
Brown, Gordon R

Nickname
Spouse Beverly
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Construction Contractor
Special Hobbies Travel
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Brown, William R

Nickname
Spouse Betty
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation County Administrator
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing
Favorite Memory Visiting Jamaica
Worst Memory Mocking the tanks
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Buckley, Harry D

Nickname
Spouse Arlene
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Construction Mgr
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory Great shipmates, equator crossing, liberty ports
Worst Memory Twin brothers were running the Caption's gig when one fell overboard and drown. A storm in Palma and being part of a work crew to haul 3 inch lines to another ship. Seeing the same movies too many times.
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Capodanno, William D

Nickname Cappy **Rate** EM1 **Division** Eng.
Spouse Kathleen **Hometown** Newark, NJ
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Electrician
Special Hobbies Golf, Boating, Civic and Charitable endeavors
Favorite Memory Med Cruise 1954
Worst Memory Lt. Geron Engr. Officer placing me on report for a brass belt buckle for which a captains mast ruined my good conduct medal award.
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Carter, Charles W

Nickname **Rate** RM3 **Division** Operations Radioman
Spouse Martha **Hometown** Arlington, TX
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Retail Management
Special Hobbies Sports (football, baseball, NASCAR)
Favorite Memory Bull fights in Spain
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Clark, John

Nickname **Rate** MM2 **Division** Engine Room
Spouse Roseanna **Hometown** Scranton, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation High School, AP Clerk
Special Hobbies Amateur magician
Favorite Memory Crossing the equator
Worst Memory Dodging waves breaking on the lower deck late at night for entertainment
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Clark, John R

Nickname Rod **Rate** SM3 **Division** ON
Spouse Susanne **Hometown** Birmingham, AL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1971-12 **Years To** 1973-11
Civilian Occupation Sales Manager
Special Hobbies Golf, Naval History
Favorite Memory The day I made 3rd Class. Great guys to serve with
Worst Memory First day at boot camp
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Clem, Ernest R

Nickname Ernie **Rate** MM3 **Division** A
Spouse **Hometown** Pleasant Grove, AL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966-11 **Years To** 1969-11
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Liberty in Barcelona, Spain
Worst Memory Eddie Carter, Jr. Jim Roden and myself missing ship movement on our first trip to the Med.
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Cleveland, Sr, Jack G.

Nickname **Rate** SN **Division**
Spouse Veronica **Hometown** Winchester, VA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1949 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Hinkle Harris Furniture Plant
Special Hobbies Walking, Beach
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Darne, Robert W

Nickname Bobby **Rate** BT3 **Division**
Spouse **Hometown** Falls Church, VA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1965 **Years To** 1967
Civilian Occupation Government Welder
Special Hobbies Camping, Fishing, Collect Movies
Favorite Memory Stopping ship for swim call and sharks came
Worst Memory Lack of sleep
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments A SPECIAL MEMORY----Put on your dress canvas. Get ready to go. They've got hot coffee and doughnuts down at the USO!

Dausses, Richard A

Nickname **Rate** EM3 **Division** Eng
Spouse Kathy **Hometown** Albuquerque, NM
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Communications Tech/AT&T
Special Hobbies Fishing, Cruising, Travel by ship..all over
Favorite Memory Many, many, many, especially those in certain Ports of Call.
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Davison, Richard F

Nickname **Rate** CWO **Division** Eng
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** Portsmouth, NH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1953-07 **Years To** 1957-05
Civilian Occupation Salesman, Sears Hardware
Special Hobbies Traveling, wood shop
Favorite Memory Won the Battle Efficiency "E" 2 times out of four
Worst Memory 7 trips to the Med
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Deal, Glendon

Nickname Glen **Rate** QM3 **Division** Ops
Spouse Janice **Hometown**
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1971-10 **Years To** 1973-06
Civilian Occupation Civil Engineer
Special Hobbies Farming, Construction, Computers
Favorite Memory 72 North Atlantic Cruise
Worst Memory Chipping and painting everything that was not moving
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments It was a great experience for a young kid from the Midwest.

Della Camera, Stephen

Nickname **Rate** SF 3/c **Division** R
Spouse Maryann **Hometown** Waterbury, CT
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation Firefighter
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Densmore, Calvin B

Nickname **Rate** RM3 **Division** Commu
Spouse Ardath **Hometown** Birmingham, AL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946 **Years To** 1948
Civilian Occupation Supervisor US Steel (Retired)
Special Hobbies Travel, Pool, Cards
Favorite Memory Transferred twice at sea
Worst Memory A Storm in North Atlantic
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Deppen, Robert G

Nickname Bob **Rate** ME3 **Division** Eng
Spouse Peggy **Hometown** Dornsife, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Machinist
Special Hobbies Wood Working, Camping
Favorite Memory Crossing the Equator, Panama Canal
Worst Memory Cleaning Oil from overflowing tank.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

DeThomas, Raymond F

Nickname **Rate** SH3/C **Division** Sup
Spouse Julie **Hometown** Taunton, MA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1952-10 **Years To** 1956-10
Civilian Occupation Barber
Special Hobbies Fishing and Bowling
Favorite Memory Visiting foreign countries
Worst Memory Motor launch accident
Children 4 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Diehl, Robert T

Nickname Bob **Rate** MM2 **Division** Machinery
Spouse Patricia **Hometown** McKees Rocks, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1969-12 **Years To** 1973-02
Civilian Occupation Civilian Nuclear Powered Submarine Operator
Special Hobbies Astronomy
Favorite Memory Mucking tanks getting ready for the yards (first month on board) and watching as the ships company designed/rigged and carried out ways to get the tanks pumped down and get the ship ready for the yards.
Watching the engines "buck" as we ran over a concrete buoy on the way back in after sea trials--then again as we hit and sank a tugboat (same night)
Worst Memory Mucking tanks and trying to get the black oil out with a garbage can, raising it out 20 gallons at a time, tied to a pulley, while we worked beneath it..
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Doblis, Edward S

Nickname Ed **Rate** XO **Division** XO
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** South Range, WI
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Owner, Light House Trailer Resort & Marine
Special Hobbies Golf, All sports, Pistol shooting
Favorite Memory Receiving "E" Excellent over the other ships
Worst Memory Death of one of our seaman
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Doughtie, John A

Nickname **Rate** HM3 **Division**
Spouse **Hometown** Tampa, FL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Law enforcement (27 Yrs)
Special Hobbies Motorcycles, Music
Favorite Memory Great Friends
Worst Memory None
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Dowd, Russell J

Nickname Russ **Rate** RD2 **Division** O
Spouse Rosemary **Hometown** Maplewood, NJ
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation District Manager AT&T Engineering 33yrs (Retired)
Special Hobbies Have my own catering business
Favorite Memory All the countries we visited during my 41 months on board
Worst Memory The death of Rosaro Carini - motor launch accident
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Dreaney, Clifford W

Nickname Cliff **Rate** PN3 **Division** Deck/2nd/Ops/X
Spouse Nancy **Hometown** Amsterdam, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1961-02 **Years To** 1965-08
Civilian Occupation Retired. Worked as a delivery driver for the local paper
Special Hobbies Reading, Building Model Cars
Favorite Memory My year or so as in charge of the ship's office
Worst Memory My year or so in charge of the ship's office working a Lt named F\Robert Fabel
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Dudley, James L

Nickname **Rate** RM 3/c **Division**
Spouse Lana **Hometown** Pasadena, TX
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1972
Civilian Occupation Manager ATT
Special Hobbies Photography, Music, Computers
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Duffy, Frank C

Nickname Duff **Rate** RM3 **Division**
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** Blackwood, NJ
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1948 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Computer Programmer/Analyst Ret'd
Special Hobbies Golf, Volunteering, Sports
Favorite Memory Med Cruises, Liberty in Pozzuoli, Casablanca, Side trip to Rome. Taking oil off "Big Mo" when she ran aground. Collision at sea with SS Shanghai victory
Worst Memory Being extended from 3 years to 4 years with only a short time to serve due to the Korean conflict
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Eason, John

Nickname Rate ENS Division A & E
Spouse Missy Hometown Nashville, TN
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) Years From 1974 Years To 1975
Civilian Occupation Investment Management
Special Hobbies Tennis, Travel
Favorite Memory Trip to Rome with Jake Sorg & crew
Worst Memory Having the hot water go down while the Captain was taking a shower
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Edwards, Terry D

Nickname Rate MR3 Division Eng
Spouse Spouse Deceased Hometown Fenton, MI
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) Years From 1954 Years To 1956
Civilian Occupation Retired Tool & Die
Special Hobbies Golf, Fishing, Traveling
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 7 **Grandchildren** 17
Special Comments

Ellis, Francis A

Nickname Rate MM2 Division
Spouse Colleen Hometown Pittsburg, KS
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) Years From 1951-08 Years To 1955-07
Civilian Occupation University of Kansas, Journalism, Radio-TV
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Emery, Bill

Nickname Lt (jg) **Division**
Spouse Janice **Hometown** Deerfield, IL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1972 **Years To** 1974
Civilian Occupation Chief Operating Officer
Special Hobbies Wood Working
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Emmons, Jr., Daniel R

Nickname SH2 **Division**
Spouse **Hometown** Exeter, NH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Pipefitter/Planner Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory Fire aboard ship while taking on fuel
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Empson, Richard D

Nickname Dick **Rate** SH3 **Division** S
Spouse Shirley **Hometown** Genesee, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation US Government Civilian, 10 years with Air Force, 24 years with Army. Was Central Case Mgr for US Army, Security Affairs Command. Retired 12/31/89 - 38 years
Special Hobbies Golf, Church, Children, and Grandchildren. Work part time at Sunset Golf Course, Middletown, PA next to TMI
Favorite Memory All the places we were and all my fellow shipmates. You can't price that.
Worst Memory The collisions, accidents, and the personal losses of my shipmates.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments Hi and God Bless All. Am real excited to know that the Pawcatuck is having a reunion. We are both looking forward to meeting you in person at the reunion.

Fedak, Walter

Nickname Rate EMCS **Division** E
Spouse **Hometown** Youngstown, OH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Retired after 21 Yrs with Pratt & Whitney, West Palm Beach , Florida as Test Area Elect.

Special Hobbies Biking and Traveling

Favorite Memory The time we fueled a carrier at sea and the carrier pulled away before the "aft" span vise was detached from the carrier. As she pulled away she pulled the span wire to its limit at which time the counter weights were raised to the top of its limits and the cable parted the bitter end coming back to us. Fortunately, the counter weight (several tons) started to drop in its housing. Had it not been for the safety devices installed to stop it, it probably would have gone through the bottom of the hull. The cable got caught in our propeller and as it dragged across the hull outside Chief's quarters there was a dash for the doors. This all took a matter of a minute or less, but we spent a few nice days in Bermuda while divers removed the cable from around the shaft and screw!

Worst Memory

Children 6 **Grandchildren** 8

Special Comments

Fiedel, Howard

Nickname Howie **Rate** EN3/EN2 **Division** A Engineering Dept
Spouse **Hometown** Brooklyn, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1968

Civilian Occupation Auto Mechanic

Special Hobbies Fishing

Favorite Memory Med Cruise and Capt Honour

Worst Memory Going thru two hurricanes

Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1

Special Comments

Fortune, Jim B

Nickname Jim **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division**
Spouse Joy **Hometown** Timonium, MD
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1965 **Years To** 1968

Civilian Occupation Industrial Sales

Special Hobbies

Favorite Memory

Worst Memory

Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4

Special Comments

Franks, Phillip E

Nickname SN **Division** 1st
Spouse Virginia **Hometown** Danville, VA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation Conductor Norfolk Southern Railway
Special Hobbies Hunting
Favorite Memory Riding on fantail watching the giant swells in a storm
Worst Memory Battling the hurricane while tied up in Palma, Spain
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Franzel, William P

Nickname Frannie **Rate** MM3 **Division** A
Spouse Suzanne **Hometown** Snover, MI
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1960-05 **Years To** 1962-06
Civilian Occupation Factory-Retired
Special Hobbies Swim, Fish, Hunt, Travel
Favorite Memory Standing watch and doing my job in engine room. Seeing a big black shark in water while at Gitmo. Going on a NATO Cruise seeing Germany, Scotland, England
Worst Memory Being held at Wright-Patterson AFB on my way back to Norfolk to the mighty PAW I missed or was canceled out of a flight. Having to hitch hike to Norfolk making me 7 hours late and answer to Capt Mast. Warded 14 Hrs extra duty
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments Remember the yard period at Baltimore 1960. The time we had to consolidate with USS Auscilla at Christmas time we had to stay at sea another three weeks before we got back to Norfolk.

Frith, Jr, William R

Nickname Bill **Rate** HM **Division**
Spouse Madeline **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Computer Network Engineer
Special Hobbies None
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Futrall, Terry P

Nickname Rate BM3 **Division** Deck
Spouse Kathleen **Hometown** Lorain, OH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Shipper
Special Hobbies Golf, Horses
Favorite Memory Guys I served with
Worst Memory Night Refueling
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Gallagher, Jones F

Nickname Rate OS3 **Division** ON
Spouse **Hometown** Chelmsford, MA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1971 **Years To** 1974
Civilian Occupation Finish Carpenter/Cabinet Maker
Special Hobbies Wood Working, Photography, Fishing, Bicycling, Canoeing
Favorite Memory Liberty, whether overseas or stateside with my good buddies Hippo, Koz, Johnson and all the others whose names are with held to protect their innocence.
Worst Memory Onboard arson and one mother of a hurricane that we sailed through returning from Gitmo.
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Garr, Larry R

Nickname Garr Rate IC1 **Division** E
Spouse Terry **Hometown** Louisville, KY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1969-11 **Years To** 1971-12
Civilian Occupation Management
Special Hobbies Cars
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Grove, Pearce S

Nickname Red **Rate** MM3 **Division** Engine Rm
Spouse Rita **Hometown** Sanford, NC
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1950 **Years To**
Civilian Occupation Director of Academic and Military Libraries
Retired LCDR U. S Navy (3 ships)
Retired U. Professor
Special Hobbies Writing, Golf, Stamps, Tennis, History, Horses, Racquet ball, Travel abroad, Home Exchanges, Reunions
Favorite Memory Taking oil from the USS MISSOURI when it ran aground and was stuck in the mud!
Worst Memory Seeing "old salts" smoking around tank openings!
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 18
Special Comments

Gutknecht, John R

Nickname **Rate** MM/E-5 **Division** Engr
Spouse Nancy **Hometown** Rochester, IN
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1961-11 **Years To** 1964-09
Civilian Occupation Construction
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Guy, William "Ted" E

Nickname Ted **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** Supply
Spouse Stella **Hometown** St Louis, MO
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1965 **Years To** 1967
Civilian Occupation Attorney
Special Hobbies Boats and Trains
Favorite Memory Being locked in the crypto shack by someone who thought some other officer was in there.
Worst Memory Same as above
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 15
Special Comments I would certainly do it again if I were young enough

Hall, George T

Nickname Rate LTJG **Division** Supply
Spouse Rosa **Hometown** St Pauls, NC
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Real Estate
Special Hobbies Fishing, Church
Favorite Memory Christmas dinner with family
Worst Memory Death of Captain G.F. Bunn
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Hamilton, Talmage O

Nickname Rate SN **Division** OPS
Spouse Dawn **Hometown** Pinetown, NC
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Training Specialist @ SPAWAR
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory USS Lawrence (DDG-4) first enlisted to qualify as Fleet Officer of the Deck.
Worst Memory USS Coontz (DLG-9) 1974; patrol off Alexandria, Egypt
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Handy, Gerald Y

Nickname Rate Radar SM 1/c **Division** O
Spouse Bonnie **Hometown** Anchorage, AK
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1950 **Years To** 1951
Civilian Occupation Air Traffic Controller
Special Hobbies Fishing, Motorcycling, Back Packing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7 1 GG
Special Comments

Hansen, Eldon D

Nickname Abbie **Rate** SN **Division** 2nd
Spouse Ida **Hometown** Panora, IA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Scale Operator, Lyman-Richey Sand & Gravel
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing
Favorite Memory Liberty with the guys
Worst Memory Collision with the USS Roosevelt
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 9 GG 4
Special Comments

Hanson, Deroy L

Nickname **Rate** LCDR **Division** XO
Spouse Dianne **Hometown** Santa Ana, CA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation After retirement from the Navy, 7th/8th Grade Social Studies Teacher (Retired 6/5/95)
Special Hobbies Reading
Favorite Memory 6th Fleet Pass in Review
Worst Memory Lost a man over the side in Med. Got him back safely!
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments Smooth Sailing Always

Hardin, Howard E

Nickname **Rate** SN **Division** S-1
Spouse Kathy **Hometown** Erwin, TN
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1965 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation Shipping and receiving manager
Special Hobbies Bluegrass Music, Playing the Banjo
Favorite Memory I was only on the ship from Dec 1965 until the decom in April of 1966. We went to sea twice and one of them was the last trip to Philadelphia Yards. I enjoyed all the time I spent on the Lake Champlain. I finally got a cap on my last AT in the Navy Reserve in Charleston in April of 2004.
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Hastings, Richard J

Nickname Dick **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** Gunnery
Spouse Jill **Hometown** Cortland, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Orthopedist
Special Hobbies Gardening, Golf, Tennis, X Country Skiing
Favorite Memory Capt John Chew when the USS RANDOLPH came alongside and signaled us we failed to dip our flag. (He was senior to their Capt). I wanted to signal back, but he said wait till he reads the message-that will be enough.
Worst Memory Asian flu of 1957 caught in Valparaiso, Chile
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Hennard, Thomas

Nickname Tom **Rate** QMC **Division** Nav
Spouse Carol **Hometown** Cincinnati, OH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1973-07 **Years To** 1975-08
Civilian Occupation Civil Service-Supply
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory Deployments
Worst Memory Long hours as helm safety officer
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Hernandez, Randy

Nickname Randy **Rate** MM2 **Division** M
Spouse Kate **Hometown** Farmington Hills, MI
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1972
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Skydiving
Favorite Memory North Atlantic Cruise
Worst Memory Gitmo
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Horton, Billy M

Nickname Rate BM2 **Division**
Spouse Ann **Hometown** Carrollton, GA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Atlanta Gas Light Co (Retired 04-01-94)
Special Hobbies Hunting, fishing
Favorite Memory Barcelona, Spain tour
Worst Memory Death of a shipmate
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Hoschett, Albert M

Nickname Horse-Shit **Rate** BT2 **Division** Boiler Rm
Spouse Hazel **Hometown** Chicago, IL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1950 **Years To** 1951
Civilian Occupation Product Designer (AT&T)
Special Hobbies Painting (Oils)
Favorite Memory Getting hit by merchant ship in Chesapeake Bay
Worst Memory Transferring oil all night after running aground in Chesapeake Bay
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Houff, William

Nickname Bill **Rate** ET2 **Division** Mil Dept
Spouse Yolanda **Hometown** Staunton, VA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1986-10 **Years To** 1987-11
Civilian Occupation Marketing, Sales, Service-Sperry Marine
Special Hobbies Motorcycle Riding, My Kids
Favorite Memory Time spent playing cards and watching TV in the Officer's Lounge
Worst Memory Un-Reps
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Huyer, Joe J

Nickname Rate BM1 **Division** 1st
Spouse Carol **Hometown** Chicago, IL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Lathe Operator
Special Hobbies Golf & Bowling
Favorite Memory Liberty in the Med
Worst Memory Didn't have any
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Jablonsky, Daniel J

Nickname Rate **Division**
Spouse Cahterine **Hometown** Ft Lauderdale, FL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation NREMT-Paramedic Trauma/Medic
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Jerns, Robert L

Nickname Bob **Rate** Lt **Division** OPS
Spouse Frances (deceased) **Hometown** Hanover, MD
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1964-02 **Years To** 1965-10
Civilian Occupation Student, meat butcher, charter captain on fishing boat, USNR enlisted BM4
Special Hobbies Woodworking, fishing care giver for handicapped son
Favorite Memory I reported aboard Pawcatuck in Mayport. Captain Hayworth gave me the con leaving port and let me conn the ship in Norfolk Harbor. That was my first time entering Norfolk. The Captain told the OOD to leave me alone when he made a suggestion on what he would do. The Captain said, "He's doing fine, don't bother him." Since my previous shipboard experience at the Conn was only OOD underway independent, I was proud of successfully bringing the ship home without any help.
Worst Memory When the Chief Corpsman told me he lost my records and I had to take my shots over. But since I had a copy of all my shot records, I won that one also.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Jester, Thomas

Nickname Tom **Rate** GMG2, E-5 **Division**
Spouse Jeannie **Hometown** Columbus, OH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1970-04
Civilian Occupation Service tech Diebold, Inc
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Johnson, James E

Nickname **Rate** Capt. **Division** CO
Spouse June **Hometown** Carrollton, IL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1973 **Years To** 1975
Civilian Occupation Certified Public Accountant
Special Hobbies Scuba diving
Favorite Memory It was all good
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Jones, Alvin E

Nickname **Rate** E-6 HT1 **Division** R
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Brandenburg, KY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Laundry Supervisor for Retirement Community
Special Hobbies Paper Models, Compute
Favorite Memory PO in charge of Pump Room. Having a place no one else wanted to go into. Lot more fun that cargo central. Having the power to pump fuel to both sides with the push of a button.
Worst Memory Cleaning the ships tanks before the shipyard. Butterworting was a lot of hard work and then to gas free each one.
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 11 GG3
Special Comments

Jones, Charles R

Nickname Rate BTFN **Division** Eng
Spouse Glenda **Hometown** Jemison, AL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1973 **Years To** 1975
Civilian Occupation Construction
Special Hobbies Bass fishing
Favorite Memory Too many to list
Worst Memory Doing fire sides in boiler when we used black oil
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Jones, Edsel C

Nickname Rate SA-BM2 **Division** 1&2
Spouse Patricia **Hometown** Maysville, KY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1948 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Ohio Highway Patrol, Retired Navy
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Jones, Sam

Nickname Rate GM 2/c **Division**
Spouse Darlene **Hometown**
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1948 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Block layer
Special Hobbies Camping, traveling, being with family
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments We really enjoyed the reunion, seeing my old friends and making new ones

Kestermont, John A

Nickname Rate MEG3 **Division**
Spouse Pauline **Hometown** Sidman, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Oil Painting
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory When we rammed the carrier Roosevelt
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Kistler, Jim E

Nickname Rate SF1 **Division** R
Spouse Katy **Hometown** South Bend, IN
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1965 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Sales Manager
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory Servicing the Fleet and Shore Patrol in Majorca, Spain
Worst Memory Oil Spills
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Knapp, William R

Nickname Bill Rate CHBOSN **Division** 2nd
Spouse Pearl **Hometown** Huntington Park, CA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1953-07
Civilian Occupation Executive Director, City of Ventura Housing Authority
Special Hobbies Golf, Wood Working
Favorite Memory Many
Worst Memory USS Hobson incident, 25 April 1952
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Lee, John W

Nickname
Spouse Hanna
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Marine Machinist & 2nd Engineer Merchant Marine
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Cuban Blockade
Children
Special Comments

Rate MMCS
Hometown Edgewood, IL
Years From 1962
Years To 1963
Division

Grandchildren

Lee, Nicholas J

Nickname
Spouse
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Park Ranger
Special Hobbies Naval History
Favorite Memory Cruises overseas
Worst Memory Mess duty and uncertainty at Dominican Republic presence
Children 0
Special Comments Best Wishes to all.

Rate 1C3
Hometown Montreal Quebec, Canada
Years From 1963
Years To 1966
Division E

Grandchildren

Lee, Jr, Gorman W

Nickname Lee
Spouse Franlisca Balles
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Musician
Special Hobbies Trains and Old Automobiles
Favorite Memory All the ports we went to. The wonderful people that I met in other countries, their music and charm.
Worst Memory A storm in Panama in the Liberty Launch going back to the ship
Children 8
Special Comments

Rate S I/C
Hometown Parkersburg, WV
Years From 1947
Years To 1950
Division 1st

Grandchildren 14 6 GG

Leedy, Walter E

Nickname Rate MM2 Division M
Spouse Reba Hometown Kingsport, TN
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) Years From 1955-09 Years To 1956-05
Civilian Occupation Asst NSI NJ ROTC (9 yrs) Authorize Nuclear Inspector with HSB and Spare Parts Specialist at various Nuclear Power Plants until 1990.
Special Hobbies Raise Beef Cattle on a very small scale. Keeps me off the street and out of trouble.
Favorite Memory I was most impressed with Capt C Hill Bliss who was a submariner. The experience with reciprocating engines was a most gratifying experience, as well as the high caliber of the people on board
Worst Memory None
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Lemanski, Edward V

Nickname Rate CSSN Division
Spouse Hometown New Haven, CT
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) Years From 1987 Years To 1987
Civilian Occupation Driver
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Leonard, Michael

Nickname Mike Rate SN Division Deck
Spouse Shirley Hometown Overland, MO
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) Years From 1950 Years To 1952
Civilian Occupation Engineer
Special Hobbies Golf, Hunting, Fishing and Dancing to Big Bands
Favorite Memory Christmas parties for orphans
Worst Memory Collision with Chinese Freighter
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Lessel, F. Parker

Nickname Rate DCW2 **Division**
Spouse Eleanor **Hometown** Allentown, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Accounting/Business & Government Contract Administration
Special Hobbies Volunteering
Favorite Memory Refueling the USS MIDWAY and talking to a neighborhood friend who was manning the receiving end. (Quite a small world)
Worst Memory I have good memories of Pawcatuck-can't think of any worst memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Lula, Fred E

Nickname Rate PPFN **Division** Eng/R
Spouse Susan **Hometown** Paw Paw, MI
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1955-06 **Years To** 1957-09
Civilian Occupation Retired Maint Tech for Kimberly Clark Corp
Special Hobbies Bowling, Fishing
Favorite Memory Crossing the Equator
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Lyons (Ret), LCDR Leonard S

Nickname Rate LCDR **Division** Eng
Spouse Emilie **Hometown** Akron, OH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1972-06 **Years To** 1974-09
Civilian Occupation Cabinet installer/repairs, etc
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory YTB 756
Worst Memory None
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Madia, Tony

Nickname Tony **Rate** E3 **Division** BN
Spouse Lucy **Hometown** Queens, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Claims Specialist
Special Hobbies Sports, RV'ing
Favorite Memory Being the duty driver and Captain's Gig driver for the Captain.
Worst Memory Fire in Mayport while refueling
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Major, Singleton F

Nickname Si **Rate** MM2 **Division** A
Spouse Mary Alice **Hometown** Donora, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946 **Years To** 1950
Civilian Occupation Insurance Sales and Brokerage management
Special Hobbies Golf in summer, skiing in winter
Favorite Memory Organizing a "swim-call" in the Mediterranean off the coast of France. Liberty in Pozzuoli, Liberty in Tangiers.
Worst Memory Mustering with the "P.A.L.S. & enlisted men" each night and fulfilling extra duty because of AOL.
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments

Malone, Douglas B

Nickname Doug **Rate** PC3 **Division** Operations
Spouse Elaine **Hometown** Charlotte, NC
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Management
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory Being in charge of a crew when we had to muck tanks and as a 3rd Class Petty Officer I was put in charge of a 1st Class and a Chief Petty officer . Also Liberty in Tormalenes, Spain and sinking the tug boat in Mayport
Worst Memory Emergency break away from a carrier during fueling
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Mann, Arnold

Nickname
Spouse Marty
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 8+
Special Comments

Manno, Paul L

Nickname
Spouse
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation New York St Corrections Officer (Attica Correctional Facility)
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Marleau, Joel T

Nickname
Spouse Patricia
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Building Engineer
Special Hobbies Backpacking, playing with my grandson
Favorite Memory First liberty in Dundee Scotland with McDaniels, great time at a town dance. After the dance a lovely donny-brook in the town square, won by Deck Division
Worst Memory Sea sick (brutal) on '73 Med Cruise. There's a story there.
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments There's a picture of a card game on the group's website. I can't place a name to the faces, but my daughter looked over my shoulder and said, "that's you Dad". The guy on the right, with the glasses.

Maynard, Jr, Perry

Nickname Chet **Rate** MM2 **Division** Eng
Spouse Alleata **Hometown** Wharton, WV
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Retired US Navy, Marine Machinist, Charleston Naval Shipyard
Special Hobbies Camping, RV'ing, Model Railroading (can't play Guitar anymore)
Favorite Memory We (The Ship) was getting ready to go to Boston Naval Shipyard. Was loading personal cars on board. We were in the Engineering Log Room with the Chief Engineer and several other guys and the XO came in and said that a car was stolen off the pier where we were loading cars earlier. The Executive Officer said "I can see it all now, me having to write all these letters explaining why we stole a car, I know every car on the cargo deck except the White & Blue Station Wagon. So I told him, "Let me ease your mind, the Station Wagon is MINE."
Worst Memory One of my friends named Gordon was swimming in the French Riviera, and dived into the water and broke his neck, paralyzing him from the neck down.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments Will be great to see old friends again.

Mayotte, Jim Edward

Nickname Jim **Rate** QMSN **Division** Atlantic Fleet
Spouse Wendy **Hometown** Brattleboro, VT
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1963-03 **Years To** 1963-11
Civilian Occupation Data Management
Special Hobbies Collecting baseball cards, veteran's affairs, golf
Favorite Memory Being in the Med
Worst Memory Mucking tanks
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

McCoy, Marcus D

Nickname Doc **Rate** HM2 **Division** Medical
Spouse **Hometown** Carlinville, IL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation University Asst. Dean of Admissions
Special Hobbies Art, Painting, Music, Exercising
Favorite Memory Giving shots to everyone on board after out to sea on Pawcatuck. Went to Caribbean 3 months then Mediterranean Sea for 3 months.
Worst Memory Banging into a large aircraft carrier in the Med and losing our hoses.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 16
Special Comments I remember "The Mailman" Padillo, and a patient named King, and a guy named "Willis" who had to sleep it off in sick bay more than once! Also remember Chief Betzler, he cleaned and fixed watches the whole time we were at sea.

McEwan, James W

Nickname Jim **Rate** QM2 **Division** O
Spouse Virginia **Hometown** Brooklyn, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Vice President, Citibank - Retired
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory Visiting Scotland after extended period at sea during NATO exercise.
Worst Memory Being the designated signalman in the "Man Overboard" lifeboat crew.
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

McInvale, Glenn D

Nickname **Rate** RM3 **Division** Oper
Spouse Dimple **Hometown** Georgiana, AL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation US Postal Service
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory None
Worst Memory None
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

McPherson, Mark E

Nickname Mac **Rate** PNSN **Division** Ops
Spouse Shirley **Hometown** Lancaster, OH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Branch Manager for CME Federal Credit Union, Columbus, OH
Special Hobbies Enjoy Bowling and Golf
Favorite Memory When we dropped anchor in the port of Ville Franche, France. This was in January 1969, and our ship was the 1st US Warship there since World War II. Needless to say we received a red carpet welcoming, with a band on the dock and open arms from the village. This being my first port of call, I was totally impressed.
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

McRae, Elbert W

Nickname Bill **Rate** SH1 **Division**
Spouse Betty **Hometown** Miami, OK
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Engineman US Postal Service
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory USS Princeton CVS 37 & US Navy Recruiting Station Topeka, KS
Worst Memory USS Pawcatuck AO 108
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 8+
Special Comments I had a very good career with the Navy and enjoyed all the places my 8 ships visited. Places such as Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Japan, Hawaii, Bikini Atoll (hydrogen bomb explosion) Guam, Okinawa, Fiji Island, Marianas Islands, Hong Kong and all the Navy yards on the West Coast. I served at 2 recruiting stations for 7 years (Topeka, KS & Ft. Smith, AR). The Navy was a good thing that happened to me, but I like the last job that I had the best, the US Post Office in Miami, OK where I retired from Govt Service with 39 years service. I only have one regret and that is a broken promise made to me by a Navy Recruiter (I as a recruiter never made the promise) of free medical for life for 20 years service. Big LIE and it was promised at every re-enlistment.

Mellon, William J

Nickname **Rate** BM3 **Division** 2nd
Spouse Sandy **Hometown** Lathrop, MO
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Steel Rule Die maker-Hallmark Cards Inc. (Retired)
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory My time spent on the Captain's Gig
Worst Memory Night refueling
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Mendenhall, Gerald V

Nickname Jerry **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** Nav Ops
Spouse Ruth **Hometown** Lincoln, NE
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Geologist
Special Hobbies Genealogy, Carving, Writing
Favorite Memory Navigator
Worst Memory Loss of members from two boat crews
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Mettler, Fred L

Nickname
Spouse Theresa
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Plant Engineer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Metz, Bruce

Nickname
Spouse Marcia
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Factory worker
Special Hobbies Hunting and fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Meyers, Aden R

Nickname Smokey
Spouse Diane
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Construction Electrical Super
Special Hobbies Antique Cars, Street Rods, Travel, Camping
Favorite Memory Med Tour
Worst Memory Fueling at sea 20-30 hours
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments After leaving the Pawcatuck, I became an apprentice electrician in the IBEW. I also studied electrical engineering at Lehigh and Lafayette Universities. I worked as a construction superintendent and field engineer on construction sites all over the United States, the Middle East, and Africa. In 1983 I received my Coast Guard Captain's License/Masters 100 ton. I operated my own charter fishing boat out of Indian River, DE until 1997. I am now Semi-retired and spend my time restoring antique automobiles and traveling in my Motor Home with my wife and sometimes with my grand children.

Meyers, Gordon G

Nickname Gigi **Rate** BT3 **Division** B
Spouse Joanne **Hometown** Kankakee, IL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1962-07 **Years To** 1965-10
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Family, Fishing and Boating
Favorite Memory Shake Down Cruise Gitmo, Cruise to the Med
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments Looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in Nashville.

Millette, Clem G

Nickname Clem **Rate** SKSN **Division** Supply
Spouse Betty **Hometown** Leominster, MA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1949 **Years To** 1950
Civilian Occupation Life Insurance with Northwestern Mutual
Special Hobbies Traveling and Civil War History and Battlefield visits
Favorite Memory Coming up the Gang plank the 1st time, saluting Old Glory on the fantail, and proud to be a sailor as two of my brothers before me.
Worst Memory Powdered eggs and milk, and SOS. Getting seasick the first day of my first trip out of Norfolk
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments This is my first reunion, I'm just thankful to be able to attend. Thank God for your Reunion Service.

Mirra, Raymond

Nickname **Rate** EN3 **Division** Aux
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Yonkers, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Building manager
Special Hobbies Cars, computers
Favorite Memory Med Cruise, Winter 70-71
Worst Memory War Games, Cuba, Summer 71
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Mitchell, John W

Nickname Rate ET2 **Division** OPS
Spouse Carol **Hometown** Waynesburg, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Eng Tech
Special Hobbies Restoring heavy equipment, building timber frame homes, converting a car to all electric
Favorite Memory Watching flying fish on a glassy sea. Watching the bow plow through the waves and the spray coming clear back to the bridge
Worst Memory Being separated from my wife. Getting se sick
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments For a farm boy from Western PA who had never seen the ocean, the Navy was a tremendous life experience. I got a lot for my four years, but at the end of my enlistment, I was ready to move on.

Moll, Henry L

Nickname Rate FT1 **Division** Gun
Spouse Pauline **Hometown** Stillwater, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1948-03 **Years To** 1953-06
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies Research, Merchant ships
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Monitor, David R

Nickname Rate BTC **Division** B
Spouse Phylis **Hometown** Minneapolis, MN
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Inspector for an Insurance Co.
Special Hobbies Coins, Travel
Favorite Memory Jumboization
Worst Memory Seeing the crew leave when we got to Ohio for Jumboization
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments Hope to see you at the reunion

Mooring, Steven R

Nickname Steve **Rate** MM3 **Division** A
Spouse **Hometown** Shreveport
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1971 **Years To** 1973
Civilian Occupation Physician
Special Hobbies Scuba Diving
Favorite Memory North Atlantic/Europe Cruise 1972
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Morris, James E

Nickname Moe **Rate** RM1 **Division** O
Spouse Doris **Hometown** Tuscaloosa, AL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation System Engineer-Communication
Special Hobbies Golfing, Travel with RV
Favorite Memory The Med Cruise 1953
Worst Memory None
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Morse, Harold c

Nickname Hal **Rate** LCDR **Division** Gun
Spouse Judith A **Hometown** Belmont, ME
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1959-01 **Years To** 1961-04
Civilian Occupation Comm Refrig
Special Hobbies Hunting, Camping
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Collision with Carrier Roosevelt
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Nassau, Gary C

Nickname Lt (jg) **Division**
Spouse Beverly **Hometown** Mt Vernon, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1957-09 **Years To** 1958-12
Civilian Occupation Chartered Life underwriter
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Neifert, Gary A

Nickname E3 **Division** 2nd
Spouse Louise **Hometown** GoPlay, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Barber
Special Hobbies Hunting, yard work, boating, fishing, and racing (NASCAR)
Favorite Memory Good times with the guys.
Good liberty in good ports.
Worst Memory Bad storm at sea while refueling
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Nicastro, Joseph P

Nickname Nick **Rate** RM2 **Division** Ops
Spouse Gloria Nicastro **Hometown** Gloucester, MA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Travel Counselor
Special Hobbies Sports
Favorite Memory South America operation
Worst Memory Family Death in 1957
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Nicklas, Merle D.

Nickname Fa-EN3 **Division** A
Spouse Sophia **Hometown** Allison Park, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Chief Eng Unlimited Vessels
Special Hobbies Cars
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory Cleaning Boilers
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

O'Brien, Neil E

Nickname "O B" **Rate** IC 3/c **Division** Eng
Spouse Trudy **Hometown** Albany, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1958-09 **Years To** 1960-02
Civilian Occupation Elevator Constructor and Maintenance Mechanic/Repair (30 Yrs)
Special Hobbies Camping, Hunting & Fishing
Favorite Memory 1958 Med Cruise
Worst Memory Collision at sea with FDR
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

O'Donnell, John J

Nickname LT **Division** 1st Lt/Deck
Spouse **Hometown** Baldwin, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1957-03 **Years To** 1959-03
Civilian Occupation After retirement--Operations Mgr Shipping Agency
Before Navy-Chief Mate Merchant Marine
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Crossing the equator
Worst Memory
Children 10 **Grandchildren** 20
Special Comments

Oken, James R

Nickname Jim **Rate** BM3 **Division** 2nd
Spouse Christine **Hometown** Chicago, IL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966-07 **Years To** 1169-11
Civilian Occupation Quality Assurance Engineer
Special Hobbies Classic car and Hot Rod Shows and Cruise Nights
Favorite Memory 2 Med Cruises
Worst Memory Night refueling with ships on both sides
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Parker, David

Nickname **Rate** EM3 **Division** Eng
Spouse Becky **Hometown** Savannah, GA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1972
Civilian Occupation Nuclear Plant Electrician
Special Hobbies Family genealogy, Saltwater fishing, Tinkering
Favorite Memory Since some of the guys from home were stationed at Gitmo, I enjoyed going there so we could get together. While in the Med, Lt (jg) Perry Sprague would rent a car and 3 or 4 of us would go with him to see the country and meet the locals. Also, we got to try the food in the areas that a lot of sailors did not get to go to.
Worst Memory A certain Captain
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments Best bunch of guys to sail and party with

Parker, Richard N

Nickname Dick **Rate** RM3 **Division** Oper
Spouse Beverly **Hometown** Hammond, IN
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1949 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Petroleum Pipeline (Wolverine Pipeline) (Mobile Oil)
Special Hobbies Sports observer (Cubs)
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory In convoy with USS Wasp in North Atlantic when she collided with Minesweeper Hobson (PM325). She sank!! 176 men lost
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Petering, George W

Nickname
Spouse
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Copier/Fax Sales Service Owner
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Phelps, Bruce M

Nickname
Spouse Earline
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Newspaper pressman
Special Hobbies Bowling, Motorcycles, Fishing and Reading
Favorite Memory When the Captain 's gig was stolen when in Cuba.
Worst Memory When the USS Hopson was sunk
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 11 GG2
Special Comments

Phelps, Dan R

Nickname
Spouse Tanya
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Electronic Tech
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory All the crazy times that I had with Jones Gallagher
Worst Memory Mess cooking (twice)
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments I didn't want to go into the military, but I had no choice because of Vietnam. I hated the military overall, but the best memories of my life are those while on the Pawcatuck. I took hundreds of pictures of ships and countries but I wish I had more pictures of my shipmates, for they are the ones who made my memories special.

Pierce, William A

Nickname RM2 **Division** O
Spouse Christine **Hometown** Chicago, IL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Salesman
Special Hobbies Sports
Favorite Memory Collision with USS FDR-Oct 1959, Mucking tanks on 3 occasions, Gitmo 1960
Worst Memory Med Cruise 1961, Snorkeling at Gitmo fall 1960, Summer of 1960, Shipyard Baltimore, Softball games, Port of Call, New York City, 1959 and 1961, Port of Call San Juan PR 1959, All the Med Ports of call
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments As I look back on my Navy days now, they seem to be some of the most interesting and happiest days of my life. Lots of laughs, lots of good friends and good times. It just didn't seem that way then.

Ping, Richard

Nickname Rich **Rate** CS2/c **Division** Supply
Spouse Doris **Hometown** Blunt, SD
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1949 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Rancher
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Liberties in Naples, Italy
Worst Memory Collision in the Chesapeake Bay
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Pollack, Stanley H

Nickname Stan **Rate** YN3 **Division** Oper
Spouse Janet **Hometown** Bayside, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Insurance Broker
Special Hobbies Boating,
Favorite Memory Operations Unit. Enjoyed the Mediterranean Cruise
Worst Memory Collision with the USS ROOSEVELT
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments Serving aboard the Pawcatuck was the greatest experience. I thoroughly enjoyed the Reunion in Norfolk, and trip out to the old ship before she was dismantled.

Pollard, Thomas J

Nickname
Spouse Janet
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Union Electrical, now retired
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Too many to describe
Worst Memory Storm, Sea of Biscay
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Pollard, Thomas J

Nickname
Spouse Janet
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Electrician
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Good food
Worst Memory Storm in Sea of Biscay
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments My wife and I attended the reunions from 1994-2003.

Powell, Ralph J

Nickname
Spouse Janet
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Postal Worker
Special Hobbies Garden, Fishing, Hunting
Favorite Memory I was so happy when I made 1st Class
Worst Memory The worst was the Beach in Malta. They just had hot beer, and the emergency breakaway from refueling
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Prant, Donald P

Nickname MR3 **Division** M
Spouse Charlotte **Hometown**
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1970
Civilian Occupation Salesman for Lumber Co
Special Hobbies Building Street Rods, Motorcycles
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory Working 3 days straight in the machine shop
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Prant, Gerard E

Nickname 6-Ball **Rate** SK3 **Division** Supply
Spouse Terri **Hometown** Tariffville, CT
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1969-11 **Years To** 1971-09
Civilian Occupation Sales
Special Hobbies Wines, Cooking, Gardening
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory Cleaning tanks before going into yard
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Preston, Robert N

Nickname Bob **Rate** RD1/OSC **Division** ON
Spouse Pat **Hometown** Cleveland, OH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1972-06 **Years To** 1975-12
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies Fishing, Golf
Favorite Memory Was promoted to CPO
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Puckett, Richard M

Nickname Rate E-4 **Division** Ops
Spouse Nan **Hometown** High Point, N C
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Sales
Special Hobbies NASCAR
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory Gitmo
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Reed, Howard Wayne

Nickname Rate RMC **Division** RMC Ops
Spouse Margaret **Hometown** Madison, SD
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation Data field service Eng
Special Hobbies Motor Cycle Riding and Ham Radio
Favorite Memory It was all good
Worst Memory Leaving
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments The wife and I look forward for our reunions.

Reed, Larry

Nickname Rate MM2 **Division** A
Spouse Marlys **Hometown** Burbank, CA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1947-01 **Years To** 1949-09
Civilian Occupation Service/Warranty-Transport refrigeration
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Reynolds, Howard L

Nickname Bud **Rate** SH1 **Division** S
Spouse Doris **Hometown** Wooster, OH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1954-06 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Shoe repairman
Special Hobbies Gardening, Reading
Favorite Memory Good Crew
Worst Memory Night fueling in heavy weather
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments

Rhoden, James M

Nickname **Rate** SK# **Division** S
Spouse Nola **Hometown** Boynton Beach, FL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1953-03 **Years To** 1954-02
Civilian Occupation Fire Fighter (Retired)
Special Hobbies Fishing, Cattle
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory Collision with USS ROOSEVELT
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments This is the first time I've heard of a Reunion. Please keep me informed of the next one. This year, I just couldn't get away.

Rieger, Emmett E

Nickname **Rate** F1 **Division**
Spouse Evelyn **Hometown** Rochester, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946-03 **Years To** 1947-12
Civilian Occupation Service Foreman, Rochester Telephone Co. Retired 1982
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Roskoph, James E

Nickname Jim **Rate** WO-3 **Division** Engr
Spouse Margaret **Hometown** Cleveland, OH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1971 **Years To** 1974
Civilian Occupation Construction Project Manager
Special Hobbies Fishing, Weight Lifting
Favorite Memory Med & North Atlantic Cruises
Worst Memory None
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Ross, Guy A

Nickname Buster **Rate** BT1/c **Division** Engineering
Spouse Dorothy **Hometown** St Johnsbury, VT
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1951-07 **Years To** 1952-03
Civilian Occupation Toolmaker
Special Hobbies Golf and Fishing
Favorite Memory Time spent with three other reserves
Worst Memory Sailing through Cape Hatteras in a terrible storm as the ship had all its tanks full, plus 50 gal drums, oxygen and acetylene tanks lashed everywhere-there was space. Being below in the boiler room was scary
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Sallee, James H

Nickname Jim **Rate** SHSN **Division** Supply
Spouse Dixie **Hometown** Elizabethtown, KY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1962-06 **Years To** 1965-04
Civilian Occupation Rural Electric Serviceman
Special Hobbies Bowling, Karate
Favorite Memory Med. Cruise in 1963
Worst Memory Cuban Crisis in 1962
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Salmanowitz, James R

Nickname Sal **Rate** PC3 **Division** Comm
Spouse Ruth Ann **Hometown** Paterson, NJ
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Postal Supervisor
Special Hobbies Sports, Children, Grandchildren
Favorite Memory First Med trip
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Schappert, John J

Nickname Jack **Rate** FPC **Division** R
Spouse Eleanor **Hometown** Wilkes-Barre, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Journeyman Pipefitter-Member Local 118 Plumbers & Steamfitters, Kenosha, WI
Special Hobbies Golf, Bowl
Favorite Memory None
Worst Memory None
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Scheeler, Phil J

Nickname Flip **Rate** WT@ **Division** Boiler Room
Spouse Lois **Hometown** Buffalo, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946-11 **Years To** 1950-05
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies Voice Actor, Film Actor, Commercial Actor, Member of AFTRA, ACTRA, SAG, Golf, Swimming, Traveler, Real Estate Broker
Favorite Memory Our ship was part of the 6th Fleet operating out of Norfolk, VA. Most time at sea in the Mediterranean. Home port Athens, Greece and Naples, Italy. I was a Water tender 2nd, boiler room. Also, driver for the Captain. I like my work and did it well,,
Worst Memory None
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments Our work was tough and dirty. We were PROUD to serve in the US NAVY. I would enlist again, but this time, I would strive for a better education which the Navy does offer. I am PROUD to have served my country in the US NAVY.

Scott, Jr, Earl

Nickname Spike **Rate** S2 **Division** 1st Deck
Spouse Bonnie **Hometown** Smithtown, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946-10 **Years To** 1948-01
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver
Special Hobbies Hiking, Swimming, History, Antique Cars and Trucks
Favorite Memory Passing thru Suez Canal
Worst Memory Getting up to go on the 12-4 Mid Watch at Night.
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments May You All Have Good Health!!!
I went aboard PAWCATUCK in 1981 at Jackson Engineering Staten Island, NY. I was permitted to walk thru every part of the ship. It had been expanded around 1966-67 and was a lot different than 1946. In 1992 I received permission to board PAWCATUCK off Ft Eustes, VA on James River. I could only walk on the decks, because all doors were secured either padlocked or welded shut.

Sedillo, John David

Nickname **Rate** TE2 **Division** Oper
Spouse Anna Marie **Hometown** Las Vegas, NV
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1952-12 **Years To** 1956-08
Civilian Occupation US Postal Service, Retired Postmaster
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Farm & Ranch
Favorite Memory All foreign port Liberties
Worst Memory Collision at sea with aircraft carrier
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Seidel, Walter

Nickname **Rate** E5 **Division**
Spouse Janet **Hometown** Deptford, NJ
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1972 **Years To** 1975
Civilian Occupation Manager Real Estate Services, Lucent Technologies
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Favorite Unit BT's, favorite memories, liberty in Denmark, and watching people attempt hold on to all of their food during 50's seas.
Worst Memory Cleaning the fire boxes and tubes on the boilers
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments Currently ranked in the top ten for the Taekwondo world championships... would like to spar with a few of my old shipmates.

Smith, Bruce H

Nickname Lt (jg) **Division** Supply
Spouse Julie **Hometown**
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation VP in a Community College

Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Farming, Camping, Hiking, Photography, Painting, Writing

Favorite Memory A visit to the Mediterranean Port of Palma Majorca at Christmas in 1958 is my favorite memory. All the Catholic Churches on the Island invited us to the Christmas Eve Mass. Protestant Churches were still illegal in all Spanish territories at that time so there were no other choices for Protestants or Jews.

On the first day in Port, a Swedish Countess drove up onto the Pier in a Porsche convertible and asked to come aboard the Pawcatuck. We were the only US Navy ship in port at Palma for Christmas. The attractive Countess was dressed in fashion and had her eighteen year old daughter with her. She was there to issue an invitation to sixteen unmarried crew members to be her special guests for an upscale Christmas Eve Party at her beautiful villa located on the rocky, southwest coast looking out to sea..

I invited three single officers (all three were buddies) and picked twelve unmarried sailors (all from my own division). How could I not pick them from my division? What kind of disloyal division officer would not give his own men first crack at this kind of opportunity?. It was almost like a miracle. It had fallen to me to be the one to select who got the invitations because I was the Duty Officer for that day and was standing the Officer of the Deck watch from 1200 to 1600 when she and her lovely daughter arrived.

Next to the party the night before I got married, it was the most memorable party I have ever attended. It was a Hollywood moment and sixteen lucky guys from the Pawcatuck were the honored guests. The Countess had arranged for every man to have a date for the party by having her daughter and fourteen of her daughter's college girl friends to join us. It fell to me to have the Countess as my date. I got a lot of good natured kidding from the guys for being the "Old Lady's." date. The truth, however, was that the Countess, though single, was only thirty-seven years old and I was twenty-four. All I need to say is that she was very easy to look at and her friendly chatter and female charm quickly put me at ease.

The Villa was large with a ballroom size space for eating, drinking and dancing. On every side there was a butler-type servant offering us drinks and food. A small musical band of six instruments thrilled us all night long by playing Spanish, European and American music.

I told all the guys that they must wear their very best dress blues for this occasion because the reputation of the entire US Navy would be resting on our shoulders. They didn't let me down. The sailors threw me only one curve. This curve ball caused me to have to choke off a very deep belly laugh when I saw that seven of the sailors were wearing either five or six rows of ribbons on their jumpers. What made it so ridiculously funny was that it was more than five years since the Korean War when nothing more than the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Medal were being awarded. Plus most of these guys were only 18 or 19 years old. Oh well, I decided; what the heck it was Christmas and this was the first time that most of them had ever been separated from home and mom at Christmas. It was a special moment.

Worst Memory In January of 1959 the Pawcatuck tied up at a pier on the jetty at Palma, Majorca in the Balearic Islands of the Mediterranean. A huge unexpected storm came roaring out of the North East and caught us before we could safely put out to sea.

It was just getting dark when the storm hit. The concrete and stone jetty that outlined the

seaward wall of the pier began to crumble under the pounding of the ten and twelve foot waves. Our three inch bow lines and stern line parted like they were mere threads. The Captain called on the engine room to be ready to get underway in an emergency attempt to get out into the open sea. Then in order to hold our position he began to put on turns calling alternatively for "ahead 1/3" and then "back 1/3" I was ordered to go to the Surabachi AE 56 tied up further in the port with a dozen men and give them an emergency requisitions for more 3 inch and 5 inch lines. The Surabachi luckily was sufficiently farther into the more sheltered port, tied up with their bow facing into the storm. Therefore their bow rose and fell only slightly and none of their breast lines, bow lines or stern lines showed any worst for the wear.

For hours the Captain kept the Pawcatuck sawing back and forth parallel to the pier while all hands were either on deck or on the pier binding off the lines so they were allowed to slip and bind alternatively on the bits so that they gave slightly with the wind and gave with the tension of the waves just enough to keep from parting the five inch lines. I have never seen anything like it before or since. When the Captain inched her forward he had the helmsman to use three degrees rudder to port to press her to the pier while the ship's crew held fenders over the side to prevent battering of the ship and playing havoc with her paint job. Then when the Captain coaxed her into a slow thrust to the stern the helmsman reduced the rudder to just one degree to port because the stern was heavier and did not get pressed as hard by the blowing gale.

It was almost morning when the storm moved on out to sea in the direction of the North African Coast. With first light we could see piles of stones and heavy chunks of masonry in both piles and scatterings along the pier beside us and for more than a two hundred feet to the seaward end of the pier. Many of the heavy stones and boulders were no more than 20 feet from our port side and would have hammered us cruelly if the storm had not subsided when it did. No one had any sleep during the night. The Captain ordered me to have the cooks to prepare a heavy breakfast with steaks and eggs. Then soon after the 0600 muster he ordered "Rope Yarn Sunday" as soon as the decks were cleared of debris and the cargo deck and well-deck were checked and fully secured. I had never found the ship quieter than she was for the rest of that day.

When we left port three days later the local port authority began the process of reconstructing the jetty and pier. I still have some pictures I took after daylight came that attests effectively to the violence of that unexpected storm.

Children

Grandchildren

Special Comments

Smith, Michael F

Nickname Mike **Rate** SH3 **Division** Supply

Spouse Ann **Hometown** Atlanta, GA

Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1972 **Years To** 1975

Civilian Occupation Federal Employee Veterans Affairs

Special Hobbies Anything at the beach

Favorite Memory The Ships Store got a new order of Ship's Ball caps which were Navy Blue with AO-108 in gold stitching. Along with the Blue ball caps the supplier sent a sleeve of ball caps that were Orange. Stitched on the Orange Hat in Navy Blue was AO-108. We talked our Supply Officer into letting us sell the Orange Ball caps as we would our regular Ships Ball cap. Within 2 hours, our Division Officer received too many complaints from the other divisions stating they wanted their own colors for their Ball caps. That was the end of the famous Orange Pawcatuck ball cap.

Worst Memory My personal goof ups

Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1

Special Comments

Smith, Michael E

Nickname Mike **Rate** SH3 **Division** Supply

Spouse Ann **Hometown** Atlanta, GA

Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1972-08 **Years To** 1975-07

Civilian Occupation Veteran's Claims Representative Senior Department of Veteran's Affairs

Special Hobbies Motorcycling, snow skiing

Favorite Memory All the great friends I met from all backgrounds

Worst Memory Time has taken away any bad memories

Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0

Special Comments After discharge, I worked and retired from the Dept of Veterans Affairs in Atlanta, GA with 30 years of service. My wife and I are living in Vermont Heights, Florida. We love Northeast Florida although we are only 7 miles from the beach. I am looking forward to attending the Pawcatuck Reunion again.

St Jean, Richard A

Nickname Dick **Rate** EM3 **Division** E Div

Spouse Marilyn **Hometown** West Springfield, MA

Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946-11 **Years To** 1949-09

Civilian Occupation Electrician

Special Hobbies

Favorite Memory

Worst Memory

Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4

Special Comments

Stark, Charles W

Nickname Chuck **Rate** RMSA-RM2 **Division** C
Spouse Lola **Hometown** Marietta, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1948 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Television Design Engineer
Special Hobbies Fishing, Gardening
Favorite Memory Watching bum boats in Naples bay.
Worst Memory Helping to retrieve a body that was pulled off the Coral Sea and we drug for about 6 miles.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Stephen, James B

Nickname Jim **Rate** LCDR **Division** Deck
Spouse Virginia **Hometown** Pacolet, SC
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1945-02 **Years To** 1945-05
Civilian Occupation Judge (Retired)
Special Hobbies Fishing, Reading
Favorite Memory Measured Mile Run
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Stokes, Michael

Nickname **Rate** BT2 **Division** B
Spouse n/a **Hometown** Columbus, OH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1970
Civilian Occupation Printing
Special Hobbies Auto Racing & Fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments I can't attend this reunion, just didn't find out about it soon enough, but please keep me informed of future reunions. Thanks Mike

Toohey, Martin T

Nickname Marty **Rate** S 1/c **Division** QM/Signalman
Spouse Divorced **Hometown** Bronx, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946 **Years To** 1947
Civilian Occupation Magazine Publishing, Advertising Sales
Special Hobbies Golf, Creative Writing
Favorite Memory Storm at sea-North Atlantic-Tangier-Arabia-Suez
Worst Memory All minor-One of the highlights of my life
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Tranfaglia, Thomas Anthony

Nickname **Rate** S 1/c **Division** C
Spouse Marie **Hometown** Bronx, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946-05 **Years To** 1947-12
Civilian Occupation Maintenance Mechanic
Special Hobbies Reading
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Running aground-Roosevelt Rds, Virgin Islands
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Trattner, Hank

Nickname QM3 **Rate** **Division**
Spouse **Hometown** New York
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946 **Years To** 1947
Civilian Occupation Attorney
Special Hobbies Financial investing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Vaughn, Robert D

Nickname Bob **Rate** ETCM **Division**
Spouse Ann **Hometown** Danville, IL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1960-01 **Years To** 1961-01
Civilian Occupation Carpentry
Special Hobbies Computers and Gardening
Favorite Memory Standing watches on the bridge
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Viriden, Walter

Nickname **Rate** PN2 **Division**
Spouse Sandy **Hometown** Dallas, TX
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Certified Public Accountant
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory Sun burn in Guantanamo Bay
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Waddell, Jeder P

Nickname Jay **Rate** CWO **Division** Deck
Spouse **Hometown** Chattanooga, TN
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Middle management - various
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Battle E twice
Worst Memory Emergency break away from aircraft carrier off Norfolk, VA side swipe and took down two double rigs (fueling) Hairy!!!
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Welch, Harold

Nickname
Spouse Audrey
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Woodcraft, Music
Favorite Memory Getting ship supplies from other ships
Worst Memory Overboard highlines, Oil rigs
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Wendell, David G

Nickname Dave
Spouse Tina
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Student
Special Hobbies Motorcycling, woodworking
Favorite Memory Going aloft for the last time on the AvGAS rig to replace the range light.
Worst Memory Spending the entire last Med cruise in 4 and 8 watches on the switch boards, and not rotating the watch.
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments I would just like EMC Nichols to see what became of his final "pep-talk". I had every intention of getting out after we decommissioned Pawcatuck. Instead, I ended up having a very successful career. I wish I could get in touch with him.

West, Walter Jesse

Nickname
Spouse Kathy
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Employed by EI DuPont-Lugoff, Camden, SC
Special Hobbies Some Politics, Old Cars and Trucks
Favorite Memory The participation of the Med Cruise 1968
Worst Memory Talking a sailor out of killing himself and others on the ship. He was real depressed.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Wheeler, Doyle C

Nickname Rate SN Division 1st
Spouse Hometown Flint, MI
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) Years From 1952-09 Years To 1956-07
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver 35 Yrs
Special Hobbies Fishing, Traveling
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory The day Rosario Cariali died
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Whitehurst, Jr, Earl R

Nickname Rate S 1/c Division Deck
Spouse Jackie Hometown Norfolk, VA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) Years From 1951-02 Years To 1952-08
Civilian Occupation Norfolk Police and Fire Department--26 years; now security officer at Norfolk Airport Hilton--3 1/2 years
Special Hobbies Plant a garden and fishing
Favorite Memory Liberty in European ports
Worst Memory In North Atlantic convoy when the carrier WASP cut the DE HOBSON half into. I would like to know more about it--April 26, 1952
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 7, 1-great
Special Comments I was in the US Coast Guard before joining the Navy. After retiring from City of Norfolk, I joined Military Sea Lift Command and started to get on the PAWCATUCK in Spain, Rota. Instead, I went on the oiler NEOSHO.

Wilcox, Russell

Nickname Rate SM Division GM
Spouse Cindy Hometown Caribou, ME
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) Years From 1973 Years To 1975
Civilian Occupation Carpenter
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing
Favorite Memory Coming back to Mayport from Mediterranean Cruise
Worst Memory When there was a fight in compartment and BM Watkins was cut on the chest and wrist
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Wiles, Avery A

Nickname Ace **Rate** MM2 **Division** Aux.
Spouse Lynda **Hometown** Abingdon, VA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946 **Years To** 1950
Civilian Occupation General Contractor
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Shore leave Naples, Italy
Worst Memory Sand Storm at Sea
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments

Wilkerson, Collins M

Nickname **Rate** EN3 **Division** A
Spouse Marguriete **Hometown** Chester, VA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Vehicle Maintenance
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory Death of 2 shipmates during refueling
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Willis, David

Nickname Dave **Rate** SN **Division** Deck
Spouse **Hometown** Shelby, OH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1955-06 **Years To** 1957-03
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Taking pictures
Favorite Memory Being able to see foreign ports such as Greece, Italy, Spain and other places
Worst Memory Getting sea sick the 364th day I was in the Navy off of Cape Hatteras
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments I enjoyed every moment. I have always looked at being in the greatest Navy in the world and being able to see other places. Having attended ten reunions, I now know many other shipmates that served on our ship at other times. For those of us who served our ship, we will always remember the time we spent on our great ship. As I write this the ship is in the process of being scrapped. May she rest in peace.

Witkowski, Alfred B

Nickname Ski **Rate** RM3 **Division** O
Spouse Margaret **Hometown** Newark, NJ
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Airline Employee
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Bowling, Casino Gambling
Favorite Memory Trip to New Orleans, LA
Worst Memory Liberty 3 on/1off
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Wood, George F

Nickname Wheels **Rate** QNQSWSW **Division** NEGAT
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Lowell, MA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Accounting, Mathematics Teacher
Special Hobbies Flying, traveling
Favorite Memory Refueling ships at sea
Worst Memory Collision at sea
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments As the Quartermaster of the watch, I witnessed the S.S. Shanghai Victory strike the U.S.S. Pawcatuck on our standard side. There was no one in the pilot house of the S.S. Shanghai Victory. She had to be on Automatic Pilot. I spent 6 months in U.S. Naval hospitals and was summarily placed on the Retired list due to disability. Anyone witness this collision at sea?

Yager, William M

Nickname Chief **Rate** CPO **Division**
Spouse Martha **Hometown** Birmingham, AL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1955-10 **Years To** 1957-06
Civilian Occupation Chief Security Officer at Southtrust Bank, Birmingham, AL.
Special Hobbies I am now 82 1/2 Years of age. I enjoy music Football on TV and other Sports on TV. I also enjoy music. I have a collection of CD's and Cassettes.
Favorite Memory The shipmates in my department
Worst Memory Fueling ships in bad weather
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments I would like to see all my shipmates, but due to my health, I will not be able to attend the Reunion.

Yarrington, Dewayne J

Nickname Rate Seaman **Division** Deck
Spouse Doreen **Hometown** Big Rapids, MI
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Going over seas
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments

Young, James

Nickname Rate MM3 **Division**
Spouse Suzy **Hometown** Irvington, NJ
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1964-09 **Years To** 1967-08
Civilian Occupation Police Officer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Taking the Paw through the St. Lawrence Seaway, spending the year in Lorain, OH.
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Zamisch, Arthur R

Nickname Art **Rate** MM1 **Division** Eng
Spouse Janet **Hometown** Stephentown, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1958-08 **Years To** 1961-02
Civilian Occupation Plumbing Contractor
Special Hobbies Baseball and Grandchildren
Favorite Memory Shipmates and Liberty in Med
Worst Memory Collision with USS FDR
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments I can't make this reunion, but will do my best next year.