

USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) CREWMEMBER PROFILES.

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Adair, Mike

Nickname _____ **Rate** EN-3 **Division** A
Spouse Rhonda **Hometown** Charleston, IL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1974 **Years To** 1975
Civilian Occupation Stationary Eng. for Eastern IL University
Special Hobbies Woodworking, cabinet making
Favorite Memory I was on 3 ships in 4 years and enjoyed the Pawcatuck most of all 3, mainly because of the crew on board.
Worst Memory Getting Transferred
Children 3 & 2 foster **Grandchildren** _____
Special Comments _____

Adams, John E

Nickname John **Rate** SN **Division** Deck-Forward
Spouse Audell **Hometown** Harrisburg, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Spent 26 years in the printing industry and 23 years as Asst Secretary (8 yrs) and Secretary (14 yrs) of the Valley of Harrisburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.
Special Hobbies Seeing all of the great sites abroad; playing basketball for the ship and playing football for the Norfolk Naval Base "Tars" in 1953 and '54.
Favorite Memory Of course the Deck Force, Memories are many, and many have been lost due to time. Every male should serve their country for a minimum of one year.
Worst Memory Worst ship memory was the accident involving the Carrier Wasp and the sinking of the Hobson (destroyer) while heading to the Med.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments _____

Alden, Calvin F

Nickname Cal **Rate** ET2 **Division** Oper
Spouse Angie **Hometown** Norfolk, MA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1956-05 **Years To** 1957-11
Civilian Occupation Product Assurance Manager, Raytheon Co
Special Hobbies Gardening, Camping and Travel
Favorite Memory Cruise Bravo, Summer 1957
Worst Memory After ten days at sea, powdered milk, powdered eggs, and peanut butter and more peanut butter!!
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments It doesn't matter so much where we go; nor when we go there, but rather the camaraderie and friendship of being with my ship mates. God Bless and all stay healthy.

Anastasio, Robert

Nickname Bob **Rate** SK3 **Division** Supply
Spouse Karen **Hometown** Waterbury, CT
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Supt
Special Hobbies Reading, Movies
Favorite Memory To many to name
Worst Memory Almost falling overboard
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments I will not be able to make this Reunion, but I will want to go to the next one. I'm glad I looked at that magazine.

Anderson, Marcus

Nickname **Rate** FN **Division**
Spouse Glyndon **Hometown** Dallas, TX
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1952 **Years To**
Civilian Occupation Sales and service rep. Champion Spark Plug Co
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Top side A gang. Seeing and refueling at sea. Med tour.
Worst Memory Seeing a fellow sailor killed at sea. The USS Hobson helmsman could not stay in line with rough sea and this sailor was pulled off the bridge into the water and was a ball of blood when he hit the water and bled to death in the water. It all happened at my winch station and it was my first and only death seen and I have not forgotten.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments I was unable to attend last year as we had a medical problem just as we were to start our trip. I hope to attend this year.

Atkins, Cegal

Nickname **Rate** QM1 **Division** Comm
Spouse Anna Lee **Hometown** Erwin, TN
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1948-10 **Years To** 1950-09
Civilian Occupation Retired, USN
Special Hobbies Gardening & Walking
Favorite Memory Passed H.S. GED test & made Chief Quartermaster as result of test on Pawcatuck
Worst Memory Too much to drink while on liberty in Naples, Italy
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments A Big Howdy!

Barry, Brendan L

Nickname Barry **Rate** BT3 **Division** Engr
Spouse Clella Jeanne **Hometown** Brewer, ME
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1952-01 **Years To** 1954-04
Civilian Occupation High-Voltage Electrician--retired 06-90 from National Institute of Health--Bethesda,
MD

Special Hobbies

Favorite Memory

Worst Memory Being hit by USS ROOSEVELT

Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0

Special Comments

Bekke, Larry N

Nickname Becky **Rate** SK3 **Division** Supply
Spouse Gloria **Hometown** Lansing, MI
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1970-06
Civilian Occupation Supervisor, Firearms Expert Michigan State Police

Special Hobbies Golf, Reading, Home Repairs

Favorite Memory Mucking the tanks before assignment to Jacksonville Ship Yard.

Worst Memory The same. Good and Bad all at once

Children 3 **Grandchildren**

Special Comments

Belecheck, Stephen C

Nickname **Rate** Capt **Division** CO
Spouse Florence **Hometown** North Braddock, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1971 **Years To** 1973
Civilian Occupation Retired

Special Hobbies Gardening, Little Golf

Favorite Memory The Great Crew

Worst Memory

Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1

Special Comments

Benton, Lesley Trent

Nickname SN **Division**
Spouse Shirley **Hometown** Hot Springs, AR
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Pipefitter, welder, plumber
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory The softball team. A lot of fun playing and winning. I don't think we lost a game.
Worst Memory Mucking the tanks.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments Have not made one yet, but will try one in May. Few health problems has kept us away in the past.

Bernier, Edmond A

Nickname Mouse **Rate** RM3 **Division** Oper
Spouse Christine **Hometown** Springfield, MA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Letter Carrier, US Postal Service/Vehicle Maintenance
Special Hobbies Engraving, Camping, Hunting
Favorite Memory When we took a tour of the French Alps
Worst Memory The time we had collision with a carrier and a sailor that fell overboard ship
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments I was able to go to the 2005 Reunion and it was great to see shipmates I served with, and the friendliness of others and their spouses who served. The camaraderie of all was fantastic. It was like we were all family.

Beyer, Michael G

Nickname Mike **Rate** RD3 **Division** OPS
Spouse **Hometown** Paducah, KY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Lab Supervisor
Special Hobbies Golf, Fishing, Hunting
Favorite Memory Med Cruise, eating the Captains cheese in the fan room and the smell after it was left in the fan room for a long period of time.
Worst Memory Cleaning the ships oil tanks
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Billmayer, Hanns J

Nickname Rate PN3 **Division** OPS
Spouse Veneta **Hometown** Huntsville, AL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966-07 **Years To** 1968-05
Civilian Occupation Astronaut Crew Training
Special Hobbies Beach time
Favorite Memory Out on deck on sunny Sunday afternoons
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Billow, Clifford H

Nickname Bill **Rate** BM2 **Division** 2nd
Spouse Pauline **Hometown** Enola, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1948 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies Wood Working
Favorite Memory A great bunch of guys
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Blacka, Barry E

Nickname **Rate** YNC **Division** E
Spouse Lorayne **Hometown** Stuarts Draft, VA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1959-01 **Years To** 1960-08
Civilian Occupation Program Analyst
Special Hobbies Genealogy, Walking, Church Work
Favorite Memory Seeing New York
Worst Memory Collision with USS Roosevelt
Children 7 **Grandchildren** 13
Special Comments

Blau, John N

Nickname Jack **Rate** Seaman **Division** Deck
Spouse Marilyn **Hometown** Cincinnati, OH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Quality Control Inspector
Special Hobbies Watching football, baseball and basketball on TV, playing golf and bowling.
Favorite Memory When we went into Barcelona, Spain in 1952.
Worst Memory When our steering went out of control while we were fueling a destroyer on the port side and an aircraft carrier on the starboard side. I heard on the loud speaker, "Pick up all survivors off the PAWCATUCK."
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Blevins, Harold D

Nickname **Rate** MM2 **Division** A
Spouse Tonita **Hometown** Marion, VA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Golf, Bowling
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory The time in the Virgin Islands when I passed out and was carried back aboard
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Blood, Thomas N

Nickname **Rate** EM2 **Division** E
Spouse Rose Marie **Hometown** Tampa, FL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1949
Civilian Occupation Electrical trouble shooter/Instrument Tech
Special Hobbies Travel, Photography
Favorite Memory The smell of land after being at sea for extended periods.
Worst Memory Being seasick!!
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Boustead, Wenzel Dean

Nickname Dean **Rate** BM3 **Division** Deck
Spouse Hee Soon **Hometown** Imperial, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946 **Years To** 1950
Civilian Occupation Supv LTV Steel, Aliquippa, Pa. (Retired)
Special Hobbies Travel, Gamble
Favorite Memory How many places we traveled and things I saw
Worst Memory Some of the storms at sea
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Bowman, Harry L

Nickname **Rate** SMC **Division** OS
Spouse Violet **Hometown** Union Bridge, MD
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Good Duty, Selected for chief while serving on board
Worst Memory
Children 9 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments

Boyer, Franklin G

Nickname Frank **Rate** BM3 **Division** Master at Arms
Spouse **Hometown** Stonington, IL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1951-03 **Years To** 1954-11
Civilian Occupation Retired - Deere Credit Service, Inc
Special Hobbies Antiques, Schwinn Bicycle, Heisey Glassware
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Shore Patrol during a Communist Rally in Naples, Italy
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Brakel, Gene

Nickname SM 3/c **Rate** SM 3/c **Division** Comm.
Spouse Velma **Hometown** Eugene, OR
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946 **Years To** 1947
Civilian Occupation Retired after 35 years in education; the last 24 years as Guidance Director at Libertyville IL High School
Special Hobbies Golf, Philately
Favorite Memory Lt. Donald saved me from some big trouble once; I was always grateful.
Worst Memory A storm on the way to Iceland. Never saw such high seas! Few of us thought she'd stay upright. Had sandwiches and apples three times a day for four days; don't even know how Cooky made the sandwiches.
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments I hope your life since May 10, 1946 has been as full and rewarding as mine!!

Brandsema, Jack W

Nickname The Ambassador **Rate** Yeo/Stkpr.Jr Purse **Division** Deck
Spouse Jean **Hometown** Buffalo, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1977-10 **Years To** 1979-12
Civilian Occupation Supply Logistics Specialist
Special Hobbies Wood Working, PC
Favorite Memory Unrepping with fleet in Mediterranean
Worst Memory When I left her in Mayport, Fl
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Brown, Gordon R

Nickname **Rate** BM1 **Division** 2nd
Spouse Beverly **Hometown** Bethel, ME
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
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

Burridge, William F

Nickname Bill
Spouse Peggy
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation CWI Inspector
Special Hobbies Golf, Fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 8 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Caldwell, William P

Nickname Bill **Rate** ENS **Division** F
Spouse Gladys **Hometown** LaFeria, TX
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Agronomist
Special Hobbies Fishing, Gardening
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory 25 April 1952. Man from USS HOBSON (DMS-26) was killed during refueling.
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Campbell, Kenny C

Nickname **Rate** BT2 **Division**
Spouse Kristy **Hometown** Akron, OH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Ohio Edison-equipment operator
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory When Johnny Demcoe and Billy Crook and myself came back from Liberty, a bit happy, Billy said he wanted to go swimming, and before we could say anything, he jumped overboard in full uniform.
Worst Memory All those long hours of cleaning the waterside of the boiler tubes, (punching tubes) also every morning hearing the BM's pipe and hearing, "Now reveille, reveille, all hands on deck, now turnto, turnto, sweepers, sweepers man your brooms, give the ship a clean sweepdown for and aft under all ladders and passageways now sweepers.
Children 8+ **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments Even though we worked hard, we played even harder. Three 7 month Med cruises with all the memories of people and places, I've been and seen--how could they be replaced! Johnny, Billy and myself took a week's leave in Barcelona, Spain, and we were allowed to dress in civvies. What memories!

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

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

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

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
Spouse Veronica
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Hinkle Harris Furniture Plant
Special Hobbies Walking, Beach
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Connery, Jack D

Nickname
Spouse
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Technical Writer
Special Hobbies Antique Furniture
Favorite Memory My Association with Captain Jack Youngblade, and the Pawcatuck ward room
Worst Memory The evening when returning to Mayport from Sea Trials, were high in the water, caught a channel buoy in star- board screw: a Harbor Tug, trying to help, got caught in the port screw and sunk.
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Cotton, Ronald

Nickname Cotton
Spouse Anne
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Crane Operator
Special Hobbies Hunting and Fishing
Favorite Memory None
Worst Memory Leaving my buddies
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Crates, Robert C

Nickname Lt (jg) **Division** Supply
Spouse Gladys (Deceased) **Hometown** Chattanooga, TN
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1963-12 **Years To** 1965-12
Civilian Occupation Sales & Marketing
Special Hobbies Golf and Sailing
Favorite Memory I have very fond memories of my tour aboard PAWCATUCK, especially the Northern Europe cruise in the summer of 1965 and great shipmates.
Worst Memory None, or at least any have faded away over the years
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments After departing Pawcatuck in Dec 1965, I joined the Naval Reserve and enjoyed an excellent career retiring in April 2000 as a Rear Admiral. Lots of great times, great shipmates, and many opportunities to serve our Great County.

Crowley, Peter J

Nickname FN **Division** A
Spouse **Hometown**
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966-12 **Years To** 1968-08
Civilian Occupation Dist Mgr Electric & Gas Utility
Special Hobbies Golf, Non profit fundraising
Favorite Memory Time in Boston-Sights, Boston Common-USO-Med Cruise
Worst Memory Watches in Boiler Room, Scraping firesides tubes
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Daily, Charles G

Nickname Glenn **Rate** E-4 **Division** Deck
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Tampa, FL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To**
Civilian Occupation Retired now - Wine Sales Rep
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory There is none on an AO
Worst Memory Too many to list
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Daly, Quentin S

Nickname Quent **Rate** IC3 **Division** E
Spouse Jean **Hometown** Woodstock, VT
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1950 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Employee of AT & T
Special Hobbies Ham Radio, Weather, Birds, Genealogy
Favorite Memory Armed Forces week in Miami, FL
Worst Memory Cleaning tank before we went into the yards
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
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

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 Nucler 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 tying 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

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

Duncan, Kenneth J

Nickname Dunc **Rate** SN **Division** 2nd
Spouse **Hometown** Pittsburgh, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Bookkeeper
Special Hobbies Socializing, Partying
Favorite Memory Christmas in Pozzavli at the 'Green Shack"
Worst Memory Mucking tanks and going aloft to paint port king-post
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Duross, James J

Nickname Jim **Rate** SR3/CPO **Division** Sealift Commani
Spouse Linda Duross **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1987-12 **Years To** 1988-01
Civilian Occupation Seaman
 Right now working on the USS NEW JERSEY as Security Officer
Special Hobbies The hobbies are building ships models and bird watching
Favorite Memory Working on that tanker with the crew
Worst Memory My pay cut
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Eade, Thomas

Nickname **Rate** LTJG **Division** Oper
Spouse Lynda **Hometown** Indianapolis, IN
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1957-03 **Years To** 1958-10
Civilian Occupation Optometrist
Special Hobbies British Sports Cars
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
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
Spouse Spouse Deceased
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Retired Tool & Die
Special Hobbies Golf, Fishing, Traveling
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 7 **Grandchildren** 17
Special Comments

Ellis, Francis A

Nickname
Spouse Colleen
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation University of Kansas, Journalism, Radio-TV
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Emery, Bill

Nickname
Spouse Janice
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Chief Operating Officer
Special Hobbies Wood Working
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Emmons, Jr., Daniel R

Nickname **Rate** 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 **Rate** 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 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

Goss, Joseph G

Nickname Joe **Rate** MM2 **Division** A
Spouse Dot **Hometown** Moosic, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Eng
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory All were good
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
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 Radar SM 1/c **Rate** **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

Harr, Roland

Nickname Rolly **Rate** RM1 **Division** O
Spouse **Hometown** Rapids City, SD
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1977
Civilian Occupation Cashier
Special Hobbies Coins & Stamps, Stocks & Bonds
Favorite Memory When we made a North Atlantic Cruise, stopping in Portsmouth, Rotterdam, Hamburg and Invergordon, Scotland.
Worst Memory When we lost our Skipper at sea
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Hartshorne, Peter

Nickname Pete **Rate** SN **Division** 1st
Spouse Cindy **Hometown** Schenectady, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Service Technician
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Harwood, Dielon C

Nickname SH **Division** Supply
Spouse Florine **Hometown** Lubbock, TX
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946-02 **Years To** 1946-09
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies Hunting & Fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Nearly getting right index finger cut off
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2 Great 1
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

Hilton, David (Dave) E

Nickname Rate LT **Division** Supply
Spouse Lola **Hometown** Jacksonville, FL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation V.P. Marketing, MacSema, Inc.
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 2
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

Hudson, Gerald P

Nickname Jerry **Rate** BMSN **Division** 1st
Spouse Harriett **Hometown** Saginaw, MI
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Bowling, Golfing
Favorite Memory Looking back through the years brings back a lot of good memories. The bad seem to fall to the way side
Worst Memory Leaving my friends and crew of the "PAW"
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Hughes, David F

Nickname **Rate** RM1 **Division** OC
Spouse Mavis **Hometown** Neodesha, KS
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1972 **Years To** 1975
Civilian Occupation Carpenter/Farmer
Special Hobbies Wood Working, Hunting, Fishing
Favorite Memory Playing music on the Signal Bridge with GM1 Jones
Worst Memory All good
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 14
Special Comments

Hunt, Joseph W

Nickname Joe **Rate** S 1/C **Division** 1st
Spouse Judy **Hometown** Fall River, MA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946 **Years To** 1947
Civilian Occupation Retired U.S. Air Force, working at the V.A. Hospital
Special Hobbies Sports and yard work
Favorite Memory Serving with a great bunch of shipmates
Worst Memory Sailing the North Atlantic
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments It would be great to see some of them again

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
Spouse Glenda
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
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
Spouse Patricia
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Ohio Highway Patrol, Retired Navy
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Jones, Sam

Nickname
Spouse Darlene
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
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

Jordan, Ralph R

Nickname Rate SHB3 **Division** Supply
Spouse Elizabeth **Hometown** Shreveport, LA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Barber/Hair Stylist
Special Hobbies Photography
Favorite Memory Acquiring the job of Ship's Barber ahead of four other License Barbers. While the crew was waiting in the barracks to go aboard, my orders inadvertently sent me to the Ship in the Boston Shipyard. McRae SHB1 took me to Ship's Office and signed me up as Barber before joining the crew in the barracks. We all came aboard in about three days later..
Worst Memory Getting my "behind" chewed out for being late for my first duty "12-4 Messenger of the Watch". I then was told I had to deliver the 12 o'clock report to the Captain and was quoted this long speech to say to the Captain. I WAS LOST!!
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Jordan, Tom

Nickname Rate IC2 **Division** E/M
Spouse Sandra **Hometown** Rocky Mount, NC
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1979 **Years To** 1982
Civilian Occupation Communications, Sales
Special Hobbies To many to list
Favorite Memory Great shipmates, cruising by the Statue of Liberty and Manhattan on our way into the Brooklyn Naval Shipyards.
Worst Memory Several hurricanes and needless personnel problems
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments New York drydocks are unbelievably hot in summer and cold in winter with no HVAC!

Kahler, Virgil J

Nickname Rate BTC **Division** B
Spouse Meryl **Hometown** Alma, CO
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Camping
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Kalapos, Michael L

Nickname mike **Rate** ENS/Lt (jg) **Division** Supply
Spouse Kathy **Hometown** Trenton, MI
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Procurement /Buyer
Special Hobbies Golf, Bridge, Reading
Favorite Memory My wetting down party with Basin Easterling
Worst Memory Sinking the tug in Mayport
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Keller, Gordon

Nickname **Rate** SMSN **Division** Signals
Spouse Trudy **Hometown** Fostoria, OH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation System General Road Foreman of Engines, Norfolk Southern Railroad
Special Hobbies Travel, Hiking, Camping
Favorite Memory North Atlantic and Med Cruises
Worst Memory Carney Island
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Kenyear, Harold L

Nickname Snake **Rate** STM 1/c **Division**
Spouse Janie **Hometown** New Bern, NC
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946-05 **Years To** 1947-12
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies Travel, Bowling
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

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, James 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

Knox, Charles P

Nickname Rate CS3 **Division** Baker
Spouse Evelyn **Hometown** Charlotte, NC
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946 **Years To** 1950
Civilian Occupation Kraft Foods
Special Hobbies Wood Work
Favorite Memory Sailing to other parts
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5 GG1
Special Comments

Koller, Nathan P

Nickname Nate **Rate** MM2 **Division** Eng
Spouse Sandra **Hometown** Fisher, AR
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Law Enforcement
Special Hobbies Travel
Favorite Memory Med Cruises
Worst Memory North Atlantic Weather
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Kritschgau, John M

Nickname Sam **Rate** MM2 **Division** Eng
Spouse Jean **Hometown** Grand Rapids, MI
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Police Officer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Lane, Frederick W

Nickname Lane **Rate** CSSN **Division** S
Spouse Mildred **Hometown** Wellesley, MA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1949 **Years To** 1951
Civilian Occupation Maintenance Man
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments LLane752@juno.com

Lanteigne, Leonard L

Nickname Boatss **Rate** BM1 **Division** 2nd
Spouse Josephine **Hometown** North Attleboro, MA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Rigger
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Trip from Norfolk to Ohio
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 10
Special Comments

Latendresse, James C

Nickname Diddle **Rate** BM3 **Division** 1st
Spouse **Hometown** Houghton, MI
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Collision Tech
Special Hobbies Cars
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Lee, John W

Nickname Rate MMCS **Division**
Spouse Hanna **Hometown** Edgewood, IL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Marine Machinist & 2nd Engineer Merchant Marine
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Cuban Blockade
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Lee, Nicholas J

Nickname Rate 1C3 **Division** E
Spouse **Hometown** Montreal Quebec, Canada
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation Park Ranger
Special Hobbies Naval History
Favorite Memory Cruises overseas
Worst Memory Mess duty and uncertainty at Dominican Republic presence
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments Best Wishes to all.

Lee, Jr, Gorman W

Nickname Lee Rate S I/C **Division** 1st
Spouse Franlisca Balles **Hometown** Parkersburg, WV
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1947 **Years To** 1950
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 **Grandchildren** 14 6 GG
Special Comments

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

Mann, Arnold

Nickname **Rate** RD2 **Division**
Spouse Marty **Hometown** Norristown, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 8+
Special Comments

Manno, Paul L

Nickname Rate EM3 **Division**
Spouse **Hometown**
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1969-4 **Years To** 1971
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 Rate MM3 **Division** M
Spouse Patricia **Hometown** Baldwinsville, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1972 **Years To** 1974
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.

Mathis, Ronald P

Nickname Ron **Rate** QM3 **Division** Nav
Spouse Jackie **Hometown** Wildwood Crest, NJ
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1970-05 **Years To** 1971-05
Civilian Occupation Structural Engineer (Retired)
Special Hobbies Cycling, Photography, Drawing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Maylone, David E

Nickname SN **Rate** SN **Division** Deck
Spouse Mary Dolores **Hometown** Deans, NJ
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Foreman and Purchasing Agent for New Smyrna Beach Utilities Commission in the warehouse
Special Hobbies Hunting and Fishing
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory Mucking fuel tanks
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 6 GG1
Special Comments

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 Railroadng (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 **Rate** BTC **Division** B
Spouse Theresa **Hometown**
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Plant Engineer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Metz, Bruce

Nickname **Rate** SH3 **Division** Sup
Spouse Marcia **Hometown** Parkersburg, WV
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1969-10 **Years To** 1973-06
Civilian Occupation Factory worker
Special Hobbies Hunting and fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

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

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

Mortvedt, Robert D

Nickname Mort **Rate** EM3 **Division** Engr
Spouse Jan **Hometown** Stanton, ND
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1967-02 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Operating and Starting up Fossil Fired Power Plants. Project Manger for full contracting company
Special Hobbies Travel, Hunting, Reading
Favorite Memory Staying afloat. No, I reckon there were so many it would be different to choose one over the other. Two trips to the Med, Visiting foreign ports.
Worst Memory Fire near the Avgas tank steaming back to May port, FL
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments Looking forward to seeing and getting back in touch.

Mosley, Randy L

Nickname **Rate** BM3 **Division** 2nd
Spouse Donna **Hometown** Davisboro, GA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1971 **Years To** 1975
Civilian Occupation Police Officer (Criminal Investigator)
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Scuba Diving
Favorite Memory Spending time with shipmates, going to other countries and growing up fast.
Worst Memory Seeing my shipmates leave and knowing you may never see them again.
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments Like Mike Smith said, please join our small group that served from 1971-75 every five years we have a great time. I am going to attend the reunion this year in Jacksonville.

Mulvey, Joseph R

Nickname Joe **Rate** SN1 **Division** Deck
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** New Haven, CT
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1950 **Years To** 1952
Civilian Occupation Bus Driver
Special Hobbies Bowling, Travel
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory Boatswains Mate
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Murphy, Adelbert R

Nickname Murf **Rate** EM3 **Division** Eng
Spouse Joan **Hometown** South Amboy, NJ
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Coord of Maintenance (70 Vehicles)
Special Hobbies Bowling, All Sports, Travel, Restore Antique Vehicles
Favorite Memory Med Cruise 1953
Worst Memory Death of Shipmate on entering port. Collision with aircraft carrier Roosevelt.
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Naanes, Robert Warren

Nickname Bob **Rate** FT3 **Division**
Spouse Dorothy **Hometown** Cloverdale, IN
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1954-10 **Years To** 1956-01
Civilian Occupation Account Executive for the Business Division of Excel Communications, Inc
Special Hobbies Flying and prospecting (not active for several years), Square Dancing
Favorite Memory Sleeping comp 1 ft deep in rough seas, unusual shore leaves
Worst Memory Taking 440 by leaving head in arm of top gunnery director on flag deck
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Narkie, Roger Allen

Nickname Rog **Rate** MM2 **Division** Engr
Spouse Janice **Hometown** Maple Plain, MN
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation President of Narkie Heating & Air Conditioning Inc
Special Hobbies Boating, Fishing, Traveling and Metal work
Favorite Memory Two trips to the Mediterranean, operation in the Caribbean, and sinking of tug boat
Worst Memory Bad weather and storms at sea. Ship colliding
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Nassau, Gary C

Nickname **Rate** 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 **Rate** 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 **Rate** 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** 1C 3/c **Division** Eng
Spouse Trudy **Hometown** Albany, NY
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1958-10 **Years To** 1960-01
Civilian Occupation Elevator Constructor and Maintenance Mechanic (30 Yrs)
Special Hobbies RV Camping, Deer Hunting, Fishing
Favorite Memory Christmas Eve in Palma Majorca
Worst Memory Collision at Sea with aircraft carrier FDR
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

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 **Rate** O-2 **Division**
Spouse **Hometown** Lake Wales, FL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Copier/Fax Sales Service Owner
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Phelps, Bruce M

Nickname **Rate** SN1 **Division** Deck
Spouse Earline **Hometown** Florence, AL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1949 **Years To** 1952
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 Rate E3 **Division**
Spouse Tanya **Hometown** Cuyahoga Falls
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1971 **Years To** 1973
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 Rate 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 **Rate** EM3 **Division**
Spouse Janet **Hometown** Turners Falls, MA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1949 **Years To** 1952
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.

Pollard, Thomas J

Nickname **Rate** EM3 **Division** E
Spouse Janet **Hometown** Turners Falls, MA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1949 **Years To** 1952
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

Powell, Ralph J

Nickname Rate E6 **Division** Gunner
Spouse Janet **Hometown** Morganton, NC
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1972
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 Rate 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

Reed, Larry

Nickname
Spouse Marlys
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Service/Warranty-Transport refrigeration
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Reed, William J

Nickname Bill
Spouse Marty
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Teacher (Retired)
Special Hobbies Volunteer Christian Work
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Rehme, John A

Nickname
Spouse Betty
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Marine Engineer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Operation Springboard duty
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments Spent 28 years with Military Sealift Command in Engineering Operations at Headquarters in Washington.

Reid, Sr, Douglas A

Nickname Rate BT3/c **Division**
Spouse Linda **Hometown** Fairfax, VA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Owned and operated HVAC Co (retired)
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Boiler room crew Salamone, Fanella, Stone, Hogan
Worst Memory Dry docks in Baltimore
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 8+
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

Roades, Joseph E

Nickname Joe **Rate** MM2 **Division** Engr
Spouse **Hometown** Salem, VA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Teacher, Roanoke City Schools
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory I was on the Paw for four years, and it was great. Worked with a great group of guys.
Worst Memory Collision with the USS ROOSEVELT CVA-42, 1953
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments Hope to see you soon

Robertson, Travis W

Nickname **Rate** SN **Division** 2
Spouse Annie **Hometown** Malakoff, TX
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1949 **Years To** 1951
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Fishing and Hunting
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Rosenthal, James N

Nickname Rosey **Rate** MM3 **Division** M
Spouse Margaret **Hometown** Erie, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1948-10 **Years To** 1953-12
Civilian Occupation Worked in Shipyard and Maintenance (Now Retired)
Special Hobbies Golf, Bowling, Love H.O. Trains
Favorite Memory Acey-Ducy & Pinochle Tournaments
Worst Memory When we had a collision with a merchant ship & ruptured our fuel oil tank causing oil to run into Engine room. Also when refueling USS HOBSON out of Charleston they lost a man over board who got caught in a coil of line and then that evening she crossed the bow of the Wasp and sank (1952).
Children 4 + 4 Step **Grandchildren** 25
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

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.

Schilling, Gerald D

Nickname Fritz **Rate** SK2 **Division** Supply
Spouse Charlotte **Hometown** Flemington, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1952-04 **Years To** 1955-07
Civilian Occupation Accountant
Special Hobbies Fishing, hunting, shooting
Favorite Memory Liberty in foreign ports
Worst Memory The day the USS HOBSON was cut in half and sunk by the USS WASP
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Schultz, David D

Nickname **Rate** BT3 **Division** B
Spouse Pam **Hometown** Madison, OH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1967
Civilian Occupation Electrician
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Seeing the ship I got transferred to from the Pawcatuck.
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

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.

Shore, Henry M

Nickname Hank **Rate** RM 3/c **Division** Oper
Spouse Elizabeth **Hometown** Jackson, MI
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Physical Plant Engineer-Public School
Special Hobbies Computers, Poker, Golf, Yard Work
Favorite Memory Six month Med Cruise, seeing many different countries and cultures. Lasting friendships with a few of the radio gang at that time
Worst Memory Collision with Roosevelt in the Med in 1953??
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Shortnacy, Robert L

Nickname **Rate** SN **Division** Supply
Spouse Cherry **Hometown** Ft Worth, TX
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966-10 **Years To** 1968-10
Civilian Occupation Mill Supervisor for Payton Lumber Co
Special Hobbies Fishing, Taking vacations to different places.
Favorite Memory Being with my two best friends Ralph Jordan, Ray Brown and the best Officer I ever met Lt (jg) Ott. We went a lot of good places together.
Worst Memory Being sea sick on our way to the Med. We ran into a tropical storm, and sick bay fed me in bed.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments Serving on board the Pawcatuck, I met some people I will never forget. I would like to see all of them. I ran the ship's store, soda fountain and clothing store. It was hard work, but I enjoyed it. I got a letter of accommodation. It is something I am proud of. I am going to have a knee operation and will not be able to attend this year, but I will try my best to be there next year. If anyone needs my address of phone #. It is ok to give it to them. Thank You. Robert Shortnacy.

Simmons, Wayne A

Nickname **Rate** GM1 USN **Division** F
Spouse Patricia **Hometown** Washington, DC
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1948-02 **Years To** 1949-01
Civilian Occupation Financial Manager
Special Hobbies Sports
Favorite Memory Med. Cruise 1948
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Singleton, Donald L

Nickname MM3 **Division** Eng
Spouse Peggy **Hometown** Stratford, CT
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1955-01 **Years To** 1957-05
Civilian Occupation Tool Maker for Sikorsky Aircraft
Special Hobbies Restoring old cars
Favorite Memory Going to Mediterranean and Europe
Worst Memory Mucking Tanks
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments

Sloman, Bob C

Nickname Squint **Rate** RD 2/c **Division** CIC
Spouse Ruth **Hometown** Peoria, IL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Letter Carrier, US Postal Service
Special Hobbies Square dancing and calling
Favorite Memory The cruise to the Med
Worst Memory Hose ruptured while fueling at sea
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

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 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.

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 Antyhing 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

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

Swanson, Charles L

Nickname SA **Rate** SA **Division** 2nd
Spouse Rose **Hometown**
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Truck Driver, Owner Operator
Special Hobbies None
Favorite Memory Painting boatswains locker lavender, turning ship around 360 degrees in Atlantic without being caught. Liked being put on the helm when we had aircraft carriers being refueled while under way.
Worst Memory Red ledging the chain locker
Children 8 **Grandchildren** 14
Special Comments Got out of Navy in 1966, got married in '69 and my wife and I joined the Army in 1975. At this time we had a 6 year old daughter. I spent 12 yrs in Army, getting out in 1987 as a SSgt at age of 41. Divorced in '89, remarried in '90 and joined the Army Reserves. Got out in '92, final discharge in '95.

Szafran, Michael J

Nickname Mike **Rate** EM3 **Division**
Spouse Beth **Hometown** Winter Park, FL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1974-10 **Years To** 1975-06
Civilian Occupation Engineer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory The people I worked with and visiting foreign countries for the first time.
Worst Memory Missing ships movement in Rota, Spain. What a screw-up that was!
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments Still serving in the Reserves out of Raleigh, NC as an ET1.

Thomas, John R

Nickname Jr **Rate** RMSN **Division**
Spouse Lillian **Hometown** New Brighton, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1946 **Years To** 1948
Civilian Occupation Airline employee
Special Hobbies Radio Control Airplanes
Favorite Memory Radio Shack; First voyage to Med
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Uhlenkott, Gary

Nickname Rate CDR **Division**
Spouse Margaret **Hometown** Bellevue, WA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1971 **Years To** 1972
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory Sinking a tug
Children 3 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Ulrich, Roger E

Nickname Rog **Rate** SN **Division** Deck
Spouse Carole **Hometown** Eureka, IL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1954-01 **Years To** 1955-06
Civilian Occupation Research Professor in psychology. Taught at various Universities
Special Hobbies Sports
Favorite Memory Sailing in the Med. Playing the Greek National Basketball Team, Naples, Marcella, France, Greece. It was Great!!
Worst Memory Sea Sick leaving New York
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments My experience on the Pawcatuck were some of the most enlightening events in my life. I look back with fondness.

Van Dyke, Ted J

Nickname VD **Rate** MM3 **Division** M
Spouse Ruby **Hometown** Chicago, IL
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1970
Civilian Occupation Construction/Parts Mgr
Special Hobbies Wood Working
Favorite Memory Learning about life and the world. Mostly meeting the guys aboard ship and traveling the Med. There's a Big World out there
Worst Memory Cleaning the holding tanks
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
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

Warren, Ronald A

Nickname **Rate** MMFN **Division** M
Spouse Rebecca **Hometown** Frankfort
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1958-11 **Years To** 1959-08
Civilian Occupation Police Officer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Operating in the Med and refueling detail on the throttles and most of all my shipmat4s
Worst Memory Getting into a fight with PO3 Bozellie the compartment master at arms and going to the brig for 90 days.
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments I would like to get to a reunion.

Watson, Robert

Nickname Bob **Rate** ETR3 **Division**
Spouse Robin **Hometown** Bensalem, PA
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1973-09 **Years To** 1974-06
Civilian Occupation IBM WW Sales Manager for Semiconductors
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Living on JAX Beach; Carnation Instant Milk and Nestles; Crossing traffic in Naples.
Worst Memory Fire in the AV-Gas pump room, in ammo storage, and other places an on-board arsonist tried, unsuccessfully, to take down the ship--or whatever.
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments No regrets--entering or leaving.

Webb, Thomas A

Nickname
Spouse Joan
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108)
Civilian Occupation Clerk at CSX RR
Special Hobbies Taking pictures, traveling, and I like to cook
Favorite Memory Meeting a girl on liberty while in Florida. who later became my wife
Worst Memory Collision with aircraft carrier F D Roosevelt CV42
Children 2
Grandchildren
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 Rate SN **Division** Supply
Spouse Kathy **Hometown** Kershaw, SC
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1968
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 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 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
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.

Wilson, Donald W

Nickname
Spouse Edna **Rate** MM3 **Division** E
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA
Years From 1958 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Police officer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Going to interesting ports such as Athens, Greece; Naples, Italy
Worst Memory Mucking the tanks to clean out the residual oil before she went in for shipyard overhaul
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments I got a fantastic custom framed official photo of the Pawcatuck hanging on the wall over my computer. I'm reminded daily of my time on the ship.

Wintrow, Jr, LeRoy E

Nickname Super **Rate** MM2(E5) **Division** Engr
Spouse Elaine **Hometown** Piqua, OH
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Model Builder (Metal)
Special Hobbies Square Dancing, Round, Dancing, Scuba Diving
Favorite Memory Med Deployments
Worst Memory Med Deployments
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Wisnewski, Joseph

Nickname Ski **Rate** CS3 **Division**
Spouse Helen **Hometown**
Ship USS PAWCATUCK (AO-108) **Years From** 1953 **Years To**
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

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/loff
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Wood, George F

Nickname Wheels **Rate** QNQSWS **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.