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**Billman, Brian B**

**Nickname** OS2 **Division** OI  
**Spouse** Eileen **Hometown** Rehrersburg, PA  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1973  
**Civilian Occupation** General Mechanic  
**Special Hobbies** Wood Working and Camping  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 7  
**Special Comments**

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**Boutwell, Carleton W**

**Nickname** Carl **Rate** SK1/SKC&Ensign **Division** Supply  
**Spouse** Carole **Hometown** Woburn, MA  
**Ship** USS CROMWELL/LESTER **Years From** 1954-09/1956 **Years To** 1959-06/196  
**Civilian Occupation** Supervisor of Testing- Inc  
**Special Hobbies** Reading, Gardening  
**Favorite Memory** Cromwell's visit to Scotland  
**Worst Memory** No bad memories  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 7  
**Special Comments**

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**Bowes, Edward T**

**Nickname** Ed **Rate** RD3 **Division** O  
**Spouse** Mary **Hometown** White Plains, NY  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1959  
**Civilian Occupation** Retired from Walt Disney World Merchandising  
**Special Hobbies** Music, Movies, Theme Parks  
**Favorite Memory** A standout memory was the USS LESTER participating in the rescue efforts of the Italian Freighter "Bonitas" off Cape Hatteras in Feb 1958.  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 5 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**





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## Clothier, William L

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Bunny  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022)  
**Civilian Occupation** Welder  
**Special Hobbies** Photography  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2                      **Grandchildren** 3  
**Special Comments**

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## Condon, Douglas

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Camille  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022)  
**Civilian Occupation** CPA  
**Special Hobbies** All Sports  
**Favorite Memory** Foreign ports. People I met  
**Worst Memory** The watches and being away from home  
**Children** 0                      **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Conning, Bruce G

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Geri  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022)  
**Civilian Occupation** Building Manager  
**Special Hobbies** Boating, Fishing and Golf  
**Favorite Memory** Shooting stars  
**Worst Memory** Quarter deck watches at night in winter in Newport, RI  
**Children** 4                      **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**



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## Daum, Jim

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Alyce  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022)  
**Civilian Occupation** Financial Officer -Retired  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, Wood Working, Reading  
**Favorite Memory** Trip to Antigua, BWI  
**Worst Memory** First day on board  
**Children** 2                      **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Deebs, Tom

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Irene  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022)  
**Civilian Occupation** Retired New York State Trooper  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2                      **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## DeGray, Bruce E

**Nickname**  
**Spouse** Roberta  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022)  
**Civilian Occupation** Carpenter/Tool, Die, Gage Maker  
**Special Hobbies** Skiing, Boating, Lionel Trains  
**Favorite Memory** Rescuing the two survivors from the Bonitas  
**Worst Memory** Losing my class ring on Gitmo Bay liberty  
**Children** 2                      **Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments** Looking forward to meeting all my "Liberty" buddies. Hi, to all. To be able to "Greet" all the Plank Owners.





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## Dunlap, Raymond R

**Nickname** Rate MM2 **Division** Engr  
**Spouse** Cathrine **Hometown** Milford, MA  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1959-08  
**Civilian Occupation** Mechanical Engineer  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments** I was assigned to the USS LESTER on completion of MM Service School at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. I was part of the original commissioning crew. The ship was commissioned in Charleston, SC.

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## Fogarty, Kenneth E

**Nickname** Rate SMSN **Division** O  
**Spouse** Deborah **Hometown** Stratford, CT  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1964  
**Civilian Occupation** Design Engineer for Southern New England Telephone Co.  
**Special Hobbies** Vintage Autos, Golf, Darts & Computers  
**Favorite Memory** UNITAS III Cruise  
**Worst Memory** Assassination of JFK while on Quarterdeck Watch in Boston Naval Shipyard.  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Ford, Otis

**Nickname** Oty **Rate** MM2 **Division**  
**Spouse** Vicky **Hometown** Kalamazoo, MI  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1960  
**Civilian Occupation** Machinist  
**Special Hobbies** Fishing, Golf  
**Favorite Memory** The Med  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**





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## Harlach, Michael

**Nickname** Mike **Rate** QM3 **Division** O  
**Spouse** Bernadine **Hometown** Buffalo, NY  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963  
**Civilian Occupation** Weld Machine operator-Harrison Radiator (GM) Lockport, NY  
**Special Hobbies** Hunting, Camping, Target shooting  
**Favorite Memory** UNITAS III  
**Worst Memory** Riding out hurricanes at sea  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 6 GG2  
**Special Comments**

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## Hartley, Richard

**Nickname** Rick **Rate** RD2 **Division** OI  
**Spouse** Mary **Hometown** Jacksonville, FL  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1972  
**Civilian Occupation** Sales  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Best not to write that down! #2 Best not to write that either!  
**Worst Memory** No fresh water for 7 day crossing  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Hayes, Louis P

**Nickname** Ira **Rate** MM2 **Division** Engr  
**Spouse** Gail **Hometown** Chicago, IL  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1963-09 **Years To** 1967-03  
**Civilian Occupation** Police Sergeant  
**Special Hobbies** Motorcycle Riding-Mechanical Repair  
**Favorite Memory** Overhauls at Charleston Navy Yard, Boston, MA  
**Worst Memory** Being dead in the water while repair to boilers  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Herring, Billy W

**Nickname** Rate BT2 **Division** Eng/B  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Adrian, MI  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1962  
**Civilian Occupation** Multicraft Mechanic  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments**

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## Homan, Charles R

**Nickname** Chuck **Rate** ETN2 **Division**  
**Spouse** Rosie **Hometown** North Little Rock, AR  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1971 **Years To** 1973  
**Civilian Occupation** Office Machine Tech  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Visiting Corfu, Greece and Palma, Mallorca  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Hough, Sr, David A

**Nickname** **Rate** SH3 L **Division**  
**Spouse** Nora **Hometown** Clairton, PA  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1964-10 **Years To** 1965-01  
**Civilian Occupation** Labor-jack of all trades  
**Special Hobbies** Like to listen to the opera or play CD with opera voice  
**Favorite Memory** Only served a short time  
**Worst Memory** Get ready for inspection before going to sea  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 16  
**Special Comments**



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## Jillard, William

**Nickname** Rick **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** Oper  
**Spouse** Christina **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1960  
**Civilian Occupation** Retail Sales, Sales Mgr for Radio Shack, Colesberry Book Store  
**Special Hobbies** I play bridge, often duplicate, and have approximately 170 master points. I also teach bridge, most often to beginners. I am trying to find a nearby model railroad club.  
**Favorite Memory** We had many Junior Officers away at school, so the QM1 and the BM1 were filling in as JOOD's. The QM1 was a salty old sailor and in a man overboard drill, he called in a course correction, telling the helmsman to "come left, 2 spokes!"  
**Worst Memory** One time we were assigned to tie up stbd side to a nest on Pier 2. The Captain put over a bow time with the ship at 45 degree angle, then backed the ship. With a single screw LESTER backed to port increasing the angle to 90 degrees. After going forward, we found ourselves crossing in front of outboard ship in nest requiring a mike boat to come and push our stern around so we could tie up!  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Jones, Mason B

**Nickname** **Rate** ST **Division** A/S  
**Spouse** **Hometown**  
**Ship** USS COURTNEY/ USS LESTER **Years From** 1965-1967 **Years To** 1967-1969  
**Civilian Occupation**  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Kabachenski, Michael E

**Nickname** Ski **Rate** EM2 **Division** R  
**Spouse** Elizabeth **Hometown** Worcester, MA  
**Ship** COURTNEY, LESTER, J TAUSSIG **Years From** 1958-08 **Years To** 1962-08  
**Civilian Occupation** Auto Sales (Retired 8/97)  
**Special Hobbies** All outdoor sports  
**Favorite Memory** Becoming a Shellback  
**Worst Memory** Sea Sick  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**



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## Kittle, Steve M

**Nickname** Rate RM2 Division O  
**Spouse** Hometown Torrington, CT  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) Years From 1961 Years To 1963  
**Civilian Occupation** Communications Tech  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** UNITAS III Cruise  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** Grandchildren  
**Special Comments**

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## Knouse, Kurt G

**Nickname** Rate MM2 Division M  
**Spouse** Joan Hometown Palmyra, NJ  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) Years From 1967 Years To 1968  
**Civilian Occupation** Taught Automotive Technology for 31 Yrs. Retired 6/01. Will teach one Course at local College  
**Special Hobbies** Hunting, Fishing, Golf, Old Cars. Finish building my new home!  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory** Being told I could muster out on a weekend!  
**Children** 1 Grandchildren 0  
**Special Comments**

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## Kohn, Robert

**Nickname** Rate SOG3 Division Fox  
**Spouse** Genevieve Hometown Union, NJ  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) Years From 1961-02 Years To 1963-01  
**Civilian Occupation** Commercial Photography Studio Owner (17 Years)  
**Special Hobbies** Gun Collecting, Ice Skating  
**Favorite Memory** Making 3rd Class Petty Officer  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 1 Grandchildren 0  
**Special Comments**

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**Kuck, John E**

**Nickname** Rate BT2 **Division**  
**Spouse** **Hometown**  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** **Years To**  
**Civilian Occupation** Pipeline controller  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory** Loosing load in a storm  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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**Lander, Larry C**

**Nickname** Rate RM2 **Division** Comm  
**Spouse** Jo Lynn **Hometown** St. Petersburg, FL  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1959  
**Civilian Occupation** Moving & storage  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** USS Lester  
**Worst Memory** USS Lester  
**Children** 0 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

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**Lawing, Charles A**

**Nickname** Rate OS3 **Division**  
**Spouse** Juanita **Hometown** Red Bank, NJ  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1972 **Years To** 1974  
**Civilian Occupation** Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Liberty in Palma, Barcelona, Ibiza, Corfu, Bizerti, Athens, Naples, Sicily  
**Worst Memory** 46 degree roll in bad storm  
**Children** 1 **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**









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## Peacock, Larry J

**Nickname** Rate GM3 **Division** Fox  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Cochran, GA  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1969-11 **Years To** 1972-08  
**Civilian Occupation** Golf Course Maintenance/Groundskeeper  
**Special Hobbies** Firing my weapons, Gardening, Girl Watching, Hunting, Fishing, Playing Cards  
**Favorite Memory** Firing weapons and 3" 0 gun mount, Port Visits  
**Worst Memory** After steering  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Pearson, Roland G

**Nickname** Rate RD2 **Division**  
**Spouse** Doris **Hometown** Lafayette, IN  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1966  
**Civilian Occupation** Instrument Engineer  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments** Was only on this ship for about 40 days while awaiting discharge. Left the Navy at this time and went into the Air Force, from which I retired.

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## Perez, Henry O

**Nickname** Harry Rate BM3 **Division**  
**Spouse** **Hometown** San Juan, Puerto Rico  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1970  
**Civilian Occupation** Sales Manager for a Sign Company  
**Special Hobbies** None  
**Favorite Memory** None  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 0 **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**









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## Tracey, Ronald

**Nickname** Ron **Rate** SK2 **Division** Supply  
**Spouse** Linda **Hometown** Lincoln, RI  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1970  
**Civilian Occupation** Postal Clerk, US Postal Service  
**Special Hobbies** Automotive Travel, Gardening  
**Favorite Memory** Cruise to Bermuda  
**Worst Memory** Standing Mid-Watch  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Urbati, Francis N

**Nickname** Skip **Rate** QM3 **Division** O  
**Spouse** Martha **Hometown** Hingham, MA  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1959  
**Civilian Occupation** Research & Development (Guidance Systems Inertial), MIT, Cambridge  
**Special Hobbies** Camping, Golf, Travel, Most outdoor activities  
**Favorite Memory** Time spent with Shipmates  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Vicchio, Frank P

**Nickname** Vic **Rate** E-5/E-6 **Division** Eng  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Baltimore, MD  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1959  
**Civilian Occupation** Boiler Operation, Maint & Repair  
**Special Hobbies** Golf and Bowling  
**Favorite Memory** Reporting aboard Lester in Bay City, MI  
**Worst Memory** Lebanon 1958  
**Children** **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Ward, John P

**Nickname** Rate EMC Division R  
**Spouse** Patricia Hometown Wilmington, NC  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) Years From 1960 Years To 1965  
**Civilian Occupation** 1974-96 College Police Chief, 1996-present, Painting contractor  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** South America 1962  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 1  
**Special Comments**

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## Watkins III, B James

**Nickname** Jim Rate S06SN Division Deck  
**Spouse** Kaye Hometown Wichita, KS  
**Ship** USS LESTER (DE-1022) Years From 1957 Years To 1959  
**Civilian Occupation** Handicap Bus Driver for Starkey, Inc  
**Special Hobbies** Weapons  
**Favorite Memory** The First Birthday Party for the Ship on Cargo, Greece  
**Worst Memory** When I first went on board, the Captain's name was LCDR A P Slaff. My sea detail was as lookout of the signal bridge. Whenever we would return to Newport, it was always under full power. He would turn towards the pier, or ship that was there doing about k5kts, then would turn to the XO and say "You have the Conn John" and leave the bridge. John's first command was always "All back Flank". Once the Captain took her in himself and took all the life line stanchions off the starboard qtr. The next morning just below the name on the stern, in bold black letters was MENACE TO NAVIGATION.  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments** If you recognize the name, write. I will write back.

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## Williamson, Stanley W

**Nickname** Rate E6/RM1 Division Comm/Ops  
**Spouse** JoAnn Hometown Versailles, IN  
**Ship** USS LESTER & USS DEALEY Years From 1960-62 Years To 1969-72  
**Civilian Occupation** Computer Field Service Technician from 1978-86..now an Environmentalist  
**Special Hobbies** Home improvement projects, Gardening, Camping, Biking, Nature and Wildlife Habitats, Working Outdoors.  
**Favorite Memory** Being home-ported at Naples, Italy for 2 Yrs 1970-1972.. My eldest daughter born at USNH Naples, in Naples in 1971.  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 2 **Grandchildren** 0  
**Special Comments**

