

USS DURHAM (LKA-114) CREWMEMBER PROFILES.

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Barnett, Jerry D.

Nickname
Spouse Paula
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114)
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver, Owner, Operator
Special Hobbies Riding motorcycle, spending time with my grandkids
Favorite Memory Subic Bay, Okinawa, Japan, all the guys on board Tilley Harris Birdsong. We all had great times
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments Would like to see everyone, but still don't know yet if we will be there

Bashaw, Bruce Irwin

Nickname
Spouse Cheryl
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114)
Civilian Occupation Jeweler
Special Hobbies Motorcycles
Favorite Memory USS Durham
Worst Memory Every time we had to go back on board from a weekend at Subic Bay
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Bauer, Duane A

Nickname
Spouse Linda
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114)
Civilian Occupation Food Service
Special Hobbies Motorcycling
Favorite Memory Crossing the Equator
Worst Memory None
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Brendel, Paul M

Nickname Mike **Rate** SF3 **Division** R
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Carbonado, WA
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1970
Civilian Occupation Public Works Dir
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Shooting
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Brittner, Robert A

Nickname Bob **Rate** GMG3 **Division** Weapons
Spouse **Hometown** New York, NY
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1972
Civilian Occupation Police Officer
Special Hobbies Guns, Motorcycles, Cruising, Hiking
Favorite Memory Shooting all the small arms especially the 50's out at sea
Worst Memory Waking up for midnight watches
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments Only decades later...as a mature old man..do I now realize what a great honor it was to be able to serve my country..even in just a small way. God Bless us.

Brown, Robert N

Nickname Sugar Bear **Rate** PC2 **Division** Admin
Spouse **Hometown** Hardin, MT
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1972 **Years To** 1977
Civilian Occupation Case Manager
Special Hobbies Fishing, Cooking, Hunting
Favorite Memory Too many to mention. The day, during Frequent Wind, Capt Tregurtha flew from his command ship and showed our new captain, how great the crew was, if he would have a faith in us. Hooray for Capt Tregurtha!!! Best Damn Captain to serve under.
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 12
Special Comments

Burris, Larry

Nickname Rate PN2 **Division** X
Spouse Marsha **Hometown** Malvern, AR
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Reynolds Metals
Special Hobbies Having a wonderful time with my twin granddaughters and my grandson.
Favorite Memory Working in the Ships Office with some of the best people I have ever known.
Worst Memory All good memories
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Campbell, Lesley B

Nickname Rate X **Division** MCPO
Spouse Thelma **Hometown** St Louis, MO
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation None
Special Hobbies Juggling medical appointments
Favorite Memory Plankowner CMAA,
Worst Memory USS LST-53, home port Pusan, Korea 1954-54
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments Wouldn't know where to start or, worse, when to shut up.

Cantor, Steve W

Nickname Rate AD3 **Division** 2nd
Spouse Kerri **Hometown** Poulsbo, WA
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1983 **Years To** 1984
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory Over the line ceremony
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments Wish I could attend the reunion, however, I am unable to get away work. God luck and health to all.

Cutler, William S.

Nickname Bill **Rate** YN3 **Division** X
Spouse Sharon **Hometown** Washington, NC
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Electrical/Instrument Technician
Special Hobbies Cars, Trucks, Wood Working
Favorite Memory Blue Goose in Panama/Worlds Fair in Osaka, Japan
Worst Memory Condition 1A1fa
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments Returned to reserve after active duty, put in ten years total. Closed unit and got out when I had to travel several hours to attend drills. YN1 when I got out

Dominguez, Raul

Nickname **Rate** RM3 **Division** OC
Spouse Juliet **Hometown** East Chicago, IN
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1972
Civilian Occupation Senior Operating Tech
Special Hobbies Coaching, Soccer and Fishing
Favorite Memory Shell Back Ceremonies
Worst Memory None
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Enlow, Brad

Nickname **Rate** OS-2 **Division** OI
Spouse **Hometown**
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1978 **Years To** 1980
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Fisher, Robert A

Nickname Bob **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** Admin

Spouse **Hometown** Harrington Park, NJ

Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1970

Civilian Occupation Management Consultant

Special Hobbies

Favorite Memory Festive harbor scene New Years Eve in port in San Diego 1968. First sight of the land of Vietnam as we entered Danang Harbor. Night watch on bridge crossing Pacific, feeling gentle roll of ship, warm and gentle breeze, glowing phosphorescence at the bow: "Something in the way she moves.." Weekend liberty motorcycle escapes into Santa Monica mountains from Long Beach. Pre-Commissioning Officer crew decamping for the O Club early on a Friday afternoon-as soon as CDR Bradbury, the XO, had left (for weekly flight home to Newport), only to have Bradbury walk into the O Club.

Worst Memory Being literally thrown out of the ship's office by my Chief, Eugene Scarlett for being generally a pain in the butt-one of the great learning experiences of my life.

Children 2 **Grandchildren**

Special Comments

Gibbons, Joseph W

Nickname Joe **Rate** DC2 **Division** R

Spouse Glenda **Hometown** Southfield, MI

Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1972

Civilian Occupation Toolroom Supervisor

Special Hobbies Riding the Harley

Favorite Memory The Navy was a great experience and have never had any regrets except maybe not making it a career.

Worst Memory Captain's Mast

Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3

Special Comments

Gojkov, Russell Dean

Nickname **Rate** MM3 **Division** M

Spouse Maria **Hometown** Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1973 **Years To** 1974

Civilian Occupation Retired

Special Hobbies Computers, House repairs and enjoying time with wife

Favorite Memory Was "push button" MM3, Didn't go nuke so ended up on Durham and had to learn it all over again. Did WestPac and after return was replaced by another MM3 who had orders to Meyerkord and I took his orders by choice of others. Didn't regret it at all. Best thing was a great tight crew and snipes ruled!

Worst Memory Somebody who spread those little pests though out the Engineering berthing.

Children 0 **Grandchildren**

Special Comments

Herbert, Larry Edward

Nickname
Spouse Sherry
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114)
Civilian Occupation Engineer
Special Hobbies Gardening
Favorite Memory All the Pre-com fun (?) and the times at Gitmo and SD for RefTra!
Worst Memory None..all were pretty darn good!
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments Wish we could be at the reunion to see the "old" folks gathered! We had a very special crew for Pre-Com and the first deployment.

Hickey, Edmund (Guy) F

Nickname Guy **Rate** CYN-4 **Division** Oper/Commu

Spouse Cynthia **Hometown** Seaford, DE

Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1971

Civilian Occupation Financial Mgr-US EPA

Special Hobbies Golf, Travel, Antiques

Favorite Memory Traveling abroad, experiencing new cultures and meeting some nice guys. Missed being a plank owner by less than a month (reported in June 1969) and remained until ship was homeported in San Diego, after our 2nd Nam cruise return in Sept 1970. Thanks to LTJR Jeff Rycus for capturing all these memories in the ship's first cruise book, which is a keepsake. Will never forget watching the bottom of the port (in Nam) churn up as the Durham was leaving port (for home-our 2nd cruise) via Hawaii. Hong Kong was special,,where I fell in love with Chinese food! Brought back some nice stereo equipment, Sansui speakers are still going strong today! Amazing my wife and I now live in Durham, NC and the 40th reunion of the ship will be held here! We are looking forward to the reunion.

Worst Memory Fire fighting school in San Diego as I truly believed I "was" going to die. Mess cook duty, as soon s I transferred to the Radio Shack (OPS) from the Deck Div, being the lowest on the totem pole, I got the duty-3 months I think, but I did get choice cuts of beef thanks to "Tiny" our chief cook. Duty wise, I performed double duty while going through the Panama Canal to take some time off to visit a friend who was stationed there. Turned out one of the boilers blew and the decision was made not to get it repaired there, rather full steam ahead to Long Beach. We missed stopping at Acapulco as well. I was disappointed. No really bad memories except perhaps those 2 shots in each cheek for hepatitis.

Children 1

Grandchildren

Special Comments The GI bill enabled me to complete my college degree from Elon College. I served on inactive duty in Greensboro with the Seabees, which helped with finances. Than you CMDR Bradbury!! For releasing me a little early to attend the mid winter session. My new wife joined me early in January 1970 and broke a teaching contract to be with me. Little did I know in March our 1st De Nang cruise would be required, something like 45 days, there and back. Looking back I am so proud of her for doing this (no family on the West coast) with me being gone (on 2 cruises) for nearly 7 months with "little" money. The USS Durham was a "new" ship which I appreciated after spending weekends & summer duty on the Willard Keith (in Norfolk' commissioned the year I was born in '45. The heat in Vietnam was intense, but we had air condition quarters. On the Keith,,down in GTMO (Shake down cruise) there was no A/C in our living quarters. All in all we didn't know how good we had it on the Durham. There were no fatalities that I can remember though a few had to be flown off the ship (hepatitis). If I had to do it all over again, I would not have changed a thing. A truly lifetime experience in less than 2 years.

Hicks, Lyle W

Nickname Rate QM2 **Division** Navigation
Spouse Judy **Hometown** Bend, OR
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1971 **Years To** 1975
Civilian Occupation Restaurant Owner
Special Hobbies Golf, Hiking
Favorite Memory Probably the dreaded sea bat. I remember one Marine who after getting hit in the butt with the broom three times turning around and saying. "Will you quit that. I am trying to see this thing."
Worst Memory Operation Frequent Wind. When we pulled off all of the refugees from Vung Tao, Vietnam. It was heartbreaking to see and know that these people did not have a home.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments I have a blog that goes along with my business where you can pretty much see what my life is now like. The address is www.jakesdiner.blogspot.com and the web address of my business is www.jakesdiner.net

Holic, Bill J

Nickname Rate BM2 **Division** 2nd
Spouse Amy **Hometown** Monaca, PA
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1972 **Years To** 1975
Civilian Occupation Airline Crewmember
Special Hobbies Partying
Favorite Memory Liberty in PI
Worst Memory Sucking up a tow line in a crew of a MK-8 boat
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments Been in the Navy all my life.

Husted, Richard W

Nickname Rate QM1 **Division** Nav
Spouse Lynn **Hometown** Tacoma, WA
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1982 **Years To** 1984
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Golf, Horses, Sailing
Favorite Memory Having my father join the Tiger Cruise
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Masangya, Godofredo V

Nickname
Spouse Tess
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114)
Civilian Occupation Watch Engineer (SALK Institute)
Special Hobbies Gardening
Favorite Memory During WESTPAC wog day
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Matthews, ichael J

Nickname
Spouse Marcia
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114)
Civilian Occupation Warehouse Specialist Inc
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory All of it, the whole show San Francisco trip '88 Matzlan '89 Gulf War June '90 April '91 WetPac '92 Westpac and not to forget "89 oil spill
Worst Memory Not saying goodbye to Mr Montera. He was hard, but was very fair and open minded
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

McAlister, Larry M

Nickname
Spouse Terri
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114)
Civilian Occupation Vocational Rehabilitation Area Manager
Special Hobbies Wood Working, Metal Detecting, Motorcycle riding, Travel
Favorite Memory Leaving DaNang for the last time
Worst Memory 12on/12off 24/7 while in DaNang
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Peek, Kenneth T

Nickname Rate RM2 **Division** Ops
Spouse Boni **Hometown** Franklin, NC
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1972
Civilian Occupation Minister
Special Hobbies Fishing, Hunting
Favorite Memory Worlds Fair in 1970, Australia, Panama Canal, All of Japan
Worst Memory Typhoon off Taiwan
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments The Durham gave me some of the greatest times of my life. It truly helped to form me into the man I am today. The friends I made and the memories of all the good times I will cherish for the rest of my life. I am proud to be an American and had the opportunity to serve. I would do it all again. I sometimes wish I could have made it a career, but God had other plans. I am sorry I could not make it to the reunion, but everyone is in my thoughts s I go back and look through the first cruise book. I do believe I could write a book about our adventures aboard the Durham. I would love to hear from anyone who served between 1969-72.

Pierce Jr., Otis Ollie

Nickname Rate BT3 **Division** B
Spouse Andrea **Hometown** San Antonio, TX
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Power Plane Operator
Special Hobbies Wood Work
Favorite Memory Having to be there. I did my best to enjoy the time. No regrets
Worst Memory None
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 9 GG1
Special Comments

Powell, Rosby

Nickname Big Daddy **Rate** Airmen **Division** 1st
Spouse **Hometown** Wet Palm Beach, FL
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1982 **Years To** 1984
Civilian Occupation Student
Special Hobbies Photography, Music, NASCAR, Seminole Football, Traveling
Favorite Memory Ceremony for crossing the equator
Worst Memory Sitting off the coast of Korea for 30 days in the middle of winter
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Sloane, Leonard A

Nickname Lt (jg) **Division** Weapons
Spouse Kathleen **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1972
Civilian Occupation Attorney
Special Hobbies Golf, Skiing
Favorite Memory Having a great party on the beach in Subic Bay and going to Australia
Worst Memory Typhoon in Taiwan
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments Len's Life over the past 35 years.
Len Sloane was a Lieutenant (j.g.) aboard the USS DURHAM (LKA-114) from 1970 to 1972. Len is now an attorney in the suburbs of Philadelphia. He is Chair of the Litigation Dept at the Law Firm of Eckell, Sparks, Levy, Auerbach, Monte, Sloane, Matthews & Auslander, P.. In Media, PA. Len concentrates his practice in automobile insurance, medical malpractice, products liability, wrongful death, and other complex civil and personal injury litigation. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from Villanova University. He is a Past President of the PA Trial Lawyers Assoc. He is co-author of the leading PA treatise on automobile insurance law, i.e., PA Motor Vehicle Insurance: An Analysis of the Financial Responsibility Law, which is published by the Trial Lawyers. Len has been selected for the fifth year in a row to the Top 100 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers which appears in Philadelphia Magazine each year. The Delaware County Bar Association and the PA Trial Lawyers Assoc have presented him with every major award available to its members. He is also a Past President of the West Goshen Lions Club and an Assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 21 in East Goshen, PA. He is married to Kathleen Sloane and has two children, Jennifer, who is a Marketing Director for the National Home Builders' Assoc in Washington DC and Chris, who is an Account Representative for ADP, Inc., in Manhattan.

Smith, Byron K

Nickname Smitty **Rate** EM3 **Division** E
Spouse **Hometown** Port Arthur, TX
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) **Years From** 1979 **Years To** 1982
Civilian Occupation Electrician/HVAC Tech
Special Hobbies Always was and still is BASKETBALL
Favorite Memory Shore Call, Liberty Call
Worst Memory Being on restriction soooo many times (smile)
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments The guys were all so close, like family. Engineering, Deck, Supply. I never thought those days would ever be considered as "Good old days" To those guys who served on the BULL during the years of 1978 thru 1982, Thanks for the memories.

Towery, Bryan

Nickname Rate SK2 Division S-1
Spouse Janet Hometown Huntsville, AL
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) Years From 1968 Years To 1971
Civilian Occupation Systems Analyst
Special Hobbies Bridge, Chess, Reading
Favorite Memory Long Beach, Zamboanga Orphanage, Pollywog Day
Worst Memory None
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Uphoff, Kevin B

Nickname Rate DK1/E6 Division S4
Spouse Alma Hometown Washington, IL
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) Years From 1988 Years To 1991
Civilian Occupation GS-11 SPAWAR
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory Westpac 1990-91 all that time in PI before and after Gulf War
Worst Memory Fire on USS RANGER CV-61 Westpac 1982
Children 7 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments Of all the commands I served the DURHM was the most fun and exciting

Walkenhorst, Troy R

Nickname Rate ENSA Division
Spouse Jamie Hometown Helena, Mt
Ship USS DURHAM (LKA-114) Years From 1992 Years To 1994
Civilian Occupation Civilian federal technician WG-10 MT-ARNG
Special Hobbies Hunting, Camping, Motorcycles and playing with my kids
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

