
Long, Warren M

Nickname Sonny

Rate FPFN

Division R

Spouse Mary

Hometown Blacksburg, VA

Ship USS JOSEPH K TAUSSIG (DE-1030)

Years From 1957

Years To 1959

Civilian Occupation

Special Hobbies Old Cars

Favorite Memory Crossing the Equator

Worst Memory Not getting my book about crossing the Equator

Children 0

Grandchildren 0

Special Comments

Mann, Jr, Herbert F

Nickname Rate OSSN **Division** OI
Spouse **Hometown** Augusta, ME
Ship USS JOSEPH K TAUSSIG (DE-1030) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Dept of VA, Fee Services, Claims Clerk

Special Hobbies Amateur Radio, Coin Collecting, Stamp Collecting, Bass Fishing

Favorite Memory The USS Joseph K Taussig was about 17 years old at the time this happened. We were in the Caribbean Sea conducting ASW Training Exercise with a US Submarine, a fast attack boat. We were tracking the sub and were to fire an inert practice torpedo at the sub, if we could. We were doing port and starboard ASW watches and I was off watch and out on the 01 level not far from the starboard torpedo launcher when the ship heeled over in what had to be an emergency starboard turn. It had the effect of pointing our torpedo launcher, which was trained out over the side, almost straight down into the water at which point a torpedo was fired. A classis over the shoulder shot. It was quite a sight to see. I learned later that sub had doubled back under us trying to get away and our CO ordered the abrupt turn and torpedo shot. I also learned that we, even though you aren't suppose to do so, had unintentionally hit the sub with our torpedo! Literally ringing their bell! A friend who was on watch on the bridge told me that the subs Captain called our Skipper on the UQC and used some language he really shouldn't have in chewing our CO out. For some reason he was not very happy about getting his bell rung! As far as I know the sub did not suffer any damage from the torpedo hit, except to their pride that is! I still wonder what the Sub CO's superiors thought when he had to report that his relatively new hunter-killer sub got hit by a practice torpedo from a 17 year old DE. It's a good thing the sub wasn't allowed to shoot at us, or I'm sure the shoe would have been on the other foot.

Worst Memory We were in port in Norway (Bergen, I believe) moored outboard of the Joseph P Kennedy, Jr (DD-850). I was taking trash to the dumpster on the pier after which I was going on Liberty. On the way back I stepped off the end of the Kennedy's brow and when I pivoted, or tried to anyway, my foot evidently stuck so that my body turned, but my foot didn't. My knee was locked so I could not straighten my leg, nor would it support any weight. I hopped over to the Taussig and went straight to the sickbay. After an examination, it was out to the whale boat for a trip to our carrier, USS Intrepid. After a stay in their sickbay, I was flown via COD flight to an airport in Norway, and then on to a C-3 Transport, Yes, an old 2 engine tail dragger, for the trip to RAF Lakenheath, England for surgery to get my knee repaired. I never did get that Liberty in Bergen and I still have the Norwegian Kroner I was carrying when this happened. What makes this the worst memory is that I only saw the Taussig two more times after that. Once in Newport, RI while my new ship, USS Dupont (DD-941) was there, in a nest with 2 other Dealey Class DE's which were all decommissioned and in the process of being stripped down before meeting their final fate. I was able to pay a quick visit to her and have a brief meeting and tour with my friend OS2 DeFanco before the Dupont got underway. The last time I saw her, she was moored in the Naval Shipyard in Boston, MA and the plane I was on flying home from Boston flew right over her. The big 1030 still on the DASH Flight Deck was easy to see or I would not have recognized her. I now know, thanks to the internet, that she was stricken on 7/1/1972 and sold for scrap on 7/1/1973. A sad end to a great ship. Even though she was about 18 years old she still had a white Operations E with 2 hash marks painted on the front of her bridge when I left her.

Children

Grandchildren

Special Comments

Morgan, M.D., Donald H

Nickname Lt (jg) **Division** Ops
Spouse Neuza **Hometown** Wilmington, DE
Ship USS JOSEPH K TAUSSIG (DE-1030) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Physician (retired)
Special Hobbies Bird Watching, Reading
Favorite Memory Solant Amity (1963)
Worst Memory Pitching, yawing, and rolling off Cape Hatteras
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Mormino, Joseph A

Nickname BM3 **Division** 1st
Spouse Joyce **Hometown** Alton, IL
Ship DEALEY AND JOSEPH K TAUSSIG **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Machinist (CNC)
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory The travel and the shipmates
Worst Memory All the rest
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Morris, Larry A

Nickname EN3 **Division**
Spouse Linda **Hometown** Lubbock, TX
Ship USS JOSEPH K TAUSSIG (DE-1030) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation General Machinist
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Pringle, William J

Nickname Rate MMFN **Division**
Spouse **Hometown** Saginaw, MI
Ship USS JOSEPH K TAUSSIG (DE-1030) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1972
Civilian Occupation Advertising Sales/Education
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Just served with a bunch of great guys in Main Control
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Ray, Terry W

Nickname Rate ETR3 **Division**
Spouse Sherry **Hometown** Killeen, TX
Ship USS JOSEPH K TAUSSIG (DE-1030) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Instrument supervisor
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory My Captain on the USS Gainard 706, Lt. Commander Trayer. He was the meanest captain in the Navy until I got to know him and he helped me make it through the toughest times I ever had.
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Roeckl, Richard

Nickname Skip **Rate** E-3 **Division** Deck
Spouse Sylvia **Hometown** Dover, NJ
Ship USS JOSEPH K TAUSSIG (DE-1030) **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Produce Clerk
Special Hobbies Reading Books
Favorite Memory Going to Guantanamo, Cuba Shakedown Cruise
Worst Memory Crashing into an oilier while refueling. Tore off port side
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Sebastian, Heman

Nickname Rate GM3 **Division** Fox
Spouse Donna **Hometown** Alexandria, KY
Ship USS JOSEPH K TAUSSIG (DE-1030) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation Retired from Pepsi Cola Bottling Co
Special Hobbies Working on cars
Favorite Memory None
Worst Memory None
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Simpson, Jack H

Nickname Rate RMC **Division** OC
Spouse Jo **Hometown** Northumberland, PA
Ship USS JOSEPH K TAUSSIG & USS COUR **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1970-72
Civilian Occupation N/A
Special Hobbies Garden Railroading
Favorite Memory Advancement to RMC
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Skorch, Jerry P

Nickname Rate RM3 **Division** Commu
Spouse Sandy **Hometown** Milwaukee, WI
Ship USS JOSEPH K TAUSSIG (DE-1030) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Art Director, Registered Chauffeur
Special Hobbies Designing, Jazz, Internet, Time with Sandy & grandkids
Favorite Memory Solant Amity IV-crawling along the decktreads with Capt Walker who also was being initiated as a Shellback, on St Paddy's Day 1963. Also, pulling into New York Harbor underneath the unfinished Verrazano Narrows Bridge..the day President Kennedy was shot.
Worst Memory Getting scullery duty the day of reporting onboard and not liking Master Chief Hudson very much for that assignment. Didn't much care for riding hurricanes either!
Children 8 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments It has been my pleasure serving as the Newport Dealeys Reunion Chairman in Baltimore 2006 and Philadelphia 2007. What a great bunch of guys..and wives!

