

# USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) CREWMEMBER PROFILES.

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## Allen, Dave

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Linda  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)  
**Civilian Occupation** Retired  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, Scuba, Motorcycle Riding  
**Favorite Memory** 4 Months Liberty in Med prior to 2 months in the Indian Ocean, Mars phone calls, Great flying  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 3  
**Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments**

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## Ammons, James C

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Telisa  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)  
**Civilian Occupation** Juvenile Therapist  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Andexler, Jeffrey S

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Rhonda  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)  
**Civilian Occupation** Cryogenics  
**Special Hobbies** Horses, Jeeps, Trucks  
**Favorite Memory** Miss the good times with the guys (Kuczenski, Franklin, Endris, Dalton, MMCM White to name a few). Lots of good memories on the mighty K-Zoo  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 1  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**



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## Beasley, James D

**Nickname** Beas or Pete                      **Rate** ET2                      **Division** OE  
**Spouse** Andrea                      **Hometown** Abberville, AL  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)                      **Years From** 1989                      **Years To** 1991  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies** Riding Harleys.  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 1  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Bechtold, Gary E

**Nickname**                      **Rate** S-1                      **Division** SK3  
**Spouse** Lisa                      **Hometown** Orlando, FL  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)                      **Years From** 1986                      **Years To** 1989  
**Civilian Occupation** Fork Lift Operator  
**Special Hobbies** Golfing, Landscaping and Fantasy Sports  
**Favorite Memory** 2 Med Cruises North Atlantic, watching the IOWA shoot off the 16" cannons, running over the fishing trawler  
**Worst Memory** Losing a shipmate in the Paint locker and two boats overboard that were working on the rigs' Gitmo with no AC that sucked  
**Children** 0  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments** Was unfortunate not to make the first reunion because of not having enough time to make arrangements to change vacation. Wouldn't mind seeing the reunion make its way into Norfolk or Virginia Beach where we were stationed.

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## Beck, Rodney W

**Nickname**                      **Rate** MM1 (SW)                      **Division** M/A  
**Spouse** Stacy                      **Hometown** Table Grove, IL  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)                      **Years From** 1991                      **Years To** 1994  
**Civilian Occupation** Locomotive Engineer BNSF Railway  
**Special Hobbies** Camping, Do it yourself and Grandchildren  
**Favorite Memory** All of them  
**Worst Memory** Out chop OPPE in 1993 just before pulling in after a 6 month Med  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments** During my time in the US Navy I had a whole lot of fun.



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## Blumer, Mark T

**Nickname** Rate YN2 **Division** OPS & X  
**Spouse** Shirley **Hometown**  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1976 **Years To** 1980  
**Civilian Occupation** Lawyer  
**Special Hobbies** Read, Hockey, Hunt, Home repair/remodel  
**Favorite Memory** Jax Beach, Med, NYC for dry dock, great friends  
**Worst Memory** Shore Patrol for picnic/kegger at Gitmo that got out of hand  
**Children** 3  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Bock, Tom

**Nickname** Rate SKCS **Division** Supply  
**Spouse** Seneca **Hometown** Eckernfoerde (Germany)  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1992 **Years To** 1995  
**Civilian Occupation** Senior Analyst (DoD)  
**Special Hobbies** Skydiving, scuba diving  
**Favorite Memory** "Getting arrested" in GIMO  
**Worst Memory** No worst memory..all was fun  
**Children** 0  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments** I was in Personnel Exchange (between German Navy and USN). USS Kalamazoo was the only ship I was assigned to during the 3 year exchange.

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## Bost, Jerry S

**Nickname** Rate MS2 **Division** Supply  
**Spouse** Irene **Hometown** Princeton, MN  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1980 **Years To** 1983  
**Civilian Occupation** Maintenance.  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, fishing, hunting.  
**Favorite Memory** The Kalamazoo.  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 4  
**Grandchildren** 6  
**Special Comments**











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## Chan, Paul

**Nickname** Rate DK3 **Division** Deck/S-4  
**Spouse** Laurie **Hometown** New York City/Queens  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1982 **Years To** 1983  
**Civilian Occupation** US Civil Service Real Estate Asset Mgr  
**Special Hobbies** Hiking, Biking, Canoeing, Outdoor recreational stuff  
**Favorite Memory** Mediterranean deployment from Nov 1982 to May 1983. Port of Call in Toulon, France late December 1982. Took a train to Paris to reunite with an old family acquaintance, she her husband and their friends gave me a personal tour of the city of lights. Also yardtime in Hoboken, NJ Oct-Dec 1983 where I got to commute home almost daily to parent's house in Queens, NYC.  
**Worst Memory** Guantanamo Bay, Cuba July 1982 for refresher training (too hot and too many GQ's)  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments** Left the Kazoo while in the yards in Hoboken, NJ. Got a swap to the USS Long Beach CGN09 in Coronado, CA Jan 1984. Made Western Pacific deployment January 1984 to August 1984. Long Beach went to the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, WA in Jan 1985, my last year in the USN where I got to discover Seattle. Discharged home to NYC, got my BA in Poli-Sic in 1989 and moved west to Seattle in the summer of 1992 and met my wife in 1996. Indirectly, the Kazoo changed the course of my life.

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## Chapman, Robert A

**Nickname** Rate AK2 **Division** Air Det  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Garland, TX  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1980 **Years To** 1980  
**Civilian Occupation** Retired Federal Contracting officer  
**Special Hobbies** Scuba, etc  
**Favorite Memory** I was in the first Air Det on the "Zoo", HC-6, Det 11. we did the Med/IO/Africa Cruise. Remember Admiral "Bear Taylor" who use to get stick time with us.  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Circle, Ray R

**Nickname** Rate BT3 **Division** Boiler  
**Spouse** Teresa **Hometown**  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1994 **Years To** 1996  
**Civilian Occupation** Operations Supv (Power Plant)  
**Special Hobbies** Coaching wrestling, Landscaping, Gardening, Wood Working  
**Favorite Memory** Mykenos, Greece  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 7  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Clemons, David

**Nickname** Rate Fresh Air Snype **Division** EMFN  
**Spouse** Ann **Hometown** Rockmart  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1973 **Years To** 1975  
**Civilian Occupation** Collection Manager.  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Commissioning.  
**Worst Memory** Friends leaving.  
**Children** 3  
**Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments**

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## Cobo, Fred

**Nickname** Rate RM2 **Division** OPS/OC  
**Spouse** Michelle **Hometown** Laredo, TX  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1975 **Years To** 1979  
**Civilian Occupation** US Government-DHS  
**Special Hobbies** Golf  
**Favorite Memory** Med Cruise-Palma Mallorca, Spain  
**Worst Memory** Underway  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Conant, Jeffrey F

**Nickname** Rate IC2 **Division** Engineering  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Mohawk, NY  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1977 **Years To** 1981  
**Civilian Occupation** Electronic Technician.  
**Special Hobbies** Bike Riding.  
**Favorite Memory** The friends I made on the ship -Great times.  
**Worst Memory** Captains Mast  
**Children** 3  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments** I have been deployed to Ground Zero, Saudi Arabia, and two tours in Iraq.

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## Cooper, Neal

**Nickname** Rate BMSN **Division** 1st  
**Spouse** **Hometown**  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1981 **Years To** 1984  
**Civilian Occupation** Train Dispatcher.  
**Special Hobbies** Computers.  
**Favorite Memory** Flying rig # 6.  
**Worst Memory** Long deployments.  
**Children** 0  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Copeland, Robert K

**Nickname** Rate QM2 **Division**  
**Spouse** Lynna **Hometown** Titusville, FL  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1977-09 **Years To** 1981-05  
**Civilian Occupation** Worked as an electrician and in the Electrical Supply business for 13 years. Have worked in the Security business for the last 24 years.  
**Special Hobbies** Love to play golf, Florida Gators, cruising, baseball and love to barbeque.  
**Favorite Memory** Visiting all those wonderful ports with a really cool bunch of guys.  
**Worst Memory** 12 hours of UNREP  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**





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## Davidson, George L

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Carol  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)  
**Civilian Occupation** Manufacturing Process Operator  
**Special Hobbies** Hunting  
**Favorite Memory** Partying down at Jacksonville, Beach  
**Worst Memory** Brooklyn New York shipyard  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

**Rate** BM2  
**Hometown** Dayton, OH

**Division** 1st  
**Years To** 1980

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## Davis, Kenneth F

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Agneta  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)  
**Civilian Occupation** Nuclear Engineer  
**Special Hobbies** Model Airplanes, Wood Working  
**Favorite Memory** Tall Ships Celebration-1976-New York  
**Worst Memory** Falling down the engine room stairs  
**Children** 0  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

**Rate** MMCS  
**Hometown** Atlantic Beach, FL

**Division** A  
**Years To** 1979

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## Delaware, Jim G

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Donna  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)  
**Civilian Occupation** Data Operation Manager.  
**Special Hobbies** Running, Hiking, Roller blading, Baseball and Golf.  
**Favorite Memory** Supply and Deck - many friends in both units - too many memories to put in a box.  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

**Rate** SH3  
**Hometown** Fairfield, Maine

**Division** Supply  
**Years To** 1984



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## Drappeaux, Paul B

**Nickname** Rate GMG2 **Division** Weapons  
**Spouse** Marge **Hometown** Detroit, MI  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1979 **Years To** 1982  
**Civilian Occupation** Plant Operations Director  
**Special Hobbies** Baseball cards, Nolan Ryan memorabilia  
**Favorite Memory** The Captain over the 1mc about a Russian bear fly over  
**Worst Memory** Cannot think of one  
**Children** 5  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments** I hope to see everybody at the reunion

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## Elder, Michael S

**Nickname** Rate Lt **Division** R  
**Spouse** Lynne **Hometown** Butler, WI  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1981 **Years To** 1984  
**Civilian Occupation** Engineer  
**Special Hobbies** Biking, Boating, Camping  
**Favorite Memory** 1981 West African Cruise and crossing the line  
**Worst Memory** In the yards in Hoboken  
**Children** 0  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Eldred, Kenny M

**Nickname** Rate MSSN **Division** E3  
**Spouse** Ali **Hometown** St Cloud  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1974 **Years To** 1978  
**Civilian Occupation** Market Mgr  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing, Motorcycles  
**Favorite Memory** Leaving the ship for the last time was a good feeling  
**Worst Memory** Jumping off the ship to fetch a basketball while we anchor in some bay over in the Med, boatswain parish saw me bobbin in the bay w/the ball and calls for man overboard. O well, I got the basketball for the rest of the cruise. Hat a day!  
**Children** 0  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments** Been in Mayport since '79 and love it. This place has it all, fishing, nightlife, site seeing, surfing, and all the eye candy you can enjoy. What a place!





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## Francis, Galen R

**Nickname** Rate MM3 **Division**  
**Spouse** Marcia **Hometown** Newburgh, NY  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1984 **Years To** 1988  
**Civilian Occupation** Warehouse  
**Special Hobbies** Hunting, Traveling, Drinking beer and rum  
**Favorite Memory** Going to Med, having fun on the North Atlantic, getting to see the world and experience different cultures, watch all the guys in my Div get wasted in Barcelona. Sending Jr men to the boiler to get a spark plus for the main engines, then watching them get drenched with water.  
**Worst Memory** Accidentally dropping one of the nuts that held the sentinel valve into #1 L P turbine. Cleaning the bilges, Having to deal with a certain CHENG, you know who. Dealing with #2 spring bearing leaking oil. Going to Gitmo 2 times (what a time)  
**Children** 0  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments** I would like to say that it was a pleasure working with a group of guys that kept that ship alive, although she is gone, I still think back on all the good times and some of the bad that we had. I hope to hear from some of the guys. Take care.

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## Fulton, Jim

**Nickname** Rate SN **Division** 1st Div  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Wilmington, CA  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1973 **Years To** 1975  
**Civilian Occupation** Systems Engineer  
**Special Hobbies** Flying remote helo's, Trap and Skeet shooting, Salmon/Trout Fishing, Fly fishing  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 4  
**Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Garbibaldi, Frank J

**Nickname** Rate BM3 **Division** First  
**Spouse** Ann **Hometown** Bound Brook  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1973 **Years To** 1975  
**Civilian Occupation** Train Electronics Tech.  
**Special Hobbies** Edison and Victor Victrola Refurnisher.  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Garibaldi, Frank

**Nickname** Rate BM3/c **Division**  
**Spouse** Ann Marie **Hometown** Bound Brook, NJ  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1973 **Years To** 1975  
**Civilian Occupation** Electronics Tech  
**Special Hobbies** Carpentry and rebuilding Edison record players  
**Favorite Memory** Christmas in France  
**Worst Memory** Christmas in France  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Gene, Wallace E

**Nickname** Duggar **Rate** SKSN **Division** Supply  
**Spouse** **Hometown**  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1973 **Years To** 1974  
**Civilian Occupation** Sales  
**Special Hobbies** Golf.  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 5  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Goodman II, Charles H

**Nickname** **Rate** EM1 **Division** E  
**Spouse** Mary Margaret **Hometown** Omah, NE  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1973 **Years To** 1974  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies** Currently the Secretary/Treasurer for the FRA Branch in Omaha  
**Favorite Memory** One of my experiences was going to the Red Sox games in Boston. Round trip subway and ticket to the game right behind the 1st base for only a dollar. Was also lucky to spend 4 years leading 18-25 year olds that would be our leaders of tomorrow.  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3  
**Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments** Spent 24 years in the greatest navy of the world. 7 years shore duty at Saginaw, MI, RTC Great Lakes (74-78) as a Company Commander.



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## Hale, Dan

**Nickname** Rate MM1 **Division** M  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Charlotte, MI  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1991 **Years To** 1993  
**Civilian Occupation** Power Plant mechanic  
**Special Hobbies** Traveling, Playing, Watching Sports, Red Wings Hockey  
**Favorite Memory** Med Cruise 1992-93, The Lost Boys and Emergency crash back to avoid hitting the pier in Souda Bay, Crete. All way off the ship & all 3 boilers still on line!  
**Worst Memory** Being on ECCTT, Late night BECCE drills, no sleep  
**Children** 0  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments** M Div: We may not be the best machinist mates in the world....yet, but we are the best you will ever see.

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## Hamilton, Dave

**Nickname** Rate HT3 **Division**  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Pocahontas, IA  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1974 **Years To** 1977  
**Civilian Occupation** City Employee  
**Special Hobbies** Family, Golf, Football, NASCAR  
**Favorite Memory** 1976 July 4, New York City plus Palma  
**Worst Memory** Gitmo training  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments**

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## Harper, Wayne T

**Nickname** Rate PC1 **Division** Admin  
**Spouse** Patsy **Hometown** Knoxville, TN  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1987 **Years To** 1989  
**Civilian Occupation** Police Officer  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3  
**Grandchildren** 15  
**Special Comments**

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## Harris, Alex F

**Nickname**  
**Spouse**  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 0  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

**Rate** BT3  
**Division**  
**Hometown** Channahon, IL  
**Years From** 1991  
**Years To** 1994

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## Hasse, Andy C

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Stacey  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)  
**Civilian Occupation** Meat Department Specialist.  
**Special Hobbies** Cycling, Running, Hockey.  
**Favorite Memory** The Med. Cruise in 1994. That was my first chance to go to a foreign country. I saw so many neat places.  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

**Rate** SK2  
**Division** S-1  
**Hometown** Traverse City, MI  
**Years From** 1993  
**Years To** 1996

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## Hassler, Edward L

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Colleen  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)  
**Civilian Occupation** Home repair/remodeling  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** All the good people  
**Worst Memory** All the bs  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

**Rate** EMFN  
**Division** E  
**Hometown** St Louis, MO  
**Years From** 1976  
**Years To** 1979





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## Hodges, Steven

**Nickname**  
**Spouse**  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)  
**Civilian Occupation** Account Executive  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 0  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

<b>Rate</b>	E-4	<b>Division</b>	1st
<b>Hometown</b>	New Orleans, LA		
<b>Years From</b>	1987	<b>Years To</b>	1990

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## Holmquist, Richard I

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Debbie  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)  
**Civilian Occupation** Remodeling Contractor  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** holiday routine, Swim Call, Boxing, Cookouts  
**Worst Memory** Unreping the Nimitz at night in the North Atlantic, before we could break away she ran over an old Norwegian fishing boat with no lights  
**Children** 0  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

<b>Rate</b>	MM3	<b>Division</b>	
<b>Hometown</b>	Goose Lake, OA		
<b>Years From</b>	1983	<b>Years To</b>	1986

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## Howard, Reginald Leon

**Nickname** Reggie  
**Spouse**  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)  
**Civilian Occupation** VA Medical Center  
**Special Hobbies** Vet 2 Vet Program, Michigan Peer Support Specialist, Bowling, B Ball, Movies  
**Favorite Memory** I was selected Sailor of the Year in 1983  
**Worst Memory** When I left the ship in 1984  
**Children** 1  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

<b>Rate</b>	SK2	<b>Division</b>	
<b>Hometown</b>	Grand Rapids, MI		
<b>Years From</b>	1980	<b>Years To</b>	1984

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## Jackson, Kirk T

**Nickname** Rate PNCM **Division**  
**Spouse** Sandi **Hometown** Albuquerque, NM  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1988 **Years To** 1991  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** The two deployments I made on KZOO in 1988-89 and during Desert Storm 1990-91  
**Worst Memory** SN Mceachin and SN Howard falling overboard and being lost at sea  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 4 GG2  
**Special Comments** KZOO was the most memorable and hardest working of any of the six ships I served in. Fond memories!

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## Jelinek, Richard

**Nickname** Jelly **Rate** SK3 **Division** Supply  
**Spouse** Luz **Hometown** Chicago, IL  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1973 **Years To** 1976  
**Civilian Occupation** Commodities  
**Special Hobbies** Sports  
**Favorite Memory** St Thomas R&R weekend while training in Guantanamo Bay in winter of 1974  
**Worst Memory** Kalamazoo Captain with 8 million gallons of oil and ammunition telling the Santa Barbara Captain that we are on our way to assist with their late night fire.  
**Children** 5  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments** Shout out to all of the AOR6 Plank Owners and Blue Nose crew members. It has been a while since the commissioning in 1973, but some memories just don't go away.

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## Jenkins, Jack R

**Nickname** **Rate** BT3 **Division**  
**Spouse** Robin **Hometown** Virginia Beach, VA  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1985 **Years To** 1989  
**Civilian Occupation** Graphic Designer  
**Special Hobbies** Scuba Diving  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**





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## Kirchoff, James A

**Nickname** Rate BT2 **Division** B  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Redford  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1983 **Years To** 1985  
**Civilian Occupation** Service Tech  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 0  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Kirk, Taylor V

**Nickname** Rate OI **Division** OS1  
**Spouse** Kaye **Hometown** Atlanta, GA  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1973 **Years To** 1978  
**Civilian Occupation** Special Education Teacher.  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, Fishing.  
**Favorite Memory** Going to Red Sox games in Boston during pre-com  
**Worst Memory** Shakedown cruise and reftras in Gitmo  
**Children** 1  
**Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Kisor, Thomas V

**Nickname** Rate Non-rate/FA **Division** Boiler/FireRoom  
**Spouse** Kristy **Hometown** Shawnee, Oklahoma  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1991 **Years To** 1992  
**Civilian Occupation** Injection Molding Operation  
**Special Hobbies** Nothing special about sitting in front of my computer.  
**Favorite Memory** Med cruise. Got to see Egypt, up close and personal. It was amazing.  
**Worst Memory** Doing something really stupid and having to "visit" with the Master-at-arms, Senior Chief Blakeman.  
**Children** 3  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**



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## Leandro, Michael R

**Nickname** Rate BT3 **Division** Boilers  
**Spouse** Penny **Hometown** Scituate, RI  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1993 **Years To** 1996  
**Civilian Occupation** Demolition Superintendent  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Lichtenberg, James A

**Nickname** Rate ETR2 **Division** OE  
**Spouse** Wendy **Hometown** Helenville, WI  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1973 **Years To** 1976  
**Civilian Occupation** Maintenance Mechanic  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Med Cruise, North Atlantic cruise  
**Worst Memory** Gitmo  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Lincoln, Raymond

**Nickname** Wolf **Rate** YNSN **Division** X  
**Spouse** Debra **Hometown** Patterson, GA  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1976 **Years To** 1978  
**Civilian Occupation** CSX  
**Special Hobbies** Riding motorcycle  
**Favorite Memory** Out at sea playing basketball on the flight  
**Worst Memory** In a storm with no power out at sea  
**Children** 6  
**Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments**





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## Marsh, Homer

**Nickname** Rate QM2 **Division** Quartermaster  
**Spouse** Laura **Hometown** El Paso, TX  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1989 **Years To** 1992  
**Civilian Occupation** None  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing on the James River  
**Favorite Memory** Doing the ditch, Desert Storm Desert Shield. Being on the Bridge when it came over the radio that War had begun. From that point it was haze Grey and Underway. Also, doing reftra in GITMO, man the beer! It would give you the ugliest hangover. Chief Horton took me out of Deck and made me want to be the best QM around. I also remember Chief Holic, he was definitely my 1st mentor in the military and a good man.  
**Worst Memory** Hanging over the stanchion in the yard in dry-dock at NORSHIPOO hauling down hand over hand while being tied off an 100 pound block, not fun.  
**Children** 1  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments** In the US Army had enough of sea duty should of went and done shore duty when it was offered to me time and time again. Currently in Iraq on my 3rd tour. It was a good decision to come over and I haven't regretted it. I hope to retire if I don't pick up MSG in next couple of years.

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## Marshall, Michael P

**Nickname** Marsh **Rate** E3 **Division** R  
**Spouse** Elizabeth **Hometown** Malone, NY  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1985 **Years To** 1988-11  
**Civilian Occupation** Federal Corrections officer @ FCI Ray Brook  
**Special Hobbies** Softball, Golfing, Basketball  
**Favorite Memory** The boxing match on the flight deck we had in the Med.  
**Worst Memory** Cold nights unrepping in the middle of the Northern Atlantic with salt water flying over the sides of the ship.  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments** The K-zoo was a wild ride, but definitely something I would never forget in my life time. Great experience.







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## Mercer, Daniel R

**Nickname** Rate MS3 **Division**  
**Spouse** Nancy **Hometown** Clinton, IA  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1973 **Years To** 1976  
**Civilian Occupation** Executive Chef, Construction, Cabinetry  
**Special Hobbies** Scuba diving, Maple Syrup, Hunting, Fishing  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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## Milburn, Don D

**Nickname** Sheriff **Rate** MACS **Division** Legal  
**Spouse** Darlene **Hometown** Newburg  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1993 **Years To** 1996  
**Civilian Occupation** NCIS Physical Security Specialist  
**Special Hobbies** Collecting cigar bands & coins  
**Favorite Memory** Seeing the world while stationed aboard USS KITTYHAWK, USS KALAMAZOO, USS GEORGE WASHINGTON. I've traveled to places & sampled cultures I would have never had the opportunity to visit during my 25+ years of service  
**Worst Memory** Golden shellback initiation aboard USS KITTY HAWK in 1981. Just couldn't wait to hit that rain locker.  
**Children** 0  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Mosher, Jason T

**Nickname** **Rate** Operations **Division** QM2  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Santa Cruz  
**Ship** **Years From** 1983 **Years To** 1987  
**Civilian Occupation** Self employed Construction.  
**Special Hobbies** Soccer, outdoor activities.  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 1  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**





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## Oliver, Ronnie

**Nickname** Rate SK3 Division S-1  
**Spouse** Rahel **Hometown** Greenville, SC  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1981 **Years To** 1983  
**Civilian Occupation** Head Inventory Mgmt, Royal Saudi Navy  
**Special Hobbies** Tennis  
**Favorite Memory** The friends that I made. The Kzoo was by far my best command of the six ships that I was on in my career.  
**Worst Memory** It would have to have been having to work for a couple of the supervisors above me.  
**Children** 3  
**Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Organek, John A

**Nickname** Rate GMG2 Division Weapons  
**Spouse** Heidi **Hometown** Suffield  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1978 **Years To** 1981  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Orton, George E

**Nickname** Rate GMG2 Division Weps  
**Spouse** Fay **Hometown** Ft Lauderdale, FL  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1973 **Years To** 1976  
**Civilian Occupation** Gunsmith  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Orton, George

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Fay  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)  
**Civilian Occupation** Gunsmith.  
**Special Hobbies** Travel, shooting, grandkids.  
**Favorite Memory** Med. Cruise.  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments** Looking forward to seeing many of my old shipmates.

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## Pacheco, Fred

**Nickname** Pachueco  
**Spouse**  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)  
**Civilian Occupation** City Employed - Street Dept.  
**Special Hobbies** Cycling.  
**Favorite Memory** Everyday was an adventure.  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 0  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Palm, Tony

**Nickname**  
**Spouse**  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)  
**Civilian Occupation** Recruiter  
**Special Hobbies** Kayaking, bicycling  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 4  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**





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## Ritchey, Paul S

**Nickname** Rate EWSN **Division** Operations  
**Spouse** Cynthia **Hometown** Palmyra  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1986 **Years To** 1989  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies** Hot Roding  
**Favorite Memory** Duddy-kicking ass at PR Navy Club  
**Worst Memory** A certain Chief  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Robertson, Jerry W

**Nickname** Rate Engineering R-Div **Division** HT2-E5  
**Spouse** Sherry **Hometown** Santa Fe, TX  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1978 **Years To** 1981  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies** Photography, fishing.  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3  
**Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Rocco, Edward P

**Nickname** Rate BM3 **Division** 1st  
**Spouse** Isabel **Hometown** Pittsburgh, PA  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1993 **Years To** 1995  
**Civilian Occupation** Marine Biologist  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 0  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Rosa, Jim C

**Nickname** Rate RM2 **Division** OPS/OC1  
**Spouse** Linda **Hometown** Brooklyn, NY  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1983 **Years To** 1987  
**Civilian Occupation** Owner/Operator/Trucking  
**Special Hobbies** Music, Working with kids in community  
**Favorite Memory** Leaving from Palma De Mallorca in April, 1987 (but it wasn't bad overall. I met and worked with some great guys!)  
**Worst Memory** Gitmo training/General Quarters  
**Children** 1  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments** My time on Kzoo as a young man helped me grow up, and I really do have special memories that I can never fully explain to my own son.

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## Rose, Allen T

**Nickname** Rate FC3 **Division**  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Prestonsburg  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1989 **Years To** 1991  
**Civilian Occupation** Locomotive Engineer with CSXT and now full time college student. I hope to become an attorney someday.  
**Special Hobbies** Property  
**Favorite Memory** Hanging out with my friends  
**Worst Memory** Watch  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Rubottom, Ernie L

**Nickname** Ruby **Rate** E3 **Division** Deck/RASE  
**Spouse** Lara **Hometown** Portland, OR  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1991 **Years To** 1992  
**Civilian Occupation** Civil Engineer Technician  
**Special Hobbies** Sports card collector and Playing ice Hockey  
**Favorite Memory** St Thomas  
**Worst Memory** Leaving all the great friends I had made on my short time on the ship  
**Children** 3  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**





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## Simmons, Jr, William L

**Nickname** Bill **Rate** RM1 **Division** OC  
**Spouse** Matilda **Hometown** Cuncard, WV  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1976 **Years To** 1978  
**Civilian Occupation** Post Office  
**Special Hobbies** Softball and Bowling  
**Favorite Memory** Being stranded with Liberty Party in Souse Tenisiia. There are many others  
**Worst Memory** Not being able to attend my sons graduation  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments** I feel our oiler was one of the best (if not the best), We Would refuel from one end of the Med to the other and would still be ready for action.

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## Smith, Douglas R

**Nickname** DR **Rate** 2nd **Division** BM3  
**Spouse** Renee **Hometown** St Petersburg, FL  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1977 **Years To** 1981  
**Civilian Occupation** Electronics Systems Tech.  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Getting out.  
**Worst Memory** Checking in.  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Smith, Edward

**Nickname** Smitty **Rate** BM1 **Division**  
**Spouse** Canarie **Hometown** Baton Rouge, LA  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1980 **Years To** 1982  
**Civilian Occupation** Auto Mechanic, Landscaper, others  
**Special Hobbies** Bowling  
**Favorite Memory** Watch TAC 81; Trausfening jet engine on stream rig  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 5  
**Grandchildren** 6 GG2  
**Special Comments**





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## Strasser, Dennis F

**Nickname** SN **Division** 1st  
**Spouse** Barbara **Hometown** Cherry Hill, NJ  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1973 **Years To** 1975  
**Civilian Occupation** State of NJ -ssp operatoe  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** In Toulon, France-Christmas 1974  
**Worst Memory** None, really had a good time  
**Children** 3  
**Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments** I had a very good time at the reunion in Mayport, Fl. I wish they were all held there.

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## Striler, Robert C

**Nickname** Bob **Rate** GMG2 **Division** Weps  
**Spouse** Gail **Hometown** Miami  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1973 **Years To** 1976  
**Civilian Occupation** Maintenance  
**Special Hobbies** Kayak, Fishing  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Tanner, Bob

**Nickname** SK2-SK1 **Division**  
**Spouse** Norma **Hometown** Anderson, IN  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1976-01 **Years To** 1977-01  
**Civilian Occupation** Clinical Counselor  
**Special Hobbies** Reading, Traveling  
**Favorite Memory** OpSail July 4, 1976 in NYC  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3  
**Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments** Did BM Hartell ever transfer off Kazoo, or was he decommissioned with it?

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## Tansey, Michael K

**Nickname** Rate MM2 Division M  
**Spouse** Hometown Cobleskill, NY  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) Years From 1981 Years To 1984  
**Civilian Occupation** Boiler Controls Service Technician  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, Buffalo Bills, Fishing  
**Favorite Memory** There are so many great memories -Liberty turns on the throttles, GOLDEN Shellback Initiation, GITMO Training, M-Div, Romanowski, Gerloff, The Basso brothers, Leroy Keller, Charlie Rice, Chief Winge (quietest person I've ever met), Tim Edwards, Jones, Simpson, Boule, Goodyear, Mike Goods, Carter, Danny Keller, Billy Boatright, Gary Cripes (you got a hell of a right hook, bud) and the rest of the goys)  
**Worst Memory** Spilling my cookies on the Captain's huge wicker bird cage while riding back to the ship on the Captains' gig.  
**Children** 3  
**Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Taylor, Don

**Nickname** Rate EM2 Division RASE  
**Spouse** Kathy Hometown Bradford, PA  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) Years From 1973 Years To 1976  
**Civilian Occupation** E/I Tech  
**Special Hobbies** Fixing things  
**Favorite Memory** All the great friends I was able to make onboard. UNCLE JOHNS  
**Worst Memory** Working all night with now debunk JAX Shipyard people on elevator casrep prior to next day departure for North Atlantic  
**Children** 3  
**Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Taylor, Frank W

**Nickname** Rate MMC Division  
**Spouse** Mary Hometown Jacksonville, FL  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) Years From 1972-05 Years To 1977-05  
**Civilian Occupation** Corrections Officer  
**Special Hobbies** Martial Arts/Airboats  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory** Adding packing to rudder post on Christmas Eve  
**Children** 4  
**Grandchildren** 9 GG1  
**Special Comments**

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## Taylor, Paul R

**Nickname** Rate -3 **Division** M  
**Spouse** Loretta **Hometown** Fresco, CA  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1991 **Years To** 1993  
**Civilian Occupation** Security Officer/Retail Sales  
**Special Hobbies** Hiking, Fishing, Outdoor activities, Martial Arts  
**Favorite Memory** The whole time on board and the Med Cruise with friends  
**Worst Memory** Being sea sick a few times  
**Children** 4  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments** My Cruise Jacket still fits after all this time.

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## Thomas, James P

**Nickname** Boxer **Rate** A GANG/ M Div. **Division** MM3/ E-5  
**Spouse** James **Hometown** Snow Hill  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1989 **Years To** 1991  
**Civilian Occupation** Self employed Heating and Air Conditioning.  
**Special Hobbies** Raising Cattle.  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 0  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Vieira, Richard

**Nickname** Rick **Rate** EW2 **Division** Ops  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Palacios  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1993 **Years To** 1996  
**Civilian Occupation** Senior Electronic Technician  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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**von Stetina, James M**

**Nickname** Rate E-3 Division B  
**Spouse** Hometown Schenectady, NY  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) Years From 1976 Years To 1977  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 1  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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**Wall, Jeff A**

**Nickname** Rate GMG2 Division  
**Spouse** Robin Hometown Kalamazoo, MI  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) Years From 1984-03 Years To 1987-03  
**Civilian Occupation** Licensed plumber  
**Special Hobbies** Mountain biking, Horse back riding, hiking  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments** I enjoyed my time on the KZOO from trying to get the hostages out of Beirut and swim calls off the coast of Greece. From the North Atlantic and getting my blue nose to climbing the mountain side in St vincent. I will missed the ride.

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**Wallace, Charles A**

**Nickname** Rate SM2 Division Ops  
**Spouse** Lydia Gay Hometown La Porte, TX  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) Years From 1974 Years To 1976  
**Civilian Occupation** AT&T Tech  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** They are all good. Good ship, good crew, worked hard, played hard  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 1  
**Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments** Would like to hear from any and all from that time period







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## Zayas, Christopher L

**Nickname** Z **Rate** YN3 **Division** X  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Roanoke, VA  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1994 **Years To** 1996  
**Civilian Occupation** Restaurant Mgr  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Being stationed TAD in Gitmo in summer of '92  
**Worst Memory** Med Cruise '94  
**Children** 1  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Zerbarini, William

**Nickname** Zeb **Rate** RMSN **Division** OC  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Bronx, NY  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1974 **Years To** 1976  
**Civilian Occupation** GOV-VAMC  
**Special Hobbies** Walking, Volunteering, Helping fellow Vets with disabilities  
**Favorite Memory** Med Cruise and JAX  
**Worst Memory** UnRep in Artic  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 6 GG2  
**Special Comments**

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## Zienka, Ronald

**Nickname** **Rate** MM2 **Division** M  
**Spouse** Michele **Hometown** Southington, CT  
**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) **Years From** 1985 **Years To** 1990  
**Civilian Occupation** Power Plant Technician  
**Special Hobbies** Motorcycles, Hunting, Fishing, Carpentry  
**Favorite Memory** Partying with my buds  
**Worst Memory** Unrep, General Quarters drills  
**Children** 2  
**Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments** Why couldn't we have this reunion in Norfolk/Virginia Beach where the ship was stationed?

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## Zimmerman, Mark E

**Nickname** Z-man

**Rate** BM3

**Division**

**Spouse** Ronda

**Hometown** Houston, TX

**Ship** USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6)

**Years From** 1978

**Years To** 1981

**Civilian Occupation** Construction

**Special Hobbies** I took up sailing years ago and enjoy sailing in all types of conditions

**Favorite Memory** Dry dock in Brooklyn, NY. Med Cruise, Crossing the Equator and especially the long trip thru the Suez Canal.

**Worst Memory** None

**Children** 2

**Grandchildren** 8

**Special Comments**