

# USS GURKE (DD-783) CREWMEMBER PROFILES.

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## Aguirre, Adam A

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Mary Ann  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation** US Border Patrol  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory** Almost missing the Ships Movement in Hong Kong  
**Children** 2                      **Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments**

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## Albert, Robert J

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Judy  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation** Senior Engineering Program Manager  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, Volunteer work at Habitat  
**Favorite Memory** Great shipmates. Two Vietnam Cruises and visiting foreign countries. Flying homemade kites off the fantail near the coast of Vietnam  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3                      **Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments** I used the GI Bill to further my higher education. Received my BSEE. (Univ of New Haven, MSEE Univ of New Haven; MSEE (Univ of Central Florida; PMI (Univ of CA, Irvine) I am now retired and enjoy living in Spokane, WA.

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## Andersen, Russell E

**Nickname** Andy  
**Spouse** Hazel  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation** Steam Engineer, Engineering  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, Fishing, Hunting  
**Favorite Memory** In sick bay with Doc Strauss listening to Jim Reeves & other Country Western Music. (We had a group of friends)  
**Worst Memory** Do not have one. The Gurke crew was great  
**Children** 2                      **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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## Aportadera, Nick

**Nickname** Rate MM1 **Division** M  
**Spouse** **Hometown**  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1964  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments** Came aboard when the ship was undergoing Fram conventions at Puget Sound Naval Shipyards at Bremerton, WA in 1963. Shake down cruise to San Diego/underway training. Changed homeport to San Diego in 1964. Very neat Engine Room and a swell of a Tin Can.

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## Baldwin, Brooks

**Nickname** **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** Gunnery  
**Spouse** Kay **Hometown** Glendale, CA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1958  
**Civilian Occupation** International Banker  
**Special Hobbies** Model Trains, Reading, Gardening  
**Favorite Memory** Time as Station Ship Hong Kong and cruise to South America to meet the USS RANGER.  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Beaudine, Joseph J

**Nickname** **Rate** YN1 **Division**  
**Spouse** Louisa **Hometown** Fargo, ND  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1973-05 **Years To** 1976-01  
**Civilian Occupation** Dept of Veterans Affairs at Ft Snelling, St Paul, MN  
**Special Hobbies** Coin Collection, Stamps, Bowling, Golf, Watching Football (GO VIKINGS) and baseball (GO TWINS) and Boxing (GO Manny Pacquiao)  
**Favorite Memory** In port Subic Bay a complete party at the mink Hotel in Olongapo  
**Worst Memory** When I missed ship's movement because I interpreted the liberty expiration a 07:30 when it was 06:30, what a dumb mistake. The first time I ever went to Captain's Mast in the Navy. An EM died when shifting from ships power to shore power in Subic Bay in 1974 when I was bowling for the GURKE bowling team.  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments** I want to attend the reunion so bad, but I will be in the Philippines from May 28 to July 25, 2011 for a reunion with my in-laws.



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## Bernard, Dennis M

**Nickname** Rate SFM3 **Division** R  
**Spouse** Theresa **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1965 **Years To** 1968  
**Civilian Occupation** Supt of Maintenance  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** All the guys I served with. I enlisted as a boy of 17 and returned a man.  
**Worst Memory** I was the ships rescue swimmer and picked up a pilot who missed the flight deck. I remember he had red freckles and wedding band. I never found out his name. He was dead when I got to him. I still see his face sometimes. I wish I had his name so I could contact his family.  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments**

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## Beslow, William A

**Nickname** Rate YN3 **Division** Ops  
**Spouse** Wai Ling **Hometown** Randle, WA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1971 **Years To** 1973  
**Civilian Occupation** Self Employed  
**Special Hobbies** Snowmobiling and Hiking  
**Favorite Memory** So many. Loved the travel to many different countries  
**Worst Memory** Riding out the typhoons  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Betschart, Charley G

**Nickname** Rate BT2 **Division** B/Eng  
**Spouse** Cherry **Hometown** Sebastopol, CA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1950 **Years To** 1954  
**Civilian Occupation** Machine Shop-Welding, Concrete Finisher, Firewood Business, Ops Sup- School Dist, President of a Credit Union  
**Special Hobbies** Guns, Coins, Camping, Building Tractors  
**Favorite Memory** Making Raisin Jack & Making guns  
**Worst Memory** Getting shot at Inchon, cleaning boilers  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 6  
**Special Comments**

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## Bigboomer, Joseph J

**Nickname** Rate YN1 **Division** X  
**Spouse** Louisa **Hometown** Fargo, ND  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1973 **Years To** 1976  
**Civilian Occupation** Dept of Veterans Affairs  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, Bowling, Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** The great ship party we had in the Mink Hotel in Olongapo, PI  
**Worst Memory** Miss ship when it went to the ammunition pier in Subic Bay, PI  
**Children** 0 **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments** The Gurke was the greatest crew I ever served with. I was really close with everyone. I was the only sailor from North Dakota and the ship was named after PFC Henry Gurke USMC who was from Neche, ND. I have several relatives in that northern area of North Dakota.

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## Bisel, Glenn

**Nickname** Rate RD2 **Division** Operations  
**Spouse** Spouse Deceased **Hometown** Fresno, CA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1950 **Years To** 1951  
**Civilian Occupation** Public Health Sanitarian for Fresno County, CA  
**Special Hobbies** Reading and Photography  
**Favorite Memory** Riding Ice flows for the length of the ship  
**Worst Memory** Star shell party off the west coast of Korea in the Yellow Sea  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 8  
**Special Comments**

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## Bobbett, Andy P

**Nickname** Rate SN **Division** 1st  
**Spouse** Linda **Hometown** Great Falls, MT  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1962  
**Civilian Occupation** Sheet Metal Worker  
**Special Hobbies** Motorcycles  
**Favorite Memory** Australia  
**Worst Memory** Typhoon  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments**



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## Briar, Kenneth E

**Nickname** Rate ETR2 **Division** OE  
**Spouse** Nancy **Hometown** Coos Bay, OR  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1966-01 **Years To** 1969-09  
**Civilian Occupation** Executive Chef  
**Special Hobbies** Woodworking  
**Favorite Memory** They were all great!  
**Worst Memory** None that come to mind  
**Children** 1 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments** Always look forward to seeing the crew and telling sea stories.

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## Briggs, Carroll G

**Nickname** Rate Lt (jg) **Division** Ops  
**Spouse** Ardith **Hometown** Carmel, CA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1953  
**Civilian Occupation** Vegetable breeder  
**Special Hobbies** Theater, Videography/editing/TV Production, Writing, Watercolors  
**Favorite Memory** USS Gurke  
**Worst Memory** OGU NTC San Diego  
**Children** 5 **Grandchildren** 10  
**Special Comments** Reunion attendance depends on casting and timing of the spring show GAVTV18 commitments, finances and health

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## Brown, Richard T

**Nickname** Rate FT2 **Division** Fox  
**Spouse** Martha Sue **Hometown** Sylacauga, AL  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1960  
**Civilian Occupation** Accountant  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** Shore leave in Sydney Australia  
**Worst Memory** Shore Patrol in Formosa  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments**



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## Bush, Ray

**Nickname** Rate MR2 **Division** A Gang-Machine Sho  
**Spouse** Margaret **Hometown** Bloomington, IL  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1955  
**Civilian Occupation** High School and College Teacher  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing, Gardening, Barber Shop Singing  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory** Typhoon in June  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 5 GG2  
**Special Comments**

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## Carney, Herman J

**Nickname** Rate MMCS **Division** Admin  
**Spouse** Noriko **Hometown** Guilford, NY  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1972 **Years To** 1974  
**Civilian Occupation** Boiler Plant Equipment Mechanic  
**Special Hobbies** Antique clocks, Tools, Engines and Flat Belt Machinery  
**Favorite Memory** USS CIMARRON (AS-22)  
**Worst Memory** USS JOHN R CRAIG (DD-885)  
**Children** 1 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments** I carried a secondary NEC OF Command Career Counselor for 10 yrs and encompassed the last 6 duty stations including the Gurke. It was really gratifying helping my fellow shipmates all those years.

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## Carter, Robert T

**Nickname** Rate SK3 **Division**  
**Spouse** Marilee **Hometown** Hayward, CA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1972  
**Civilian Occupation** Communications Contractor-Self Employed  
**Special Hobbies** Music  
**Favorite Memory** Meeting the greatest shipmates, firing runs off Vietnam, group rap sessions on the fantail, mining Hipong harbor, living in Yokosuka, Japan. Remembering the time Dunlap painted the supply dept safe, lock numbers and all  
**Worst Memory** Meeting Chief Lynn for the first time and being marched directly to the ships barber shop. Chief Lynn was real Navy. God bless him. Port and starboard watches in Vietnam. Hearing that Willie died in Bangkok. Very good lad. The EM club slot machines, took all my money.  
**Children** 1 **Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments**









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## Dunlap, Mike

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Connie  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation** Pipefitter Paper mill  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** First time in Hong Kong  
**Worst Memory** When I lost a friend in Thailand  
**Children** 2                      **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Ellingsworth, Bill J

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Norma  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation** Motel Management  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing, Golf, Working with Boy Scouts  
**Favorite Memory** First night aboard, arriving there in the middle of the night. So many, such a great crew.  
**Worst Memory** Arriving in the coast of Korea and all that ice. Still have shivers.  
**Children** 2                      **Grandchildren** 2 GG2  
**Special Comments** I feel that it was an honor to serve with the crewmates while I was aboard the Gurke.  
What a ship!!!

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## Elliott, Larry R

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Sue  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation** Information Processing  
**Special Hobbies** Golf  
**Favorite Memory** Visiting different parts of the world and serving with a great bunch of shipmates  
**Worst Memory** None were really that bad  
**Children** 3                      **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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## Ellis, Edward S

**Nickname** Ed **Rate** RD2 **Division** Oper  
**Spouse** Jeanette **Hometown** Council Bluffs, IA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1954  
**Civilian Occupation** Teacher, Coach, School Administration  
**Special Hobbies** Wood Working and Gardening  
**Favorite Memory** Going over to the front lines with Lt Kuncus. While up there, the Marines had me lean over to see where the enemy was located and we got a round of shells sent our way. Marines thought it was funny and asked me to do it again. I declined their generous offer.  
**Worst Memory** The 52 degree roll the ship took while steaming off the coast of Formosa (Tiwan).  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 6 GG1  
**Special Comments** In 2000 a crewmember learned about the reunion from the VFW magazine and called the phone number listed. Shorty & Helen Heslop called us about attending the Arizona Reunion, but we were in the middle of a move from IA to NE so could not attend. However we started attending in 2001 at San Antonio. Except for a car wreck & surgery, we have attended all reunions since. I have served as VP for 3 terms and President for 4 terms.

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## Emanuelson, John F

**Nickname** E-MAN **Rate** Boatswain's **Division** S-4  
**Spouse** Mary **Hometown**  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1970  
**Civilian Occupation** Public Works  
**Special Hobbies** Camping  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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## Emerson, Crague H

**Nickname** Emo **Rate** SO2-E-5 **Division** U  
**Spouse** Marylou **Hometown** Newman, CA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1956  
**Civilian Occupation** Registered Nurse  
**Special Hobbies** I collect & shoot old used military weapons (Rifles, pistols, blades).  
**Favorite Memory** None  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments** I reenlisted in the USAF about two weeks after I got out of the Navy. I also have an honorable discharge from the USAF.









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## Gauvin, Albert L

**Nickname** Lt (jg)/LT                      **Rate** Lt (jg)/LT                      **Division** Gunnery  
**Spouse** Dottie                              **Hometown** Hoquiam, WA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)                      **Years From** 1956                      **Years To** 1958  
**Civilian Occupation** Upon retirement USN I worked for City of Houston Health Public Works Depts retiring in 8/87  
**Special Hobbies** It was traveling, but have slowed down  
**Favorite Memory** Visiting Sydney, Australia 1956-57  
**Worst Memory** Leaving Sydney, Australia  
**Children** 7                                      **Grandchildren** 13  
**Special Comments** We will not be attending the reunion.

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## Geiger, Elsie Gurke

**Nickname**                                      **Rate**                                      **Division**  
**Spouse** Spouse Deceased                      **Hometown**  
**Ship** (Sister of Henry Gurke)                      **Years From**                      **Years To**  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3                                      **Grandchildren** 7  
**Special Comments** I am 86 years old. If he had lived, my brother, Henry would be 84. I would like to come to this reunion if possible. Elsie

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## Gisselberg, Joel L

**Nickname** Lee                                      **Rate** MMC                                      **Division** M  
**Spouse** Pauline                                      **Hometown** Cathlamet, WA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)                      **Years From** 1948                      **Years To** 1952  
**Civilian Occupation** Foundry Worker  
**Special Hobbies** Gardening, Yard Work, Camping  
**Favorite Memory** First trip to Japan  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 2                                      **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Gnecco, Barry T

**Nickname** Rate FTGSN **Division** WE  
**Spouse** Linda **Hometown** Ridgefield Park, NJ  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1965-05 **Years To** 1967-05  
**Civilian Occupation** Banking  
**Special Hobbies** Fixing the house and doing gardening to keep the grounds  
**Favorite Memory** The memories of the friendship that were made. The Westpac Cruise  
**Worst Memory** The food on Westpac  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Golemme, Edward F

**Nickname** Rate MM3 **Division** M-Ebg  
**Spouse** Warlita **Hometown** Baldwin, NY  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1973  
**Civilian Occupation** Mail Handler, US Postal Service  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Goudsmit, Paul M

**Nickname** Rate FA **Division** B  
**Spouse** Martha Lou (Marty) **Hometown** Thousand Oaks, CA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1963  
**Civilian Occupation** Sales Representative  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing, Flying, Sailing, Model RR, Traveling  
**Favorite Memory** First ship out of boot, into FRAM 1  
**Worst Memory** Personal troubles in Seattle and Bremerton  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments** When I reported aboard there was a BTC on the quarterdeck who saw I was an undesignated striker. He asked me what I wanted to do and I said "IC". He said he would get me in the morning and show me the IC room. We got underway and he gave me a set of sound powered phones. I think I was in the after fire room for 2 or 3 days before I found out that was not an IC room. 4 Years later, I got out of the fire rooms and Navy.

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## Gross, Michael W

**Nickname** Gunner **Rate** GMG3 **Division** GMG3

**Spouse** Alicia **Hometown** Harrisburg, PA

**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1974 **Years To** 1975

**Civilian Occupation** Civil Service-DON-Retired 1999

**Special Hobbies** Pistol shooting, Fishing and Computing

**Favorite Memory** Liberty call. The times we pulled into Subic Bay!!! Best liberty in the WestPac in my view.

**Worst Memory** I had \$982 STOLEN from my footlocker!!! which was every penny I had to my name at the time. When I re-enlisted for my guaranteed orders to NAVMAG Subic, my lat night aboard the Gurke in Yokosuka my LPO and a few of the other "Gun Gang" mates had taken me out on the town for one last blast! Obviously, many people knew I was leaving and also knew that I had taken out ALL my pay I had saved up that I had been carrying on the books- I'm sure you remember how fast "the scuttlebutt" could spread aboard. I took it out the day before left because the next morning I was leaving very early and didn't want to hang around trying to get something out of the DK's that early in the morning. I put the cash in my footlocker as I didn't want to be carrying that much money out in town that night. BIG, BIG MISTAKE on my part! I hope the low-life who stole it have had nothing but bad luck their entire miserable life! I remember what I said to the guys in the "Gun Gang" the morning I left the ship. I said " In a crazy sort of way, I'm lucky. Why, because I was leaving and you all still had to live with the low life SOB that did this to me!" My last and parting words were-"Always keep your eyes open and have someone watching your back Mates"! The XO had NIS come aboard, but the thief or thieves were never caught to my knowledge nor was I ever reimbursed in any way shape, or form. I'm not saying it was someone in the "Gun Gang", but it had to be someone who was in our berthing area and we had more than just the "Gun Gang" back aft in that area. It was an absolute terrible way to end a tour that I had really enjoyed up to that point, as the Gurke was the best "Tin-Can" I served aboard. It's a bad memory that I will never forget.

**Children** 0

**Grandchildren**

**Special Comments** After 30+ years, I've had the pleasure of keeping in touch with my LPO from the Gurke (then GMG1 Richard "Scotty" Scott). He stopped by our home and spent a few days with us while on his way to another reunion he was having in Kentucky a few years ago. I really enjoyed seeing him and we stay in contact via e-mail and an occasional phone call. Other than that, I'd like to see any of the crew that I served with

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## Guerin, Don R

**Nickname** Donnie **Rate** BT3 **Division** Engr

**Spouse** **Hometown** Baton Rouge, LA

**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1973

**Civilian Occupation** Law Enforcement

**Special Hobbies** Fishing, Coin Collecting

**Favorite Memory**

**Worst Memory** The last time I left the ship

**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 6

**Special Comments**

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## Hansen, Kerry D

**Nickname** Rate FT3 **Division** Fox  
**Spouse** Dixie **Hometown** Chehalis, WA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1959  
**Civilian Occupation** BSEE, Design Div BR. Mgr Dept of Navy  
**Special Hobbies** Hunting, Fishing, Building Custom Fishing Rods  
**Favorite Memory** Cruises to South America to meet and escort newly built USS Ranger CV61 to Alameda, and WESPAC cruise where got a chance to see other cultures on both cruises. Getting to go in the Captain's Gig to small Islands of the Marianas to take them supplies, Pettycab racing in Formosa.  
**Worst Memory** Being a new Shellback with a very sore and totally purple butt from crossing the equator in 1958 on the way to Chile and the typhoon between Midway and Yokosuka that put us into dry dock in Yokosuka, although that got us out of Plane Guarding, which was a good thing.  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 4 GG2  
**Special Comments** I really liked my time in the Navy especially on the GURKE. It transitioned me from a High School kid who joined at age 17 to being ready to tackle College. University of Washington class of '65. I owe a great debt to the Navy and thus I worked for them until my retirement in 1997. One of many funny things was seeing fellow FT LONG who got a very large dish pan from the cooks. He had some serious Boils on his rear and had to sit in this pan full of water and Epsom salts while the ship was underway sliding around on the steel deck in our Birthing compartment just forward of after steering.

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## Harkema, Kenneth

**Nickname** Harky **Rate** RD3 **Division** Operations  
**Spouse** Dagni **Hometown** Walla Walla, WA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1959-06 **Years To** 1961-03  
**Civilian Occupation** Executive with Honeywell, Inc  
**Special Hobbies** Drag Racing, Golf, Horses  
**Favorite Memory** Fun times during liberty  
**Worst Memory** Confined CIC and 4 Hrs on and 4 Hrs off while on Carrier duty  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments**

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## Haskin, Clifford J

**Nickname** Doc **Rate** CPhM **Division** Medical  
**Spouse** Joyce **Hometown** Hastings, NB  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1946  
**Civilian Occupation** Retired MD  
**Special Hobbies** Golf  
**Favorite Memory** Changing ships via Boson's chair  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 5 **Grandchildren** 18 GG5  
**Special Comments**

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## Hawk, David F

**Nickname** Dave **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** Supply  
**Spouse** Joy **Hometown** Constantia, NY  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1961  
**Civilian Occupation** Finance  
**Special Hobbies** Reading, Wood Working, Investments  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Hays, Jerry R

**Nickname** **Rate** PNC (E-7) **Division** X  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Phoenix, AZ  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1975 **Years To** 1976  
**Civilian Occupation** Administrative/Personnel  
**Special Hobbies** Wood Working  
**Favorite Memory** Port visit to Otaru, Japan and visits in the Western Pacific  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 7  
**Special Comments**

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## Heinly, Harry

**Nickname** **Rate** MM2 **Division** Eng  
**Spouse** Barbara **Hometown** Brunswick, OH  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1961  
**Civilian Occupation** Supervisor  
**Special Hobbies** Photography, Model Railroading, Old Cars  
**Favorite Memory** Being on deck when at sea in warm weather  
**Worst Memory** Storm going to Japan, taking 30 to 45 degree rolls. Trying to eat on the mess deck during the storm or storms.  
**Children** 6 **Grandchildren** 14 GG5  
**Special Comments**

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## Helman, William R

**Nickname** Bear **Rate** MM2 **Division** M  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Jackson, OH  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1962  
**Civilian Occupation** Superintendant, Construction Mgmt  
**Special Hobbies** Snow skiing, golf  
**Favorite Memory** All the good and some bad times with my shipmates on shore time  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments** I would like to see all the members install their e-mail address on their profiles.

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## Hern, John M

**Nickname** **Rate** **Division**  
**Spouse** Peggy **Hometown** Spokane, WA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** Early 1950's **Years To**  
**Civilian Occupation** Construction, Ski Shop Manager, Hockey Equipment Manager  
**Special Hobbies** Sports  
**Favorite Memory** Have many-Hard to pick just one  
**Worst Memory** Don't think I remember any  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 5 GG3  
**Special Comments** Unfortunately John passed away 12/31/99. He spoke often and fondly of his time on the ship and of his many buddies. He would greet you all and wish you the best. John's family would love to hear from any of the crew members. Thank you.

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## Heslop, Wilbur H

**Nickname** **Rate** SO3 **Division** O  
**Spouse** Helen **Hometown** Eagle Grove, IA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1949 **Years To** 1952  
**Civilian Occupation** Over the road truck driver  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 0 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**



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## Higman, Michael G

**Nickname** Mike **Rate** BT1 **Division** B  
**Spouse** Barbara **Hometown** Bellingham, WA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1972 **Years To** 1976  
**Civilian Occupation** Health Care Engineer  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing and Golf  
**Favorite Memory** The MPA jumping off the stinky river bridge in Olongapo City, PI  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 5 **Grandchildren** 9  
**Special Comments**

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## Hinton, Kenneth J

**Nickname** **Rate** SM3 **Division** O  
**Spouse** Judy **Hometown** Chattanooga, TN  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1961  
**Civilian Occupation** Retired-Reynolds Metals Co  
**Special Hobbies** Hunting and Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** Crossing equator  
**Worst Memory** Dominic I & Dominic II  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Hoemann, Ivo J

**Nickname** **Rate** WT3 **Division** Steam Eng  
**Spouse** Nelda **Hometown** New Haven, MO  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1944-10 **Years To** 1946-06  
**Civilian Occupation** Farming and Truck Services  
**Special Hobbies** Scouting, Tool & Die Maker, Hunting, Fishing, American Legion  
**Favorite Memory** Going into Tokyo Bay at the end of the war  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments**



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## Humbertson, Ralph J

**Nickname** Lt (jg) **Division**  
**Spouse** Grace **Hometown** Pittsburgh, PA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1966-12 **Years To** 1969-10  
**Civilian Occupation** Joint distributor  
**Special Hobbies** Travel, Boating, Investing and most recently hand guns  
**Favorite Memory** There are too many great memories to pick a favorite  
**Worst Memory** Getting "put in hack" by Captain Murphy or searching through the city dump looking for an introduction page from an rps publication.  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Hupp, George J

**Nickname** Johnie **Rate** MM3 **Division** E  
**Spouse** Evelyn **Hometown** Los Angeles, CA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1946  
**Civilian Occupation** Field Service Rep, Douglas Aircraft  
**Special Hobbies** Photography, Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** Tokyo Bay and Okinawa  
**Worst Memory** Captains Mast  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Jagels, Gary R

**Nickname** **Rate** STG3 **Division** W/D  
**Spouse** Tammy **Hometown** St Louis, MO  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1974 **Years To** 1974  
**Civilian Occupation** Warehouseman  
**Special Hobbies** Audio recording/Engineering  
**Favorite Memory** The trip to Australia and crossing the equator  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**



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## Karp, Charles J

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Deb  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation** Science Teacher/Computer repair  
**Special Hobbies** Fine woodworking, shooting, hunting, fishing  
**Favorite Memory** Cruise to Australia 1974  
**Worst Memory** #2 Switchboard fire Feb 1974  
**Children** 0  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Kaspar, George B

**Nickname**  
**Spouse**  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation** Retired  
**Special Hobbies** Northing Special  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 4  
**Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Keenan, Edward

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Kay  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation** Iron Worker  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** None  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 6  
**Special Comments**

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## Kissling, John R

**Nickname** Lt (jg) **Division** OPS  
**Spouse** Alison **Hometown** Indianapolis, IN  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1969  
**Civilian Occupation** Chief Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Indiana Dept of Insurance  
**Special Hobbies** Sailing, Porsche Club and BMW Club events  
**Favorite Memory** While in Subic Bay during the 1969 WestPac deployment, one of the Gurke Chiefs got into a fight at one of the local night clubs in Olongapo. The Chief hit the night club manager in the mouth and knocked out one or two of his teeth. The Shore Patrol was called. The SPs took the Chief into custody and placed him in the base brig for the night. At the time I was a young 24 year old Ensign with the collateral duty of being the ship's legal officer. (This meant that I had completed the two-week course on the UCMJ.) Early, the morning after the fight, CDR Bender, the XO, came to my stateroom to personally inform me of what had happened. He ordered me to arrange for the release of the Chief into my custody and take him to the Olongapo Town Hall for arraignment. (He even authorized me to use the Ship's car and driver for this assignment, which I thought was pretty neat.) during the trial, I acted as legal counsel for the Chief and pled his case before the judge. Fortunately, there were no criminal charges; just the civil matter of the night club manager's personal injuries. We were able to obtain a full and final release of damages--all for a payment of \$50 to the night club manager. The Chief and I walked out of the court room elated over the settlement.  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments** Released from active duty on the Gurke during the fall of 1969 and returned to Indianapolis to join father in the family business, Kissling Agency, an independent insurance agency. Also affiliated with the local Naval Reserve Center in Indianapolis. In 1995, sold Kissling Agency and transitioned into fee-based Risk Management and Insurance Consulting.  
In 2005, accepted, and continue to hold, the appointment by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels to the position of Chief Deputy Insurance Commissioner of the Indiana Dept of Insurance.  
In 2008 became a member of the Adjunct Faculty of the College of Business at Butler University teaching Risk Management and Insurance.

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## Krasnow, Miahael E

**Nickname** **Rate** **Division**  
**Spouse** Carol **Hometown** Oklahoma City, OK  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1960  
**Civilian Occupation** Attorney  
**Special Hobbies** Boating, Football and other sports, Traveling  
**Favorite Memory** Trip to South America to meet the USS Ranger and trip to Westpac. Great experiences for someone who had never been out of the country.  
**Worst Memory** The ordeal of becoming a shellback on trip to South America in July, 1958 is probably first, but going through a storm with green water coming over the bridge is close.  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 7  
**Special Comments**

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## Kresin, George L

**Nickname**  
**Spouse**  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children**  
**Special Comments**

**Rate**  
**Hometown**  
**Years From** 1955  
**Years To**

**Division** Ops Ofcr

**Grandchildren**

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## Kuncas, John W

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Judith D.  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children**  
**Special Comments**

**Rate**  
**Hometown** Naugatuck, CT  
**Years From** 1952  
**Years To** 1954

**Division** Gunnery

**Grandchildren**

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## Larkins, Larry

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Diana  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation** Fishing  
**Special Hobbies** Bass Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** 1961 WestPac Cruise  
**Worst Memory** Having to pull the electrical cables in preparation for FRAM  
**Children** 2  
**Special Comments**

**Rate** TM2  
**Hometown** Bluff City, TN  
**Years From** 1959  
**Years To** 1962

**Division** Fox

**Grandchildren** 1 GG1

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## Leder, John E

**Nickname** Lt (jg) **Division** WV/WD  
**Spouse** Anne **Hometown** Albuquerque, NM  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1965 **Years To** 1967  
**Civilian Occupation** Environmental Consulting  
**Special Hobbies** Playing & teaching ukulele  
**Favorite Memory** Hong Kong, unrep, chiefs/officers ball game  
**Worst Memory** Shore Patrol officer for New Year's party-the big hurt!  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Lee, Bobby B

**Nickname** BM3 **Division** 2nd  
**Spouse** Kathryn **Hometown** Summerfield, LA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1954  
**Civilian Occupation** Quality Assurance Manager  
**Special Hobbies** Golf  
**Favorite Memory** Liberty in Hong Kong, Japan and Hawaii  
**Worst Memory** The cold weather in North Korea, eight hours on watch in the main battery and four hours off. Preparing for the over seas readiness inspection before every trip over seas (3)  
**Children** 6 **Grandchildren** 13  
**Special Comments** I will always have fond memories of the best crew and ship in the Navy

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## Lewis, Jim M

**Nickname** ETN2 **Division** O  
**Spouse** Sarie **Hometown** Eugene, OR  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1962  
**Civilian Occupation** None  
**Special Hobbies** Wood Working and Swimming  
**Favorite Memory** Going to Australia aboard the Gurke  
**Worst Memory** Crossing the equator, as my butt gets sore just thinking about it.  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments** I would like any of the old ET gang to contact me



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## Marshall, Claude H

**Nickname** Rate MM3 **Division** Eng  
**Spouse** Paulette **Hometown** Ankeny  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1971 **Years To** 1973  
**Civilian Occupation** Engineer  
**Special Hobbies** Rock hounding in the desert...ther's gold in them tar hills!  
**Favorite Memory** Liberty....top secret...eyes only!  
**Worst Memory** Bangkok, when Willie Peterson fell off Liberty Launch and drowned. You would get the smell of fresh baked bread in the wee morning hours, and knew it wasn't going to be to long before Willie would be coming by with loaves of hot bread, butter, and jam. He took care of us Snipes..sorely missed, but not forgotten.  
**Children** 0 **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Martin, Dwight N

**Nickname** Rate FT3 **Division** G  
**Spouse** Martha **Hometown** Laurens, SC  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1955  
**Civilian Occupation** Supervisor, Laurens Glass  
**Special Hobbies** Collecting old tools  
**Favorite Memory** Friends  
**Worst Memory** Typhoons  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments**

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## McAuliffe, Kevin

**Nickname** Rate MM3 **Division** Engineering  
**Spouse** Kathleen **Hometown** Long Beach  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1972 **Years To** 1975  
**Civilian Occupation** CPA  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## McCario, Eugene

**Nickname** Rate BT2 **Division** Engineering  
**Spouse** Carol **Hometown** Panama, IL  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1972  
**Civilian Occupation** Coalminer  
**Special Hobbies** Camping, Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** All times aboard GURKE were great  
**Worst Memory** When we were sent to Indian Ocean  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments**

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## McDannald, Ken E

**Nickname** Rate ST1 **Division**  
**Spouse** Susan **Hometown** Everett, WA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1968  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## McFadden, Richard (Dick) L

**Nickname** Rate SN **Division** 1st  
**Spouse** Bobbie **Hometown** Seattle, WA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1950 **Years To** 1951  
**Civilian Occupation** Letter Carrier  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** Inchon  
**Worst Memory** Pusan  
**Children** 5 **Grandchildren** 10  
**Special Comments**

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## Melton, Edmond Lee

**Nickname** Rate FTG3 **Division** G  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Fresno, CA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1965  
**Civilian Occupation** Construction, Heavy earthmoving and paving  
**Special Hobbies** Leather crafts  
**Favorite Memory** Crossing the Equator  
**Worst Memory** Crossing Equator  
**Children** 1 **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Metz, James A

**Nickname** Shorty **Rate** ET3 **Division** Engineering  
**Spouse** Frances **Hometown** Bloomsdale, OH  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1948 **Years To** 1950  
**Civilian Occupation** Engineer & Contractor  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing & Hunting  
**Favorite Memory** The Crew  
**Worst Memory** No Bad ones  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 4 GG1  
**Special Comments**

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## Morem, Charles W

**Nickname** Chuck **Rate** MM3 **Division** Eng RM  
**Spouse** Beverly **Hometown** Austin, MN  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1954  
**Civilian Occupation** Stationary Engineer  
**Special Hobbies** Wood Working  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 5 **Grandchildren** 17  
**Special Comments**



















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## Scroggins, Billy O

**Nickname** Lt (jg) **Division** GUN  
**Spouse** Mary **Hometown** Natchitoches, LA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1953-01 **Years To** 1955-10  
**Civilian Occupation** Geophysical Analyst  
**Special Hobbies** Golf  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments**

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## Simmers, Billy J

**Nickname** FC3 **Division** G  
**Spouse** **Hometown** White Castle, LA  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1948 **Years To** 1951  
**Civilian Occupation** Bell South Electronic Tech  
**Special Hobbies** Wood Working & Playing Golf  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 9  
**Special Comments**

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## Smith, Craig M

**Nickname** ATN-3 **Division** Weapons  
**Spouse** Jill **Hometown** Peck, ID  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1968  
**Civilian Occupation** Employment Consultant  
**Special Hobbies** Restore cars  
**Favorite Memory** Going to Hong Kong  
**Worst Memory** Storm on the way to North Korea  
**Children** 5 **Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments**





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## Swart, Calvin W

**Nickname** Cal **Rate** LT **Division** Gunnery  
**Spouse** Betty **Hometown** DeMotte, IN  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1953-05 **Years To** 1956-05  
**Civilian Occupation** H S Band Director, Retired  
**Special Hobbies** Railroading  
**Favorite Memory** Return to San Diego with the Gurke Band playing atop the Pilot House  
**Worst Memory** Losing Task Force 77 in '53  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 6  
**Special Comments**

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## Sweet, Phillip R

**Nickname** Phil **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** Nav  
**Spouse** Andrea **Hometown** Schenectady, NY  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1971  
**Civilian Occupation** Executive Management-Manufacturing  
**Special Hobbies** Traveling, Gardening, Genealogy  
**Favorite Memory** Port calls  
**Worst Memory** Hitting a submerged log of Vancouver Island  
**Children** 1 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Szenborn, Theodore M

**Nickname** Ted **Rate** FTG2 **Division** WG  
**Spouse** Fran **Hometown** Youngstown, OH  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1970  
**Civilian Occupation** Ford Motor Co-Skilled Trades Training Coordinator  
**Special Hobbies** Golf and Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** Liberty in Taiwan  
**Worst Memory** Trips to Sea of Japan  
**Children** 1 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Titchenal, John

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Kathy  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation** Upholsterer  
**Special Hobbies** Photography, Rv'ing, Fishing, Painting  
**Favorite Memory** Zamboanga, PI  
**Worst Memory** Unrep at sea, oil down the side  
**Children** 4                      **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments** I may not make the reunions, but all are on my mind almost daily. Great memories!

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## Tortone, Gene

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Charlotte  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation** Management Analyst-  
Administrative Officer  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Being advanced to Chief Petty Officer April 16, 1966  
**Worst Memory** GURKE running aground in San Diego Harbor early 1966  
**Children** 5                      **Grandchildren** 8  
**Special Comments**

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## Trombley, W. Joseph

**Nickname**  
**Spouse**  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation** Retired Sergeant NYPD  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, Trying to find shipmates sonar man aboard in 1964 and 1965  
**Favorite Memory** Olongapo, San Miguel beer, getting drunk with fine shipmates  
**Worst Memory** No bad memories  
**Children** 3                      **Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments** The day I left the Gurke after returning from Westpac, I asked permission to remove my belongings from the ship. I then walked off the ship with four large boxes of Noritake China to put on a bus and send to my mother. (Setting for 12 and 3 teas sets settings for 6). I then returned to the ship again asked permission to remove my belongings and proudly left with my set of Northwestern Golf Clubs. By the way, I played golf in Subic Bay which made me an international duffer. I returned once more to the Gurke and left with one more item. I hope I made you smile or laugh at my story and it is 100% true. God Bless all the Gurke shipmates.



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## Vaselo, Peter D

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Alice  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation** Electronics, Communications  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** Visiting Australia, Hong Kong, Japan and Figi Islands. Becoming a shellback as we crossed the equator.  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2                      **Grandchildren** 6 GG1  
**Special Comments**

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## Velasquez, Rudy L

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Dianne  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation** Police officer retired, became an Investigator for the Housing Authority  
**Special Hobbies** Golfing anywhere, anytime ,any weather  
**Favorite Memory** The great friends that I made and still in contact with  
**Worst Memory** Having to invent Velcro for my stripes  
**Children** 6                      **Grandchildren** 12  
**Special Comments** Would like to thank Joe Moore and Tony Sindelir for helping me grow up.

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## Waddell, William O

**Nickname** Bill  
**Spouse** Linda  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation** Computer Analyst  
**Special Hobbies** Wood Working, Hunting  
**Favorite Memory** First trip overseas. It was very enlightening to a boy straight off the farm  
**Worst Memory** Probably the storm we weathered when we were coming back from overseas  
**Children** 3                      **Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments**

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## Walls, Carroll D

**Nickname** Rate FT2 **Division** Gunnery  
**Spouse** Janet **Hometown** Kennett, MO  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1951-03 **Years To** 1954-12  
**Civilian Occupation** Southwestern Bell Telephone Co  
**Special Hobbies** Ham Radio, Flying, Boating, Farming  
**Favorite Memory** The Fire Control gang-Their character, dedication and commitment to the job. Serving under Officer John Kuncas  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 6  
**Special Comments**

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## Warren, Wilford

**Nickname** Rate SN **Division** OPS  
**Spouse** **Hometown** East Orange, NJ  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1975-03 **Years To** 1975-10  
**Civilian Occupation** Supervisor for FedEx  
**Special Hobbies** Creative Writing  
**Favorite Memory** Chilling with the fellows on the fantail, and having a ball at all port of calls  
**Worst Memory** Refueling to take the pee pee test and going through the hassle of liberty passes  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Waugh, Robert E

**Nickname** Rate BT3 **Division** B  
**Spouse** Janet **Hometown** Hot Springs, SD  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783) **Years From** 1950 **Years To** 1953  
**Civilian Occupation** Boiler Operator  
**Special Hobbies** Silver Smithing  
**Favorite Memory** Cooking ham and eggs in fwd fireroom after being at sea for a month or so. There was always some ham and eggs missing from the work parties  
**Worst Memory** On restriction there was a lot of it  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 10 GG14  
**Special Comments**



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## Wonders, Robert E

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Deborah  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 5                      **Grandchildren** 8 GG1  
**Special Comments**

**Rate**  
**Hometown**  
**Years From** 1952

**Division** DM SM  
**Years To** 1955

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## Zerr, John J

**Nickname** Jack  
**Spouse** Karen  
**Ship** USS GURKE (DD-783)  
**Civilian Occupation** Program Manager with Boeing  
**Special Hobbies** History, Reading  
**Favorite Memory** Surviving an encounter with a berserk Dash helicopter.  
**Worst Memory** Standing JOOD bridge watch with a lookout and a bucket in a storm.  
**Children** 6                      **Grandchildren** 9  
**Special Comments**

**Rate** JG  
**Hometown** St Peters, MO  
**Years From** 1966

**Division** Ops/OE/OC  
**Years To** 1967