

USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN CREWMEMBER PROFILES

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Abbott, Allan R

Nickname Al **Rate** YN3 **Division** VS-22
Spouse Catherine **Hometown** Lonaconing, MD
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Retired High School Administrator
Special Hobbies Travel
Favorite Memory Recovery of CDR Alan Shepard
Worst Memory Off Loading
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments I have been trying to locate a VS-22 squadron shoulder patch. Any help would be appreciated.

Acevedo, Frank Xavier

Nickname Ace **Rate** AAWT/2nd **Division** VS-22
Spouse None **Hometown** Los Angeles, CA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1962-03 **Years To** 1966-06
Civilian Occupation I am retired from the city of Los Angeles Dept of Water and Power after working there as an Electrical Engineer from 1972 -1998.
Special Hobbies I enjoy reading about religious, political, military and naval history, American and British, circa 1800 A.D., and visiting military museums throughout the country.
Favorite Memory I have no favorite, but I remember enjoying watching from the 07 level some of the air group's planes land on the flight deck during the night. Sneaking through Office Country to stand at the bow to look straight down at the water, getting seasick while on Galley Duty and serving out the food in the main galley, throwing up, changing my uniform and then back to serving out the food. I was never seasick again!. I remember when the destroyer USS STEPHEN DECATUR struck the "Champ" on the forward starboard bow. About a month later, I remember waking up to the cry of "General Quarters! General Quarters!. This is not a drill!" A freighter had struck the "Champ" on the starboard side amidships. Later I looked at the space where the aircrew escalator was and saw a huge hole in the hull with the ocean in view.
Worst Memory The liberty launch ride from Gitmo to the "Champ". With so many drunks aboard a fight broke out among the snipes, deck apes and air dales!
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments To all my fellow crewmembers: If you have pictures of the "Champ" or of the squadrons of the CAG 54, I think, Air Group, VS-22, HS-5, VAW-33, would you please email them as jpg files to me?"

Antonacci, Louis E

Nickname Lou **Rate** Lt **Division** D
Spouse Arlene **Hometown** Chicago, IL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1963-07 **Years To** 1965-06
Civilian Occupation Dentist
Special Hobbies Flying (have owned & flown old warbirds), & Collecting old cars
Favorite Memory Have many, including, but not limited to, flying off the ship with my patients who were pilots (with one arrest hook landing!), sightseeing in various ports, islands, & countries, watching and photographing flight ops from several viewpoints, firing weapons from the fantail with my Marine Officer roommate & his troops, etc.
Worst Memory Getting rammed amidships in the middle of the night early June 1964, I believe, by a Norwegian freighter, effectively wiping out a much anticipated Middie cruise to England, Germany & France!
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 14
Special Comments Want to thank Jack Sauter and our officers for their fine work, and look forward to seeing shipmates.

Apgar, Robert

Nickname Bob **Rate** FN **Division** E & A
Spouse Arlene **Hometown** Newark, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies Swimming, Shooting Pool, Flea Markets, Movies
Favorite Memory Coming home from Korea
Worst Memory A friend I went to Boot Camp with died on the Flight Deck before we reached our first port overseas
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Apple, Charles C

Nickname Bud **Rate** E-3 **Division** S-3
Spouse Sharon **Hometown** Jeffersonville, IN
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1960-07 **Years To** 1962-07
Civilian Occupation Retired US Postal Worker
Special Hobbies Golf, Fishing
Favorite Memory The day we recovered Alan Shepard 1st USA man in Space.
Worst Memory The time I was sun burned in Cuba
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments I served 2 years USNR '62-'62. Got off active duty and enlisted in the USMC in '63. I retired from USMC in 1985.

Aremburg, Charles L

Nickname Charlie **Rate** AMAN **Division** VF22
Spouse Pauline (Deceased) **Hometown** Haverhill, NH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Paper Maker
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Snow Mobile
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Armstrong, William A.

Nickname Steve **Rate** YN3 **Division** X
Spouse Betsy **Hometown** Tulsa, OK
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1962-08 **Years To** 1964-05
Civilian Occupation Locomotive Engineer for Amtrak
Special Hobbies Offshore Fishing and Diving, Hunting
Favorite Memory Playing Football on the Flight Deck while anchored in St Thomas, Virgin Islands.
Worst Memory Scrubbing decks for CTM1 Douglas while in CT Div
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Awl, Richard A

Nickname Dick **Rate** HN, HM3, HM2 **Division** H
Spouse Charlotte **Hometown** Canton, IL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956-06 **Years To** 1957-08
Civilian Occupation Organic Research Chemist USDA (Retired after 33 years of service)
Special Hobbies Camping, hiking, genealogy, and computer
Favorite Memory Liberty tours in Rome, Athens, Paris, Istanbul, Capri, Pompeii, Naples, (Vesuvius)
Worst Memory Fire on USS Lake Champlain (7/3/57) (Marseilles, France)
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Bagby, Richard B

Nickname Dick **Rate** 1st Lt **Division** Air Gp
Spouse Linda **Hometown** Pittsfield, IL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Marketing with Oracle Corp
Special Hobbies Tennis, Golf, Travel
Favorite Memory Finding the pilot we thought was lost at sea
Worst Memory Having to man the "Ready catapult" all night long after the Russians over flew the fleet.
IT WAS COLD.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Baillie, Ronald

Nickname Bettie **Rate** AA **Division** V-2
Spouse **Hometown** Boston, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1962-10 **Years To** 1964-10
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies Guitar, Country Music
Favorite Memory Gitmo
Worst Memory The two collisions
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments Just to say I shipped over and put the "Champ" in Decommission. Also like you to know I was in an auto accident in 1966 and am disabled. I almost made it to the 04' Reunion. Greyhound Bus lost a bag that had the reunion papers in it for Nashville, Sure was eager to get there!

Bainder, Herman C

Nickname Chuck **Rate** LT **Division** Gunnery & Brig
Spouse **Hometown** Baltimore, MD
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1942 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Teacher & Administrator, Public Schools
Special Hobbies Travel, Theatre
Favorite Memory Drilling troops on deck (as sailors watched)
Worst Memory Letting a CPO bring puppy aboard while I was on duty, then getting chewed out by Capt & losing port privileges.
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Banker, Jack

Nickname **Rate** SK3 **Division** S-1
Spouse Margaret **Hometown** New York, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1959-8-05 **Years To** 1961-07-16
Civilian Occupation Letter Carrier USPS
Special Hobbies Breeding Scottish Terriers and West Highland White Terriers
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Banks, Richard L

Nickname Dick **Rate** PH2 **Division** AO Photo Lab
Spouse Linda **Hometown** Davenport, IA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955-01 **Years To** 1957-01
Civilian Occupation Sales & Marketing Management
Special Hobbies Flying, Boating, Tennis, Fishing, Hiking, Skiing
Favorite Memory Ski trip to Alos in the French Alps. Manning the catwalk photo station during landings
Worst Memory Saying goodbye to shipmates upon discharge
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Bardin, Mike J

Nickname **Rate** VS-22 **Division** ADRAN
Spouse Cindy **Hometown** Canton, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation Machinery & Structural Designer
Special Hobbies Celtic & European Folk Musician, Ass't Curator of Military Museum
Favorite Memory Liberty in Gibraltar and Barcelona, Spain after Operation Steelpike. Witnessing history with the Gemini 5 pickup, kickin' back at the Barrel Club in Gitmo and relaxing in the libraries at Q. Point, RI and Roosy Roads, PI. Special privileges in the squadron as "safety officer" for the guys going home over the weekend with special long distance weather reports, etc. Friday and Saturday nights in Providence RI with the local gals at the Chicken Shack Restaurant
Worst Memory Almost getting killed during the collision with the USS DECATUR when she lost her steering and the mast latched onto our flight deck. I was sitting in the last plane on the starboard side (the one in the famous pic taken from the bridge by Airman Tom Parrett) I and a tow tractor driver were attempting to rescue the plane when a spar from the Decatur's mast got tangled into the tail of the aircraft. The only thing that kept that bird from being pulled over was me releasing the brakes and letting it swing sideways and break free. At that point I was trapped and had to go out the top hatch and jump to the flight deck and run like crazy to the port side. If the bird with its fuel, oil and hydraulic fluid would have gone over, I'm sure there would have been a few dead folks below on the destroyer including me. It's interesting that everyone remembers the 2nd collision in June with the freighter, but not this event. Anyone out there that has any input into the first collision, get in touch. I'm putting together a scrapbook of my tour of duty.
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments Many of us hated the military, me included at the time, but what would we be today if not for the knowledge and training we got in the Navy. We were and still are, the cleanest Navy in the world and we all learned to cook in some capacity and wash our own clothes, and we sure as hell swim and fight fires!

Bartley, Donald A

Nickname Bart **Rate** ADR2 **Division** VAW33
Spouse Joan **Hometown** Rocky Hill, CT
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver
Special Hobbies Fishing off shore
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Barton, Robert

Nickname **Rate** SN **Division** B, M, X, S
Spouse **Hometown** St Paul, MN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-03 **Years To** 1956-06
Civilian Occupation General Supv Automotive Co
Special Hobbies Wood Working, Fishing, Golf, Grandchildren
Favorite Memory Met lots of guys on ship
Worst Memory Stranded in Manila, Philippines on 18th birthday,. Typhoon, spent on Philippine ship tied to port. Got back late for my watch, chief not happy
Children 11 **Grandchildren** 33
Special Comments Anxious to hear from anyone who remembers hearing the call "need keys for Athletic Gear Locker". That was my charge for last two years on ship. 1st was B Div, M Div, and moved round other depts. Once in gear locker, dead weight so to speak. Would have liked to have stayed in B or M Divisions, but officers had other plans. Now I tell my 11 children and 33 grandchildren of my experiences, interesting.

Baumholser, William

Nickname Bill **Rate** CM3 **Division** R
Spouse Eileen **Hometown** Evansville, IN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** Comm **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Carpenter & Truck Driver
Special Hobbies Skeet & Trap Shooting
Favorite Memory When I went on it before commissioning
Worst Memory When the scaffold fell as we were repairing and shoring up 2 roller curtains during a storm crossing the Atlantic
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Bearden, Clarence P.

Nickname Rate E7 **Division** B
Spouse Hazel **Hometown** Augusta, GA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1959-05 **Years To** 1965-05
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Beddoes, Richard H

Nickname Dick **Rate** BM 2/c **Division** 2nd
Spouse Ann **Hometown** Dearborn, MI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation School Plant Engineer
Special Hobbies Golf and Bowling
Favorite Memory Crossing the equator
Worst Memory
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 13
Special Comments

Begley, Vince

Nickname Red **Rate** HM3 **Division** H
Spouse Camille **Hometown** Newark, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Doctor/General Surgery
Special Hobbies Master Gardener's Assoc
Favorite Memory Seeing first flight ops
Worst Memory Marseille Fire
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments Cheers! Sorry unable to attend

Bender, Willard L

Nickname Will **Rate** F1 **Division** R
Spouse **Hometown** Syracuse, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Printer
Special Hobbies Travel
Favorite Memory Seeing the World
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Bennett, Neal E

Nickname Big Ben **Rate** AO 2/c **Division** VF-22
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Manton, MI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-04 **Years To** 1953-09
Civilian Occupation Independent Insurance Agency, Self Employed 37 Yrs
Special Hobbies Golf, Travel, Family
Favorite Memory Liberty at various ports of call
Worst Memory Flight deck fire
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Bennett, Walter S.

Nickname Ben **Rate** FCSN **Division** Fox
Spouse Wanda **Hometown** Pekin, IL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952-09 **Years To** 1954-08
Civilian Occupation Retired-Worked for Keystone Steel and Wire Co
Special Hobbies Reading, Gardening, Cooking and Entertaining
Favorite Memory When I first stepped aboard the "Champ" and saw how huge it was. My first thought was how do they keep this big thing afloat.
Worst Memory Soon after we left the States for oversea duty in the Far East, one night we lost a man overboard. After searching a day or two, he was not to be seen again. How tragic
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Berg, Elwin R

Nickname Butch **Rate** TD3 **Division** X
Spouse Marilyn **Hometown** Michigan City, IN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Mechanical Engineer
Special Hobbies Golf, Wood working
Favorite Memory Generally, really good shipmates at all assignments. Four years active were all good memories
Worst Memory All of the crew sick from fresh vegetables bought on board when tied up at Ceylon. Last time we did that!
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Berry, James L

Nickname
Spouse Mary
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39)
Civilian Occupation Master Electrician
Special Hobbies Long range rifle shooting
Favorite Memory Picking up Gemini 5 Mission
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Beyer, Charles E

Nickname Charlie
Spouse Joan
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Civilian Occupation Building Maintenance 41 Yrs (Now Retired)
Special Hobbies Gardening, Wood Working
Favorite Memory Being with a great group of buddies
Worst Memory Seeing some shipmates and pilots getting hurt or killed
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Biggs, Terry N

Nickname
Spouse Suzanne
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Civilian Occupation Retired Structural Iron Worker Local 25 (Michigan)
Special Hobbies Golf, Reading
Favorite Memory Day I was separated from active duty
Worst Memory The day I got my transfer turned down to the USS Constellation. It was making an 11 month around the world tour
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Binkley, Willie Anderson

Nickname Bill
Spouse Cheryl
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Civilian Occupation Tractor Trailer Driver
Special Hobbies Boats, Ship Models
Favorite Memory The whole two years
Worst Memory Fire in Spain
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Bletch, James W.

Nickname Jim **Rate** LCDR **Division** Photo Lab
Spouse **Hometown**
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Blitman, Arthur

Nickname Art **Rate** Airman **Division** V-6
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Brooklyn, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956-03 **Years To** 1957-08
Civilian Occupation NYS Horse Racing
Special Hobbies Tennis, Sailing, Crossword Puzzles
Favorite Memory The good times
Worst Memory The explosion and fire in Marseilles, France that killed a lot of buddies (1957)
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Bock, Robert W

Nickname Bob **Rate** S 1/c **Division** V1
Spouse Dorothy **Hometown** Staten Island, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Mechanic
Special Hobbies Travel and Fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Bodisch, Arpod E.

Nickname **Rate** EMC **Division**
Spouse **Hometown** Gulfport, MS
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** **Years To**
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory EMC
Worst Memory
Children 8 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments 4/28/99 Informed that Bodisch had a very serious stroke and is unable to participate.

Bolt, Wade H

Nickname Thunder **Rate** AN **Division** V1H
Spouse **Hometown** Sarasota, FL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Prosthetic Tech.
Special Hobbies Artist-painter and sculpture
Favorite Memory Liberty in Japan
Worst Memory None
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Boyd, Bernard M

Nickname Bernie **Rate** SN-RD-3 **Division** OI
Spouse Joyce **Hometown** Wichita Falls, TX
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-04 **Years To** 1954-10
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Breglia, Robert T

Nickname Breg **Rate** FP1 **Division** R
Spouse Josephine **Hometown** Brooklyn, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Pipe fitter-Brooklyn Naval Shipyard, Steamfitter NY, City Board of Education,
General Supervisor of steamfitters City Wide Board of Education NYC
Special Hobbies Woodworking - Piano
Favorite Memory While in Naples, Italy - visited relatives in mountain village Fadoua p Potenza
Worst Memory Saying good bye to shipmates when I departed
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Breitbach, Jr, Alfred P.

Nickname Al **Rate** ABM 3/c **Division** V1C
Spouse Rita **Hometown** Farley, IA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** Comm **Years To** 1946-03
Civilian Occupation Right of way Agent, Iowa Power & Light Co (Gas & Elec Utility)
Special Hobbies Cards, Some Photography, Tennis, Hope to start genealogy of our family this year
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 14
Special Comments

Britt, James W

Nickname Jim **Rate** E-6/E-7 **Division**
Spouse Colette **Hometown** Sebring, FL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Director Transportation and Traffic
Special Hobbies Wood Work & Yard
Favorite Memory Pick Up Alan Shepard
Worst Memory Tenure
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Brittain, Hubert K

Nickname **Rate** FN **Division** R
Spouse Lois **Hometown** Bolivia, NC
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Marine Engineer for US Army. Chief Engineer Tug Fire Boat, Valley Forge
Special Hobbies Fishing and golf
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Fire on Flight Deck
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Brown, James V

Nickname Brownie **Rate** E-5 **Division** Eng
Spouse Carol **Hometown** Dayton, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Printer/Machinist, Now a computer Tech.
Special Hobbies Old Cars, Fishing, Internet Games, Boating, Travel
Favorite Memory Recovery ship for 1st man in space
Worst Memory The day I ruined a main water pump in a fire room
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Bruner, Joe L

Nickname AB3 **Rate** V1 **Division**
Spouse Audrey **Hometown** Nashville, TN
Ship USS MONTEREY **Years From** **Years To**
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver
Special Hobbies I fly Hot Air Balloons
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Brunson, Wright A

Nickname Rate LT Division N
Spouse Joyce Hometown Falconer, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN Years From 1958 Years To 1961
Civilian Occupation Marketing Manager
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Cmdr P R Ray and the wonderful men in the N Division
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Bryant, Larry W

Nickname Rate AN Division V-3
Spouse Hometown Marion, IN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN Years From 1960 Years To 1960
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Astronomy, Amateur Radio, Genealogy, Bicycling, Canoeing, Computing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Buckton, William L

Nickname Rate ETR2 Division OE
Spouse Elaine Hometown Peekskill, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) Years From 1962 Years To 1965
Civilian Occupation Computer Tech
Special Hobbies Model Railroad, Boating
Favorite Memory Feeding cherries to the Iguana at the bar near the air station at Gitmo. Also the intra department baseball games with the keg on second base. Leo throwing orange peels from the top of the mast down onto the Flight Deck and watching the Airedales get mad at each other. (We only did this in port)
Worst Memory colliding with a ship in the Chesapeake Bay while going to pick up Midshipman for a northern European cruise. Instead spending the time in the Portsmouth Navy Yard while the Essex took our place on the cruise.
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Budd, Allen Clark

Nickname The Rev **Rate** Lt/CHC **Division**
Spouse Mary Angie **Hometown** Staunton, VA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** **Years To**
Civilian Occupation Serving Methodist Churches; Wilmington, DE and Philadelphia, PA
Special Hobbies Golf and Fishing
Favorite Memory The pilots and their war stories (Ward-Room)_ James Mitchener on board. Bridges of Toko-Ri
Worst Memory Flight deck, crashes, injuries and death
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Burns, Sam B

Nickname **Rate** AN **Division** V4
Spouse Jean **Hometown** Natchez, MS
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation CFO of a steel erection company
Special Hobbies None
Favorite Memory The 1959 Med Cruise
Worst Memory The time my gasoline nozzle stuck in the open position while I was on top of an S2F Tracker on the flight deck refueling it during night operations. The plane's tank filled up and ran over onto the flight deck before a well placed kick finally shut the thing off.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Burnside, Robert H

Nickname Bob **Rate** AOAN **Division** VA 45
Spouse Sara **Hometown** Columbia, SC
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-04 **Years To** 1953-12
Civilian Occupation A Judge for the State of South Carolina
Special Hobbies Spectator Sports, Reading, Travel
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Burton, Ronald L

Nickname Ron **Rate** SN **Division** R
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Indianapolis, IN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Sheet Metal Worker
Special Hobbies Travel, Being retired
Favorite Memory Shore Duty, Barcelona, Spain, Movies in Hanger Bay
Worst Memory On board fire/Cannes, France
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Cadigan, John E

Nickname Jack **Rate** ET2 **Division** OE
Spouse Catherine (Deceased) **Hometown** Boston, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Industrial Specialist US/DOT/NASA
Special Hobbies Photography, Guitar
Favorite Memory Med Cruises and Cuba (Gitmo)
Worst Memory Dress parade on flight deck for inspection (s)
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments Just like to say "Hello" to all my former shipmates

Calhoun, Charles

Nickname **Rate** S 1/c **Division** VIT
Spouse Carrie **Hometown** Lafayette, AL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1943-06 **Years To** 1945-12
Civilian Occupation Water Plant Supervisor
Special Hobbies Fishing and Travel
Favorite Memory On Good Will Tour
Worst Memory Being taken off before going after Troops in Europe
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Campbell, Earl K

Nickname **Rate** AM3 **Division** V-2
Spouse Rosemarie **Hometown** Jefferson City, MO
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954-07 **Years To** 1955-12
Civilian Occupation Electrical Engineer/Construction Manager
Special Hobbies Golf, travel, flying, and woodworking
Favorite Memory My first trip up the gangway, Mayport, FL
Worst Memory I don't have any!
Children **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Carpenito, Frank A

Nickname Boats **Rate** BM2 **Division** 3rd
Spouse Florence **Hometown** Camden, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Postal Service
Special Hobbies Sports, NASCAR, Slots
Favorite Memory Liberty call, Food
Worst Memory Death of a friend
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Carpenter, Larry D

Nickname **Rate** M **Division** MM2
Spouse Judy **Hometown** Seymour
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Law enforcement (Deputy Sheriff-Private Security)
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Spending time with family and great grand kids
Favorite Memory Recovering Alan Shepard
Worst Memory Riding out a hurricane in the engine room
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4 GG2
Special Comments

Carpi, Frank

Nickname **Rate** SN **Division** Comm/S Str
Spouse Alma **Hometown** Bronx, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954-05 **Years To** 1955-10
Civilian Occupation Optician/Hearing Aid Specialist
Special Hobbies Golf, Investing
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory Not remembering any
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Carroll, John R

Nickname **Rate** EM2 **Division** E
Spouse Margaret **Hometown** Baltimore, MD
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation Government Property Administrator for Northrop Grumman Corp in Baltimore. Now retired
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Snowmobiling, Computer
Favorite Memory The liberty ports of Copenhagen, Denmark and Edinburgh, Scotland during the 1958 North Atlantic Cruise
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Carroll, Eugene J

Nickname Gene **Rate** SN **Division** 3rd
Spouse Chris **Hometown** Willard, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Sgt. In safety/security - NYSOMH
Special Hobbies Veteran's affairs, Fishing, and Senior Olympics - Track & field/swimming
Favorite Memory Returning to the ship after visiting the perfume factory in France.
Worst Memory Chipping paint and red leading
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Cavanagh, Desmond P

Nickname Des **Rate** RD3 **Division** OI
Spouse Agnes **Hometown** Bronx, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Telephone Switchman
Special Hobbies Traveling
Favorite Memory The 1957 Med Cruise
Worst Memory Being called back from Liberty after just an hour
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Champney, Ralph S.

Nickname Champ **Rate** PO 2/c **Division** Commu
Spouse June **Hometown** Watertown, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation 32 plus years as Chief Financial Officer with Blue Cross/Shield, 4 years to current as
President of own consulting firm
Special Hobbies Investments, Bridge, Golf
Favorite Memory Round the World cruises
Worst Memory Separated from my bride after only 10 days of marriage - 1955.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Chandler, William C

Nickname **Rate** EM2 **Division** E
Spouse Jane **Hometown** Westfield, MA
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1958-02 **Years To** 1960-06
Civilian Occupation Police Officer
Special Hobbies Golf, Fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Chatterton, Edward M.

Nickname Ed **Rate** ET1 **Division** OE
Spouse Mary Ann **Hometown** Bushnell, IL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955-02 **Years To** 1957-09
Civilian Occupation Navy Ship Building Quality Eng in Elec, Elec & Weapons Systems
Special Hobbies Shooting, Hunting, Fishing, Wood Working
Favorite Memory First Class Mess
Worst Memory 4th of July fire
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Christensen, David A

Nickname Chris **Rate** PFC USMC **Division** MARDET
Spouse **Hometown** New Brunswick, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952-09 **Years To** 1954-08
Civilian Occupation Accountant/Auditor
Special Hobbies Bowling
Favorite Memory Liberty in Japan
Worst Memory Going through the Suez Canal
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Cimino, Samuel P

Nickname Sam **Rate** LT **Division** Dental
Spouse Patricia **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation Dentist
Special Hobbies Attending board meetings, Traveling
Favorite Memory Gemini 5 recovery
Worst Memory Zone inspections
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Citro, Richard A

Nickname **Rate** FN **Division** R
Spouse Mary Jane **Hometown** Utica, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation Retired Utica Police Officer
Special Hobbies Boating, Fishing
Favorite Memory I had a great time aboard the ship. I had 3 great friends for the 3 years I was on the ship. The things we done and the places we went will never be forgotten.
Worst Memory One worst memory was standing watch at night
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Clancy, Thomas J

Nickname Clancy **Rate** AO3 **Division** V-5
Spouse Beverly **Hometown** Milwaukee, WI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Automobile Painter-Body Shops
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory Watching the Flight Deck Operation for the first time
Worst Memory The fire and the lives lost
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments I would like to get a Cruise Book for the "57 Med Cruise. Anyone???

Clare, Leige J

Nickname Red **Rate** FP 2/c **Division** R
Spouse Georgie **Hometown** Niagara Falls, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954-08 **Years To** 1957-11
Civilian Occupation Pipe Fitter, Welder
Special Hobbies Hunting, fishing and bowling
Favorite Memory Too many to name one
Worst Memory Fire 3rd of July 1957 in Marseille, France. We lost 5 men
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6 GG2
Special Comments

Clark, Charles F

Nickname Bones **Rate** BT2 **Division** B
Spouse Janet **Hometown** Brockport, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1945-1946 **Years To** 1952-1953
Civilian Occupation Supt, Plant Operator
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Comm 1945 under R Logan & Shakedown cruise. Logan was a great Captain
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Clawson, Nyle D

Nickname **Rate** PFC **Division** Marine Det
Spouse **Hometown** Ithaca, MI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1945 **Years To**
Civilian Occupation Insurance
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Dec. 1945 North Atlantic crossing.
Worst Memory Same as above.
Children 7 **Grandchildren** 17
Special Comments

Claypool, Leon R

Nickname
Spouse Phyllis
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Civilian Occupation Steel Worker/Welder
Special Hobbies Collecting antique trains, Fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Clayton, Joseph E

Nickname Joe/Clay
Spouse Esther
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Civilian Occupation Electronic Tech
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory Becoming a Shell Back
Worst Memory 1st Night
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 13
Special Comments

Clements, Travis

Nickname
Spouse Margie
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Civilian Occupation Coal Miner
Special Hobbies Reading, traveling, and casino's
Favorite Memory On 19th Birthday special party given to my by George Rogan in Naples, Italy
Worst Memory My 10 days in the brig.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Clements, George Edsel

Nickname
Spouse
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39)
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments My father, Edsel George Clements was a career Navy man. He was killed in the fire on the Lake Champlain on July 3, 1957. I was 5 years old. I would love to be able to talk to someone who knew him. Thanks, George Franklin Clements

Clore, Ernie G

Nickname Ernie **Rate** PHG3 **Division** OP
Spouse Loyce **Hometown** Denver, CO
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Photographer, Teacher, Principal;
Special Hobbies Traveling and Photography
Favorite Memory Photographing the Flag Officers
Worst Memory KP
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments Now Treasurer of the USS LCA

Coffey, Ladd L.

Nickname **Rate** AN **Division** V-3
Spouse Martha **Hometown** Murphy, NC
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation 17 Years Correctional Lt., 11 Years Police Officer and Det (Retired). I now work in a
Production Plant making Golf Bags
Special Hobbies Boating, Fishing, Craft Working
Favorite Memory Coming home to Mayport, Fl after Med Cruise, Ha, Ha! No this is or was a beautiful
site. Lake Champlain loaded with cars, Flight Deck, Hangar Deck from Bayonne, NJ to
Mayport, Fl. After 1955-56 leaving Dry Docks. Officers and Enlisted men's cars & mine.
Worst Memory A fire in Italy I think 1957 that took the lives of many friends V-6 Division and others.
A barge and Tug Boat and probably a cigarette. The Capt and Exct was pulling sailors
from the burning water onto the Hanger Deck. It was devastating. I still have bad
moments thinking about it this day.
Children 10 **Grandchildren** 15
Special Comments

Cole, Edgar E

Nickname Ned **Rate** Lcdr **Division** V-6
Spouse Gertrude **Hometown** Troy, PA
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1963-10 **Years To** 1965-08
Civilian Occupation School Counselor
Special Hobbies Tennis, Golf, Bowling, Gardening
Favorite Memory My proudest time was to see how the V-6 Div crew responded to the fire caused by the
collision with the Norwegian ore ship.
The most fun time was bringing the CIA aboard full of mail for the crew.
Worst Memory Spending 6 weeks in the Portsmouth Naval Ship Yard after being rammed by a
Norwegian ore ship in the Chesapeake in 1964.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4 GG2
Special Comments

Cole, William E

Nickname Bill **Rate** SH3 **Division** S3
Spouse **Hometown** Durham, NC
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Public Health Advisor and Health Consultant
Special Hobbies Reading, Travel and exercising
Favorite Memory Visiting all the ports in the Mediterranean and visiting GITMO
Worst Memory No bad experience
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Confer, Richard C

Nickname Dick **Rate** AD3 **Division** VC4
Spouse Marjorie **Hometown** Hallstead, PA
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1954-09 **Years To** 1955-04
Civilian Occupation Tool & Die Maker
Special Hobbies Hunting, Boating, Reloading Aircraft
Favorite Memory The fellowship
Worst Memory Salt water showers
Children 18 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Conley, David M

Nickname **Rate** SMSN **Division** OS
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Marietta, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Fenton Art Glass Co
Special Hobbies Gardening, Travel
Favorite Memory First trip out of US
Worst Memory Fire on Ship at Marseilles
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Conner, Cecil L.

Nickname Cec **Rate** ADR3 **Division** V-6
Spouse Shirley **Hometown** Kalamazoo, MI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1962-03 **Years To** 1963-11
Civilian Occupation Press Operator GM (Retired)
Special Hobbies Coins
Favorite Memory Cuban missile crisis
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Cote, Raymond A

Nickname Rate E-3 **Division** Airman
Spouse June **Hometown** Brooklyn, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Field Service Engineer for Xerox Corp
Special Hobbies Boating, Boating, and did I say boating?
Favorite Memory I was a member of Antisubron 32 (VS-32). When the Champ was on patrol our squadron operated Grumman S2F aircraft that was used in search and destroy missions looking for submarines. The memory that is so overpowering was the Cuban blockade that President John Kennedy ordered. Our fleet was to stop, at any cost, the deployment of Soviet intercontinental ballistic missiles. It was years later when we really discovered the truth about the severity of the Cuban blockade. Our nation came very close to a nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union at that time.
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments While the Champ was in her slip at Naval Air Station Quonset Point, RI, the USS ESSES was on patrol in the North Atlantic. Our squadron was deployed to the Naval Air Station until the Champ got her orders to deploy on patrol.

Counts, Perry D

Nickname Rate Ltjg **Division** Oper, Gunnery, 5th Di
Spouse Clare **Hometown** Johnson City, TN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-06 **Years To** 1955-04
Civilian Occupation Administration and Management, Raytheon Co, Johnson City Medical Center and East Tennessee State University
Special Hobbies Family, Golf, Investing, Reading, and Travel
Favorite Memory One of my favorite memories was our visit to Hong Kong from 9/30-10/7 in 1953. I was officer of the Deck on the first watch after our arrival. I remember the merchants swarmed on board and the Captain received about 30 suits during my watch.
Worst Memory I'm sure we all saw good, bad and ugly decisions made during our tours aboard the Champ, but here is the winner of the most hideous: On April 3, 1955 when the Champ returned from the Med Cruise, the Executive officer restricted every ship's company to the ship for some petty infraction by one officer. About 92 officers, many with families on the dock were restricted to their quarters unless they had the duty. My wife, who was pregnant with our first child and was waiting on the dock, still swears I eat his strawberries and stole his steel balls.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Courtney, James R

Nickname Jay **Rate** CPL **Division** USMC
Spouse Donna **Hometown** Laurel, MS
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Captain-American Airlines
Special Hobbies Hunting, Boating, In younger years skydiving & scuba
Favorite Memory Friends and Med Cruises
Worst Memory Certain person
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Cousins, Dennis L

Nickname Rate AC3 **Division** CATCC
Spouse **Hometown** Chicago, IL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Materials Management
Special Hobbies Fishing, Cars (Street Rods)
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Cuban Crisis
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Crabb, George R

Nickname **Rate** EM2 **Division** E
Spouse Betty **Hometown** Wadsworth, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-04 **Years To** 1956-07
Civilian Occupation Utility Electrician Buyer
Special Hobbies Golf, Travel
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Craig, Robert W

Nickname Bob **Rate** E4 **Division** MARDET-Div 7
Spouse Sylvia **Hometown** North Miami Beach, FL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Quality Control/Retired
Special Hobbies Genealogy, Boating & Pipes & Drum Band
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Cravener, Robert A

Nickname Bob **Rate** S1/c **Division** Hangar-Deck
Spouse **Hometown** Black Lick, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1945-06 **Years To** 1945-12
Civilian Occupation Molder (Retired)
Special Hobbies Dancing, Golf
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Crawfoot, Edward R

Nickname Ed **Rate** Lt **Division** E
Spouse Trudy **Hometown** Rising Sun, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Elec Sup Gp
Special Hobbies Golf and Decoy collecting
Favorite Memory Picking up astronauts
Worst Memory Collision with freighter
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Crawford, Arnold L

Nickname Arnie **Rate** AE2 **Division** VA-16
Spouse Phyllis **Hometown** Kittanning, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Lineman Power Co. (37 Yrs) Retired 1996
Special Hobbies Wood Working, Golf, Watching Grandchildren, Sports
Favorite Memory Received telegram of my daughter birth Nov 1956
Worst Memory Being on board when the CHAMP caught on fire at Marseilles
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Crochet, Jr, Earl J

Nickname **Rate** AO2 **Division** G
Spouse Dorothy **Hometown** Norco, LA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation Pipe fitter
Special Hobbies Wood Working
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 17 GG 4
Special Comments

Croghan, Eugene R

Nickname Croghan **Rate** AMAN **Division** V1H
Spouse **Hometown** Ontario, OR
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Draftsman
Special Hobbies Philosophy & History
Favorite Memory Lots of them
Worst Memory Cape Hatteras
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Culver, Robert O

Nickname
Spouse
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39)
Civilian Occupation Maintenance & Construction Electrician
Special Hobbies Tinkering old tractors
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children
Special Comments

Rate
Hometown
Years From
Years To

Division

Grandchildren

Cunliffe, Charles F.

Nickname Chuck
Spouse June
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Civilian Occupation Vending Machine, Food Service 38 Yrs. Limousine Business 9 Yrs.
Special Hobbies Travel and Grandchildren
Favorite Memory Showing ship to public in port at New York, Philadelphia and Boston
Worst Memory Seeing fellow Airman getting cut with propeller blades
Children 5
Special Comments

Rate 2/c
Hometown Atlantic City, NJ
Years From 1944
Years To 1945

Division Air

Grandchildren 11

Cunningham, Thomas

Nickname
Spouse Doris
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39)
Civilian Occupation IBM
Special Hobbies Playing the stock market
Favorite Memory Bringing all the troops home
Worst Memory None
Children 5
Special Comments

Rate Y/1C
Hometown East Orange, NJ
Years From 1945
Years To 1946

Division Ship's Office

Grandchildren 6 GG1

Cunningham, John S

Nickname
Spouse Mary
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Civilian Occupation US Postal Service
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Met my spouse in Brooklyn, NY during dry-dock period 1958
Worst Memory Fire in Marseilles
Children 2
Special Comments

Rate SK3, E4
Hometown Galion, OH
Years From 1957
Years To 1960

Division

Grandchildren 3

Dagle, Francis L

Nickname Frank **Rate** AEAN **Division** VF-62
Spouse Marguerite **Hometown** Waltham, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-04 **Years To** 1953-12
Civilian Occupation Retired from Raytheon Co as a Designer
Special Hobbies Family, Golf, Home
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Don't have one
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Dahms, Robert G

Nickname Turkey **Rate** YN3 **Division** R
Spouse Joan **Hometown** Reinbeck, IA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Sales Dept Stores
Special Hobbies Gardening, Fishing
Favorite Memory To many to mention
Worst Memory 22 shipmates or more had to be placed in sick bay with POLIO
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Dalrymple, Allan D

Nickname Al **Rate** PO2 **Division** R
Spouse Laura **Hometown** West Orange, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Owner Upstate Professional Systems Manufacture Rep (File equipment & office system to medical & Dental)
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory 1957 Med Cruise
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

D'Arcangelo, John E

Nickname JD **Rate** PFC **Division** Marine Dept
Spouse None **Hometown** Corning, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1959-02 **Years To** 1960-03
Civilian Occupation I worked in many aspects of glass making with (Corning Inc) 33 yrs.
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory March 3, 1960 to March 7, 1960. Rode bad storm. Waves 60-70'
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

DeLapp, Edward

Nickname Ed **Rate** SM 2/c **Division** Oper
Spouse Theresa **Hometown** Yonkers, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Police Officer
Special Hobbies Reading
Favorite Memory Recovery of Alan Shepard's Space Capsule
Worst Memory Shore Patrol returning crew from off base party and we had to push the Shore Patrol Wagon back since it had broken down.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Deller, Jr, Robert A

Nickname **Rate** FA **Division** A
Spouse Peggy **Hometown** Steubenville, OH
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1960-08 **Years To** 1962-08
Civilian Occupation Steel worker (Retired)
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory Visiting a nuke sub tied along side
Worst Memory Learning my way around
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Dengg, Edward F

Nickname Ed **Rate** RD3 **Division** OI
Spouse Sylvia **Hometown** Louisville, KY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Chemical Operator/Supervisor
Special Hobbies Travel, Bridge
Favorite Memory Recovery ship for Alan Shephard
Worst Memory Fire in Boston Shipyard and storm in 1960's
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 15
Special Comments Love to hear from any shipmates from OI Division 1959-62

Dennis, Thomas E

Nickname Tom **Rate** FT2 **Division** Fox
Spouse Nancy **Hometown** East Berlin, CT
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Operations Analyst
Special Hobbies Gardening, Golf
Favorite Memory Suez Canal
Worst Memory Hurricane
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Derochie, Jerry P

Nickname Rate FTG2 **Division** Fox
Spouse **Hometown** Syracuse, NY
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation Alarm Tech
Special Hobbies Golfing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Dersham, Jr., James O.

Nickname Jim **Rate** AE-1 **Division** Air
Spouse Jane **Hometown** Duncannon, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1957-02/1957 **Years To** 1959-12/196
Civilian Occupation US Postal Service (Retired Postmaster)
Operate Auto Repair Shop with my son.
Special Hobbies Photography, Hunting
Favorite Memory Elect Shop Chief was certain I was attempting to avoid the Cruise when my wife came to ship at day of departure to tell me she was pregnant.
Worst Memory Fire on board while entering port of Marseilles, France
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Deyo, David W

Nickname DW **Rate** E3 **Division** 2nd
Spouse **Hometown** Appleton, WI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Boiler Maker, Steam Fitter and Paper Make
Special Hobbies Motorcycles, Hunting, Trap Shooting, Fishing
Favorite Memory When the ship picked up Alan B Shepard
Worst Memory The fire that killed the Chief Bowsn in Boston
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

DiBuono, Joseph A

Nickname Joe **Rate** SN1 **Division** Fox
Spouse Rose Marie **Hometown** Erie, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

DiCamillo, Louis P

Nickname Deke **Rate** AO2 **Division** V-30
Spouse Catherine **Hometown** Swedeland, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Letter carrier
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Dombek, Edward C

Nickname Ed **Rate** ET2 **Division** OE
Spouse Margaret **Hometown** Hartford, CT
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Electronics Engineer
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory Visiting all the historic sites in the Mediterranean
Worst Memory Getting circumcised while we were at sea. Taking shots
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Donnelly, Thomas W

Nickname Tom **Rate** HM2 **Division** H
Spouse Mary Ann **Hometown** Bristol, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-04 **Years To** 1954-12
Civilian Occupation Microbiologist
Special Hobbies Gardening, Fishing, Computer
Favorite Memory First Day aboard
Worst Memory Korean deployment
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Dorman, Charles Dennis

Nickname Shod **Rate** **Division** CIC Radar
Spouse Betty **Hometown** Cowpens, SC
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1956-03 **Years To** 1957-10
Civilian Occupation Quality Control Technician-Horchest Fibers
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory How big it was in New York yards
Worst Memory Fire in on port
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Drake, Donald J

Nickname Don **Rate** IC2 **Division** E
Spouse Linda **Hometown** orseheads, NY
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1965-07 **Years To** 1966-04
Civilian Occupation Facilities & Service Engineer
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Boating
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Fire in Hanger Bay 3 at sea
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Drinkard, Paul R

Nickname **Rate** EM3 **Division** E/Eng
Spouse Jimmie **Hometown** Birmingham, AL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1963-09 **Years To** 1965-08
Civilian Occupation Maintenance Mechanic on Postal Mail Processing Equipment
Special Hobbies Camping
Favorite Memory My son was born while I was onboard
Worst Memory The collision with the Norwegian Freighter
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Dubrule, Charles W

Nickname **Rate** E-3 **Division** R
Spouse Jeanne **Hometown** Fitchburg, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1963-05 **Years To** 1964-12
Civilian Occupation Self-employed-Sheet Metal
Special Hobbies Casino gambling and classic cars
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Night before getting married, unable to pull in due to fog!
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Dunn, Chauncey Patrick

Nickname Pete **Rate** ET2 **Division** OE
Spouse Carol Anne **Hometown** McCook, NE
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956-06 **Years To** 1958-07
Civilian Occupation Cape Canaveral and remote stations for range operations, DOD, NASA, and civilian space launch activities.
Special Hobbies Skin & Scuba diving
Favorite Memory Med cruises-Spain
Worst Memory Med Cruises-Italy
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Dunnigan, Richard D

Nickname Dick **Rate** AN **Division** V-2
Spouse Patricia **Hometown** Minneapolis, MN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Chrome Plater
Special Hobbies Fishing, Golf, and Hunting
Favorite Memory Good times with Shipmates
Worst Memory Chipping Paint!!
Children 7 **Grandchildren** 13
Special Comments

East, Ronald D

Nickname Ronnie **Rate** Airman E-3 **Division** Aviation (VF-22)
Spouse Joan **Hometown** Winfield, MO
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-04 **Years To** 1953-12
Civilian Occupation Retired US Army (CWO-4)
Special Hobbies Traveling
Favorite Memory Korean Cruise, Crossing the Equator
Worst Memory 3
Children 7 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Eaton, Edward R

Nickname **Rate** DC3 **Division** R
Spouse Nancy Deceased **Hometown** Costa Mesa, CA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Worked with small Electric Co. Did work on the shuttle for Roxwell and AWACG planes and F16, F18 for 32 years (Now retired)
Special Hobbies Going to a lot of Angels games when NY, Baltimore and Boston come to town. Also like to fish
Favorite Memory Going on all the Cruises and visiting with my Grand parents in Boston when we were in New York. I had not seen them for sometime
Worst Memory The fire on July 3, 1957 in France
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Edgemon, William P.

Nickname Bill **Rate** AC2/AC1 **Division** OI
Spouse Betty Jane **Hometown** Parma, ID
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Retired from Caterpillar Dealer Product Support Dept.
Special Hobbies Travel, Bowling, Golf
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 9 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Egbert, Frederick J

Nickname **Rate** PFC **Division** Marine 5th
Spouse Louise **Hometown** Kettlersville, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1944-12 **Years To** 1946-08
Civilian Occupation Salesman
Special Hobbies Sports, Baseball, Woodworking
Favorite Memory Showing the Ship after World War II. Being the Captain's orderly
Worst Memory To bury someone at sea. Getting burst ear drum from gun blast (concussion).
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Eidson, Randall M

Nickname Randy **Rate** ADR2 **Division** VAW 33 Det 34
Spouse Frances **Hometown** Springfield, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Elect Tech for Air Craft
Special Hobbies NASCAR
Favorite Memory VAW-12 & WW-33 Flying off the carrier in the AD5W 98 times and get back on board 98 times.
Worst Memory Loading AD5W air craft before the week end and have duty the week end before going out Monday morning.
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 12
Special Comments

Elkins, Earl Robert

Nickname Bob **Rate** AA **Division** VF-62
Spouse Joan **Hometown** North Vernon, IN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-04 **Years To** 1953-11
Civilian Occupation Retired from Cummins Engine Co. (35 Yrs)
Special Hobbies Camping, Fishing, Grandchildren
Favorite Memory Going to Hong Kong
Worst Memory Terrible fire on the Flight Deck
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Estelle, Sr., Daniel L.

Nickname Dan
Rate RD3
Division OI
Spouse Nancy
Hometown Ladoga, IN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Years From 1962
Years To 1964
Civilian Occupation Computer Operations Manager for the State of Indiana. Retired in 1996 after 30 Years.
Special Hobbies Construction, Carpentry, Hunting, Fishing
Favorite Memory None in particular
Worst Memory Canceling the 1964 Cruise to Europe because of a ships collision
Children 7
Grandchildren 7
Special Comments

Fife, Thomas W

Nickname Tom
Rate YNSN
Division
Spouse Elizabeth
Hometown Houston, TX
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Years From 1953
Years To 1954
Civilian Occupation Teacher
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Liberty in Ceylon
Worst Memory Death of shipmates
Children 6
Grandchildren 13
Special Comments

Fifer, Douglas

Nickname
Rate RD3
Division OI
Spouse
Hometown Martinsville, IN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Years From 1952
Years To 1954
Civilian Occupation Logistic Engineer
Special Hobbies Flying
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2
Grandchildren 2
Special Comments

Flashel, Joseph P

Nickname Joe **Rate** MN3 **Division** Fox
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Lebanon, PA
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1955

Civilian Occupation Distribution Mgr for Totes Inc

Special Hobbies Fishing, Baseball, Traveling, Cooking

Favorite Memory There are so many good memories, it's hard to list any one as my favorite. I had many good friends aboard ship and many ports we visited. I remember one in particular when we were in Toulon, France and Red and I found this Saccon. We were the only sailors in the bar so Red and I tended bar and had a ball with the French patrons.

Worst Memory The time I got busted for hitting a certain Boatswain mate who was aggravating me and the Exec saw me hit him on the quarter deck.

Children 3 **Grandchildren** 11

Special Comments

Forsyth, William A

Nickname Bill **Rate** AN **Division**
Spouse Phyllis **Hometown** Pembroke, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1962

Civilian Occupation Construction Supervisor

Special Hobbies

Favorite Memory

Worst Memory

Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0

Special Comments

Fortenberry, Elmer O

Nickname **Rate** FN **Division** B
Spouse **Hometown** Husson, LA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1953

Civilian Occupation Worked as Engine man until retired

Special Hobbies

Favorite Memory

Worst Memory

Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0

Special Comments

Fox, Glenn W

Nickname Rate BMSN **Division** 3rd
Spouse Nancy **Hometown** Lenoir, NC
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Ware Houseman-Alltel Telephone Co. (10 Yrs)
Special Hobbies Camping
Favorite Memory Liberty in Lisbon, Singapore, & Tokyo, Japan
Worst Memory When a load of bombs fell from a cargo net
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments Since this is my first reunion (2005), I do believe seeing my old shipmates is going to be an exciting time. I hope we will recognize each other after 50 odd years.

Franklin, Melvin R

Nickname Pete **Rate** BTCS **Division** B
Spouse Jonnie Gayle **Hometown** Pittsburgh, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1962 **Years To** Decom
Civilian Occupation Plant Manager, VA RecyCorp (Now Retired)
Special Hobbies Wood Work
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Fraser, Gerald C

Nickname Jerry **Rate** AN/AK3 **Division** V1-H S-6
Spouse Lena **Hometown** Kansas City, KS
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Logistics Management
Special Hobbies Golf, Fishing, Camping
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory No bad memories
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Fraser, James M

Nickname Jim **Rate** Cpl **Division** Marine
Spouse Claire **Hometown** Hudson Falls, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1944-12 **Years To** 1946-08
Civilian Occupation Construction worker
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Flight operations, Sailing into New York Harbor.
Worst Memory The seven crewmen that were killed. North Atlantic storm.
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments

Fry, Herman G.

Nickname Rate AN **Division** V-2
Spouse Alice Diane **Hometown** Black Oak, AK
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver-Custodial, School System
Special Hobbies Fishing, Airplanes
Favorite Memory Cruise Yokosuka, Japan
Worst Memory Portugal
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Galifaro, Thomas Joseph

Nickname Doc **Rate** DT3 **Division** Dental
Spouse Ellen **Hometown** Cheverly, MD
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Retired US Capitol Police Official
Special Hobbies Golf, Garden work, Playing Poker and working with Roxana Fire Dept as an EMT
Favorite Memory When I met the Pope in Rome
Worst Memory The fire that took the lives of shipmates
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments If anyone comes to Washington, DC---Call me and I will set up a special tour. Also, it's possible to see the White House Tour depending on how much time you have to spend here. Don't forget your cameras!

Galoskowsky, Robert E

Nickname **Rate** **Division**
Spouse Nancy **Hometown** St Louis, MO
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Electrician
Special Hobbies Golf, Wood Working
Favorite Memory Liberty in Japan
Worst Memory Midnight Watch
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Gantt, Sr, Thomas E.

Nickname Tom **Rate** S 1/c **Division** VIH
Spouse Ethel **Hometown** College Park, GA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1944-12 **Years To** 1945
Civilian Occupation Police Sgt with the Atlanta Police Dept. I had 35 Years service when I retired in 1983.
Special Hobbies Taking care of my five pet horses
Favorite Memory After the War ended we went to New York City. We were lined up on the Flight Deck. Our planes were flying over us very low and all Ships, Tugs, etc, saluted us, and the people were waving sheets out the windows and buildings.
Worst Memory Burial at sea of a Shipmate
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Geer, Hobart

Nickname Hobie **Rate** PFC **Division** Marine
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** Jackson Heights, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Material Control Planner
Special Hobbies Various
Favorite Memory The friends I made and kept in contact with over the past 55 Yrs.
Worst Memory Serving in the Honor Guard for funerals at sea
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Genzanto, Joseph R

Nickname **Rate** ABAN **Division** V3G
Spouse Domenica **Hometown** New Brunswick, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Data Processing, Computer Operator
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Extended Cruise from Norfolk to Japan
Worst Memory Dress Blue Inspection in the middle of the Atlantic
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

German, Louis E

Nickname Lou **Rate** IC2 **Division** E
Spouse **Hometown** Uniontown, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956-03 **Years To** 1959-03
Civilian Occupation Machinist from the Lincoln Electric Co from 3-67 to 12-98.
Special Hobbies Power boating, golf, coin collecting
Favorite Memory First day aboard the "Champ" and finding one of my high school friends in my IC gang.
Watching movies all weekend in the forward gyro-compass room.
Worst Memory France on '57 Med Cruise
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments I don't think you could ever find a greater group of men than my shipmates on the
"Champ".

Gillespie, Leonard

Nickname Lenny **Rate** AO3 **Division** G
Spouse Pamela **Hometown** Clarksburg, WV
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1962-06 **Years To** 1964-03
Civilian Occupation A/C & Heating (Self Employed)
Special Hobbies Golf, Auto Racing
Favorite Memory Halifax, Nova Scotia
Worst Memory 1st 30 days at sea, getting my sea legs
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Gleason, Thomas P

Nickname **Rate** GM2 **Division**
Spouse Lois **Hometown** Elizabeth, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1945
Civilian Occupation Exxon
Special Hobbies Bartending at the Manasquan Elks, Reading history
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5 GG2
Special Comments

Glow, Emil W

Nickname **Rate** FP2 **Division** R
Spouse Virginia **Hometown** Orchard Park, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Water Plant Operator
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, and RV travel
Favorite Memory When I made 3rd class petty officer.
Worst Memory Fire, at Toulon France harbor
Children 8 **Grandchildren** 19
Special Comments

Goodman, James F

Nickname Jim **Rate** BM3 **Division** 5th
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** New York, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Architect (Retired) Did not like retirement so I became a 5th grade math instructor in the local elementary school.
Special Hobbies Custom Wood Working and Bowling
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments

Goodwin, Harry J

Nickname **Rate** AB2 **Division** V3G
Spouse Helen **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Banking (Retired)
Special Hobbies Antiques
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Grady, Frederick J

Nickname Rick **Rate** E-3 **Division** G
Spouse **Hometown** Hamden, CT
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Communications Installation
Special Hobbies Boating
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Those have faded away
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments I am proud of my service. God bless those who serve now.

Gross, David

Nickname Dave **Rate** PH3 **Division** OP
Spouse Sue **Hometown** Abington, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Tool & Die Maker-General Motors
Special Hobbies Wood Working, Hiking, Fishing, Outdoors, Racquetball
Favorite Memory Enjoyed most aspects, but loved seeing foreign ports in Med Cruise
Worst Memory Kennedy's assassination & Mess Decks duty
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Groux, Roger G

Nickname **Rate** HT1 **Division** R
Spouse Rachael **Hometown** Manchester, NH
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation Plumber, Honda Cars Dealer for (20 Yrs) Vice President
Special Hobbies Hard Work and Long Hours
Favorite Memory The day I got off that ship (6 Yrs on one ship is to long for any man)
Worst Memory None
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Guegel, William A

Nickname Bill **Rate** ENS/Lt (jg) **Division** Supply
Spouse Graciele **Hometown** Quincy, IL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Economist
Special Hobbies Various
Favorite Memory None
Worst Memory None
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Hackett, Charles L

Nickname Bucky **Rate** EM3 **Division** E
Spouse Pat **Hometown** Yardley, PA
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Iron Worker Journeyman
Special Hobbies Traveling, Camping, Fishing
Favorite Memory Sunday Dinner on Flight Deck with Family
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Haffeman, George A.

Nickname Rate AT2 **Division** Air-V2E
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** Mobridge, SD
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-02 **Years To** 1955-08
Civilian Occupation Educational Administration, High School Principal
Special Hobbies Golf, Skiing, Traveling, Reading, Spectator at Sporting Events
Favorite Memory Working on the Flight Deck
Worst Memory Riding Liberty Launches in rough waters
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Hager, Jr., Henry A.

Nickname Hank **Rate** AN **Division** V-4
Spouse Beverly **Hometown** Doylestown, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation Mechanic
Special Hobbies Fly fishing and fly tying
Favorite Memory Too many to remember
Worst Memory No bad memories
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Hagy, James A

Nickname Jim **Rate** AD3 **Division** VA-45
Spouse Sharon Lee **Hometown** Baltimore, MD
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Writer and teacher
Special Hobbies Writing, reading, some golf, beach vacations, traveling, and thoroughbred horse racing
Favorite Memory Crossing equator in 1953
Worst Memory Fire at sea - spring of 1953
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Hall, David L.

Nickname Jumpin Joe **Rate** S1/c-Y3/c **Division** Gunnery
Spouse Dorothy **Hometown** Little Rock, AR
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** Comm **Years To** 1946-07
Civilian Occupation Real Estate Appraiser
Special Hobbies Golf, Hunting, Fishing
Favorite Memory Fastest crossing of Atlantic
Worst Memory North Atlantic Storm
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Halpin, Kenneth J

Nickname Ken **Rate** PHM 3/c **Division** Medical
Spouse Frances **Hometown** Yonkers, NY
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1945-07 **Years To** 1946-04
Civilian Occupation Steel Estimator
Special Hobbies Household responsibilities & Family
Favorite Memory Atlantic record between 11/21/45 and 11/26/45-Distance of 3,360.4 miles in 4 days, 8 hours and 51 minutes-a speed of 32.048 knots. Bringing home 5052 G.I's
Worst Memory Going in for repairs after that trip
Children 7 **Grandchildren** 16
Special Comments

Hamer, Frank W

Nickname **Rate** SN **Division** Fox
Spouse Helen **Hometown** Congers, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Traffic Analyst
Special Hobbies Reading
Favorite Memory Time spent after Capt Mundorf and Exec Officer Guest left.
Worst Memory Time spent under Capt Mundorf and Exec Guest
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Hamilton, Wayne M

Nickname **Rate** AT2-pl **Division** VS22/32
Spouse Betty **Hometown** Owensboro, KY
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Retired as Gen Mgr of a mining operation. I now teach school part time and run a small handyman business.
Special Hobbies Camping, fishing wood working
Favorite Memory We made a North Atlantic cruise in the summer of 1960 and anchored in Nova Scotia for a couple of weeks. It was a great place to visit.
Worst Memory No bad memories. I did get a temporary assignment to the Ship's Master at Arms force during one cruise. I never liked police work or being separated from my regular buddies.
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments

Hammes, James J

Nickname Hammer **Rate** E-3 **Division** 2nd Div Deck
Spouse Dawn **Hometown** LaCrosse, WI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Machinist at Trane Co (42 Yrs)
Special Hobbies Motorcycling and Wood Working
Favorite Memory Going to the Caribbean in winter and the mid-cruise in '64.
Worst Memory Was on port side life boat watch the night the tanker hit us on the starboard side.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Hand, Jr., Raymond C.

Nickname Ray **Rate** EMP3 **Division** E
Spouse Lee **Hometown** Brooks, CA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952-08 **Years To** 1954-04
Civilian Occupation Industrial Electrical Maintenance
Special Hobbies Family History, Wood Working
Favorite Memory Leaving Japan to return home
Worst Memory Losing all power for ship at Colombo, Ceylon
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Handy, Jr., Everett L.

Nickname **Rate** FN **Division** B
Spouse Margy **Hometown** Abingdon, MD
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Manager Auto Parts Store and Small Engine Division
Special Hobbies Boating and 29 Yr Member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Mess Cooking
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Hart, Robert E

Nickname Bob **Rate** MUS 2/c **Division** Navigation
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** South Bend, IN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1945-06 **Years To** 1946-04
Civilian Occupation Cost Accountant
Special Hobbies Photography, Trombone, Playing Ping Pong
Favorite Memory Any day at sea
Worst Memory Throwing up after painting in confined area
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Hatton, Donald S

Nickname Tex **Rate** AB2 **Division** V-3 Hanger Deck
Spouse Bertha **Hometown** Trinidad, TX
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Southern Pacific Railroad Foreman
Special Hobbies Leather working
Favorite Memory Billy Beavers and I repaired the #2 hanger bay doors when they slammed together and broke the control cable. There was not anyone on the ship that knew how to splice wire rope except Billy and I. We were two proud sailors when we got them moving again. I would not take anything for the memories of that job.
Worst Memory We had to take a A/C O/3 off the elevator #2 one day when the ship was in a port turn. There were no brakes and the plane stopped when it hit the bulkhead. I was called to the Captain's cabin for moving that aircraft and the two officers that ordered me to move it was there.
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments Our Division Office had me make some line decoration for the AFT Quarter deck that our division was in charge of. The Air Div. Admiral started using that quarter deck because he said it was more attractive for his guest. Does anyone know where that decorating line went to?

Hayden, Charles F

Nickname Charlie **Rate** ABAN **Division** VIA
Spouse Dorothy **Hometown** West Haven, CT
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Principal of a School
Special Hobbies Walking, Dogs, Reading
Favorite Memory Sunday Brunch, Liberty, Operations Excitement
Worst Memory Mid Watches
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Heilner, Jr, Earl K

Nickname Ken **Rate** AN **Division** V-1
Spouse **Hometown** Enola, PA
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1961-11 **Years To** 1964-12
Civilian Occupation Insulator
Special Hobbies Hunting
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory Plane Crashes
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Hilt, Jr, George J

Nickname Rate SA **Division** OE
Spouse Darlana **Hometown** Springfield, PA
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1962-11 **Years To** 1963-06
Civilian Occupation Computer Tech
Special Hobbies Computer Tech
Favorite Memory Air Ops
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Hirche, Robert W

Nickname Bob **Rate** Lt **Division** Engr
Spouse Alice **Hometown** Brooklyn, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952-07 **Years To** 1954-06
Civilian Occupation Sales & Marketing, Electronic Components
Special Hobbies Golf, Reading, Bridge
Favorite Memory All Good
Worst Memory None
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Hisky, Don V

Nickname Whiskey **Rate** AB3 **Division** V-3
Spouse Linda **Hometown** Memphis, TN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Outside Sales
Special Hobbies Riding my Harley and playing golf
Favorite Memory The visit to Rome
Worst Memory The bus ride to Rome
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Hohl, George A

Nickname **Rate** AB3 **Division** V-3
Spouse **Hometown** Long Island, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Service Stations
Special Hobbies Travel, Camping
Favorite Memory Med Cruise..Celebrating my 19th Birthday in Cannes, France
Worst Memory Storm at sea upon return to US from the Med Cruise
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3 GG6
Special Comments

Holley, Richard O

Nickname Rate RD3 **Division** O
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** Elkhart, IN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Operations Mgr, Warehouse Mgr
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Hope, Raymond W

Nickname Ray **Rate** PH-1 **Division** OA
Spouse Carmella **Hometown** Hartford, CT
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952-09 **Years To** 1955-03
Civilian Occupation Was Photographer-Currently flight attendant-Continental Airlines
Special Hobbies Photography, Wood Working
Favorite Memory Korean Cruise
Worst Memory Gitmo Bay Shakedown
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Hoplin, Donald L

Nickname **Rate** SF **Division** R
Spouse Doris **Hometown** Lowry, MN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1942 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Funeral Service
Special Hobbies Furniture refinishing, Travel, Reading, Gardening, Grandchildren activities
Favorite Memory In the Caribbean on the shakedown cruise. One night I was on the cat-walk under the flight deck. The water was so clear and the moon so bright, I could see the numbers on the bow below the water line. Unforgettable!
Worst Memory Crossing the North Atlantic. Very heavy seas with the waves and sells hitting the bow and below the flight deck with such force they sheared off the cat-walk. I wondered what next!
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Horinka, Richard D

Nickname Dick **Rate** AN **Division** CAG4
Spouse Dorothy **Hometown** Schenectady, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-04 **Years To** 1953-12
Civilian Occupation Bell Telephone Repairman
Special Hobbies Electronics
Favorite Memory Taking part in launching aircraft while serving in Korean waters
Worst Memory My friend, Mike Vitzum, lost his life. Lost at Sea. Never found.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

House, Robert E

Nickname Bob **Rate** RM 1/c **Division** OC
Spouse Divorced **Hometown** Bloomington, IL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Quality Assurance Engineer --Ship Building
Special Hobbies Fishing, Making Musical Cassettes (oldies)
Favorite Memory Capt James Flatly meeting my wife and photos taken
Worst Memory None
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Howe, Henry M

Nickname Tex **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** VT150
Spouse Inez **Hometown** Roanoke, TX
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** Comm **Years To** 1945-10
Civilian Occupation Farming, Ranching, and Pilot for Frontier Airlines
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory Shakedown Cruise
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments

Howe, Palmlee N

Nickname Howe are we going to **Rate** SN2 **Division** Navig
Spouse Ann Jean **Hometown** Lake Worth, FL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Fire Dept
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Hudson, James A

Nickname Al **Rate** S 1/c **Division** V4-F
Spouse Nancy **Hometown** Gloucester City, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Mechanical Engineer with Campbell Soup
Special Hobbies Golf, Bowling, Gardening & Stain Glass
Favorite Memory Bringing troops back from Europe as part of the Magic Carpet Operation
Worst Memory Flight Deck accidents during night landings
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 15
Special Comments

Huelskamp, Lester B

Nickname **Rate** RDM 3/c **Division** CIC
Spouse Mildred **Hometown** Ft Recovery, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Heavy equipment operator
Special Hobbies Bowling, refinish furniture
Favorite Memory Coming into port from Shakedown Cruise
Worst Memory Got seasick on ship when we hit a storm
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments

Hunsucker, Larry D

Nickname L D **Rate** Sgt **Division** 7th
Spouse Jackie **Hometown** Concord, NC
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Farmer/Rancher
Special Hobbies Traveling & Grandchildren
Favorite Memory Cannes, France
Worst Memory Fire aboard entering port Marseilles, France in 1957
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 14
Special Comments

Hysell, Robert M

Nickname Bob **Rate** S 2/c **Division** 4th
Spouse Julia **Hometown** Minersville, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1945-05 **Years To** 1946-06
Civilian Occupation Factory Worker, Maintenance
Special Hobbies Golf, Travel, Sports
Favorite Memory Atlantic Record Crossing
Worst Memory My shipmate, Schlund Getting killed when aircraft guns dry fired from flight deck into our quarters
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Ihinger, Jr., Chester E.

Nickname Chet **Rate** AK2 **Division** S-1
Spouse Jo Ann **Hometown** Sebastopol, CA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Teacher/Counselor
Special Hobbies Coin collecting, Travel, Antiques, History
Favorite Memory 4/26/53-leaving Pier 7, Norfolk on Korean Cruise
Worst Memory Reporting aboard before recommissioning (alone)
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Immich, Stanley W

Nickname Stan **Rate** AN **Division** VIC
Spouse Joan **Hometown** Tacoma Park, MD
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Worked for Boeing Launch Support Division, Cape Kennedy, FL
Special Hobbies Guns, Clocks and Harleys
Favorite Memory All my memories were good except for-----
Worst Memory Some close friends and not so close friends getting killed on the flight deck
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments I just look back and realize how lucky I am to be here writing this note.

Jolly, Paul

Nickname **Rate** GM3 **Division** 5th Gunnery
Spouse Margo **Hometown** Rockport, IN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation School Teacher/Coach
Special Hobbies Fishing, Golf, Snow Skiing
Favorite Memory Med Cruise, Capt of Mount 56 (5'38) and scored perfect (score), Firing at sled on shakedown cruise training mid shipmen
Worst Memory Probably noise from flight operations (landing). Mount 55 & 56 were just under arresting cables catching planes.
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Josephsen, Alfred P

Nickname Rate PM 3/c **Division**
Spouse Joan **Hometown** Hoboken, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** **Years To**
Civilian Occupation Insurance
Special Hobbies Boating
Favorite Memory CV39 had just been commissioned. I was transferred from the USS Rescue to CV 39 in early spring of 1946 because the Rescue was de-commissioned, and I finished my hitch on shakedown cruises out of the USN shipyard in SC
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Kalber, Edward H.

Nickname 45 Caliber **Rate** S 1/c **Division** Fire Ctrl
Spouse Ann **Hometown** Hartford, CT
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1944-12 **Years To** 1946-06
Civilian Occupation Retail
Special Hobbies Gardening
Favorite Memory 1st pick up of GI's to bring home after WWII ends
Worst Memory Watching a plane crash straight down into the sea and Gunners Mate Hartman's burial at sea.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments I am not planning to attend the reunion because of distance, but perhaps this information can be included in the Sentimental Journal, which I will be interested in purchasing later.

Kallenberg, Ralph F

Nickname **Rate** LT1 **Division**
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown**
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Printer Lithographer, Postal Clerk
Special Hobbies Stained Glass
Favorite Memory Recovery of Alan Shepard & printing things for the ship
Worst Memory Leaving
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5 GG3
Special Comments

Kardas, Joseph M

Nickname Joe **Rate** MM2 **Division** A
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Bronx, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-09 **Years To** 1955-08
Civilian Occupation Insurance Consultant
Special Hobbies Music, video production, tennis, and film.
Favorite Memory Fire on the flight deck, Korean Cruise.
Worst Memory Adapting to shipboard life, first two months aboard.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Karnakis, Nicholas

Nickname Nick **Rate** LCDR **Division** OPS
Spouse Nancy **Hometown** Winthrop, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation Director, Business Development, Grumman Aerospace Grp
Special Hobbies Skeet/Trap
Favorite Memory Gemini 7 Space Capsule Recovery
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Karpicki, Richard P

Nickname **Rate** SN **Division**
Spouse **Hometown** Waterbury, CT
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Boatswain div and my friend Richard Pendelton and Terry Miles
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Kaumeier, Richard L

Nickname Dick **Rate** ABG3 **Division** V3G
Spouse Marlene **Hometown** Port Huron, MI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Warehouse stock man cable TV co.
Special Hobbies Hunting, stock car racing, and spending time with grandchildren.
Favorite Memory Visiting different ports and sightseeing
Worst Memory Loss of a shipmate from boot camp (Harold Vollmer) during Korean cruise
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Kavanagh, Terence

Nickname AV 2/d **Division** Air
Spouse Frances **Hometown** Rochester, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1945
Civilian Occupation Retired Union Construction Electrician
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Floating in dry dock prior to original Christening (Commissioning)
Worst Memory The first Shipmates death
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Kay, Thomas N

Nickname Tom **Rate** 3rd **Division** V2/V6
Spouse Gloria **Hometown** Detroit, MI
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Chrysler Management (Retired)
Special Hobbies Golf, Fishing, Exercise
Favorite Memory Coming Aboard
Worst Memory Sailor dying in the mess hall
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Kelley, Ross

Nickname IC2 **Division** E
Spouse Marjorie **Hometown** Woodbourne, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation System Analyst Vitro Corp
Special Hobbies Table Tennis, Softball, Gardening, Chess, Computer
Favorite Memory Becoming a Shellback
Worst Memory Putting down a bent pit sword
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Kemp, Charles A

Nickname Charlie **Rate** CS1/CS2 **Division** S
Spouse Beulah **Hometown** Marshall, IL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Owning and Operating a Metal Culvert Co. and Farming
Special Hobbies Riding Cutting Horses, Golf
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments

Keogh, Keith

Nickname Rate AK3 **Division** Aviation Supply
Spouse Kathleen **Hometown** St Peter, MN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956/Spr **Years To** 1956/Fall
Civilian Occupation Bar Owner
Special Hobbies Golf, Boating, Classic Cars
Favorite Memory Ships Party in New York
Worst Memory When someone broke into my '50 Olds outside the gate on Flushing Ave
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Kerner, Lewis G

Nickname Lewy **Rate** MM2 **Division** M
Spouse Rose **Hometown** Ridgway, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Testor/Inspector
Special Hobbies Building new, fixing everything that is broke and fishing.
Favorite Memory Shipboard friends and foreign travel
Worst Memory Gitmo Operations
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Kerstein, George E.

Nickname **Rate** Lt/LCDR **Division** Gunnary Air
Spouse Lois **Hometown** Chicago, IL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955-01 **Years To** 1956-08
Civilian Occupation Sears, Roebuck & Co Receiving/Shipping Mgr 17 Years until Dec 1980.
Special Hobbies Gardening, Wood Crafts
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments

Killian, Ed R

Nickname **Rate** AC3 **Division** V-6
Spouse Kathy **Hometown** Runge, TX
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Professional Geologist
Special Hobbies Computing, Writing, Travel, Photography
Favorite Memory Recovery of 1st U S manned space shot, May 5, 1961
Life guard for President Kennedy
ASW Demo for President Kennedy
Worst Memory Rhode Island winters, and loss of pilot while flying near Cuba
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Kirschbaum, William H.

Nickname Bill **Rate** SF3 (E-4) **Division** R-Engr
Spouse **Hometown** Lodi, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Carpenter
Special Hobbies Leather Work, Ceramics
Favorite Memory When we went on Caribbean Cruise
Worst Memory When we were on the Cuban Blockade
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Kneeland, Sr, Russell C

Nickname Russ **Rate** ET2 **Division** ET Div
Spouse Beverly **Hometown** Quincy, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954-07 **Years To** 1955-12
Civilian Occupation Electronics engineering/marketing support staff
Special Hobbies Golf, fishing, writing
Favorite Memory The visit to Rome, Isle of Capri, Fountain of Trevi
Worst Memory When we lost 4 aircraft in Turkish mountains.
Children 13 (4 stepchildren) **Grandchildren** 32
Special Comments

Knight, Willard Thomas

Nickname Tom **Rate** CWO (CHMACH) **Division** A
Spouse Tadako **Hometown** Orlando, FL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Owner & CEO full Service Private Investigative Agency
Special Hobbies Japan and China
Favorite Memory Fellowship with other Officers and crew
Worst Memory No negative memories
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Knopf, Gordon (Bud) K

Nickname Bud **Rate** FP3 **Division** R
Spouse Carole **Hometown** Madison, WI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Master Plumber
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Farming
Favorite Memory Going to the Bull Fight in Barcelona
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Korff, Kenneth

Nickname Ken
Spouse Flo
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Civilian Occupation Hospital Personnel Administration
Special Hobbies Fishing, Golfing, Precision Target "Benchrest" Shooting
Favorite Memory Recovery of Conrad & Cooper following their space flight.
Worst Memory Decommissioning crew (last member of the Medical Dept) on our last cruise from Quonset Point, RI to Bayonne, NJ to Philadelphia, Pa
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Kornatz, Ronald F

Nickname
Spouse Elena
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Civilian Occupation Systems Analyst
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Krasniewicz, Vincent A

Nickname Kraz
Spouse Wanda
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Civilian Occupation Airline Pilot
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory In a storm taking green water over the flight deck
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Kreib, William E.

Nickname Bill
Spouse Carol
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Civilian Occupation Warehouse Shipping and Receiving
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing
Favorite Memory Crossing the Equator
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Kreitzberg, Larry

Nickname Krunch **Rate** PH3 **Division** OPS
Spouse Edna **Hometown** Rochester, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1961

Civilian Occupation USPS (Retired)

Special Hobbies Cruising, Train Travel, Walking, Visiting and working at WDW yearly.

Favorite Memory Working and hanging with a small, great group of guys in the Photo Lab. Several straight deck and cat departures in the AD5W and S2F's. Photographing the first manned Space Flight (Alan Shepard) 5 May 1961

Worst Memory

Children 5 **Grandchildren** 6

Special Comments

Kroeper, James E

Nickname Big Jim **Rate** S 1/c **Division** V3
Spouse Eileen **Hometown** Jersey City, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1946-09

Civilian Occupation Fireman - Jersey City Fire Dept.

Special Hobbies Reading, Civil War, and World War I & II history.

Favorite Memory When ship was commissioned.

Worst Memory Shipmate died - electrocuted.

Children 4 **Grandchildren** 0

Special Comments

Kubb, Dietmar H

Nickname Dick (The German) **Rate** STM-3 **Division** R
Spouse **Hometown** Bay City, MI
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1962-01 **Years To** 1964-02

Civilian Occupation Journeyman-Sheet Metal Shop Foreman

Special Hobbies Commercial Pilot in single and Multi engine Land-Float Plane and Helicopters-Alaska Bush Flying

Favorite Memory As a Reserve, I was glad going back to my job, but served my 2 years active service with pride and good memories

Worst Memory No regrets

Children 0 **Grandchildren**

Special Comments

Kuperman, Martin H

Nickname Marty **Rate** AN **Division** Para loft
Spouse Maureen **Hometown** Forest Hills, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver
Special Hobbies None
Favorite Memory Duty Driver Gitmo, Brooklyn, Naples
Played on ships soccer team. Boy did we stink
Worst Memory Flight deck fire
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Kurczeski, Robert E

Nickname Ski **Rate** ABE3 **Division** V-2
Spouse **Hometown** Old Bridge, NJ
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Construction Trucker
Special Hobbies Boats
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Lackouskas, Floyd John

Nickname Red **Rate** TM3 **Division** Fox
Spouse Theresa (Terry) **Hometown** Rockville, CT
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver
Special Hobbies Camping
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Ladd, Arnold J

Nickname Arnie **Rate** AN **Division** VC/Photo Lab
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Hammond, IN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation Transportation
Special Hobbies Navy Military History, Military sites, Crossword Puzzles
Favorite Memory Just after reporting aboard we had a Nor'easter and all the cold and snow. Med Cruise, Gemini V Recovery. Lt Kane and his sense of humor, 20th anniversary ball.
Worst Memory I hated the decommissioning of the ship. Sad day when she left port
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Lagan, James A

Nickname Jim **Rate** SN **Division** S-1
Spouse Nancy **Hometown** Belair, MD
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Store Manager
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Fire in Marseilles, France
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Lalancette, Leo E

Nickname Chief **Rate** SFC **Division** R
Spouse Solange **Hometown** Portsmouth, NH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1961-12 **Years To** 1963-04
Civilian Occupation Senior Repair Technician Welder Metal Fabrication at IBM (22 Yrs in Facilities Maint.)
Special Hobbies Wood Working and enjoying my family
Favorite Memory Family Day Cruise 18 June 1962. Dependents serving under Capt Bolam & Corrutlege. They were a great team
Worst Memory Coming in off Liberty one weekend and finding all the rolling steel doors at the deck edge elevator twisted and tore up.
Children 7 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments

Landfair, Robert W.

Nickname Bob **Rate** LCDR **Division** Sup
Spouse Patricia **Hometown** Portland, IN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Executive Engineer, Hughes Aircraft Co
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

LaRusch, Frank J

Nickname Squint **Rate** E-4 **Division** R
Spouse **Hometown** Buffalo, NY
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation None..Disabled PTSD, Agent Orange, Mental problems
Special Hobbies Teaching Native American Indian prophecies, Herbs and survival.
Favorite Memory Everything had good working conditions. Good people around me. Everything good!
Worst Memory None. I was happy and content. Worked with good people.
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments Over the years I traveled nationwide and worldwide. My cruise books were misplaced somewhere. Had to travel light many times. Thanks.

Layton, Anthony (Tony) V

Nickname Tony **Rate** MRFN **Division** A
Spouse Florence **Hometown** Salem, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Self Employed
Special Hobbies Antique Cars
Favorite Memory A Division, many good memories aboard the Champ
Worst Memory Returning from Med Cruise and the death of President Kennedy
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Leid, Henry Nolan

Nickname **Rate** CS3 **Division** Commissary
Spouse Phyllis **Hometown** Denver, PA
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation USDA Food Safety Inspector (Retired)
Special Hobbies Watching sports, Fishing and growing roses
Favorite Memory Being on board the CHAMP when First astronaut, Alan Shepard was recovered by our ship
Worst Memory Having two pilots stored in body bags while I was in charge of all refrigerated foods on the ship
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Leiser, Charles V

Nickname Chuck **Rate** S 1/c **Division** Catapult
Spouse Jessie **Hometown** Chicago, IL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Firefighter
Special Hobbies Being Retired, Golf
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 8 **Grandchildren** 11 GG5
Special Comments

Leonowicz, John V

Nickname **Rate** HM **Division** H
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Metal Fabricator
Special Hobbies Sailing, Golf, and Boating
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Leopold, John D

Nickname **Rate** FTC **Division** Fox
Spouse **Hometown** Marceline, MO
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Heating & Air Conditioning
Special Hobbies Antiques, Collecting Military
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Leppert, Jr, Charles

Nickname **Rate** 1st Lt **Division** VMA533
Spouse Karen **Hometown** Johnstown, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Attorney/Business Executive
Special Hobbies Reading, Sports, Travel
Favorite Memory VMA 533
Worst Memory Loss of squadron pilot
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Lesh, Arthur A

Nickname Art **Rate** MM2 **Division** M
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Newport, PA
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation High School Industrial Arts Teacher/Coach 12 1/2 yrs-Market Manager, AMD Inc, 25 yrs
Special Hobbies Wood Working, Antique Autos
Favorite Memory Christmas in Frances, both 1955 and 1956
Worst Memory Boat duty, dragging for a drown sailor, Italy 1954
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Lessard, George P

Nickname **Rate** TMSN **Division** Fox
Spouse Connie **Hometown** Concord, NH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Letter Carrier
Special Hobbies People watching
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Liljequist, Ragnar

Nickname **Rate** ATAN **Division** V-2/Chap Off
Spouse **Hometown** Chicago, IL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Long range planning and research
Special Hobbies Photography, Fishing, Reading
Favorite Memory The day that LCDR McDonald released me from V-2 Division to work for the Chaplains
Worst Memory Being at sea 54 days off Korea with no liberty (in fog).
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments Website: www.bainbridge-island.com

Lindley, Keith

Nickname **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** Gunnery
Spouse Diane **Hometown** Tulia, TX
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Surety bonds
Special Hobbies Golf, Reading, Church activities
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Collision at sea. Atlantic Ocean early 1953 en route to Korea
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Livzey, Robert J

Nickname Rate PF3 **Division** R
Spouse Pat **Hometown** Middletown, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Pipe Fitter-Welder
Special Hobbies Collecting milk bottles
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Lloyd, Alex Ernest

Nickname Rate AN **Division** V-3
Spouse Joyce **Hometown** Pontiac, MI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Material handler, Truck Driver
Special Hobbies Wood Working
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Lockley, Leonard K

Nickname Rate HM3 **Division** Hosp
Spouse **Hometown** Springfield, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Educator
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Lucas, John R

Nickname Luke Rate AK3 **Division** Supply
Spouse Winifred (Deceased) **Hometown** Hingham, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-03 **Years To** 1954-09
Civilian Occupation Maintenance Supervisor (Retired)
Special Hobbies Wood Working and Sports
Favorite Memory Crossing the Equator
Worst Memory Taking salt water showers after going through the Suez Canal
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Lujin, Virgil S

Nickname Buzz **Rate** LT(jg) **Division** Air Group 150
Spouse Vallie (Buddy) **Hometown** Versailles, MO
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation President of retail lumber company
Special Hobbies Golf, travel, and grandchildren
Favorite Memory Launching and shakedown to Cuba & return
Worst Memory A F4U had a wing come off while we were on maneuvers, pilot lost
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Lyons, Henry J

Nickname **Rate** ET3 **Division** OE
Spouse Joan **Hometown** Fair Haven, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Electronics Engineer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Lyons, Dennis W

Nickname Denny **Rate** GMG3 **Division** G
Spouse **Hometown** Cincinnati, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Hiking
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Maas, Albert R

Nickname Ray **Rate** DC3 **Division** R
Spouse Adrienne **Hometown** Pittsburgh, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956-05 **Years To** 1957-11
Civilian Occupation Instrument Tech in Power Plant
Special Hobbies Auto Racing, Rv'ing
Favorite Memory Arriving at Mayport, Fl after Med Cruise
Worst Memory Fire off the coast of Marseilles, France
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

MacDonald, Paul E

Nickname Rate E3 **Division** AO
Spouse Dorothy **Hometown** Roslindale, MA
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Construction
Special Hobbies Tinkering around the house
Favorite Memory When we picked up Alan Shepard from the Freedom 7 splashdown
My duties in the Chiefs mess was just a great time for me.
The time the crew I was with assembling PDC's had one that was defective and was
thrown over board and our sub surfaced and we all got reprimanded for it.
Worst Memory When we pulled out of port within an hour of the tragic death of President Kennedy in
Nov 1963.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 9 GG4
Special Comments

MacLennan, John

Nickname Mac **Rate** ABU3 **Division** 1st
Spouse Jodie **Hometown** Minneapolis, MN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Electrician/Electrical Contractor
Special Hobbies Boating, Artist, Dancing
Favorite Memory Cruising up the coast for a yard period in Brooklyn, with our personal cars on board and
everybody was in an off duty status for the trip.
Worst Memory Being a brown bagger, my wife & I had an Apt in East Orange, NJ. That meant a trip
through the Holland Tunnel and NY traffic on Liberty days.
Children 7 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Madonna, William E.

Nickname Magoo **Rate** Seaman **Division** V-3
Spouse Jacqueline **Hometown** Schenectady, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Retired now
Special Hobbies Hunting, Deep Sea Fishing, Archery, Horseback, Dirt Bike Riding
Favorite Memory In 1957 while waiting at Gibraltar after finishing a 9 Month Med cruise, I met Bill Ryan a vet who I had known while stationed at Foley, Al,. It was purely a chance of meeting after nearly two years of not seeing, him, it was a happy reunion.
Worst Memory While not remembering the exact year, I can clearly remember the incident, as it almost cost me my life. The night before entering Naples, Italy, I was in charge of the duty section, preparing V-3 for port call. I was asleep the next morning, I was not required to make muster because I had worked thru the night. Somehow fuel had gotten into the water and while unloading the vehicles on to the barge, someone had carelessly tossed a cigarette into the water. The entire back end and the surrounding water was engulfed into flames. I was asleep in the ft compartment and was awakened by someone whom I never knew. The entire compartment was full of smoke and this person was screaming the entire ship is on fire, must vacate immediately. I exited the compartment into the gun tubs; the flames were from the water to the flight deck. I could feel intense heat on the left side of my body. I turned right and headed to my duty station, the hanger decks. The rest is history. We lost 6 of our shipmates that day.
2. While in port in Greece, a seaman from V-3(Red) was making an ashtray out of a bomb. As I was passing, I asked him if he had checked to make sure that it was disarmed, as he was sawing it with a hacksaw. He replied that he had gotten it from ordinance and they had checked it. I walked approximately 5 feet and turning left. As he made the down stroke with the hacksaw it ignited the bomb, lit and blew me down the corridor. As he ran by me, covered in blood and in obvious shock, I tackled him and held him because I knew he should not have been running bleeding so badly. We were both taken to sick bay by the rest of V-3 hands.
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments

Magnuson, William L.

Nickname Boomer **Rate** AGAN-AG3-AG2 **Division** OI
Spouse **Hometown** Harvard, IL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-05 **Years To** 1955-05
Civilian Occupation Petroleum Eng, Shell Oil Co
Special Hobbies Sports
Favorite Memory On the line during Korean Conflict
Worst Memory Watching a banshee being catapulted off starboard catapult, seeing left fuel tank fall off, seeing plane power dive/right turn into sea, disappear completely!
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Mahony, Owen W

Nickname Rate QM 3/c **Division**
Spouse Teresa **Hometown** Woonsocket, RI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Director RI Division of Retardation
Special Hobbies Tennis, Roses
Favorite Memory Winning Blue Ribbon by beating the Queen Mary's record speed from England to USA
Worst Memory None
Children 12 **Grandchildren** 25+
Special Comments Looking toward stern the first day out of Southampton with some 4000 GI's on board, we were chased for miles by a giant flock of seagulls. Guess why!!!!

Maiellaro, Robert A

Nickname Bob **Rate** LT **Division** VS-22
Spouse Geneva **Hometown** Auburn, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Sales
Special Hobbies Aviation, history, travel, and collect Winston Churchill memorabilia.
Favorite Memory Catapult shot while at anchor in Jamaica harbor during their Independence celebration.
Worst Memory Getting sent to British Honduras to put down a revolution. Their order of battle included F4U Cosairs, and us with S2Fs!! Fortunately it was over before we got there.
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments Very proud to be one of the last to fly the straight deck paddles passes on the Greatest and Straightest.

Maier, Billie W

Nickname Bill **Rate** MMFN **Division** Eng/A
Spouse Janet **Hometown** Cairo, NE
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-03 **Years To** 1953-12
Civilian Occupation Property Mgr
Special Hobbies Antiques
Favorite Memory Just the magnitude of the ship
Worst Memory If there were any they have become positive
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Manna, John R

Nickname Rate SH1 **Division** S-3
Spouse Denise **Hometown** Brooklyn, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation Navy Exchange Club Manager II and Food Sales Manager
Special Hobbies Reading and family
Favorite Memory None
Worst Memory Just 4, 1959 Ships fire in France
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Marquardt, Robert J

Nickname Bob **Rate** MM1 **Division** A
Spouse Peggy **Hometown** Rhinelander, WI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Contract Construction Mgmt
Special Hobbies Fishing, Camping, Surfing internet, and family
Favorite Memory Liberty in Halifax, San Juan, Virgin Islands, etc. Also picking up the Gemini Space Capsule
Worst Memory Loosing an aircraft over the port side when it was returning from night operations, collisions with the USS Decatur and the Norwegian Freighter
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 12
Special Comments

Masoka, Michael R.

Nickname Mike **Rate** BM2 **Division** 7th
Spouse Daisy **Hometown** Hyattsville, MD
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Traffic Signal Engineer
Special Hobbies Fishing, Hunting, Stamp & Coin Collection
Favorite Memory Suez Canal Trip
Worst Memory Typhoon off Japan
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Massmann, Roger

Nickname **Rate** PF3 **Division** R
Spouse Marge **Hometown** Uniondale, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Plumber
Special Hobbies Gardening
Favorite Memory Cities in the Med
Worst Memory Fire on board ship 1957
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Mathias, George R

Nickname Rate SN **Division** Fox
Spouse Jackie **Hometown** W Columbia, SC
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Telephone Sales/AT & T
Special Hobbies Wood working, Fishing
Favorite Memory All good
Worst Memory No Bad
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

McCann, Charles E

Nickname Charlie **Rate** SN-PN3 **Division** Gunnery
Spouse Theresa **Hometown** Queens, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1947
Civilian Occupation Communications and Computer Mgr
Special Hobbies Swimming, Golf, Travel
Favorite Memory Returning troops from Europe
Worst Memory Decommissioning in 1946
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

McClintock, Larry P

Nickname Mac **Rate** AE3 **Division** V6
Spouse Sandra **Hometown** Cartersville, MO
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Electrician
Special Hobbies Traveling, Hunting, Fishing, Photography
Favorite Memory Mediterranean Cruise
Worst Memory Getting struck by a Destroyer and a month later getting hit by a freighter.
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 10 GG3
Special Comments

McCray, Clyde E

Nickname **Rate** ET1 **Division** OE
Spouse Ann **Hometown** Washington CH, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-04 **Years To** 1955-11
Civilian Occupation Electrical Engineer
Special Hobbies Fishing, and Shotgun Sports
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

McDermott, Tim

Nickname Mac **Rate** ABHAN **Division** V-#
Spouse **Hometown** Brooklyn, NY
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Bank Officer
Special Hobbies Target Shooting
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

McDonald, William S

Nickname **Rate** GMG3 **Division** 5th
Spouse Shirley **Hometown** Cleveland, NC
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Electro-Mechanical Specialist
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory I just turned 17 when I joined the Navy. Finished High School GED while onboard
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

McKnight, Robert V

Nickname Bob **Rate** MML3 **Division** M&A
Spouse Theresa **Hometown** Fort Lee, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952-08 **Years To** 1954-06
Civilian Occupation After leaving the Champ I went to college and earned a Master of Science Degree in Physics. In 1958 I was a Physicist in the Aeroballistics Laboratory in the Army Ballistic Agency which Dr. Werner Von Braun was the Director. I later transferred to Ft Monmouth where I worked as a Physicist and Electronics engineer until I retired.
Special Hobbies I am a past President of the Monmouth Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and a past Commander of the NJ Dept of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I collect antique guns and rare gold coins. I am interested in history and genealogy.
Favorite Memory When I was selected to represent the Champ in the Air Atlantic Fleet Boxing Tournament in 1953.
Worst Memory When I was TKO'd in the finals by the defending Champ. None of us were allowed to train adequately in order to fight boxers as I faced who were in excellent condition. I had been a Golden Glover and was a Regimental Champ at Kings Pt.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

McLaughlin, Richard J

Nickname Mac **Rate** AN **Division** V4
Spouse Coleen **Hometown** Harlan, IA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation Salesman-Implements
Special Hobbies Travel, Toy Tractor Collector
Favorite Memory Coming back from overseas to Mayport, FL
Worst Memory Fire aboard ship in France
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

McLellan, Clifford W

Nickname Mac **Rate** QM3 **Division** N
Spouse Carole Anne **Hometown** Gloucester, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1958-05 **Years To** 1959-09
Civilian Occupation Experimental & Development aircraft engines
Special Hobbies Volunteer Fire Dept
Favorite Memory North Atlantic Cruise '58 & Med Cruise '59
Worst Memory Having to transfer to another ship
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

McMahon, Michael F

Nickname Mike **Rate** BMSN **Division** Deck 2nd
Spouse Mary Jo **Hometown** Lynn, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1959-01-02 **Years To** 1961-03-17
Civilian Occupation Truck driver/Motor coach operator
Special Hobbies To many to list.
Favorite Memory Med trip "59"
Worst Memory Gitmo 3 times
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 12
Special Comments

McNamara, George P

Nickname **Rate** SC 2/c **Division** S-2
Spouse Stella **Hometown** Clinton, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Warehouse Foreman ITT, Wire & Cable
Special Hobbies Staying Alive
Favorite Memory Liberty
Worst Memory No Liberty
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Meashey, Carl W

Nickname Rate AN **Division** V-1
Spouse Susanne **Hometown** Hershey, PA
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver
Special Hobbies Model Railroading
Favorite Memory Space Capsule
Worst Memory Crash with Destroyer
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5 GG3
Special Comments

Meckel, Melvyn

Nickname Rate EM1 **Division** E
Spouse Sylvia **Hometown** Pleasanton, TX
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Electrician
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Medine, Noah J

Nickname Joe Rate HM3 **Division** H
Spouse Christine **Hometown** White Castle, LA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954-08 **Years To** 1955-04
Civilian Occupation Chemical Plant Supervisor.
Special Hobbies Gardening and cooking.
Favorite Memory Visit by USO Group during Christmas of 1954.
Worst Memory (1) Death of shipmate by hanging.
(2) Polio outbreak while at Gibraltar before heading home.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Meyer, Donald E

Nickname Don Rate E-6 HS-5 **Division** E-6
Spouse Betty **Hometown** Wyoming, MN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation Civil Service
Special Hobbies Masonic Fraternity and Shriners Hospital for children
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Mierzejewski, Robert J

Nickname Ski **Rate** SN **Division** 7th
Spouse Patricia **Hometown** Meriden, CT
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Route Salesman
Special Hobbies Gardening, reading, crosswords
Favorite Memory Liberty at many foreign ports.
Worst Memory Capt's Mast.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Mikus, Albert John

Nickname Mike **Rate** YN2 **Division** Gunnery & Navi
Spouse Della **Hometown** Shamokin, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To**
Civilian Occupation USN Retired
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Coming home from Korea
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Miller, Lawrence P

Nickname Larry **Rate** AN **Division** V-1-F
Spouse Jeannie **Hometown** Stow, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Police Officer
Special Hobbies Fishing, Travel
Favorite Memory Our times at sea-Liberty-Different Countries
Worst Memory Working at Flight Operations in undress Blues because some Admiral was somewhere in our fleet
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Miller, Robert A

Nickname Ram or Bob **Rate** BT3 **Division** B
Spouse Eleanor **Hometown** Norman, OK
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Main frame computer operator for Phillips 66
Special Hobbies Model Railroadng
Favorite Memory Time spent in Japan
Worst Memory Leaving the ship and friends for the last time. First week in the fire room.
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 13
Special Comments

Miller, Robert M

Nickname Rate HM2 **Division** HM
Spouse **Hometown**
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1950 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Miller, Thomas

Nickname **Rate** Fireman **Division** B
Spouse Jean **Hometown** Cookeville, TN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation Maintenance
Special Hobbies Watching my Grandchildren play ball
Favorite Memory The good times I had with my shipmates
Worst Memory We lost people while they were on liberty
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Milletts, Jr, John

Nickname **Rate** E-4 **Division** X
Spouse Janice **Hometown** Allentown, PA
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver
Special Hobbies Traveling with my wife, staying active in sports
Favorite Memory Going to Caribbean, meeting high school buddy in Quebec, Picking up first astronaut, Alan Shepard
Worst Memory Being away from my family
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Mingalone, Richard G

Nickname Dick **Rate** AOAN/AO3 **Division** VC4
Spouse Mary Alice **Hometown** New York, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952-02 **Years To** 1955-07
Civilian Occupation Freelance Motion Picture Cameraman (Retired after 40 Yrs).
Special Hobbies Fishing, Traveling, Tinkering in my Home Workshop
Favorite Memory The Suez Canal transit coming and going
Worst Memory Being transferred to VMF-513-K6 Korea
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Mitchell, Michael J

Nickname Mike **Rate** FT1 **Division** Fox
Spouse Frances **Hometown** Syracuse, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Computer Programmer
Special Hobbies Volley Ball and Golf
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Long chow lines
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Mizzi, Joseph A

Nickname Joe **Rate** ME3 **Division** R
Spouse Angela **Hometown** New York, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Watch Engineer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Mohlmann, Robert F

Nickname Bob **Rate** Cox **Division** 7th
Spouse Alice **Hometown** Port Jefferson, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955-09 **Years To** 1956-06
Civilian Occupation Supervisor, Line Section of Power Co
Special Hobbies Travel and Refinishing
Favorite Memory The first time we got underway and went on trials for shakedown.
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments Met a fellow crew member in 2001 while sitting on a bench in Myrtle Beach. I had my Lake Champlain cap on. He told me about the Reunions.

Mollins Jr., Frank L

Nickname Lt Moe **Rate** Fireman BT **Division** B
Spouse Mavlin **Hometown** Braintree, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Fishing, Camping
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Having a fueling hose come flying back at #1 fueling station. No one injured
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Monroe, Dan C

Nickname Rate DC2 **Division** R
Spouse Helen **Hometown** Orangeburg, SC
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver-Retired
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Camping
Favorite Memory Crossing Equator
Worst Memory Fire- (Aircraft)
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Moore, Starl H

Nickname Rate SN **Division** S-1
Spouse Jo Ann **Hometown** Kingston, TN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Retired from Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA Inspection and Testing Dept (Now retired-Cattle Farming)
Special Hobbies Enjoying son and his family and 3 grandchildren, Cattle Farming, Water Sports, Travel
Favorite Memory Visiting Palma, Spain. We hope to revisit soon
Worst Memory Aboard ship July 1957, Marseilles, France
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Moore, Lewis Robert

Nickname :pioe Rate SH3 **Division** S-3
Spouse Divorced **Hometown** Coatesville, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955-05 **Years To** 1958-10
Civilian Occupation Baker
Special Hobbies Fishing, heuristics
Favorite Memory To many to mention
Worst Memory Fire in Marseilles, France
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Moran, Jr., Francis W

Nickname Frank Rate SH2 **Division** S-3
Spouse Betty **Hometown** Lawrence, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956-08 **Years To** 1959-09
Civilian Occupation Norfolk Park Ranger (Retired)
Special Hobbies Crafts
Favorite Memory Med Cruises
Worst Memory Fires on board in France
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 16
Special Comments

Newberry, Richard L

Nickname Rich **Rate** PH3 **Division** OP
Spouse Carolyn **Hometown** Hamilton, OH
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Middle Management, US Treasury Dept
Special Hobbies Boating, Gardening and Travel
Favorite Memory Friends I worked with in Photo Lab. I was in the Photo Helicopter during the recovery of Alan Sheppard. The Med cruise 1959.
Worst Memory Long cruise boredom
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments Looking forward to my first reunion.

Newman, P. Kenneth

Nickname Ken **Rate** HM2 **Division** H
Spouse Audrey **Hometown** West Belmar, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Retired-Anesthesiologist (MD)
Special Hobbies Gardening, Shop, Travel
Favorite Memory When going to call for first aid, I was up in Officers Country, running on wet deck. At end of passageway, I realized it was wet paint. I kept going!
Worst Memory Taking care of person who was hit on the head by propeller. He later died.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Nichols, Chester B

Nickname **Rate** ICFN **Division** E
Spouse Betty **Hometown** Hicksville, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Insurance Sales
Special Hobbies None
Favorite Memory Recovery ship for Alan Shepard, May 5, 1961
Worst Memory None
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Ninedorf, Andrew

Nickname Tiger **Rate** PC3 **Division** X
Spouse Joy **Hometown** Madison, WI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Watching sports (Red Sox, Boston Bruins)
Favorite Memory Our extended liberty call in NYC
Worst Memory Loosing four shipmates in an aircraft explosion & leaving the ship
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Nolan, Joseph P

Nickname Rate YN3 **Division** CAG
Spouse Emmy-Jo **Hometown** Plainfield, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Purchasing Agent
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory Sitting with friends and just growing up
Worst Memory Visit to St Thomas when a lady of the night came aboard from the garbage boar
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

O'Brien, George D

Nickname Rate DC3 **Division** R
Spouse **Hometown** Brooklyn, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955 **Years To**
Civilian Occupation Construction/Field Supt
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Wkg. Party - Algiers
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

O'Brien, James M.

Nickname Jim Rate FNN **Division** M
Spouse Lorraine **Hometown** Whitestone, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952-08 **Years To** 1954-02
Civilian Occupation Sales Rep (Retired)
Special Hobbies Golf, Boating, Biking, Carpentry, Etc
Favorite Memory Going from Jacksonville thru Mediterranean & Suez on way to Korea and also Hong Kong Liberty
Worst Memory On the Korean line just before cease fire-General Quarters
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 13
Special Comments

Oliver, Vernon G

Nickname Ollie **Rate** ADJ3 **Division** OE
Spouse Ruth Ann **Hometown** Cincinnati, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1965

Civilian Occupation Claim Agent/Accident Investigator for the local Transit Co

Special Hobbies Wood Working, Gardening, Reading (History), Grandchildren

Favorite Memory The size of the ship when I first reported aboard. The ship's Ball in 1964. A short Med cruise. The recovery of Gemini 2 & 5. I made ADJ-3 while still in the OE Division and was allowed to remain there, I guess because the ship was a short timer. I met a lot of very good people this division.

Worst Memory Being away from my wife and children. Two collisions in less than a month, lost our trip to Europe and spent the summer in Newport. Four month extension in 1966 (VN).

Children 6 **Grandchildren** 19 GG3

Special Comments

Osborne, Dodge

Nickname **Rate** RM2 **Division** OR
Spouse Charlotte **Hometown** Hamilton, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1959

Civilian Occupation Inertial Navigation System Calibrator

Special Hobbies Ham Radio, Reading, Hiking, Gardening

Favorite Memory Traveling, North Atlantic, Mediterranean, Caribbean ports of call. Would have stayed in Copenhagen or Barcelona longer if possible

Worst Memory

Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2

Special Comments

Ostrowski, Edwin J

Nickname Ski **Rate** HM3 **Division** H
Spouse Vita **Hometown** Windsor Locks, CT
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1953

Civilian Occupation Supervisor Inspection Dept, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft

Special Hobbies

Favorite Memory

Worst Memory

Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4

Special Comments

Paul, Aaron Ronald

Nickname Rate AN **Division** V1
Spouse Ann **Hometown** Lexington, NC
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies Ultra Lite Aviation
Favorite Memory Getting Shore Duty
Worst Memory AP Crash
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Pawlenko, Andrew J

Nickname Polock **Rate** DC3 **Division** R
Spouse Ardis **Hometown** Hannibal, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Self-Employed Carpenter
Special Hobbies Bluegrass Band, Fishing, Golfing, and Camping
Favorite Memory 1957 Med Cruise
Worst Memory None
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Pennington, James S

Nickname Jim **Rate** AMN **Division** V-1
Spouse Jayne **Hometown** Newton, MS
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Fire Fighter-City Jackson, MS (1960-1981)
Fire/Safety Chief-Central MS Corr Facility (1986-97)
Special Hobbies Fishing, Wood Working
Favorite Memory Med Cruise 1957-58
Worst Memory Getting caught topside without hat and having to scrub garbage cans. 1957 fire in Marseille, France. Severely damaged ship-5 sailors killed.
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Peter, Albert W

Nickname Pete **Rate** DK3 **Division** S-4
Spouse Yoko **Hometown** Cliffwood Beach, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Lead Fiscal Accounting Assistant GS-6 Civil Service
Special Hobbies Reading, Sports, collecting Baseball Cards & Memorabilia, Some coin collecting
Favorite Memory 1957 Med Cruise
Worst Memory Being sent mess cooking to the scullery
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Peysler, Lawrence A

Nickname Larry **Rate** HN **Division** H
Spouse Bea **Hometown** White Lake, MI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956-09 **Years To** 1957-10
Civilian Occupation Nuclear Engineer
Special Hobbies Music (Classical Guitar), Golf
Favorite Memory Dr Julian (JT) Buxton saying "Don't worry boys, ashes are sterile" while smoking and performing minor surgery.
Worst Memory July 3, 1957 fire in Marseilles Harbor. We lost 5 shipmates.
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Philblade, Raymond J

Nickname Ray **Rate** FTMSN **Division** Fox
Spouse Fran **Hometown** Holden, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation Optician & Hearing Instrument Specialist
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Pinegar, Donald W

Nickname Woody **Rate** PH2 **Division** Ops
Spouse Edith **Hometown** Titusville, FL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Journalist & Corporate Writer/Photographer
Special Hobbies Photography, Scuba Diving, Guitar lessons, Woodcarving
Favorite Memory I served with a great group of Navy photojournalists who always pulled together to cover the assignment and get the story. One of many was the recovery of Astronaut Alan Shepard. Aerial photo missions were always great, especially when it included mail run to Norfolk where we had to wait in EM Club for return flight. I was also proud to represent the Champ as a member of the Quonset Airbees Football Team, 1st Naval District Champions. I hated to miss the cruises during football season, but someone had to do it.
Worst Memory I can remember a few mornings that I'd like to forget. But then again, there are a few I can't remember at all. Mostly, I remember the excellent Navy photo schools and training by real pros like Chief Petty Officer Warren Jackman
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Porcella, Robert F

Nickname Rate SN 1/c **Division** Gunnery
Spouse Georgia **Hometown** Brooklyn, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956-10 **Years To** 1958-06
Civilian Occupation Civil Service
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Boating, Flying
Favorite Memory French Rivera, Naples, Barcelona, Med Cruise
Worst Memory The fire off loading our vehicles
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments I lost my '57 Med Cruise Book and would like to get another and Champ Zippo "57"

Porter, Wayne V. Pinky

Nickname Rate SN **Division** 2nd
Spouse Sabina **Hometown** Newton, KS
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Firefighter for City of Newton (30 Years) Retired as Captain
Special Hobbies Working on and keeping my car and truck clean and working in my yard.
Favorite Memory Crossing the Equator
Worst Memory Storm on way home from Korea 1953
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Printy, John E

Nickname Jack **Rate** AO2/AOCS **Division** VF-22 & G
Spouse Eileen **Hometown** Rochester, NH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952-53 **Years To** 1963-65
Civilian Occupation Insurance Auditor
Special Hobbies Computer and Golf
Favorite Memory Entire Korean Cruise 1953
Worst Memory Collision with Norwegian ore ship in middle of Chesapeake Bay, June 1964.
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments

Rackl, Joseph M

Nickname Joey **Rate** AO3 **Division** 6th
Spouse Roberta **Hometown** Buffalo, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Elevator Mechanic
Special Hobbies Boating, Fishing, Hunting
Favorite Memory Picking up Astronaut during Freedom "7"
Worst Memory Chipping Paint
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Raible, Greg D

Nickname Red **Rate** E-2 **Division** S-2, S-3
Spouse Lucia **Hometown** Trenton, MI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1965 **Years To** De-Comm
Civilian Occupation Building Material Sales
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Tailor Shop duties
Worst Memory Fire in bomb elevator
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Rankin, George Harold

Nickname Coach **Rate** S 1/c **Division** 3rd
Spouse Margaret **Hometown** Lowell, NC
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1945-05 **Years To** 1946-06
Civilian Occupation Retired from Duke Power Co (35 Years)
Special Hobbies Hunting and Fishing
Favorite Memory Bringing troops home after war-Speed record-4 Days, 8 Hours, 52 Minutes from Naples, Italy to Norfolk, VA
Worst Memory Storms at sea when it took 10 days to make same trip.
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Ratte, Roland E.

Nickname Rolley **Rate** AN **Division** V1F
Spouse Lynne Page **Hometown** Haverhill, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952-07 **Years To** 1955-01
Civilian Occupation Teacher
Special Hobbies Volleyball, hiking, and reading
Favorite Memory The places I was able to visit.
Worst Memory With the passage of time, they are all pleasant memories.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Rauhofer, Warren E

Nickname **Rate** Lt **Division** Flight Aircrew
Spouse Abigail **Hometown** Montclair, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Airline Pilot and Airline Executive
Special Hobbies Golf & Travel
Favorite Memory Allen Sheppard pick up
Worst Memory Night landing on a straight deck
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Regelin, Lawrence

Nickname Larry **Rate** AG3 **Division** OI
Spouse Nancy **Hometown** Buffalo, NY
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1952-11 **Years To** 1954-04
Civilian Occupation Meteorological Technician
Special Hobbies Sports & Reading
Favorite Memory Return to Mayport, FL after Korea
Worst Memory Crossing the Equator the first time (initiation)
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Reis, William F

Nickname **Rate** AMH-2 **Division** VS-22
Spouse Joy **Hometown** Kingston, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Service Tech, Owned Fuel Oil Company
Special Hobbies Automobiles. Fishing
Favorite Memory Entering NYC
Worst Memory When we lost a plane VS-32 along side of ship.
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Reynolds, Frank A

Nickname **Rate** HM3 **Division** H
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Yankton, SD
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Sales
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory Many good friends
Worst Memory Div Officer
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Reynolds, Jerry M

Nickname **Rate** RM3 **Division** CR
Spouse Linda **Hometown** Sandy Lake, PA
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing
Favorite Memory Spain
Worst Memory Car wreck while riding with Koons
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5 GG1
Special Comments

Rich, Read E

Nickname Rate AE1 **Division** HS-5
Spouse Lorraine **Hometown** Webster, MA
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Operation's Analyst
Special Hobbies Golf, Umpire
Favorite Memory I was primary recovery crewman to Gemini V Recovery
Worst Memory Collision and fire on the Potomac River
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Richman, Jack

Nickname Rate SK, SN **Division** S1
Spouse Laura **Hometown** Brooklyn, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Advertising
Special Hobbies Coins
Favorite Memory 2 Med Cruises
Worst Memory Fire in Marseilles
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Rinehart, James W

Nickname Jim Rate E-3 **Division** V-2
Spouse Judy **Hometown** Bel Air, MD
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1961-11 **Years To** 1963-11
Civilian Occupation State Trooper
Special Hobbies Hunting
Favorite Memory Cuban Crisis
Worst Memory Sitting in the yard (boring)
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Roberts, Wesley J

Nickname Wes Rate DC3 **Division** R
Spouse Marilyn **Hometown** Milwaukee, WI
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Plumber
Special Hobbies None
Favorite Memory Going through the Suez Canal
Worst Memory Korean War
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Roberts, Sr, Roy Earl

Nickname **Rate** CS2 **Division** S-2
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Clarkesville, GA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Georgia Prison System (Ret 5/94)
 Subdivision Developer/House & Apartment Construction
Special Hobbies Restoring 50's Ford Tractors (Have restored 16)
Favorite Memory Liberty
Worst Memory Fire on board July 3, 1957, France
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments We have a son Roy Earl, Jr who retired as a senior chief E-8 in 1998 with 22 years
 service.

Roellich, Thomas E

Nickname Sheik **Rate** ETN-2 **Division** OE
Spouse Ruth **Hometown** La Crosse, WI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Electronics Instructor, Electrician, Electrical Contractor
Special Hobbies Fishing, Gardening, Politics
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 12
Special Comments

Rogers, Jerry

Nickname Jerry **Rate** Ltjg **Division** Ops
Spouse Betty **Hometown** Avon-by-the-sea, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1962-10 **Years To** 1965-09
Civilian Occupation Administrator, NJ Division of Casino Gambling Enforcement
Special Hobbies Golf, Military History, Travel
Favorite Memory Gemini 2/5 recovery mission, Cuban Blockade Duty
Worst Memory Collision in Chesapeake Bay before departure to European Cruise
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Ronkainen, Gerald W

Nickname Jerry **Rate** QM2 **Division** OS
Spouse Laverne **Hometown** Kettle River, MN
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1952-06 **Years To** 1954-10
Civilian Occupation Ceramic Tile setter
Special Hobbies Logging, Grandchildren
Favorite Memory Getting Discharged
Worst Memory Wearing Undress Blues in the Mediterranean
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Roos, Thomas J

Nickname
Spouse Lucille
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Civilian Occupation Steam Fitter
Special Hobbies Coin Collector
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Rothe, Glenn L

Nickname
Spouse Jackie
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Civilian Occupation Police Dispatcher
Special Hobbies Golf, Video Games, Feeding Birds
Favorite Memory Liberty in Yokosuka, Japan
Worst Memory Flight Deck fire 1953 off Konkan Coast
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments

Rothermel, James C

Nickname Jim
Spouse Joan
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Civilian Occupation Distribution Technician for Pennsylvania Power & Light
Special Hobbies Collecting Lionel trains, fishing, hunting, gardening, and photography.
Favorite Memory Making friends with shipmates.
Worst Memory The Cuban crisis
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Saeger, Donald E.

Nickname
Spouse Sandy
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Civilian Occupation Inspector for Dept of Transportation, State of Wisconsin
Special Hobbies Sing and play guitar (Country & Bluegrass), Jogging
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Safrin, Norman R

Nickname Bob **Rate** AN **Division** V-3
Spouse **Hometown** West Orange, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1960-10 **Years To** 1961-06
Civilian Occupation Aircraft Handler/Ramp Crew with Northwest Airlines (34 Yrs)
Special Hobbies Political geography, Old Ships and Planes, Naval History, American History, World History, Ancient Mysteries of History, Archaeology, Oceanography, Geology, Astronomy, Archeo-Astronomy, UFO's, Naval Engineering and Aeronautics, and the relationships of all of the above to past, present and future.
Favorite Memory Recovering Astronaut Alan B Sheppard and it's impact on History and Space Exploration
Worst Memory The concept and emotional realization and impact of "Cinderella Liberty" on lower ratings like me and "Make Work" "S--t Details"
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Salmeri, Leo S

Nickname Sal **Rate** AE3 **Division** V3/V6
Spouse Judi **Hometown** Quincy, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Salesman
Special Hobbies Traveling, Skiing
Favorite Memory Best time of my life. Picked up first American man in space.
Worst Memory Being run over by a helicopter.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Sartie, Camilo D

Nickname Carm **Rate** DC3 **Division** R
Spouse Patricia **Hometown** Paterson, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Vice President & General Manager of a Plastic Extrusion Plant. (44 Yrs)
Special Hobbies Golf, Trading, Coins, Poker
Favorite Memory Shipmates-Travel
Worst Memory Fire aboard ship
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Sauter, Jack C

Nickname Jack **Rate** AT1 **Division** VC-12
Spouse Marianne **Hometown** Bronx, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-03 **Years To** 1953-12
Civilian Occupation Owned and Managed an Insurance Agency, (State Farm) 40 Yrs
Special Hobbies Writing (3 Books, Articles) President and Editor LCA, Piano, Travel
Favorite Memory See my book "Sailors in the Sky"
Worst Memory See my book "Sailors in the Sky"
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Scheidt, Gary G

Nickname **Rate** AKCM **Division** Supply
Spouse Linda **Hometown** Atlanta, GA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1963-01 **Years To** 1964-11
Civilian Occupation Sales Management
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Scherf, Thomas W

Nickname Tom **Rate** MR3 **Division** A
Spouse Sandra **Hometown** New Kensington, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Machinist
Special Hobbies Guitar, Hunting & Fishing
Favorite Memory Happy hour in the Caribbean and swim call, "A" Div gang in machine shop, also, 1st Div gang when I learned to steer the ship. Mai I drove the largest thing in the world!
Worst Memory Cuban blockade, President JFK's death and our collision with the coal freighter. Scraping paint, gun mount duty 5" at GQ, Emptying the trash cans
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments I wish that I could remember all the names of all those faces of the men that I served with on the Champ. I now wish that I would have tried to get their names and addresses before I left the ship in 1964.

Scott, Donald R

Nickname Scotty **Rate** SN1 **Division** F
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** East Alton, IL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Asst. Vice-President - Medical Center
Special Hobbies Music, photography, and golf
Favorite Memory Too many to enumerate
Worst Memory No actual "worst" memories
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Scott, Thomas W

Nickname Tom **Rate** SK2 **Division** S-2
Spouse Denise **Hometown** New Comberland, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956-12 **Years To** 1958-12
Civilian Occupation General Contractor
Special Hobbies Flying and Golf
Favorite Memory First day onboard
Worst Memory Fire (Anchored in Person)
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Sculthorpe, Alfred E

Nickname Scully **Rate** AT2 **Division** VA (AW)-33
Spouse Pat **Hometown** Lakewood, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Microbiologist
Special Hobbies Renovating old homes
Favorite Memory The first arrested landing
Worst Memory The landing we missed the wire
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Seyfert, Harry Glenn

Nickname **Rate** ETN2 (E-5) **Division** OE
Spouse Carolyn **Hometown** Danville, IL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Electronics & Computer Networking Instructor
Special Hobbies Amateur Radio, Bicycling, Photography
Favorite Memory Steel pike 1. Trip to Europe
Worst Memory 2 collisions in less than 1 month (USS Decatur, MV Skauweg)
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Shawen, Harley J

Nickname Rate PFC **Division** Marine
Spouse Constance **Hometown** Dayton, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Engineer
Special Hobbies Golf, Bowling, Tennis, Shuffle
Favorite Memory First sight of ship
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Shay, Jr, Joseph D

Nickname Rate SN **Division** 1st
Spouse **Hometown** Lindenhurst, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1962-06 **Years To** 1964-03
Civilian Occupation Nassau County Sheriffs Dept, Captain
Special Hobbies Hunting, Gardening, Reading
Favorite Memory Sailing East Coast
Worst Memory Finding out she was scraped
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Sherwood, Byron E

Nickname Barney Rate AN **Division** V-2-S
Spouse Carol **Hometown** Argos, IN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Airline Flight Engineer and Pilot
Special Hobbies Travel, Wood Working, Sports, Flying
Favorite Memory Going on Liberty
Worst Memory Work details
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Shetter, Edward E

Nickname Ed Rate RMSN **Division** OR
Spouse Glenda **Hometown** Gettysburg, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Electronics
Special Hobbies Volunteer, Hunting
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory Med Fire at France
Children 10 **Grandchildren** 22
Special Comments

Stanley, Hugh E

Nickname Hugo **Rate** Lt. (jg) **Division** Gunnery/Fox
Spouse Laura **Hometown** Mobile, AL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Research Chemist
Special Hobbies US Civil War
Favorite Memory Tour of Mediterranean and Suez
Worst Memory Norfolk, VA
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Steckman, Raymond E

Nickname **Rate** TE/RM1 **Division** OR
Spouse Nell **Hometown** Blue Springs, NE
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Civil Service-Telecommunications Specialist
Special Hobbies Reading, Fishing (Fresh Water), Watching Sports
Favorite Memory Watching Flight Operations
Worst Memory Berthing compartment directly under the flight deck
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments Had an outstanding Naval career!

Steinberg, Edward G

Nickname Steiny **Rate** ABE3 **Division** V2
Spouse Elizabeth **Hometown** Boston, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Engineer (Retired)
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory Pick up of Alan Shepherd
Worst Memory Mid Watch
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Stickle, Robert L

Nickname Bob **Rate** AE3 **Division** V-6
Spouse Dianna **Hometown** Hamden, CT
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation Agency Manager, Insurance
Special Hobbies Golf, Fishing
Favorite Memory Being a member of V-6 Div and working on the flight deck during flight operations
Worst Memory Doing 3 months of mess duty
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Stidam, SR, Ules G

Nickname Pete **Rate** FN **Division** R
Spouse None **Hometown** Brownstown, IN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956-03 **Years To** 1957-11
Civilian Occupation Steel mills
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Parties on beach
Worst Memory Had fire 1957, France
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Stiffel, Henry R

Nickname **Rate** RM 1/c **Division**
Spouse Jo Ann **Hometown** Ridgefield, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation President of American Parking Meter Co
Special Hobbies Golf and Fishing
Favorite Memory Breaking the World's record for time in crossing the Atlantic
Worst Memory None
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Stoffel, Joe J

Nickname Joe **Rate** FP1 **Division** R
Spouse Carol **Hometown** McHenry, IL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954-08 **Years To** 1957-11
Civilian Occupation Teacher
Special Hobbies Wood Working, Golf, Walking
Favorite Memory Visiting ports in the Med
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Talley, Tom B

Nickname Talley "Ho" **Rate** LTJG **Division** 7th Div
Spouse **Hometown** New Orleans, LA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952-08 **Years To** 1955-08
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Talley, Jr, Thomas B

Nickname Tom **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** 7th
Spouse Yvonne **Hometown** College Park, GA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952-08 **Years To** 1955-08
Civilian Occupation Insurance Agency Owner
Special Hobbies Golf, Computer, Books
Favorite Memory Mid-watches (nice & quite)-Drinking coffee and shooting the breeze with the guys in my division.
Worst Memory Having to deal with the XO, we did not like each other and he embarrassed me in front of my men
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Taylor, Thomas F

Nickname **Rate** SKV2/c **Division** S1
Spouse Dora Jean **Hometown** Garwood, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1947
Civilian Occupation Electrician
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Going out of Commission
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Tebay, E. Sterling

Nickname **Rate** RM2 **Division** OR
Spouse June **Hometown** Marietta, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1955-12
Civilian Occupation Electrical Engineer, Computer Scientist, Research Scientist
Special Hobbies Photography, Writing, Bicycling, Swimming
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Trott, Richard J

Nickname Dick **Rate** S 2/c **Division** F
Spouse Rosemary **Hometown** Dover Plains, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1945-05-15 **Years To** 1946-03-03
Civilian Occupation Parts analyzer
Special Hobbies Bowling and dancing
Favorite Memory Liberty in South Hampton Eng.
Worst Memory North Atlantic in a heavy storm
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Tubinis, Casimir (Casey) S

Nickname Casey **Rate** SN 1/c **Division** OR
Spouse Elizabeth **Hometown** Niagara Falls, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Deputy Sheriff
Special Hobbies Fishing, Gardening, Grandchildren
Favorite Memory Crossing Equator, Liberty Ports, Suez Canal
Worst Memory Returning planes shot up/Deck crashes
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Tufts, Curtis W

Nickname **Rate** SN 1/c **Division** Deck
Spouse Evelyn **Hometown** Wayland, KY
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Barber 27 Yrs
Special Hobbies Was Basketball
Favorite Memory All Good
Worst Memory All Good
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Tyburski, Edmund A.

Nickname Ski **Rate** SH3 **Division** Ship Ser
Spouse Florence **Hometown** Detroit, MI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956-05 **Years To** 1960-03
Civilian Occupation Machine Repairman
Special Hobbies Travel
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Huge fire at sea with tremendous loss
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments Sorry it's impossible to make this Reunion, but would like very much to attend next year.

Van Nort, John D

Nickname Rate IC3 **Division** E
Spouse Diane **Hometown** Buffalo, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Acct Billing & Collection at Rhode Island College (St of Rhode Island)
Special Hobbies Old Cars, Reading
Favorite Memory Jamaican Independence
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

VandeZande, Robert A.

Nickname Bob **Rate** ADAN **Division** V2S
Spouse Shirley **Hometown** Brandon, WI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Machinist-Tool & Die maker
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Vandivort, Fred W

Nickname **Rate** GM2 **Division** 7th
Spouse Kay **Hometown** Dickson, TN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Vocational Teacher
Special Hobbies Wood Working, Gardening, Genealogy, History
Favorite Memory Duty on the Champ in Korean War Zone.
Worst Memory Duty on the Champ in Korean War Zone
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Vitale, Vincent A

Nickname **Rate** SN **Division** Fox
Spouse Antoinette **Hometown** Clintondale, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Retired, NYPD Police Officer
Special Hobbies Woodworking and reading
Favorite Memory Deploying for Suez Canal crisis and operating with USS NEW JERSEY
Worst Memory Fire on board in Marseilles, France
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Waites, Harry H

Nickname Rate MM2/MM3 **Division** A
Spouse Divorced **Hometown** Portsmouth, VA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Merchant Seaman
Special Hobbies Golf and Bowling
Favorite Memory Having fun working with the guys in my group
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Walcutt, James I

Nickname Jim **Rate** ET3 **Division** F
Spouse Mary Jane **Hometown** Toboso, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Ohio Oilfield
Special Hobbies My Garden and Flowers
Favorite Memory To many to name
Worst Memory Beef Stew
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Walkup, Phillip C

Nickname Phil **Rate** MR3 **Division** A
Spouse **Hometown** Beverly, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Machinist/Mechanical Inspector
Special Hobbies Motorcycling, Still Riding
Favorite Memory Walking down the pier for the first time seeing the Champ and her massive size.
Worst Memory Extended for a North Atlantic Cruise. Had a collision in Chesapeake Bay, end of Cruise to dry dock. At least I did not have to serve the extension
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Walsh, John J.

Nickname JJ **Rate** IC3 **Division** E
Spouse Carmela **Hometown** Franklin Square, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation IBM Customer Engineer
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory The Cavite liberty
Worst Memory The Cavite liberty ride back to the ship on a LCI in a typhoon
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Walsh, Francis G.

Nickname
Spouse Mary
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Civilian Occupation Insurance Agent
Special Hobbies All types of Sports
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments Died Oct 10, 1997 from complications following surgery.

Walther, William (Bill) L

Nickname Bill **Rate** E3 **Division** V4
Spouse Betty **Hometown** Winchester, VA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Engineer
Special Hobbies Old Tractors and toy trains
Favorite Memory Returning to Mayport from cruise
Worst Memory Fire of July 3, 1957 (5 crewmen died)
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Ward, Ross C

Nickname Chief **Rate** EN1 **Division** A-Eng
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** Detroit, MI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Driver
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Warren, Allen L

Nickname **Rate** GM3 **Division** OI
Spouse **Hometown** Queens, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Avionic Mechanic Commercial Aviation
Special Hobbies Naval History, Coin Collecting
Favorite Memory First Med Cruise
Worst Memory Fire on board 7/3/57
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Washington, William

Nickname Rate BMN **Division** Ship Co
Spouse Joye **Hometown** Memphis, TN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1961-07 **Years To** 1963-03
Civilian Occupation Driver
Special Hobbies Model Airplane, Scuba Diving, Fishing and Hunting
Favorite Memory When we won an "E"
Worst Memory Our mooring line broke while at Quonset, RI. and General Quarter was sounded, and we set out for sea. This was my first storm ride
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments

Way, Chester B

Nickname Rate F 1/c **Division** B
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Cornell, MI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver
Special Hobbies Golf, bowling, hunting, and fishing
Favorite Memory Getting birthday cake on my birthday!
Worst Memory Had none
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Weinstein, Gerald M

Nickname Jerry **Rate** FTA2 **Division** F
Spouse Joanne **Hometown** Miami, Fl
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952-10 **Years To** 1956-10
Civilian Occupation Engineering Manager, Aerospace
Special Hobbies Historical Research, Travel, Gardening
Favorite Memory Mediterranean Cruises
Worst Memory Food lines
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Weldon, John L

Nickname Rate E-4 **Division** V-4
Spouse Shirley **Hometown** Massillon, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Civil Service
Special Hobbies None
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 11 GG5
Special Comments

Welsh, Olin H

Nickname Rate SK 3/c **Division** S-1
Spouse Faye **Hometown** Lumberton, NC
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Pharmacist
Special Hobbies Rv'ing, Video Photography, Stock Market
Favorite Memory Liberty in London & Naples, Blue Ribbon Atlantic Record Crossing
Worst Memory Crossing the Atlantic from Southampton, England in January, 1946
Children 8 **Grandchildren** 14
Special Comments

West, Arthur A

Nickname Sandy **Rate** ET1 **Division** OE
Spouse Margaret (Peggy) **Hometown** Tallahassee, FL
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953-04 **Years To** 1955-12
Civilian Occupation General Electric Co Mgmt-Now Retired
(Surface Ship sonar and submarine combat control systems)
Special Hobbies Symphony Orchestra, Financial Management, Fishing, Golf, Stock Market, Volunteer Work
Favorite Memory Korean Armistice, Liberty in Athens (Married girl from American Embassy), Quit smoking
Worst Memory Climbing mast at sea during darken ship. Salt water showers in Indian Ocean
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Wibben, Frank A

Nickname **Rate** S 1/c **Division** CIC
Spouse Carol **Hometown** Floral Park, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Civil Engineer (Highways & Bridges)
Special Hobbies Genealogy, Travel, Church Activities, and collection of old baseball programs
Favorite Memory Seeing the Red Sox play the St Louis Browns (with one armed Pete Gray) at Fenway Park, and seeing Connie Mack while berthed in Boston and Philadelphia respectively after the war ended
Worst Memory Carrying heavy metal trays while assigned to K P and chipping paint while in dry dock
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments God was good to us because we returned safely to our loved ones after the war. I often think of those who did not return.

Wiley, Philip R

Nickname Phil **Rate** **Division** E
Spouse Carolyn **Hometown** Cape Vincent, NY
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Eastman Kodak (Supervisor)
Special Hobbies Fishing and cards
Favorite Memory Being on the ship, open water
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Williams, Jud

Nickname Jud **Rate** FCR 3/c **Division** F
Spouse Christine **Hometown** Middlebury, VT
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1943 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Sales Management
Special Hobbies Model trains.
Favorite Memory Taking the Atlantic Crossing Reward
Worst Memory Being seasick once
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Wilson, Harry E

Nickname Wilkie **Rate** RD3 **Division** OI
Spouse Alma **Hometown** West Carrollton, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Auto Mechanic
Special Hobbies Bluegrass Music, dancing
Favorite Memory The time I served on board
Worst Memory None, I Loved it all
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments "Hello to Everybody"

Winslow III, Edward H

Nickname Ed **Rate** PR2 **Division** VF-81
Spouse Isabel **Hometown** Danvers, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1956-11 **Years To** 1957-06
Civilian Occupation Machine and Tool Design
Special Hobbies Golf, Skiing, Boating, Hockey
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory Fire in Marseilles, France aboard ship
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Wire, George W

Nickname Rate HM3 **Division** H
Spouse Chris **Hometown** Hillside, NJ
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Food service management
Special Hobbies Travel, photography, reading
Favorite Memory Crossing the equator-shellback initiation.
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Wolf, Albert E

Nickname Al **Rate** MM3 **Division** A
Spouse Malinda **Hometown** York, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation War/Contingency Planner, US Air Force (Civilian) Retired Jan 1999
Special Hobbies Travel, Martial Arts, Rail Transportation
Favorite Memory NATO Cruise June-Aug 1958
Worst Memory Mess Working, 3 months of it with one month in the scullery
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments Will just enjoy talking to folks who were on the "Champ" during this period.

Wolff, Jim L

Nickname **Rate** Airman Apprenice **Division** V-2
Spouse **Hometown** Binghampton, NY
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Bank Guard
Special Hobbies Fishing and Hunting
Favorite Memory Cruise to the Far East after coming off the line in Korea
Worst Memory When I left the Champ
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments I served 22 years in the Navy and I would not trade those years for anything.

Womack, Robert E

Nickname Bob **Rate** ET1 **Division** OE
Spouse Louise **Hometown** Bruceton, TN
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Nuclear research - applied physicist
Special Hobbies Golf, photography, and Egyptology
Favorite Memory The view of the dock when we tied up in Mayport after the Korean cruises.
Worst Memory The "monthly maintenance" climb to the top of the mast to grease the radio direction finder antenna.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Wood, Harry H.

Nickname Woody **Rate** ADJ 3/E-4 **Division** V-6
Spouse Sandra **Hometown** Newark, NJ
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Director of Maintenance Trucking Co
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory Going into New York
Worst Memory All good times
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Wooding, Clark W

Nickname **Rate** AOM 3/c **Division** V-4-O
Spouse Doris Jean **Hometown** Drexel Hill, PA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Manager Repro Services
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Woods, Robert E

Nickname Woody **Rate** PH3 **Division** OP
Spouse **Hometown** Natick, MA
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Sales, Builder
Special Hobbies Travel
Favorite Memory Liberty
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Woodside, James M

Nickname Woody **Rate** RDSN **Division** CIC
Spouse Sandra **Hometown** St Louis, MO
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV-39) **Years From** **Years To**
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 12
Special Comments

Woody, Audley F

Nickname _____ **Rate** CS3 **Division** S-S2
Spouse Nancy **Hometown** Dayton, OH
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation I retired from Inland, a division of General Motors
Special Hobbies Traveling and Cooking
Favorite Memory When we picked up Alan Shepard, the first man in space.
Worst Memory I was in a car accident and my good friend got injured real bad and had to leave the ship.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Wooley, Terry L

Nickname TL **Rate** AOAN **Division** G
Spouse Vicki **Hometown** Whittier, CA
Ship USS Lake Champlain **Years From** 1960-06 **Years To** 1961-04
Civilian Occupation Steamfitter (Retired)
Special Hobbies Hunting, Baseball, Football, and Golf
Favorite Memory When we (the ship) went to Nova Scotia, Canada in late 1960
Worst Memory April 14, 1961. Walking towards Champ coming back from Liberty, and got run over by another sailor in a car. My folks flew back to Chelsea Naval Hospital to see me. My Mom & Dad went aboard the "Champ" and met Capt Weymouth.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Workman, Robert V

Nickname Bob **Rate** SN **Division** Fox
Spouse Donna **Hometown** Loudonville, OH
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Fire Fighter, Construction Worker
Special Hobbies Football, Baseball, Reading, Travel
Favorite Memory Sea duty and all ports, Mayport return Korea
Worst Memory Storm off Cape Hatteras
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Wright, Kenneth L

Nickname Rip **Rate** Ensign **Division** Deck
Spouse Nancy Lee **Hometown** Detroit, MI
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Varied
Special Hobbies None
Favorite Memory Met my wife of 51+ years in Lake Champlain wardroom Jan' 54
Worst Memory None
Children 8 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Zampas, Costas N.

Nickname Gus	Rate CPO	Division
Spouse Smara	Hometown New York, NY	
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN	Years From	Years To
Civilian Occupation Aircraft Mechanic		
Special Hobbies		
Favorite Memory		
Worst Memory		
Children 1	Grandchildren 2	
Special Comments On Nov 2, 1997 Gus suffered a stroke and he passed away on Aug 12, 1998. Smara Zampas		

Zanta, Joseph L

Nickname	Rate 2nd Class	Division Supply
Spouse Rose Marie	Hometown Schenectady, NY	
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN	Years From 1953	Years To 1957
Civilian Occupation Hair stylist		
Special Hobbies Stock market and gardening		
Favorite Memory Ports of call		
Worst Memory		
Children 4	Grandchildren 4	
Special Comments		

Zaveson, George

Nickname Zave	Rate 1st Sgt	Division USMC Air
Spouse Hazel	Hometown Akron, OH	
Ship USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN	Years From 1957	Years To 1958
Civilian Occupation Labor, General Tire Co		
Special Hobbies Garden		
Favorite Memory Naples, Italy		
Worst Memory Marseilles, France Ship Fire		
Children 1	Grandchildren 0	
Special Comments		

Zelinka, Bob

Nickname	Rate	Division G
Spouse	Hometown	
Ship USS Lake Champlain	Years From 1964	Years To 1966
Civilian Occupation		
Special Hobbies		
Favorite Memory		
Worst Memory		
Children	Grandchildren	
Special Comments One of the last aboard during decommissioning her in Phully in 1966		

