

USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) CREWMEMBER PROFILES.

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Allen, Russell J

Nickname
Spouse Marjory
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027)
Civilian Occupation Factory Work
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Rate IC3 **Division** Eng

Hometown Crestline, OH

Years From 1966 **Years To** 1968

Ames, Leslie

Nickname
Spouse Karen
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027)
Civilian Occupation Engineer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Rate STG3 **Division**

Hometown Americus, KS

Years From 1962 **Years To** 1963

Ammons, James C

Nickname
Spouse Telisa
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027)
Civilian Occupation 1995
Special Hobbies Juvenile Therapist
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Rate E3 **Division**

Hometown Jacksonville, RL

Years From **Years To** 1993

Barber, Richard A

Nickname Dick **Rate** BT2 **Division**
Spouse Judy **Hometown** Albertson, NY
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1965 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Industrial Sales Mgmt
Special Hobbies Sailing, Camping, Music
Favorite Memory The crew
Worst Memory When The Willis was shut down for good
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments The "Willie Boat" Did It Right!!!

Barnes, Thomas L

Nickname Tom **Rate** Ens **Division** Weapons
Spouse Bernadette **Hometown** Slippery Rock, PA
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation College Dean
Special Hobbies Athletics
Favorite Memory Sports Competition. Willis was championship in touch football, basketball & softball. I was Athletic Officer
Worst Memory Certain LCDR
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Barrett, Bruce B

Nickname **Rate** Ens/Lt (jg) **Division** Supply
Spouse Carol **Hometown** Albuquerque, NM
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1960-11 **Years To** 1962-07
Civilian Occupation Parts Sales in the Automotive Industry
Special Hobbies Wood Working, Reading
Favorite Memory The People associated with
Worst Memory Departing for reassignment
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Gondak, David J

Nickname Dave **Rate** LT (jg) **Division** DCA/T
Spouse Nancy Anne **Hometown** Fairless Hills, PA
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1968-12 **Years To** 1970-06
Civilian Occupation High School Chemistry Teacher
Special Hobbies Travel, Skiing, Penn State Football
Favorite Memory Life time friendship with shipmates
Worst Memory Steaming in North Atlantic in the winter
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Hammock, Charles R

Nickname **Rate** YN3 **Division** OPS
Spouse Virginia **Hometown** Louisville, KY
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation High school NJROTC instructor
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Lifelong friendships
Worst Memory The perfect storm during NATO North Atlantic ops-squadron limped into Plymouth, England for repairs.
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 13
Special Comments

Harrod, Dennis L

Nickname **Rate** PO3 **Division**
Spouse Sandra **Hometown** Lima, OH
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1965 **Years To** 1967
Civilian Occupation Sales
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Achieving Petty Officer 3rd Class
Worst Memory Crossing the Equator, the shell back ceremonies
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Hobbs, Mike E

Nickname Rate MM2 Division Engr
Spouse Doreen **Hometown** Los Alamos, NM
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Operations Mgr
Special Hobbies PC's & Internet
Favorite Memory Teamwork
Worst Memory Mediterranean Duty. Much to hot and not enough rest with 4 on 4 off for week.!!
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Holcomb, Thomas W

Nickname Rate RD2 Division
Spouse Sharon **Hometown** Aurora, MN
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1972
Civilian Occupation Electrician
Special Hobbies Fishing, Hunting, Gardening
Favorite Memory The Unitas cruise
Worst Memory Didn't have one
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

House, Donald R

Nickname Rate RM2/RM1 Division Comm
Spouse Wilhelmina **Hometown** Sayre, PA
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1965-06 **Years To** 1968-06
Civilian Occupation District Mgr Field Service, Memorex/Telex Computer Co
Special Hobbies Golf, Travel
Favorite Memory UNITAS VI trip 1965
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Keleti, Steve

Nickname LTJG **Rate** LTJG **Division** Gun
Spouse Mary Ellen **Hometown** Jersey City, NJ
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Assistant Director, General Accounting Office
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Cruising the Med in '58 as part of Cat Brown's Six Fleet. Participating in the Battle of Lebanon.
Worst Memory Almost getting ran over by the carrier WASP.
Children 7 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments

Kienow, Dennis A

Nickname Denny **Rate** BT3 **Division** M
Spouse Judy **Hometown** Aberdeen, SD
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Commercial Refrigeration & A/C
Special Hobbies Hunting, Four Wheeling, Gardening
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Kornfield, George

Nickname **Rate** BTFN **Division**
Spouse Carol **Hometown**
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1971 **Years To** 1972
Civilian Occupation Forest Ranger
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Morgiewicz, Daniel J

Nickname
Spouse Margaret Ann
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027)
Civilian Occupation High School Administrator
Special Hobbies Researching Naval History and writing articles for publication
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 - 1 Dec **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Nelson, Robert L

Nickname Nellie **Rate** BM2 **Division** 1st
Spouse Dorothy **Hometown** Omaha, NE
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** Plank Owner **Years To**
Civilian Occupation I am Retired, but after retiring from the Navy, I was a Deputy Sheriff for 23 Yrs in Orange Co, Florida. Retired from that in January of 2003. Now I'm working part time with the Sheriff's Office.
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Wasn't aboard long enough, but the Commissioning period was OK. Kind of hectic
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

O'Connor, Peter E

Nickname Pete **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** ASW
Spouse Maureen **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1965 **Years To** 1967
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Unitas VI (1965)-Being highlined at the equator
Worst Memory Overhaul-Boston 1966
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Wilson, Geoffrey

Nickname Rate RD2 **Division** Oper
Spouse **Hometown** Cleveland, OH
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1963-01 **Years To** 1966-05
Civilian Occupation Police Officer, Niles, Illinois
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory Two Cruises around South America looking for Russian Subs in North Atlantic
Worst Memory Mess Cooking
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Wise, Eldee

Nickname Rate SNGM **Division** Fox
Spouse Christine **Hometown** Gloverville, SC
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Paper Maker. Retired 1999
Special Hobbies Fishing, Camping, Hunting
Favorite Memory Going around South America-Unitas V 1964
Worst Memory Cold weather in Rhode Island
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Young, Rev. Tim W

Nickname Rate ETN3 **Division** Oper
Spouse Linda **Hometown** Emmaus, PA
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1966-06 **Years To** 1968-06
Civilian Occupation Presbyterian Minister
Special Hobbies Golf, Computers, Reading
Favorite Memory The Two "North Atlantic" Parts of two Med-NA Cruises
Worst Memory Getting caught in a storm off Cape Hatteras when operating with the America or a black eye from a fist fight at a Ship's Party
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Zeleznik, Donald

Nickname
Spouse Suzanne
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027)
Civilian Occupation Business Executive
Special Hobbies Golf, Hunting, Fly Fishing
Favorite Memory The relationships with the men on board
Worst Memory Chipping paint in the Boston Naval Shipyard as a Seaman apprentice
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments