mess Cooking		
<b>Children</b> 4	<b>Grandchildren</b> 3	
<b>Special Comments</b>		

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## Ducker, Dwight H

<b>Nickname</b>	<b>Rate</b> EM2	<b>Division</b>
<b>Spouse</b> Katherin "Lynn"	<b>Hometown</b> Asheville, NC	
<b>Ship</b> USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)	<b>Years From</b> 1968	<b>Years To</b> 1969-10
<b>Civilian Occupation</b> Facilities Manager		
<b>Special Hobbies</b> Building and trying to help people		
<b>Favorite Memory</b> During the filming the movie Patton trying to get in the movie. Didn't make It!		
<b>Worst Memory</b>		
<b>Children</b> 2	<b>Grandchildren</b> 2	
<b>Special Comments</b> It will be fun to maybe see my shipmates again.		

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## Eason, Calvin Stuart

**Nickname** Jeb Stuart   **Rate** Sgt (USMC)   **Division** 1st BN 6th Marines  
**Spouse** Ex-Carol   **Hometown** Shreveport, LA  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)   **Years From** 1951-09   **Years To** 1952-02  
**Civilian Occupation** Nuclear Physicist  
**Special Hobbies** Radio and Computers  
**Favorite Memory** Bringing orphans from Athens, Greece on board for the Thanksgiving dinner 11/51  
**Worst Memory** Storm in the Med which cracked the hull of the CAMBRIA. Had to go to abandon ship stations at night  
**Children** 1   **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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## Eldred, Al Groat

**Nickname** Al   **Rate** IC3   **Division** Electrician  
**Spouse** Barbara   **Hometown** Omaha, NE  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)   **Years From** 1959-08   **Years To** 1962-01  
**Civilian Occupation** Worked 31 years at Kellogg Cereal  
**Special Hobbies** Golf  
**Favorite Memory** All the great guys I met while on board  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3   **Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments**

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## Falcone, Richard

**Nickname**   **Rate** RM3   **Division**  
**Spouse** Mary Ann   **Hometown** Yonkers, NY  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)   **Years From** 1960   **Years To** 1961  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Liberty with fellow radiomen  
**Worst Memory** Chipping paint while in drydock  
**Children** 2   **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**



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## Fondren, George

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Nora  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)  
**Civilian Occupation** Farming  
**Special Hobbies** Eating  
**Favorite Memory** All  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 1                      **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Foy, Scott T

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Mary jane  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)  
**Civilian Occupation** Metal Decorator (Printer) retired now  
**Special Hobbies** Ham Radio and Playing Poker  
**Favorite Memory** The guys, the night landings and playing poker  
**Worst Memory** Hitting a sand bar in the dark and dropping the ramp, sunk the boat and left all of us including the Marines floating in the water. When we all made it to the beach, one of the Beach Masters gave me at least a 14 inch crescent wrench and said "go out there and crank the ramp up so we can get the boat out of there." So I did, thought I was going to drown in all that surf coming in. I was 17 years old  
**Children** 3                      **Grandchildren** 6  
**Special Comments** The Best and the Worst time in my life, but I wouldn't change a thing. In fact I would like to do it again.

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## Francis, William Manuel

**Nickname** Bill **Rate** SM 3/c **Division** Navy Flag, Navy Brid

**Spouse** Nina **Hometown** Martinez, CA

**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1945-02 **Years To** 1945-12

**Civilian Occupation** Past 15 years, commercial real estate sales/marketing. Prior 19 years, sales & marketing administration, development of adult/retirement communities. 15 Yrs Chamber of Commerce CEO

**Special Hobbies** Community service via non-profit organizations, Sports "junkie" and golf.

**Favorite Memory** Reporting aboard in Ulithi Lagoon, climbing the ladder and seeing the master at arms. Next to the OD was an old high school buddy from our hometown. Also, the action at Okinawa. And, the Japanese surrender of the Nagasaki region in our wardroom. Aboard Cambria in Nagasaki. We were the 1st US ship at Nagasaki following the A-bomb.

**Worst Memory** Originally being transferred to her from the USS Noble, APA-218, as she was my 1st ship, and I was a member of the Plank Crew. But, the Cambria experience turned out OK.

**Children** 0 **Grandchildren**

**Special Comments** Hello Shipmates, especially members of the Navy Flag unit on the Cambria. Hope that life has been good for you since WWII and that you have been blessed with good health, happiness, peace, and especially love. With all that, then you have had success. If you remember the Water King aboard ship, he was Art Andrewsen of Martinez, Ca. Art and I were high school buddies there, and a sad note is that Art passed away several years ago in Sacramento, CA. God give rest to him, and all of our departed shipmates. Anchors Aweigh!. If you have photos to share of the signal bridge, or of Okinawa, or the Japanese surrender of the Nagasaki region aboard the Cambria, in the wardroom, while anchored in Nagasaki harbor...I would truly welcome a contact from you.  
Bill Francis  
35 Grandview Pl  
Walnut Creek, CA 94595

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## French, James E

**Nickname** Bill **Rate** MV.M.M. 1C **Division** A

**Spouse** Gertie **Hometown** San Antonio, TX

**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1945

**Civilian Occupation** Air force Supply

**Special Hobbies** Golf, hunting , fishing

**Favorite Memory** Signing of Peace Treaty - NAGASAKI

**Worst Memory** Okinawa

**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 2

**Special Comments** HI

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## Fuchs, Leonard

**Nickname** Len **Rate** Ph M 2/C **Division** Beach  
**Spouse** Roberta **Hometown** White Plains, NY  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1945-11  
**Civilian Occupation** Sales Rep.  
**Special Hobbies** Scouting, Stamp collecting, Volunteer work in Children's Hosp, Veterans Affairs  
**Favorite Memory** Shanghai  
**Worst Memory** Nagasaki  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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## Garrett, Robert G

**Nickname** Bob **Rate** QM2 **Division** Staff, Trans Div 24  
**Spouse** Ellen **Hometown** Creston, IA  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1950 **Years To** 1953  
**Civilian Occupation** Trucker  
**Special Hobbies** Boating and Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** Leaving Cambria  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 5 **Grandchildren** 14  
**Special Comments**

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## Gates, Jack L

**Nickname** Gates **Rate** S 1/c **Division** L  
**Spouse** Carolyn **Hometown** Oakland, CA  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1944-05 **Years To** 1946-02  
**Civilian Occupation** Commercial Artist 1946-1989. 43 Yrs in San Francisco, CA  
**Special Hobbies** Sports, Travel, Fishing, Art Work, Reading History and American Politics and Etc  
**Favorite Memory** That it was a good Ship with a very fine crew. Capt Dean was a good man  
**Worst Memory** In 1945 when we were in a typhoon near Okinawa  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments** It was great to serve with a great group of American young men!! God Bless You All!

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## Gentile, Frank A

**Nickname**                                      **Rate** S 1/c                                      **Division** 1st  
**Spouse** Frances                                      **Hometown** Brooklyn, NY  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)                                      **Years From** 1945                                      **Years To** 1946  
**Civilian Occupation** Newspaper  
**Special Hobbies** Gardening & Baseball  
**Favorite Memory** Good times.....  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 4                                      **Grandchildren** 8  
**Special Comments**

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## Gilligan, Martin Harold

**Nickname** Gill                                      **Rate** Seaman E-3                                      **Division** Deck  
**Spouse** Joan                                      **Hometown** Wilkes Barre, PA  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)                                      **Years From** 1956-07                                      **Years To** 1957-11  
**Civilian Occupation** Sales Engineering/Marketing  
**Special Hobbies** Travel (Domestic & Foreign)  
**Favorite Memory** Liberty in Havana, Cuba (Pre Castro 1956)  
**Worst Memory** Landing the Marines in stormy weather Porto Scudo, Sardinia  
**Children** 3                                      **Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments**

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## Giudice, Frank

**Nickname**                                      **Rate** S 1/C SM                                      **Division**  
**Spouse** Spouse Deceased                                      **Hometown** Brooklyn, NY  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)                                      **Years From** 1944-11                                      **Years To** 1946-02  
**Civilian Occupation** City of NY Dispatcher (Retired) Part Time Maintenance Medical Building (Now)  
**Special Hobbies** All Sports  
**Favorite Memory** There are many  
**Worst Memory** The storm of October 1945 leaving Japan  
**Children** 2                                      **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**



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## Gustafson, Richard

**Nickname** Dic, Gus **Rate** QM3 **Division** Navi  
**Spouse** Betty **Hometown** Boston  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1946 **Years To** 1948  
**Civilian Occupation** Marketing, Retired from Xerox  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments**

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## Gwozdz, Adam S

**Nickname** **Rate** SC2/C **Division**  
**Spouse** Jane **Hometown** Enfield, CT  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1943-11 **Years To** 1945-05  
**Civilian Occupation** Meat Dept Head 37 Yrs A&P, Wichita, KS  
**Special Hobbies** All sports, Many town functions, Social Clubs Cooking, Politics  
**Favorite Memory** Bringing back all our crew  
**Worst Memory** Okinawa  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Hadley, Nelson

**Nickname** Hads **Rate** EMFN **Division** E  
**Spouse** Marilyn **Hometown** Suffern, NY  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1963  
**Civilian Occupation** Electrical Contractor  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Cuban Blockade  
**Worst Memory** Cuban Crisis  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments**

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## 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**

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## 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 LCVF  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## 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**

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## 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

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## 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**

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## 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**





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## Herman, Rich W

**Nickname** Herm **Rate** RM2 **Division** CR  
**Spouse** Shirley **Hometown** Minneapolis, MN  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1966-12 **Years To** 1969-12  
**Civilian Occupation** Social Worker  
**Special Hobbies** Golf  
**Favorite Memory** Friendships made  
**Worst Memory** Collision at sea with USS SHADWELL (LSD-15)  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Hernday, Raymond

**Nickname** Ray **Rate** RMC **Division**  
**Spouse** Loretta **Hometown** Jefferson, WI  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1943-09 **Years To** 1945-08  
**Civilian Occupation** 39 years TV/Radio broadcast engineering-Milwaukee WTMJ-TV CH 4, WTMJ-AM  
WKTJ-FM  
Retired July 1986  
**Special Hobbies** Sailing, canoe, cross country ski, ham radio, camping, music  
**Favorite Memory** Heading back to States from Pacific operations to San Francisco where my wife was  
working  
**Worst Memory** Japanese suicide planes diving at us, wounded Marines coming aboard from Saipan  
landing  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments** I was on the commissioning crew of the Cambria at Hoboken, NJ and we took a load  
of African American soldiers around through the canal and out to Pearl Harbor. After  
that we took part in the Marshall Island campaign followed by Saipan/Tinian Islands,  
Leyte Gulf & Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines, then Okinawa after which the ship  
came back to the states for some retrofitting and I was transferred ashore to a CG radio  
station at Pointe Vicente, Ca until I shipped out. I was a Chief Radioman throughout  
the Pacific campaign. I am 86 as of Sept 2nd and still going strong.

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## Heyder, William R

**Nickname** Bill **Rate** E-5 **Division** Marine Engineer  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Sarasota, FL  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1969  
**Civilian Occupation** SAMI, Firearms Instructor  
**Special Hobbies** Guns  
**Favorite Memory** The ship's candy store, where I worked both day and night!  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## 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.

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## 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**

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## Hitch, Robert M

**Nickname** Bob **Rate** QM3 **Division** Navigation  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Frankfort, IN  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1956  
**Civilian Occupation** Manufacturing Mgmt  
**Special Hobbies** Fantasy baseball, Fishing, Beach, Swimming, Computer, Gambling  
**Favorite Memory** Taking un truce team out of Israel  
**Worst Memory** Being in so many violent storms  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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## Hodges, David

**Nickname**                                 **Rate** Ensign                         **Division** Disbursing  
**Spouse** Linda                             **Hometown** Jacksonville, FL  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)             **Years From** 1968                     **Years To** 1969  
**Civilian Occupation** Business Owner  
**Special Hobbies** Sports fan  
**Favorite Memory** Seeing Dentist wearing Bos'n's uniform with sword  
**Worst Memory** Collision at sea near Malta  
**Children**                         3                                 **Grandchildren**             9  
**Special Comments**

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## 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**

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## Holliday, Robert

**Nickname** Bob                                 **Rate** Cox                                 **Division** Boat Crew  
**Spouse** Pat                                     **Hometown** Poland, NY  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)             **Years From** 1946-03                 **Years To** 1946-06  
**Civilian Occupation** Professor  
**Special Hobbies** Boating  
**Favorite Memory** Putting to good use my LCM-handling experience at Okinawa and South Pacific  
**Worst Memory** 4 hours in the Norfolk jail after an unintentional beach party  
**Children**                         4+4 Step                                 **Grandchildren**             14  
**Special Comments**

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## Hopkins, Charles F

**Nickname** Hoppie                                  **Rate** SK1/C                                  **Division** Supply  
**Spouse** Dixie    **Hometown** Marble Hill, MO  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)                                  **Years From** 1944                                  **Years To** 1946  
**Civilian Occupation** Operated our family owned Retail Stores, Furniture, Appliances, Hardware & Super Market  
**Special Hobbies** Antique Retailing and Appraisal  
**Favorite Memory** Mostly the friendships we made and have continued with some. Returning safe and sound was a grateful experience. Seeing and being a part of all the activity was priceless.  
**Worst Memory** One special attack by the Japanese planes when we had been targeted for destruction, but luckily they failed again.  
**Children** 4    **Grandchildren** 6  
**Special Comments**

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## Houston, Richard W

**Nickname**    **Rate** RM3/E4    **Division**  
**Spouse** Lucy    **Hometown** Bronx, NY  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)                                  **Years From** 1967-12                                  **Years To** 1970-09  
**Civilian Occupation** UBS Financial Services-Sr. Associate-IRS Reporting Dept.  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Traveling to the Med, and other parts of the world. Seeing close up and personal how the world lives. Meeting all kinds of people, their customs. This also showed me how important our country is, and how proud and lucky I am to be an American. God Bless the USA!!! We also participated in the making of the movie "Patton" with George C. Scott, landing the troops on the beaches and providing support.  
**Worst Memory** Collision in the Mediterranean Sea after departing the Island of Malta. Underway, about 2 AM that same evening, an incorrect maneuver by another transport in our task force, crossed our bow at an unsafe distance and caused us to collide with them. No casualties, but had various injuries on both ships. We penetrated their hull in one of their berthing compartments and it was a miracle that the section breeched had all their personnel in this section standing the mid-watch. We returned to Malta for repairs to the crushed bow, and had great libs.  
**Children** 2    **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Huff, John C

**Nickname**    **Rate** SN    **Division**  
**Spouse** Helen    **Hometown** Houston, TX  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)                                  **Years From** 1968                                  **Years To** 1970  
**Civilian Occupation** Retired  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 6    **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Huff, Ronald L

**Nickname** Ron **Rate** GMG2 **Division** G  
**Spouse** Roylene **Hometown** Anahuac, TX  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1968  
**Civilian Occupation** Oil Field  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, Fishing, Hiking, Biking, Motorcycling, Traveling  
**Favorite Memory** Apollo 7 assignment  
**Worst Memory** Ship filming movie Patton  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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## Jackson, Richard L

**Nickname** Jack **Rate** SN-EN3 **Division** A  
**Spouse** Mary **Hometown** Pittsfield, MA  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1957-08 **Years To** 1960-09  
**Civilian Occupation** Draftsman  
**Special Hobbies** Computer, Photography, Woodcarving  
**Favorite Memory** I elected to stay on mess cooking as long as I could. Almost a year until I made EN3. I didn't like the boat shop, loved cooking. Would love to hear from any of the crew and get my hands on the 1956 Cruise book that came out just before I went aboard in Nov 1957 in Sicily. Made 2 Med Cruises and the St. Lawrence Seaway trip. Love all of the memories. God Bless us all. RIP Darryl Buckner.  
**Worst Memory** Losing SN Miller overboard on that cruise  
**Children** 1 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments** I was the guy who hated working on engines and volunteered for Mess Cooking PT almost 2 years straight. The best years of my life. I am thrilled that some still feel the same way. Also, I am looking for a 1956 Cruise Book, if any still exists.

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## Jacobs, Morton

**Nickname** **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**

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## Jacobs, Nathan C

**Nickname** Rate CPL Division USMC  
**Spouse** Hometown  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) Years From 1969 Years To 1969  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** Grandchildren  
**Special Comments** I was on the USS CAMBRIA the night it collided with the USS SHADWELL (LST) in the summer of 1969 and I understand that previous crewmembers might not be aware of the events of that night and might be interested. I could try to scan some photos while in dry dock if you are interested. Also, you might find it interesting to know that the Cambria is shown in the 1969-1970 movie Patton (George C Scott), just look for the black and white newsreels in the movies.

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## 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**

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## James, David H

**Nickname** Rate SR Division 3rd  
**Spouse** Hometown Rochester, NY  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) Years From 1969 Years To 1970  
**Civilian Occupation** Truck Driver  
**Special Hobbies** Horses  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 1 Grandchildren 0  
**Special Comments**

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## 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**

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## Jensen, Christian E

**Nickname** Doc   **Rate** Ens/Lt(jg)   **Division** Supply  
**Spouse** Gail   **Hometown** Leonardo, NJ  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)   **Years From** 1955   **Years To** 1956  
**Civilian Occupation** Physician  
**Special Hobbies** Work, Family, Hunting, and Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** Inspecting the Galley  
**Worst Memory** Being extended on Med Tours  
**Children** 2   **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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## 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

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## Kaufman, Lawrence E

**Nickname** Bud **Rate** HM **Division** Marines  
**Spouse** Virginia **Hometown** Rochester, Pa  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1952  
**Civilian Occupation** Waste Water treatment, Plant Operator 24 Yrs  
**Special Hobbies** Reading, Wood Projects, Grandchildren, Great Grandson, Walking my dog, Green Bay Packer football  
**Favorite Memory** Naples, Italy-1951 Orphans on board for Christmas party.  
**Worst Memory** Putting drunk Marines to bed when they left sick bay  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 5 GG1  
**Special Comments**

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## Keifer, Frank E

**Nickname** **Rate** FN (PNSN) **Division**  
**Spouse** Margaret **Hometown** Adrian, MI  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1948 **Years To** 1949  
**Civilian Occupation** Self-employed licensed tax consultant--income tax preparation service  
**Special Hobbies** Outdoor activities  
**Favorite Memory** My brother and I were stationed aboard Cambria together--Decommissioning of Cambria 6-30-49 in Portsmouth Navy Yard.  
**Worst Memory** It's decommissioning and reassignment of all crew members; losing track of old shipmates--crew was like family members  
**Children** 1 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Keller, Thuril G

**Nickname** **Rate** BM3 **Division** 2nd  
**Spouse** Margaret **Hometown** Alexandria, VA  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1962  
**Civilian Occupation** Crane Operator  
**Special Hobbies** Gardening, Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** Med. Cruises  
**Worst Memory** Death of Shipmate, Larry Hutton  
**Children** 6 **Grandchildren** 6  
**Special Comments**

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## 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**

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## 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**

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## 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**

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## 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**

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## 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**

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## 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**

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## 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**

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## 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.

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## 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**



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## Langdon, William

**Nickname** Bill **Rate** BT1 **Division** Eng  
**Spouse** Mary Joyce **Hometown** Buffalo, NY  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1959  
**Civilian Occupation** Stationary engineer  
**Special Hobbies** Camping  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Langille, Edward M

**Nickname** **Rate** BT3 **Division** R, B  
**Spouse** Sandra **Hometown** Londonderry, NS  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1958-08 **Years To** 1959-10  
**Civilian Occupation** Manufacturing Goods for Highland Pipe Bands & Military Reg  
**Special Hobbies** Restoring Military Vehicles  
**Favorite Memory** When Cambria was anchored in Lake Ontario for 3 days, 5 miles from my wife and son  
**Worst Memory** For three days I tried to get ashore, finally made it on day 4, for three hours!  
**Children** 5 **Grandchildren** 6  
**Special Comments**

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## Larsen, John A

**Nickname** Tiny **Rate** RM 2/c **Division**  
**Spouse** Lois **Hometown** Salt Lake City, UT  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1944-05 **Years To** 1946-03  
**Civilian Occupation** Educator  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, Needle Point, Photography  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 6 **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**



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## Lee, Michael R

**Nickname** Rate BM3 **Division** 1st Div-Boat Gp  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Garden Grove, CA  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1965 **Years To** 1969  
**Civilian Occupation** Mechanical Designer/Draftsman  
**Special Hobbies** Wood Working, Leather Craft and Off roading  
**Favorite Memory** Assault Boat Coxswain on MK6 and Vang Operator on forward boom  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments** To late for reunion, but looking forward to keeping in touch.

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## Lelito, Peter Walter

**Nickname** Snuffy **Rate** S 1/C **Division** Boat  
**Spouse** Catherine **Hometown** Chicago, Il  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1943-12 **Years To** 1945-06  
**Civilian Occupation** Newspaper Pressman (Retired 1/3/88)  
**Special Hobbies** Oil Painting and Carving Cowboys  
**Favorite Memory** I have a lot of fond memories. There are to many of them to mention.  
**Worst Memory** When I was chosen to be in a boat pool  
**Children** 0 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments** I hope that everyone enjoys the next Reunion. Lots of Luck in their civilian life.

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## Lindsey, John J

**Nickname** **Rate** BM1 **Division** 2nd  
**Spouse** Nancy **Hometown** Winona, MO  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1955  
**Civilian Occupation** Electronic Tech, Retired CPO USN  
**Special Hobbies** Farming, hunting, fishing in AK  
**Favorite Memory** Med Cruises  
**Worst Memory** Missing ship movement. I caught ship after it was already underway  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments** Left CAMBRIA 10-01-55 went to ET school. Later made Chief ET and retired from the Navy in 1967

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## 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**

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## 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**

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## 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**



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**Massarini, Arthur J**

**Nickname** Maz **Rate** RD2 **Division** RADAR  
**Spouse**  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Hometown** Jersey City, NJ  
**Civilian Occupation** Accountant **Years From** 1951-06 **Years To** 1955-02  
**Special Hobbies** Sports, Reading  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 1 **Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments**

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**Mauboules, John David**

**Nickname** MO **Rate** MMC **Division** M  
**Spouse** Margaret **Hometown** San Antonio, TX  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1971  
**Civilian Occupation** Retired HVAC  
**Special Hobbies** Bowling, Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** Serving onboard  
**Worst Memory** Decommissioning  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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**Mazzeo, Michael S**

**Nickname** **Rate** SK2 **Division**  
**Spouse** Judy C. **Hometown** Hammonton, NJ  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963  
**Civilian Occupation** Life Insurance CLU, CHFC  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** November 1962: We were returning from a Med cruise. We were suppose to disembark Marines at Morehead City, NC. We were told that the weather was to rough & we were headed to Norfolk VA. We got to Norfolk, and dependents were waiting on the pier, but no-one was allowed to leave the ship. We loaded provisions, ammunition, armored vests etc. Next morning we were in the middle of the Cuban blockade. I went on deck and couldn't count all the ships around us. Most of the crew didn't know what was going on until that morning.  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## 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.

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## 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**

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## 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**

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## McKeown, Daniel J

**Nickname** Dan                                      **Rate** FTG3                                      **Division**  
**Spouse** Sharon                                      **Hometown** Muskegon, MI  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)                      **Years From** 1963                      **Years To** 1964  
**Civilian Occupation** Superintendent/Operations CM Energy (Consumers Power)  
**Special Hobbies** Golf  
**Favorite Memory** Nights at sea  
**Worst Memory** Hurricane, the day we left for the Med- Arlene?  
**Children** 8                                      **Grandchildren** 11  
**Special Comments**

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## McMillan, Jr, James R

**Nickname**                                      **Rate**                                      **Division**  
**Spouse**                                      **Hometown**  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)                      **Years From**                      **Years To**  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children**                                      **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments** Son of deceased crewman James McMillan. SK1 1962-1963.

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## McVey, Larry Joe

**Nickname** Mac                                      **Rate** E5                                      **Division** Oper  
**Spouse** Laurel                                      **Hometown** Larned, KS  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)                      **Years From** 1966                      **Years To** 1969  
**Civilian Occupation** Navy Exchange Security, Private Security, Now working at Wal-Mart on night maintenance crew  
**Special Hobbies** Coin Collecting, Bowling, Fishing, Writing Poetry  
**Favorite Memory** When we arrived in Malta  
**Worst Memory** Can recall none  
**Children** 0                                      **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments** May you all have continued happiness and prosperous lives.

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## 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**

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## 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**

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## Miller, Daniel J

**Nickname** **Rate** RM3 **Division**  
**Spouse** Kathy **Hometown** Rock Hill, SC  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1968  
**Civilian Occupation** VP Purchasing, Food Service Distributor  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing, Football, Genealogy  
**Favorite Memory** Enjoy cruises and meeting/making new friends  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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## 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**

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## Moberly, Howard D

**Nickname** **Rate** YN3 **Division**  
**Spouse** Jacqueline **Hometown** Glasgow, MO  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1956  
**Civilian Occupation** Insurance (Retired)  
**Special Hobbies** Spending winter in Texas, coin collecting, spending time with family, reading, watching sports  
**Favorite Memory** Med Cruise  
**Worst Memory** Being stranded in a boat going to shore in December when the rudder broke and we drifted for 5 hours and nearly froze!  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Monson, Charles G

**Nickname** Chuck **Rate** CMM **Division** BLKGang  
**Spouse** Thelma **Hometown** L'Anse, MI  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1943 **Years To** 1945  
**Civilian Occupation** Greyhound driver, retired  
**Special Hobbies** Traveling, photography  
**Favorite Memory** When we got back to states at San Francisco and stayed there for over a month  
**Worst Memory** The 59 days we were at Saipan  
**Children** 1 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments** Just seeing old shipmates would be special



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## 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**

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## Neff, Charles Owen

**Nickname** Charlie **Rate** SN **Division** 2nd  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Stephens City, VA  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1961-09 **Years To** 1965-02  
**Civilian Occupation** Dept of Transportation, VA  
**Special Hobbies** Boating  
**Favorite Memory** Canes, France  
**Worst Memory** Nov 1963, Cuba  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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## Nelson, Teddy L

**Nickname** **Rate** PN3 **Division** X  
**Spouse** Julia **Hometown** Cass, WV  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1958  
**Civilian Occupation** Shipping Terminal Supervisor  
**Special Hobbies** Bowling, Coin Collecting  
**Favorite Memory** USS Stribling DD-867 trip to Med  
**Worst Memory** USS America CVA-66 trip to Vietnam  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments** Always enjoyed meeting old shipmates from Cambria

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## Neufeld, Eddie L

**Nickname** Rate SKSN **Division** Supply  
**Spouse** Alice **Hometown** Hutchinson, KS  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1955  
**Civilian Occupation** Meat Packing Salesman  
**Special Hobbies** Travel  
**Favorite Memory** Shipmates  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 8  
**Special Comments**

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## Neumann, Michael (Mike) 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**

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## 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**

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## 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!

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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**

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## O'Connor, Terry L

**Nickname**                                      **Rate** SN                                      **Division** 1st  
**Spouse**                                      **Hometown** Brookfield, CT  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)                      **Years From** 1960                      **Years To** 1962  
**Civilian Occupation** Information Technology  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** First and only Med Cruise  
**Worst Memory** Time the Captain's gig hit me while we were unloading it. Luckily it just bruised me.  
**Children** 0                                      **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## 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**

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## Olson, Samuel C

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Carol  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)  
**Civilian Occupation** Director of Marketing  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Orphan kids at Christmas  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 4                      **Grandchildren** 8+  
**Special Comments**

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**Rate** EMT3/c                      **Division**

**Hometown** Jamestown, NY

**Years From** 1945                      **Years To** 1947

## Ostler, Orval L

**Nickname**  
**Spouse**  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)  
**Civilian Occupation** Certified Public Accountant  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Tying up at DeJima Packs in Nagasaki in 1945  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 5                      **Grandchildren** 18  
**Special Comments**

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**Rate**                      **Division** Y 1/c

**Hometown** Salt Lake City, UT

**Years From** 1943                      **Years To** 1946

## Palmour, James

**Nickname** Jim  
**Spouse** Patricia  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)  
**Civilian Occupation** Construction Manager  
**Special Hobbies** Flying and racing  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 5                      **Grandchildren** 7  
**Special Comments**

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**Rate** MM2                      **Division** M

**Hometown** Baton Rouge, LA

**Years From** 1962-03                      **Years To** 1963-08

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## Papajack, Anthony W

**Nickname** Sonny **Rate** DCFN **Division** R  
**Spouse** Gloria **Hometown** Long Island  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1959  
**Civilian Occupation** Exhibit builder and finisher  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Time spent with shipmates, especially R Division personnel and all ports of call  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 8  
**Special Comments**

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## Parker, Roland L

**Nickname** Fess **Rate** MM3 **Division** M  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Chicago, IL  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1965 **Years To** 1968  
**Civilian Occupation** Retired Interstate Bus Driver/Instructor  
**Special Hobbies** Movies, Organ Key Board  
**Favorite Memory** The Med Cruises and being immersed in so many great "Old World" influences along with a great crew.  
**Worst Memory** One bout of "Sea Sickness" after first coming aboard  
**Children** 1 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Parks, William H

**Nickname** **Rate** PH mate 1st C **Division**  
**Spouse** Margaret **Hometown** Yonkers, NY  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1945  
**Civilian Occupation** Sales and marketing  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Meeting so many good shipmates while aboard.  
**Worst Memory** In landing barge for invasion of Okinawa, circling for hours, and being 4th wave in after marines. We walked in water up to our waists. Lucky not one shore was fired as we set up a first aid station to take care of the wounds.  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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**Partin, John W**

**Nickname**                                      **Rate** YN3                                      **Division** X  
**Spouse** Divorced                                      **Hometown** Pittsburg, KS  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)                                      **Years From** 1960                                      **Years To** 1963  
**Civilian Occupation** Parole Officer, State of Missouri  
**Special Hobbies** Veteran's activities  
**Favorite Memory** The Med Cruise of 1962 (I was attached to COMPHIBRON SIX during the cruise). Cuban blockade in late 1962 was exciting. I didn't realize there were that many ships in the whole Navy until all I could see from horizon to horizon was haze gray USN ships.  
**Worst Memory** While still on the deck force and in a yard period at Portsmouth, VA, I had to carry a bunch of life jackets from storage aft, to a forward storage area to allow for painting of the storage spaces. I dropped one of them overboard, and as soon as it hit the water...it sank like a stone. I never felt safe with a "Mae West" again, during my first enlistment  
**Children**                                      1                                      **Grandchildren**                                      3  
**Special Comments** Let's all make a special effort to invite any CAMBRIA shipmates that we can contact to come join in the fun of a reunion with us.

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**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"

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**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.

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## Pearce, George F

**Nickname** Rate Rdm 1/C **Division** Radar  
**Spouse** Lauretta **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**

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## Pearson, Charles J

**Nickname** Rate FT3 **Division** Gunnery  
**Spouse** Annabelle **Hometown** W Terre Haute, IN  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1956  
**Civilian Occupation** Structural Engineer  
**Special Hobbies** Golf  
**Favorite Memory** Hitting the beach w/ Lt(Jg) Kruger, a terrific officer. Reginald Turner and Don Brown (both deceased) were buddies. The Med cruises and shakedown trips to the Caribbean are unforgettable experiences.  
**Worst Memory** Painting over the side and being the Captain's gopher.  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 7  
**Special Comments**

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## Pecorino, Richard L

**Nickname** Peck **Rate** MM2 **Division** M  
**Spouse** Sarah **Hometown** Morristown, NJ  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1965  
**Civilian Occupation** Yacht Refinishing Supervisor. Paint Sales Associate for Home Depot  
**Special Hobbies** Swimming, Bike Riding, NASCAR Racing, Going out to eat  
**Favorite Memory** All the Med Cruises  
**Worst Memory** Cuban Missile Crisis  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments** I still think about them all the time, and remember all the good times.

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## Pender, Buddie T

**Nickname** Sparks **Rate** RMSA **Division** C  
**Spouse** Peggy Ann **Hometown** Cornelius, NC  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1948-05 **Years To** 1949-07  
**Civilian Occupation** I am retired from Westinghouse Corp. Worked in Apparatus Marketing Division as a Cust Ser Rep handling major projects  
**Special Hobbies** I like to play golf. I enjoy gardening. I have 1 1/3 acres of azaleas.  
**Favorite Memory** Taking a trip to Cartagena, Colombia, S.A. This was my first adventure out of the US. This was sometime in early 1949, and my wish to travel was coming true.  
**Worst Memory** While in San Juan, P. R, I went ashore one afternoon. At 11:45 PM, I was to relieve a Radioman that had been copying the fleet broadcast coming over in International Morris Code. I had had too much to drink and they could not get me awake. The poor guy had been copying this code from supper until midnight and since I could not be awakened, he did not have a relief, and had to keep copying from midnight until breakfast. So he stood two watches in a row. I relieved him after breakfast and the Chief Radioman made me stand two watches in a row. I copied the code from breakfast until dinner. I got to chow down at lunch and came right back on watch and copied from dinner until supper. This was my worst experience on the CAMBRIA. When I left watch at supper, I was completely exhausted. On the midwatch, they sent a lot of re-runs and if we already had these, we did not have to copy. While I was copying there were no reruns. It wore me out. The Chief was punishing me for not being able to stand my Watch  
**Children** 1 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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## Petersen, Kenneth C

**Nickname** **Rate** BM2 **Division** 2nd  
**Spouse** Donna **Hometown** Waterman, IL  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1952  
**Civilian Occupation** Construction  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 7 **Grandchildren** 16 GG8  
**Special Comments**

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## Pfahler, Richard N

**Nickname** Dick **Rate** DC1 **Division** R  
**Spouse** Violet **Hometown** Leesburg, FL  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1955-11 **Years To** 1959-09  
**Civilian Occupation** Ret Refris & Boiler Supv-Eng  
**Special Hobbies** Bowling  
**Favorite Memory** Operations Inland Seas -Seaway Cruise 1959-St Lawrence & Lebanon  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments**



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## Popper, William R.

**Nickname** Rate DC2 **Division** R  
**Spouse** Jean - Deceased **Hometown** NYC  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1959  
**Civilian Occupation** Police officer  
**Special Hobbies** Hunting, shooting and fishing  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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## Powers, Joseph J

**Nickname** Rate CM2/C **Division**  
**Spouse** Irma **Hometown** Washington DC  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1943-11 **Years To** 1945-08  
**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**

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## Premeaux, Presley A

**Nickname** Rate BM1 **Division** 3rd  
**Spouse** Laura **Hometown** Biloxi, MS  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1950 **Years To** 1952  
**Civilian Occupation** Self-Employed  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** The Med Cruise, also all the foreign ports and beautiful people we saw in them. Also the comradeship on the ship while on board  
**Worst Memory** When loading cargo after an exercise after so many days of operation. I was exhausted and was nearly thrown into the cargo hold.  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 8  
**Special Comments**

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## Pushak, John

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Barbara  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)  
**Civilian Occupation** Steel Worker  
**Special Hobbies** Sports, Cars, Wood Working  
**Favorite Memory** Cruise to South America  
**Worst Memory** Suez Crisis (1957)  
**Children** 2                      **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Rabinowitz, Daniel

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Joyce  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)  
**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.

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## 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!!!

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## Reed, John A

**Nickname** Jerry **Rate** **Division**  
**Spouse** Betty **Hometown** Milford, VA  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1956  
**Civilian Occupation** Auto Mechanic  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Retherford, Charles M

**Nickname** Mike **Rate** Seaman **Division** Supply  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Panama City, FL  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1970  
**Civilian Occupation** Retired  
**Special Hobbies** Ham Radio, Playing with grandkids  
**Favorite Memory** Being with all of my friends  
**Worst Memory** Collision with another ship off the coast of Malta  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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**Riden, Charles L**

**Nickname** Charlie   **Rate** EN1   **Division** A  
**Spouse** Peggy Sue   **Hometown** Keyser, WV  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)   **Years From** 1961   **Years To** 1964  
**Civilian Occupation** Maintenance Foreman  
**Special Hobbies** Bowling, Fishing and my 1956 Ford  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3   **Grandchildren** 8  
**Special Comments**

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**Ripka, Alfred M**

**Nickname** Rip   **Rate** EM3   **Division** E  
**Spouse**   **Hometown** Riverside, PA  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)   **Years From** 1952   **Years To** 1954  
**Civilian Occupation** Elect Sales Eng  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing, Hunting  
**Favorite Memory** Med Trips  
**Worst Memory** Bad storm at sea  
**Children** 3   **Grandchildren** 9 GG7  
**Special Comments**

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**Robertson, James T**

**Nickname** Robbie   **Rate** BT1   **Division** B  
**Spouse** Shirley   **Hometown** Pittsburgh, PA  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)   **Years From** 1960   **Years To** 1964  
**Civilian Occupation** Building Maintenance Engineer  
**Special Hobbies** Golf & Bowling  
**Favorite Memory** Being called to the Bridge by the Captain, when we caught the Oglethorpe.  
**Worst Memory** Can't say  
**Children** 0   **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**



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## Roy, Daniel E

**Nickname** Dan **Rate** RM3 **Division** CR  
**Spouse** Anita **Hometown** Kingman, AZ  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963  
**Civilian Occupation** Signal Maintainer-AT&SF/BNSF Railroad  
**Special Hobbies** Reading, Model making  
**Favorite Memory** Trip to the Med 1962  
**Worst Memory** Cuban Missile crisis  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 6  
**Special Comments**

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## 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**

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## 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**

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## 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!

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## Sather, Steve E

**Nickname** Rate EM2 **Division**  
**Spouse** Linda **Hometown** Minneapolis, MN  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1969  
**Civilian Occupation** Electrician  
**Special Hobbies** Sports, Wood working, Sailing  
**Favorite Memory** The Med trips and all the different countries I got to see  
**Worst Memory** The guys who came to the ship after I did and got off before I did  
**Children** **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Schreiber, Philip

**Nickname** Phil **Rate** RM 2/C **Division** 24  
**Spouse** Molly **Hometown** Montclair, NJ  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1950 **Years To** 1951  
**Civilian Occupation** Pharmaceutical Representative  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 6 **Grandchildren** 10  
**Special Comments**

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## Schwendemann, Harlan J

**Nickname** Rate E3 **Division**  
**Spouse** Colette **Hometown** St Peters, MO  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1962  
**Civilian Occupation** Quality Assurance Supervisor at a silicon wafer manufacturing plant  
**Special Hobbies** Astronomy and archaeology, fishing  
**Favorite Memory** Our cruises to the Mediterranean, Italy, Spain, France, Turkey and Isle of Capri  
**Worst Memory** When we picked up ammunition and jarheads for a training exercise  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 6 GG4  
**Special Comments**

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## Shealy, John T

**Nickname** Rate FN **Division** A  
**Spouse** Frances **Hometown** Bronx, NY  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1955  
**Civilian Occupation** Police Officer  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory** Mess Cooking  
**Children** 5 **Grandchildren** 11  
**Special Comments**

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## Shepherd, John

**Nickname** Lefty **Rate** S 1/c **Division**  
**Spouse** Beverly **Hometown** Hartford, CT  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1944-01 **Years To** 1945-02  
**Civilian Occupation** Chef  
**Special Hobbies** Women  
**Favorite Memory** Crossing the Equator  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 8 **Grandchildren** 6  
**Special Comments**

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## 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

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## 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**

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## 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**

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## 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**

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## 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**

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## 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**



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## Smith, Joseph E

**Nickname** Smitty **Rate** SK3 **Division** Supply  
**Spouse** Patricia **Hometown** Bronx, NY  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1950 **Years To** 1951  
**Civilian Occupation** Supply Warehouse Supv Navelec (Retired)  
**Special Hobbies** Hockey, Baseball & Coin Collecting  
**Favorite Memory** Just being at sea on her  
**Worst Memory** When a crewman got killed on the M Boat  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 11  
**Special Comments**

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## Smith, Paul Dale

**Nickname** **Rate** E3 **Division** Boat  
**Spouse** Judy **Hometown** Harlingen, TX  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1965-08 **Years To** 1967-08  
**Civilian Occupation** Boilermaker - Welder  
**Special Hobbies** Hunting, Fishing, Horse Back Riding  
**Favorite Memory** Going to different ports in the Med.  
**Worst Memory** Chipping paint and painting  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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## Smith, Richard R

**Nickname** Smitty **Rate** SF3 **Division** R  
**Spouse** Cheryl **Hometown** Ogdensburg, NJ  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1959  
**Civilian Occupation** Maintenance Mechanic  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing, being by the ocean  
**Favorite Memory** The Med trips  
**Worst Memory** Changing UP Boat rudders and 12 hours OGQ  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments** I remember the Cambria days like they were yesterday

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## Smith, Victor W

**Nickname** Smitty **Rate** SI/C **Division** 2nd  
**Spouse** Marjorie **Hometown** Rahway, NJ  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** Comm **Years To** 1945-08  
**Civilian Occupation** Truck Driver  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing and Bird carving  
**Favorite Memory** Coming back home  
**Worst Memory** Eating Bologna  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments** Retired in 1984 and moved to a new home on a lagoon off Barnegat Bay in NJ and had my boat at my back door. Had a great life until struck down by a massive stroke - Christmas 1990. Severely disabled and will not be able to attend.

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## Snyder, Chester E

**Nickname** **Rate** RD3 **Division** OI  
**Spouse** Shirley **Hometown** Tiffin, OH  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1960-11 **Years To** 1963-07  
**Civilian Occupation** Commercial Transportation, Highway Relocation Engineer (Truck Driver)  
**Special Hobbies** Hunting, Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** Land..The landing force  
**Worst Memory** AWOL (2 Hrs)  
**Children** 6 **Grandchildren** 22 GG2  
**Special Comments**

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## Snyder, Don K

**Nickname** **Rate** YN3 **Division**  
**Spouse** Carolyn **Hometown** Peru, IN  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1958  
**Civilian Occupation** Sales consultant/Sales manager  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Being advanced from the Deck Crew to the Legal Office. Resulted in being advanced to Ship Court Reporter/Mast Yeoman.  
**Worst Memory** Assigned to Deck force when first billeted aboard the ship.  
**Children** 1 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments** Hated ship exercises.

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## Sokolik, Richard D

**Nickname** SN/BM **Division** 3rd  
**Spouse** Deborah **Hometown** St Paul, MN  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1966-07 **Years To** 1968-02  
**Civilian Occupation** Machine Shop Eng  
**Special Hobbies** Baseball collecting  
**Favorite Memory** Being Helmsmen on a 4 hour watch at the tail end of a hurricane  
**Worst Memory** Going in front of the Capt.  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 6  
**Special Comments** Would like to hear from shipmate

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## 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.

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## 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**







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## 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**

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## Sujkowski, Leonard

**Nickname** Ski **Rate** FA/MM2 **Division** A  
**Spouse** Marie **Hometown** Newark, NJ  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1951-07 **Years To** 1955-03  
**Civilian Occupation** Mech Engineer, Compressed Gases Manufacture and Equipment  
**Special Hobbies** Fresh water fishing, cruises, travel  
**Favorite Memory** Visits to many Mediterranean ports, some several times on 3 Med Cruises  
**Worst Memory** Major holidays away from family and fiancée  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 7  
**Special Comments** Wondering how many still "alive and kicking" fifty years later.

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## Swindler, Robert

**Nickname** **Rate** E-3 **Division** Marine  
**Spouse** Shelia **Hometown** Platte City, MO  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1969-02 **Years To** 1969-09  
**Civilian Occupation** Recreational Assistant Fort Leonard Wood, MO  
**Special Hobbies** Gardening  
**Favorite Memory** Making Med Cruise as a young Marine  
**Worst Memory** Collision at sea during the Med Cruise  
**Children** 1 **Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments**



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## 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**

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## 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.

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## 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**





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## Unglesbee, James H

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Anna Mae  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 4                      **Grandchildren** 6  
**Special Comments**

**Rate** RM3

**Division**

**Hometown**

**Years From** 1951

**Years To** 1952

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## Vanderwaarden, Henry

**Nickname** Van  
**Spouse** Lena  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)  
**Civilian Occupation** Optical Tech

**Rate** FPFN

**Division** E & R

**Hometown** Brooklyn, NY

**Years From** 1948-11

**Years To** 1949-05

**Special Hobbies** Ham Radio

**Favorite Memory** During an Atlantic cruise out of Norfolk in 1949, my chief in the Ship fitter's Shop told me to report to the Ward Room. Once there, a lieutenant handed me a life jacket. I was then placed in a motor launch and hidden under a blanket. The ship commenced a "man overboard" drill..and I was that man! Section chiefs scrambled to determine who was missing. No big surprise: Henry, from the Shipfitter's Shop could not be found. To keep the simulation realistic, I was wet down and told to "play it up." Then, I was "recovered from the sea," placed in a stretcher and taken to sick bay. In keeping with procedure, the ship's doctor checked me over thoroughly. Now comes the best part-and my favorite memory: the doctor administered the medicinal shot of whiskey that was traditional for the survivor, and that shot was no simulation!.

**Worst Memory** "Water King:" the man detailed to insure the fresh water tanks onboard ship are kept full. That was my assignment during a 1949 cruise..and the cause of my worst Cambria memory. It started routinley enough, the tanks needed to be replenished. I notified the Engine Room to begin "making water" (using the evaporators to turn sea water into fresh water). This process can take some time, so I became involved in watching a movie, a little too involved. When I returned to check the tanks they were full, but we had made far more fresh water than the tanks could hold. 400 gallons of "overflow" had already been dumped into the sea. No big deal, right? WRONG, I found out the next day. For every drop of fresh water evaporators produce, they burn two drops of the ship's oil. My 400 gallon overflow had wasted 800 gallons of fuel. The warrant officer in charge was not pleased. He did me a favor, though, "fudging the books" over a period of many days to hide the mistake and keep me "off the hook"...and permanently banished from the job of "Water King."

**Children** 2

**Grandchildren** 3 GG2

**Special Comments**













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## York, James Glenn

**Nickname** Rate FC 3/c **Division** Reserve  
**Spouse** Joyce **Hometown** Alvin, TX08-42  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1942-08 **Years To** 1946-02  
**Civilian Occupation** Teacher, Coach and Principal in School System of Alvin, TX  
**Special Hobbies** Sports, Hunting, Travel, Movies and Church  
**Favorite Memory** When the war was over and going back home.  
**Worst Memory** For several hours another young man and I worked (dove off the Cambria ship to try & release a mine cable from our propeller). It was exhausting and scary, for it could have blown up & 1,000 men would have died.  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments** I received my Bachelors Degree of Science in Houston, TX in 1948, and my Masters Degree of Education in 1949. I met and married Kathryn Lucy and we had two lovely daughters. Kathryn passed away on 6/26/64.  
In the fifties there was the wonderful opportunity to begin Alvin, Texas Little League Baseball teams. There was coaching, championship games, and on different occasions, football and baseball. Through the Alvin Education Program System I was able to Coach, Teach and become Principal. I met and married Carolyn Norwood and was blessed with two sons.  
Nolan Ryan became one of my students and I was able to coach him in football and baseball. After encouraging him to leave football, I happily taught Nolan the baseball basics and development techniques in Jr High and High School. Awesomely, he went to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, on July 2, 1999.  
I retired in May 1983

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## Young, Tommy M

**Nickname** Rate BM3 **Division**  
**Spouse** Diane **Hometown** Carrollton, GA  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1969  
**Civilian Occupation** Team Leader Georgia Power Co  
**Special Hobbies** Camping  
**Favorite Memory** All  
**Worst Memory** When I dropped Captain's gig  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments**

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## Zito, Charles T

**Nickname** Chuck **Rate** SHC **Division** Supply  
**Spouse** Pat **Hometown** Johnstown, PA  
**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36) **Years From** 1959-03 **Years To** 1959-06  
**Civilian Occupation** US Army Commissary Headquarters, Ft Lee, VA, (17 Years)  
**Special Hobbies** Golf  
**Favorite Memory** St Lawrence Seaway Cruise  
**Worst Memory** Have none, All good  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments** Unfortunately, I have a trip planned to Europe, April 5-April 16. Will not be able to attend in New Orleans

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## Zvanut, Albert J

**Nickname**

**Rate**

**Division**

**Spouse**

**Hometown**

**Ship** USS CAMBRIA (APA-36)

**Years From**

**Years To**

**Civilian Occupation**

**Special Hobbies**

**Favorite Memory**

**Worst Memory**

**Children**

**Grandchildren**

**Special Comments** Albert Zvanut died May 25, 1979 on the American Airlines flight that went down, O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, IL. Dorothy Zvanut