

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

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

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

Houteghen, Victor J

Nickname Rate SN BM Division 1st
Spouse None Hometown Harper Woods, MI
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) Years From 1956 Years To 1958-11
Civilian Occupation Medical Laboratory Scientist -Rev & PhD Counselor
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory All the good friends and people on the WILLIS
Worst Memory Don't think I had any bad memories
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments I would like to hear from anyone who served on the JOHN WILLIS DE-1027 from 1956-58

Melnikoff, Stephen S

Nickname Lt (jg) **Division** Supply

Spouse **Hometown** Washington, DC

Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1969

Civilian Occupation Attorney

Special Hobbies Golf

Favorite Memory Not having to stand watch (or even be in a watch section), either underway or in port because "Pay", the Supply Officer, obviously was not capable of performing such complex Line Officer tasks. So instead, greatly disappointed I spent those many unassigned hours, days and weekends, either in my rack or office "downstairs"; or on shore in Newport, Boston or Cape Cod.

Worst Memory Once during training exercises off Newport, as the check-site observer for the 3 inch mount, I had to pull the safety switch while the mount was rotating into firing position because the Mount Captain forgot to remove the tamping rod he just had used to clear the jammed breech. The Captain and the Commodore, who had been watching the Squadron's exercises from our bridge, immediately went below for some private discussions.

Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0

Special Comments

Miller, Gerald C

Nickname Jerry **Rate** RD2 **Division**

Spouse Monica **Hometown** Reading, PA

Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1962

Civilian Occupation Purchasing Agent

Special Hobbies Music & Exercising

Favorite Memory Working with a great group in the Radar Dept

Worst Memory

Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4

Special Comments

Milliken, Thomas T

Nickname **Rate** QMSN **Division** N

Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** Staten Island, NY

Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1960

Civilian Occupation Federal Police/Fire Dispatcher

Special Hobbies Fishing, Traveling

Favorite Memory VDS Operator

Worst Memory Catching up with ship in Venice, Italy

Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7

Special Comments

Moore, Bruce

Nickname Rate BTFN **Division**
Spouse Sandra **Hometown** Pottstown, PA
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** 1968-12 **Years To** 1969-09
Civilian Occupation Oil Pipeline Construction, maintenance
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory All of my memories are my favorites
Worst Memory While refueling north of the equator, the hose came out of the trunk and into the ventilation system
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Morgiewicz, Daniel J

Nickname **Rate** **Division**
Spouse Margaret Ann **Hometown**
Ship USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) **Years From** **Years To**
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

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