

USS RANKIN (AKA/LKA-103) CREWMEMBER PROFILES

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Akers, Jerry A.

Nickname Rate SN **Division** Deck Hand
Spouse Anne **Hometown** Richmond, VA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1957 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Welding, Pipefitting, Plumbing
Special Hobbies Gardening, Painting
Favorite Memory Laying on Deck during a storm
Worst Memory Hitting someone and punishment
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Allen, Leslie

Nickname Rate SFP3 **Division** R
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Portsmouth, OH
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1963-02 **Years To** 1966-01
Civilian Occupation Supervisor, air conditioning company
Special Hobbies Computer, Travel & Grandchildren
Favorite Memory Med Cruise
Worst Memory None
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments Would like to take a tour aboard another AKA. I hope that we will have our ship's trinkets that we can purchase! Looking forward to this reunion! To see my old friends!

Allen, Paul M.

Nickname Rate ENS(SC) **Division** S
Spouse Vila **Hometown** Boston, MA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1946 **Years To** 1947
Civilian Occupation Director Medicaid & Chief Deputy at Social Services for the State of Michigan. Also a brief stint as a Consultant and a Director with Price Waterhouse in Health Care Management and my own firm.
Special Hobbies Church, Golf, Navy history, US Health Care Reform
Favorite Memory Reporting to the ship and finding the man I am to relieve is in the hospital. He departed 72 hours later with an amphibious group to go to Japan and China and bring the 7th Marines home from Peking. No money on board, very little stores and food and we were to be gone for four months. A set of crises, but we sailed on schedule with enough to survive until we got to China.
Worst Memory The winter of 46/47 in the harbors of Tsing Tao & Chin Wang Tao & war going on between Chiang Kai-shek and the Communists, with US Navy & Marines in the middle and wanting no part of it.
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Altman, Ronald H

Nickname Salty **Rate** YN3 **Division** Yeoman
Spouse Carlene **Hometown** Brainard, IL
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1954-06 **Years To** 1955-03
Civilian Occupation Retired Advertising PR Executive
Special Hobbies Golf, Military Writing
Favorite Memory Cannot recall what I did for 11 months.
Worst Memory Hard to say, maybe the fact I went to a hospital for treatment
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments Would like a chance for making NEW friends who were shipmates during my time on the Rankin.

Andrews, Robert W.

Nickname Andy **Rate** LTJG(SC) **Division** Supply
Spouse Jane **Hometown** California
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1945-01 **Years To** 1945-08
Civilian Occupation Retail
Special Hobbies Computers
Favorite Memory None
Worst Memory None
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Ashurst, Albert J.

Nickname Al **Rate** LTJG **Division** Ops
Spouse Beverly (Dec) **Hometown** Fontana, CA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Faculty University
Special Hobbies Volunteer work with MOAA (formerly TROA) Bowling
Favorite Memory Too many to mention
Worst Memory Wiped from memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Barth, William A.

Nickname Bill **Rate** EN1 **Division** A
Spouse Elaine **Hometown** Nutley, NJ
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Worked at Norfolk Naval Shipyard as a heavy equipment mechanic. (Now retired)
Special Hobbies Ham radio, Computer and Grandchildren
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Going to the Med for three months, winding up staying nine months
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Bartholomew, David J

Nickname Bart **Rate** LTJG **Division** Gunnery Officer
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Worchester, MA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1960-07 **Years To** 1962-03
Civilian Occupation Systems consultant
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory It was an easy-going kind of "Mr. Roberts" environment, but very effective.
Worst Memory Getting extended
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments

Batten, Donald D

Nickname **Rate** SA **Division** Deck
Spouse Batten **Hometown** Akron, OH
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Salesman
Special Hobbies Hunting, Backpacking
Favorite Memory I would moor a ship by myself, we lost an anchor, we lost our ship seal (not for long) and of course, liberty..Greece the first time I drank Ozzo.
Worst Memory None
Children 15+ **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Beaty, M. Paul

Nickname Rate PN2 Division X
Spouse Linda Gay **Hometown** Osceola Mills, PA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1957-05 **Years To** 1959-05
Civilian Occupation College librarian
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Visiting the Isle of Rhodes, Greece
Worst Memory Storm coming back across the North Atlantic in January 1958
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Beck, Charles W.

Nickname Charlie Rate LTJG Division Supply
Spouse Ann **Hometown** Middletown, OH
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1954-09 **Years To** 1955-03
Civilian Occupation Vice President & Trust Officer of a Commercial Bank
Special Hobbies Fishing, Gardening
Favorite Memory Watching the mock amphibious landings in the Caribbean
Worst Memory Rated Officer whom I was to relieve committed suicide with his .45 cal pistol a short time after I reported aboard. I believe gambling debts contributed to this.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments Bill Lasockis was more "Fun than a barrel of monkeys" Poker, cribbage, etc., But when he was on duty, he was all business as a true Marine. Sorry, but I will not be able to attend the reunion

Beeler, David L

Nickname Rate ETN3 Division OI
Spouse Andrea **Hometown** Glassport, PA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation Self-employed Electronics
Special Hobbies Golf, Beaches, Travel, Hunting, Cooking
Favorite Memory Med Cruise when we operated with the Spanish Naval personnel. It was a true learning experience.
Worst Memory Blockade of Dominican Republic
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Berkman, Eugene M.

Nickname Gene **Rate** LT(MC) **Division** Medical Officer
Spouse **Hometown** Norwich, CT
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1963-08 **Years To** 1964-08
Civilian Occupation Physician
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Berninger, George R

Nickname **Rate** LT(JG) **Division** Asst. Supply & Disbur
Spouse Rita **Hometown** Lafayette, IN
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1962-11 **Years To** 1964-07
Civilian Occupation Computer Systems Development/Attorney
Special Hobbies Tennis, Automobiles
Favorite Memory Working with a superb crew
Worst Memory Having my foul weather jacket stolen while in Norfolk shipyard
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Bieberbach, William H.

Nickname Bill **Rate** FTG2 **Division** Gunnery
Spouse Patty **Hometown** Pompano Beach, FL
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1963-09 **Years To** 1964-12
Civilian Occupation Tourist Industry Executive
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory Playing golf with the Captain
Worst Memory Seeing crew members have their active duty extended for the Cuban missile crisis
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments Great ship! Great crew!

Bishop, Harry S.

Nickname Rate ENS Division CDA
Spouse Barbara Hometown Folly Beach, SC
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) Years From 1961-01 Years To 1961-11
Civilian Occupation Realtor Investor
Special Hobbies Golf, Beach, Old Cars
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Blay, Jose B.

Nickname Rate BM2 Division 1st
Spouse Deceased Hometown New York, NY
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) Years From 1952 Years To 1953
Civilian Occupation Long Shore man
Special Hobbies Coin Collections
Favorite Memory Every day aboard
Worst Memory None
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Bratton, T. William

Nickname Bill Rate SGT Division Boat Shop
Spouse Ann Hometown Nashville, TN
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) Years From 1970-06 Years To 1970-12
Civilian Occupation Maintenance tech
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Firing the guns at the smoking barrels off the port side.
Worst Memory The rough storms we went through (the LSD with us was taking 45 degree rolls) and the one landing we made when the surf was so bad. One person was killed in the rough surf when one of the larger landing craft broadsided one of the smaller craft.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Cayo, Richard F.

Nickname Dick **Rate** BTC **Division** B
Spouse **Hometown** Kingsford, MI
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1961
Civilian Occupation Paper Mill Supervisor
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Golf, Bowling
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Clothier, Jay B

Nickname **Rate** LT **Division** Supply
Spouse Leigh (deceased) **Hometown** Sylvania, KS
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1953-05 **Years To** 1954-11
Civilian Occupation Store Owner
Special Hobbies None
Favorite Memory None
Worst Memory My pay clerk shot himself while on board
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 12
Special Comments Thanks for notifying me about the Rankin Reunion being planned. Skip Sanders sent me a list of all the officers today and I didn't think I would remember any, but when I turned the page there was L.P. Ramarage. He was my Captain on the DD-428 in 1943 or 44. I'm 85 years old and sorry, but I don't plan to come to the reunion. I remember some officers I had on the DD-428 in '43 & '44, but can't remember any on the Rankin. I proposed to my wife from the Western Pacific and did not get back to the states until Dec 7, 1945. I took leave on Monday and was married to my favorite WAVE from Texas on 12/15/45. I left the Navy when I left the Rankin. In 1954 I bought a White Auto Store in Sayre, OK. We bought this house in 1955 and have lived here ever since. I lost my wife to a heart attack in 2001. We had 3 boys and 3 girls and one of the girls, Alice, is living with me. We sold the store in 1984 so never had to look for another job. Sincerely,
J.B. Clothier

DeVault, Robert L

Nickname Rate SM2 **Division** OC
Spouse Ann **Hometown** Buckhorn, KY
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1959-02 **Years To** 1962-11
Civilian Occupation Office machines and computer technician
Special Hobbies Bird watching, Pro football
Favorite Memory Working on the signal bridge while underway, and visiting many of the ports for liberty
Worst Memory Riding out hurricane Donna in 1960, the second hurricane in 1961, after these storms were over I did not think that we would come home.
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Dignan, Thomas G.

Nickname Rate HM1 **Division**
Spouse Paula **Hometown** Hartford, CT
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Attorney
Special Hobbies Teaching, Writing, Golf and our grandchildren
Favorite Memory Having to evacuate a patient to a hospital in Italy and playing basketball when we were in port in Turkey, Italy etc.
Worst Memory Having to give up leave in France because of a medical emergency which required extensive surgery on a crew member who had been stabbed.
Children 11 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Douthit, Earl W.

Nickname Doutie **Rate** MM3 **Division** M
Spouse Patricia **Hometown** Sheldon, TX
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1966-08 **Years To** 1970-01
Civilian Occupation Detroit Diesel Technician
Special Hobbies Fishing, Hunting
Favorite Memory Liberty
Worst Memory 1969 Med Cruise
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Douthit, Teddy

Nickname Rate BMSN **Division** 2nd Deck Force
Spouse Joan **Hometown** Houston, TX
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1967
Civilian Occupation Retired Houston Fire Dept (21 years), Harris County Deputy Sheriff for 13 years
(Retire in 3 years)
Special Hobbies Gardening, Woodworking
Favorite Memory Caracas, Venezuela liberty
Worst Memory Hurricane in Caribbean, Cargo breaking loose in hold
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Draper, Frank B

Nickname Rate SN **Division** 3rd
Spouse Rose Marie **Hometown** Dunkirk, OH
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Wire Drawer, Tempering Furnace Operator, Assembly, Welding
Special Hobbies Fishing, Boating, Gardening, Livestock, Aquariums
Favorite Memory Being put back in LCVP 14 after being replace by Lemanski because of faulty bilge pump when boat took on water. Evidently they must have thought I did something to make it take on water. It did the same with him. They probably should have replaced the pump and fixed the leaks in the boat. The pumps probably worked when the engineer checked them on board ship. But like a lot of pumps, the leathers and seals dry out and lose their prime. Probably didn't want to buy new pump. Probably just adding water to pump when put in water would have eliminated problem.
Worst Memory Sling breaking on LCVP 14 when hoisting aboard
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Edwards, James S

Nickname Rate BM1 **Division** 1st Deck
Spouse Jessica June **Hometown** Vina, CA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1960-09-02 **Years To** 1962-07-01
Civilian Occupation Construction, VA Hwy Inspector
Special Hobbies Nautical
Favorite Memory Winning the Gold "E"
Worst Memory When I left
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Fulton, Michael M

Nickname Mike **Rate** LT **Division** Asst Comm Officer
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Cheshire, OH
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1963 & **Years To** 1966-68
Civilian Occupation Retired College teacher
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Meals in the wardroom bridge watch underway
Worst Memory Actually I also served a middy tour on the Rankin. The ship sat in port the whole time, me with few friends and no car or money. Bad
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments Enjoyed Norfolk reunion very much.

Gardner, George D

Nickname Dave **Rate** MR2 **Division** M
Spouse Jewel **Hometown** Bel Air, MD
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1968-04 **Years To** 1968-07
Civilian Occupation Machinist
Special Hobbies Tools and woodworking
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Garrett, Gene P

Nickname **Rate** FT2 **Division** Gunnery (Fox)
Spouse **Hometown** Tupelo, MS
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1957
Civilian Occupation Teacher
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Camping, Cattle Farming, Travel
Favorite Memory Friendships made as well as getting to know other shipmates aboard the Rankin
Worst Memory "Riding out" a hurricane in Chesapeake Bay within a week after going on board the Rankin
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Garrett, Robert G.

Nickname
Spouse Ellen
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103)
Civilian Occupation Trucker
Special Hobbies Boating and Fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 14
Special Comments

Gaskell, Edward P

Nickname
Spouse Genevieve
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103)
Civilian Occupation Manager
Special Hobbies Orchids, Painting
Favorite Memory Amphibious landing exercise on Vieques
Worst Memory Injured hand on man overboard drill
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Gay, Dan M

Nickname
Spouse Jeanie
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103)
Civilian Occupation Welding engineer
Special Hobbies Sports, Wood working, Sailing, Deer & Elk Hunting
Favorite Memory Med '70, R Div Crew Christmas in Palma Spain
Worst Memory Pain is always forgotten. 18 hr work days, Gitr done attitude
Children 3 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Gersbacher, Frank Peter

Nickname Lt((jg)) **Division** A
Spouse Lola **Hometown** Fond du Lac, WI
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation Aerospace engineer
Special Hobbies Skiing, Sailing, Golf, Stock Market, Forecasting
Favorite Memory Wardroom camaraderie, Caribbean ports
Worst Memory Sinking a landing craft while trying to use an educator with inadequate hose pressure to pump water out.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Gimpel, Earl R.

Nickname CAPT (USMC) **Division**
Spouse Marlene **Hometown** St Louis, MO
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Public relations
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Liberty with W. O.
Worst Memory None
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Given, Philip R.

Nickname Phil **Rate** LCDR **Division** Executive Officer, CO
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Jackson, TN
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1970-01 **Years To** 1971-05
Civilian Occupation Career Navy, then Ship Repair
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Lost an anchor in the Med just after the change of Command where Capt Becker relieved Capt Perosio
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Glockzin, Louis A

Nickname Lou **Rate** SN-E-3 **Division** 1st
Spouse Spouse Deceased 2/95 **Hometown** Muskegon, MI
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Watch sports on TV
Favorite Memory World War II reenactment in Spain
Worst Memory Don't have any
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Goebel, Peter H.

Nickname **Rate** RM3 **Division**
Spouse Debbie **Hometown** Ann Arbor, MI
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1958-08 **Years To** 1960-02
Civilian Occupation Spent 35 Years in the High-Tech Industry, mostly associated with equipment manufacture for the semi conductor industry.
Special Hobbies Anything to do with athletics..like and have participated in golf, windsurfing, judo, bike tours, skiing and hiking.
Favorite Memory I only served on 2 AKA's the 103 and 56 (Arneb). Two very different journeys. Rankin mostly warm climate (Med and Caribbean) whereas the Arneb took me across the Panama Canal to the South Seas and the Antarctic. Favorite Rankin memory is the time when we had our annual refresher in the Caribbean and the USS Missouri had night shooting practice off Vazquez..awesome display.
Worst Memory I only have good memories at this time. I'm sure that at the time of service, there were some not so good memories, but alas they fade away and you only remember the good times.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Golingan, Fernando

Nickname Fred **Rate** E3/E4 **Division** Supply
Spouse Doris **Hometown** Philippines
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1952-03 **Years To** 1957-03
Civilian Occupation Assistant Service Officer, American Legion, State of PA at VA Center, Philadelphia
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory The training program (Military & Rate)
Worst Memory The heat during summer day, can't sleep
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Hand, William R.

Nickname Bill **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** OI, OC
Spouse Jerry Ann **Hometown** Trevorton, PA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1959-03 **Years To** 1961-06
Civilian Occupation Mink Rancher
Special Hobbies Fishing and Hunting
Favorite Memory Hurricane Donna
Worst Memory Climbing up on rope ladder in Caribbean with blues on to report
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Hanson, Gunnar F.

Nickname Swede **Rate** M 3/c & SF 3/c **Division** Eng/Shipfitter
Spouse Elaine **Hometown** Batavia, IL
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1951 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Building/Designing/Manufacturing/Serviceing and Selling-Brush Making Machinery
Special Hobbies Classic Cars, Car Shows, Some Golf, Family
Favorite Memory Recommissioning the Ship in Alameda, CA and winning the "E" for excellence during our Shakedown exercises on the west coast
Worst Memory Standing weekend duty (#a0BA Operator) when smoke was pouring out of the #1 forward Magazine. Also losing Seaman Brown in "one able exercises"
Children 8 **Grandchildren** 16
Special Comments

Haring, Jacob A

Nickname Tony **Rate** BMSM **Division** 3rd
Spouse Patricia **Hometown** Kalamazoo, MI
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation General Motor, Maintenance (Retired)
Owner of Sporting Goods Store
Special Hobbies Grandchildren, Golf, and other sports, Travel
Favorite Memory All of the travel, seeing the different countries
Worst Memory Bad storm in the Mediterranean Sea, some men got hurt
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Hilley, Robert D.

Nickname
Spouse Barbara
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103)
Civilian Occupation Sales engineer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Six months with the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean
Worst Memory Falling in the water between the ship and boat in Labrador
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Hobbs, Billy B.

Nickname
Spouse Sarah
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103)
Civilian Occupation Nuclear Chemist
Special Hobbies Gardening, Coin collecting, Reading
Favorite Memory Friends on board
Worst Memory Landing exercise on Sardinia
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Holbrook, Hilliard B

Nickname Hill
Spouse Spouse Deceased
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103)
Civilian Occupation Free Lance writing
Special Hobbies Government
Favorite Memory Getting out of overhaul from Monte Marine (Brooklyn, NY) on time and in one piece
Worst Memory None
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Hughes, Richard B

Nickname Bernie **Rate** PO3 **Division** B
Spouse **Hometown** Mansfield, OH
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1959-05 **Years To** 1962-12
Civilian Occupation Owner Hardware Company
Special Hobbies Travel and Golfing
Favorite Memory Shipmates, Living in Quonsets in Alameda, CA and in a motel in La Jolla, CA
Worst Memory None
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Hungerford, James M.

Nickname **Rate** LT **Division** Navigator
Spouse Helen **Hometown** Clayton, NY
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1952-01 **Years To** 1952-07
Civilian Occupation Owner Hardware Company
Special Hobbies Travel, Golfing
Favorite Memory Shipmates, Living in Quonsets in Alameda, CA and in a motel in La Jolla, CA
Worst Memory None
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Hurley, Dennis J

Nickname **Rate** MM3 **Division**
Spouse Patricia **Hometown** Milwaukee, WI
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1966-07 **Years To** 1968-07
Civilian Occupation Deputy Sheriff and Business Owner
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Waterskiing in St Thomas Harbor
Worst Memory Caught in cofferdam with water coming in
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Hurwitz, Alfred Y.

Nickname Al **Rate** S2C **Division** R
Spouse Gloria **Hometown** Providence, RI
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1946-07 **Years To** 1947-05
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies Boating, Golf
Favorite Memory Spud Locker
Worst Memory Typhoon Mid Pacific
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Hussey, Rodney T.

Nickname Huss **Rate** IC3 **Division** E
Spouse Lee **Hometown** Portsmouth, VA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1965 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation Supervisor of Maintenance
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Iiams, Robert W.

Nickname Bob **Rate** DK1 **Division** Supply
Spouse Leln **Hometown** Shannon City, IA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1954-05 **Years To** 1955-06
Civilian Occupation Farmer (rented out now), Garage Owner, Used Car Dealer
Special Hobbies Church and work
Favorite Memory Don't remember
Worst Memory Don't remember
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Izyk, James J.

Nickname Jim **Rate** RM2 **Division** O
Spouse Meredith **Hometown** Fulton, NY
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Electrical & Instrumentation, install, repair & maintain
Special Hobbies Watching sports on TV. I am an ardent Syracuse University fan
Favorite Memory Trips to San Juan and being part of the Radio gang.
Worst Memory We took quite a roll, Cape Hatteras storm going full speed ahead and actually going backwards
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

James, Fred R.

Nickname **Rate** SM3 **Division**
Spouse Mary Jane **Hometown** Elizabeth/Union, NJ
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1945-02 **Years To** 1946-03
Civilian Occupation Telephone Equipment Engineer (Western Electric) & AT&T
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Typhoon enroute to Japan 1945
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 9
Special Comments

Johnson, Donald V.

Nickname Johnny **Rate** CS2 **Division** S-2
Spouse **Hometown** Chicago, IL
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Liberties in Mediterranean and yard period in Philadelphia
Worst Memory Training on Coast of Labrador
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Keith, Robert E.

Nickname Bob **Rate** ENS **Division** Communications
Spouse Sharon **Hometown** Tyler, TX
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation Corp Officer Mid Sized Midwest Corp
Special Hobbies Golf, Community Service Volunteer
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Kelly, Walter J.

Nickname **Rate** EM3 **Division** E
Spouse **Hometown**
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1963-02 **Years To** 1965-06
Civilian Occupation Corporate executive, licensed professional
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Liberty on the island of Jamaica after the Cuban Missile Crisis
Worst Memory While working in the scullery, accidentally dumped a whole trash can full of food scraps onto the admiral's barge tied up alongside
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Knight, James R.

Nickname Jim **Rate** 1st Lt/Capt USMC **Division** Combat Cargo Officer
Spouse Jo **Hometown** Waynesville, MO
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Property Management-Square Dance Caller, Teacher
Special Hobbies Computer, Square Dancing, Toast Master
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments Sorry, Jim won't be able to attend the reunion. His kidney failure keeps him fairly tied to home. He is presently very weakened, and sleeps a good deal of the day. He is on dialysis 3 times a week, 4 hours at a time. We have been married 48 years; presently I am his wife, caregiver, and chauffeur. While I could locate the photos given enough time, it is hard to find extra time to do so. Additionally the pictures from that time are all family, not ship board. Sincerely, Jo Knight (for Jim)

Kortkamp, Gary R.

Nickname Lt (jg) **Division** 2nd/Deck
Spouse Sandra **Hometown** Champaign, IL
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1961-09 **Years To** 1644-07
Civilian Occupation Food Processing Operations
Special Hobbies Grandkids, Travel, Golf, Sports
Favorite Memory Junior Officer camaraderie
Worst Memory Sun burned ankles while playing hearts aboard ship at anchor at St Thomas, Virgin Islands
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Labbe, Charles L.

Nickname Lynn **Rate** MM3 **Division** M/Engr
Spouse Kathleen **Hometown** Baton Rouge, La
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Worked in Chemical and Pipe fitter (Local Union #198) Petro Chem Plants in Baton Rouge area and Chicago area
Special Hobbies Art
Favorite Memory When I was transferred to the Rankin, the guys treated me "Great", Also the Med Cruise and Decommissioning of ship
Worst Memory When playing some football on the beach at Ocean View I got a black eye that weekend tackling. Rory's knee hit me in the eye.
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments Sorry I missed the reunion in Sept. I've been taking care of my dying father-in-law. He passed away into the next life this week. Buried him yesterday. Maybe we can keep in touch.

Labonte, Roger S.

Nickname **Rate** HM2/HM3 **Division** Medical
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Manchavo, MA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation Physician (MD) Internal Medicine
Special Hobbies Fly Fishing, Sailing
Favorite Memory Dominican Republic
Worst Memory None, except leaving family for deployments
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Len, Bill J

Nickname Bill **Rate** Enx/Lt (jg) **Division** Deck Officer
Spouse Beverly **Hometown** Birmingham, AL
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1962-06 **Years To** 1964-04
Civilian Occupation Industrial Engineer
Special Hobbies Sports, Family
Favorite Memory One of the fellows brought a ski boat on board. It was loaded into one of the landing crafts for transportation. I remember skiing behind it and taking a fall into some jellyfish
Worst Memory None
Children 3 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Lewis, Vincent D.

Nickname Vinnie **Rate** S1C **Division** Bosun Locker
Spouse Isabelle **Hometown** Boothbay, ME
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1945
Civilian Occupation Baseball and Basketball
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Typhoon headed to Japan
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Liff, Donald Eugene

Nickname **Rate** SH3 **Division** S
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Washington, DC
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Systems Engineer
Special Hobbies Beach, Boating, Golf
Favorite Memory Knowing that I was the only person on the ship that the Captain would take his hat off for. I was the ship's barber.
Worst Memory Cutting Captain Munger's hair and the can of shaving cream exploding and going all over him and the Capt's quarters
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Lobello, Jr, Thomas

Nickname Tom **Rate** RDM 2/c **Division** N
Spouse Lee **Hometown** Providence, RI
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1945 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Electrician
Special Hobbies Church, President of IBEW Retirees Club
Favorite Memory Friendship with shipmates
Worst Memory Trip from Hawaii to Okinawa, loaded with ammo
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Lowery, Marvin R.

Nickname **Rate** SN **Division** 3rd & 2nd
Spouse **Hometown**
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1966-04 **Years To** 1968-02
Civilian Occupation Union Electrician
Special Hobbies Motorcycles & hardwood ship models
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Lyle, Jr, Charles Kenneth

Nickname Ken **Rate** ENS **Division** Deck Gunnery Officer
Spouse Janet **Hometown** Richmond, VA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1956-12 **Years To** 1958-02
Civilian Occupation Stockbroker
Special Hobbies Boating, Fishing
Favorite Memory Ship handling
Worst Memory Heel & Toe Watches
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Marker, David J.

Nickname Rate LT **Division** Deck
Spouse Mary Jane **Hometown** Martins Ferry, OH
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1952-04 **Years To** 1953-06
Civilian Occupation Head Procurement Training Div, General Services, Dam, Washington, DC
Special Hobbies Fishing, Hunting
Favorite Memory Award of Combat Efficiency Award (E)-The head of the Inspection Party was the Phiblar Admiral. We were tied up alongside a ship which the Admiral had to cross to get aboard our ship. The inspector included several things, but on this particular day the emphasis was on the leaking cargo contents of the ship with emphasis on cleanliness. When the Admiral departed the had to cross the Quarterback of the ship were tied up alongside. As is normal the Captain of the ship escorted him across the ship. As he prepared to depart the Quarterdeck, he said to the Ship's Captain. "If you want to see a clean ship-go look at the Rankin. The Rankin crew was outstanding in every respect. To assemble such a crew to become members of a ship being put in commission was unbelievable.
Worst Memory Young SR falling into cargo hold!
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments My tour aboard the Rankin was one of my best tours. The crew was outstanding.

May, George S.

Nickname Rate Ens/Lt (jg) **Division** 4th
Spouse Bettejane **Hometown** Lexington, MA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1968-03 **Years To** 1969-11
Civilian Occupation Computer Programmer
Special Hobbies Volunteer Firefighter
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Mayes, Elmer S

Nickname Jack
Rate HMC (E-7)
Division Personnel Office

Spouse Ruth
Hometown Canton, OH

Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103)
Years From 1962-03
Years To 1965-10

Civilian Occupation Pastor to Seniors, Crossroads Baptist Church, St Cloud, FL

Special Hobbies Sharing God's work by preaching, home Bible studies, computers, leather craft, carving, photography.

Favorite Memory Under one skipper (unable to recall his name) he had me give a morning prayer over the 1MC immediately following colors. Several incidents occurred to various crew members which should have been very serious, if not fatal, but because of the watch care of God the Father, they caused only minor injuries. Tow of note: While on deployment to Vieques, one of the Motor Macs, having his Mike boat in the water, was having a minor engine problem. He leaned over the side of the boat to listen to the sound of the engine as transmitted through the exhaust system. Being tied up outboard of another Mike boat, the boats were actively moving with the rise and fall of the water surface. His head was caught between his boat and the adjacent boat. He did not suffer injury because he had his helmet on. The helmet way clamped to the sides of his head, but other than slight bruises, he suffered no injury.
The second event: Again, while on deployment to Vieques, ammunition was being off loaded for the Marines. The ammunition was artillery projectiles, which was palliated point up, was being hoisted out of Hold 2. One of the Deck force (again name unremembered) leaned over the hatch coming and fell into the hold. He fell about 65 feet, landing flat on his back on the pointed projectiles. When examined by me in Sick Bay, he was found to have six or eight small bruises on his back. Otherwise, he had no injuries. Again, praise to the Heavenly Father who had been requested to provide safety for the days operations during the Morning Prayer.

Worst Memory I cannot say that this memory falls into the "worst category, but rather into the "most boring" category. We were on station in the Gulf of Gonave, off Port-u-Price, Haiti, with Marines on board, during the Haitian uprising against Papa Doc. We were cruising back and forth just beyond the 3 mile limit for several weeks (I believe bout 65 days) at speeds of 5 or 6 knots. The weather was hot and sultry, making the days seem longer

Children 6
Grandchildren 12

Special Comments

Mays, Jacklon G.

Nickname Jack
Rate Lt (jg)
Division Personnel Office

Spouse
Hometown McKenzie, TN

Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103)
Years From 1954
Years To 1955

Civilian Occupation Administrator-Higher Education (Retired Vice Chancellor for Administration & Development) University of Tennessee at Martin, TN

Special Hobbies Golfing, Boating, Hiking, Painting (Oils & Watercolor)

Favorite Memory Exercises in connection with Navy SEALS

Worst Memory When our ship caught the full force of a hurricane

Children 4
Grandchildren 7

Special Comments

Mazzarini, John

Nickname Mazz **Rate** RM2 **Division** OC
Spouse Ginny **Hometown** Pittsburgh, PA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Computer related Sales/Support
Special Hobbies Almost all sports
Favorite Memory Not one particular memory, just the camaraderie of all aboard the ship
Worst Memory Last cruise in early 1962 when the ship had to ride out a hurricane
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

McGavin, Joseph J.

Nickname Joe **Rate** ENS **Division** Engr
Spouse Betty **Hometown** Hoboken, NJ
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1957-08 **Years To** 1958*03
Civilian Occupation Mechanical Engineer by Training, Manufacturing Management by Employment.
Presently part time consulting for Manufacturing company
Special Hobbies Various Civic activities for Community Club. Now traveling in a camper with no
schedule
Favorite Memory Leaving for Mediterranean 2nd day I was aboard
Worst Memory None
Children 7 **Grandchildren** 15
Special Comments

McVicker, Everett L.

Nickname Mac **Rate** RM2/RM1 **Division** C
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Peoria, IL
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1945-02 **Years To** 1947-05
Civilian Occupation Mill Wright
Special Hobbies Travel
Favorite Memory China Service
Worst Memory Hauling Ammo
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Meinig, George R.

Nickname Lt (jg) **Division** OC, Navigation
Spouse Jan **Hometown** Wyomissing, PA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1958 **Years To** 1960
Civilian Occupation Since retirement, consultant to Navy and industry
Special Hobbies Sailing, Maine
Favorite Memory Too many to list
Worst Memory None, but she sure could roll in a quartering sea
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Miles, Harley

Nickname M 3/c **Division** Engine Rom
Spouse Niki **Hometown** Valley Ctr, KY
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1946
Civilian Occupation Sand and Gravel Excavation
Special Hobbies Fishing and Golf
Favorite Memory Just serving
Worst Memory Picking up injured and transporting them to hospital ship
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Miller, James D

Nickname JD **Rate** RM2 **Division** OC
Spouse Elenda **Hometown** Quinton, AL
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1954 **Years To** 1958
Civilian Occupation Cryptographic Resources Manager
Special Hobbies Golf, Reading
Favorite Memory The camaraderie among the various members of the crew, especially the guys who were in the Operations Dept.
Worst Memory The very long time I was restricted as a result of a Summary Court. My 45 days restriction stretched into nearly nine months. Even so, I don't hold any grudge against my court officer, LCDR Enos.
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments My service aboard Rankin prepared me for a very satisfying and enjoyable 31 year Naval career. Many thanks to each of the crewmembers who helped contribute to my success.

Miller, Ronald Drew

Nickname
Spouse Ruby
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103)
Civilian Occupation Physician, Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine
Special Hobbies Golf, Travel
Favorite Memory Visiting Chinese girls orphanage-Chinwangtao Dec '46, Belgian Priest Santa Claus
Worst Memory North Pacific typhoon, August 1946
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Mohun, Richard A.

Nickname
Spouse Marion
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103)
Civilian Occupation Starting new Carbon Dioxide Co Manufacturing & Distribution Pres & CE
Special Hobbies Trading Stocks, Wood Working
Favorite Memory When the ship was in dry dock for two weeks in San Juan, Puerto Rico
Worst Memory Allowing a fake explosive aboard in Norfolk when I had the watch
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Montalbine, Gary E.

Nickname
Spouse Heidi
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103)
Civilian Occupation Business Owner
Special Hobbies Ham Radio, Linux Computing, Digital Photography
Favorite Memory Too long ago to remember
Worst Memory Too long ago to remember
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Moretz, Charles H.

Nickname Rate SKCS **Division** Supply
Spouse Marietta **Hometown** Boone, NC
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1968-05 **Years To** 1969-07
Civilian Occupation Mechanic
Special Hobbies Fishing, Gardening
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Moses, Harry K

Nickname Rate BM3 **Division** 3rd
Spouse Laura **Hometown** Rush City, MN
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Marketing
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Boating and Water Skiing
Favorite Memory Ronald Thomas dancing on state with some strippers in Panama The last stripper removed her top and wig only to find out it was a man.
Worst Memory Storm off of Moorhead City, lost my landing craft!
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Munch, Melvin M

Nickname Rate SK2 **Division** Supply
Spouse Melanie **Hometown** New Orleans, LA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1946-01 **Years To** 1946-06
Civilian Occupation Master Plumber
Special Hobbies Boating, Fishing
Favorite Memory USO Party on board
Worst Memory None
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Murray, Allan Walter

Nickname Al **Rate** LCDR **Division** Operations Officer
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Glencoe, IL
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1970-05 **Years To** 1972
Civilian Occupation Real Estate Investments
Special Hobbies Repairing houses, Meals-on-wheels, Gardening
Favorite Memory Reporting aboard
Worst Memory Departing the ship for the last time.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Nau, Thomas E.

Nickname Tom **Rate** MMC **Division** B&M, Engine room
Spouse Ruth **Hometown** Maumee, OH
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1968-11 **Years To** 1970-10
Civilian Occupation Auto body repairman
Special Hobbies Restoration of old cars
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 14
Special Comments

Nelson, John S

Nickname Jack **Rate** RM3 **Division** Operations
Spouse Sharon **Hometown** Fargo, ND
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Postal Clerk 27 years and counting
Special Hobbies Prep Basketball Writer for California Preps. Com
Favorite Memory Wayne Rades and I were at Yankee Stadium on Oct 1, 1961 when hometown friend Roger Maris broke Babe Ruth's hit record. Rankin was having yard period in Brooklyn at the time.
Worst Memory The one Acphas down in Vieques and the hot sleeping conditions in berthing compartment
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Newell, Allen G

Nickname Al **Rate** E4 **Division** Radio
Spouse Donna **Hometown** Cumberland, WI
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1959-12 **Years To** 1960-11
Civilian Occupation RCA Cape Canaveral Opr Eng Minn
Special Hobbies Fishing, Gardening
Favorite Memory When we were awarded the "Golden E"
Worst Memory None except for Hurricane Donna
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments Just to say my life has been full. Good Health. Spend 5 months on family farm and 7 months in Florida

O'Connor, John E.

Nickname Jack **Rate** ENS **Division** Communications
Spouse Dorcas **Hometown** New Haven, CT
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1952-08 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Engineer/Engineering Manager
Special Hobbies Economics & Financial Research
Favorite Memory Pulling into New York City after winter exercise in Labrador, Canada
Worst Memory Boat Officer on LCM 8 at expiration of liberty in Piraeus, Greece. Senior Shore patrol officer Lt Col USMC tells this ensign "load to capacity and make all ships." We did. There were 5000 sailors and marines at the fleet landing. Got back to Rankin at 3:30 AM
Children 8 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

O'Neill, Frank J.

Nickname Sharpie/Rabbit **Rate** RD2/RD3 **Division**
Spouse Jacquelyn **Hometown** Union City, NJ
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1959 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Buyer-Fast Food Distribution Co
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Many
Worst Memory You don't remember the bad times
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Oroz, Daniel

Nickname Dan **Rate** Ensign **Division** Engr
Spouse Lucy **Hometown** Los Angeles, CA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1967
Civilian Occupation Education. Recently retired from Santa Barbara City College
Special Hobbies Reading, Golfing, Grandchildren
Favorite Memory Visiting Jamaica with the ships officers
Worst Memory Learning how the ships emergency diesel worked!
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Otten, Teddy W.

Nickname **Rate** CS2/CS3 **Division** Supply
Spouse Lynn **Hometown** Peoria, IL
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1955
Civilian Occupation Wire Cleaner
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Overall, Wilbert L.

Nickname Will **Rate** ETN2 **Division** 0I
Spouse Gwen **Hometown** St Louis, MO
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Quality Engineer-Electronic Systems
Special Hobbies Boating, Home Repair
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Pontious, Harold E

Nickname Gene **Rate** RM2C **Division**
Spouse Betty **Hometown** Huntington, IN
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1944 **Years To** 1945
Civilian Occupation Real Estate Broker
Special Hobbies Raising Koi Fish
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Invasion of Okinawa and suicide planes
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Powell, Rich J

Nickname **Rate** BM3 **Division** 3rd Boats
Spouse **Hometown** North Haven, CT
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Auto mechanic
Special Hobbies Outdoor work, gardening etc
Favorite Memory Boat school, Little Creek, Gator Club, going to the STRIP after work to see Phyllis, Bill, Mel, Tony, Murf, Skip play pool and drink Bud driving mike boats #13
Worst Memory Watches, Working parties
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments It was always a treat to go on liberty with Skip V. I'll always remember Malta. I was very fortunate during my tour on the Rankin, served with great people.

Prevar, John E.

Nickname **Rate** QM3 **Division** Navigation
Spouse Pamela **Hometown** Landover Hills, MD
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Federal Employee, Dept of Defense
Special Hobbies Reading, Running, Attending the opera
Favorite Memory Port call to Barcelona, November 1970
Worst Memory Getting my picket picked in Naples, 1970
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Printz, Daniel G.

Nickname Dan **Rate** RM2/RM1 **Division** Ops/Comm
Spouse Iva **Hometown** Linwood, NC
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1965 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Telecommunication
Special Hobbies Amateur Radio, Fishing and Wood Working
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Radke, Hubert M

Nickname **Rate** Lt/MC **Division** Medical
Spouse Gloria **Hometown** Needville, TX
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Academic & Administration of Surgery (Ret). Last job-Chief Surg Vet Admin Med Ctr, Seattle, WA. Assoc Prof & Surg Univ of Washington
Special Hobbies Golf, Building Wooden Boats and my Chemotherapy
Favorite Memory The sea
Worst Memory Tired & worn guns (World War II vintage) at gunnery practice-marines 50 Cal & Ships 20mm blowing up into the faces of the gunners over & over.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Ranes, Wayne P

Nickname **Rate** RM2 **Division**
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** Henderson, NC
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1960 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Textile Supervisor (R&D)
Special Hobbies Traveling, Coin collecting
Favorite Memory Caribbean Cruises in winter time
Worst Memory Condition I alpha & GQ
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments
y fondest Navy memories always take me back to the Rankin

Raso, Jack L

Nickname LTJG **Rate** LTJG **Division** 2nd
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Brooklyn, NY
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Social Security Administration-Quality Assurance Manager
Special Hobbies Travel, Exercise, Genealogy
Favorite Memory Deployment to Spain in 1964 for Operation Steel Pike. Visits to Cadiz, Seville, Valencia and Barcelona. Flamingo shows, topless bars and bull fights
Worst Memory Leaving the Rankin
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Redler, Gary L.

Nickname Foxhound **Rate** EN2 **Division** A
Spouse Beth **Hometown** Albion, NE
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1962-01 **Years To** 1965-03
Civilian Occupation Operate Hydro Electric Plant for City of Bedford, VA
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory San Juan liberty
Worst Memory Night time landings
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Reed, Donald A.

Nickname Don **Rate** Ens **Division** R/Engr
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Engineering Specialist-Boeing Aircraft (Retired)
Special Hobbies Model building, Camping, Fishing
Favorite Memory Three visits to Cannes during Med Cruise
Worst Memory Codfish
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Savio, Leo J

Nickname Rate LTJG Division Eng
Spouse Judy Hometown Collingdale, PA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) Years From 1959 Years To 1961
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies Wood Working
Favorite Memory Liberty in Puerto Rico
Worst Memory Being towed to San Juan
Children 7 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments

Savoca, Eugene T.

Nickname Rate RM3 Division Oper
Spouse Hometown Albany, NY
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) Years From 1965-07 Years To 1969-01
Civilian Occupation 35 Yrs Police/Supervision Staff
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Going through eye of Hurricane 1968
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Sforza, Michael J.

Nickname Rate E-5 Division Deck
Spouse Joan Hometown Massapequa, NY
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) Years From 1970 Years To 1971-05
Civilian Occupation Auto & Truck Mechanic
Special Hobbies Fish aquarium and deer hunting
Favorite Memory Being the leading Petty officer on board at the Decommissioning ceremony
Worst Memory Just after the Captains change of command ceremony at Naples, Italy, losing the anchor
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Shaffer, Ross E.

Nickname Rate RMC Division O
Spouse Hometown Washington, DC
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1952 **Years To** 1953
Civilian Occupation Communications Specialist
Special Hobbies Hunting/Wood Craft
Favorite Memory Promotion to Chief Radioman
Worst Memory
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 11
Special Comments

Shaw, Frank H

Nickname Rate BM2 Division Boat
Spouse Alberta Hometown Utica, NY
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1956 **Years To** 1959
Civilian Occupation Electrician
Special Hobbies Computer, Travel, Photography
Favorite Memory Driver for Capt Harlee
Worst Memory 1-A in the boat
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Shearl, James C.

Nickname Jim Rate RM1 Division C
Spouse Irma Hometown Richmond, VA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1953-04 **Years To** 1955-12
Civilian Occupation Civil Service
Special Hobbies Genealogy, Computers
Favorite Memory Caribbean Liberty
Worst Memory The time I rode the liberty boat for 45 minutes and left my car keys onboard, next boat 4 hours
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Stell, Raymond C.

Nickname
Spouse Isobel
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103)
Civilian Occupation Electrical Engineering
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Stith, Edward (Ed) E

Nickname
Spouse
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103)
Civilian Occupation Rancher
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Stone, David L

Nickname Stoney
Spouse Nancy
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103)
Civilian Occupation Human Resources Manager, Xerox Corp (Retired 2000)
Special Hobbies Golf, Travel
Favorite Memory Liberty in the Caribbean
Worst Memory Riding out a hurricane in 1962??
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Sutton, James E

Nickname Jim **Rate** SM3 **Division** Communicatiосn

Spouse Adrienne **Hometown** Colfax, IL

Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1970

Civilian Occupation

Special Hobbies Fishing, Golfing & Grandchildren

Favorite Memory Sailing through hurricane Inez. It was high seas adventure at its best.

Worst Memory The ordeal leaving Morehead City, NC when the boats were swinging around on the booms that got loose. However, many shipmates stepped up and preformed their duties in the face of great danger.

Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4

Special Comments I met my wife in San Juan and gave her a tour of the ship of which I was so proud. We have been married for 43 years.

Taylor, Ken R.

Nickname Tatorbug **Rate** SFMFN **Division** R

Spouse Cassie **Hometown** High Point, NC

Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1964-02 **Years To** 1967-07

Civilian Occupation Sheet Metal Mechanic

Special Hobbies Computer, Reading history on WWII, Golf, Fishing

Favorite Memory Visiting old places in Spain

Worst Memory The storm coming home from Spain

Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5

Special Comments The Rankin was a great ship. The crew was good and worked together. I enjoyed being on the Rankin

Taylor, Linwood E.

Nickname Bill **Rate** MM1 **Division** E/Engine Room

Spouse Carolyn **Hometown** Sneads Ferry, NC

Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1953-08 **Years To** 1956-09

Civilian Occupation Self Employed-Retail

Special Hobbies Fishing

Favorite Memory

Worst Memory

Children 1 **Grandchildren** 3

Special Comments

Tehan, Jon D.

Nickname Tee **Rate** SM3 **Division** OC
Spouse Diosdada **Hometown** Palmyra, WI
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1954-10 **Years To** 1957-02
Civilian Occupation Retail Salesman in Tobacco/Gift Shop-El Cajon, CA-Retired April 2003
Special Hobbies Wood Carving, Craft work
Favorite Memory At anchor for weekend in Cuba (Liberty was great)
Worst Memory Sea Detail Station-a loft in small conical space on After. A frame structure with stack gas enveloping me while raising underway colors
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments 1. Unforgettable Experience aboard RANKIN
A vivid remembrance I recall while serving as a bow hook on one of Rankin's LCVPs off Little Creek, VA in January or February of 1955. SN Hacky Yarnall was boat Captain. We landed hard on a sand bar and were unable to break free. Hacky directed us to abandon the boat and it was every man for himself. We were probably a hundred or more yards off the beach. It was horribly cold, but the Beach Masters had a large fire burning which helped warm us up. I believe we lost more than one boat. Each of us were given a shot of "Medicinal Brandy" when we returned to the ship.
2. I found myself whistling a tune one day out on deck while the ship was underway. A very salty ship's Bosun approached me and informed me that it was a bad omen to whistle on a ship in fine weather. He said I could be whistling up a storm and we didn't need any four weather. He asked me if I understood this which I acknowledged affirmatively. Bosum Theodore Peterson then told me to carry on. I learned a traditional lesson that day.

Thomas, John

Nickname **Rate** SFM33 **Division**
Spouse Jeanette **Hometown** Cumberland
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1970
Civilian Occupation Retired
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory Med Tours
Worst Memory Accident in Morehead City loading Marines. Co worker badly hurt
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Thompson, William M.

Nickname Bill **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** 1st Div Officer
Spouse Lynnette **Hometown** Wyomissing, PA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1970
Civilian Occupation Advertising Sales
Special Hobbies Golf, Tennis, Skiing
Favorite Memory Cannes, France
Worst Memory Cape Hatteras
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Trinca, Peter A.

Nickname **Rate** LCDR **Division** Operations Officer
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** Sacramento, CA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1953 **Years To** 1954
Civilian Occupation 1. Chemist (State of California)
2. Medical Representative (AZ)
Special Hobbies Travel, Cruises, Ballroom Dancing, Playing Electronic Keyboard, Reading, Investing
Favorite Memory Senior Shore Patrol Officer, French Riviera!
Worst Memory NO Bad Memories!!
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Tucker, Howard R.

Nickname Tuck **Rate** GMSN **Division** Fox
Spouse Lois **Hometown** Covington, VA
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Minister
Special Hobbies Music/Ministry
Favorite Memory Med cruise
Worst Memory Dry dock in Brooklyn, NY
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Urband, Howard T

Nickname Lt (jg) **Division** 1st Div Offr
Spouse Myra **Hometown** Montclair, NJ
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1955 **Years To** 1956
Civilian Occupation Exploration Geologist/Mining Engineer
Special Hobbies Wood Working, Writing
Favorite Memory Firing a perfect score with our 5" deck gun
Worst Memory Being shore patrol officer in Havana
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Vick, Jerrauld O.

Nickname JC **Rate** SH3 **Division** Supply
Spouse **Hometown** Minneapolis, MN
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1957-01 **Years To** 1957-06
Civilian Occupation Student
Special Hobbies Making & fixing Golf Clubs
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Vinson, John T

Nickname Lt (jg) **Division** Nav/Deck
Spouse Mickie **Hometown** Hopkinsville, KY
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1958-09 **Years To** 1960-09
Civilian Occupation Project Manager
Special Hobbies Golf, Exercise, Wood Working
Favorite Memory Med Deployment in 1959
Worst Memory Hearing that the RANKIN was recalling all hands for the hurricane evacuation and getting to the pier to find she had departed.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Wall, Sherman R.

Nickname
Spouse Evelene
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103)
Civilian Occupation Battery Analyst (Retired)
Special Hobbies Gardening
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 7 **Grandchildren** 16
Special Comments

Wallis, Clyde E

Nickname
Spouse Ruth
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103)
Civilian Occupation Machinist
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Weltner, Howard A.

Nickname
Spouse Virginia
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103)
Civilian Occupation Real Estate Broker
Special Hobbies Kiwanis
Favorite Memory The weekend in San Juan after the Dominican Republic revolt. Several of the wives flew down from Norfolk including the Captain's (Lampman) wife, which was a surprise for him
Worst Memory None
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Wetmore, Irving E

Nickname Rate E-3 FN **Division** DC Hull
Spouse Michelle **Hometown** Groton, CT
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Broadcasting (After Rankin duty)
Special Hobbies Music, Cooking, Collecting Coins, etc
Favorite Memory Camaraderie of fellow shipmates
Worst Memory Time deployed, 1962 Cuban Missile crisis (JFK)
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

White, Lyle J.

Nickname Rate Ens/Lt (jg) **Division** 4th & 2nd
Spouse Susanne **Hometown** North Loup, NE
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1969-12 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Professor
Special Hobbies Wife, 2 daughters, Sleep
Favorite Memory Any port call
Worst Memory Any Mid Watch
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Wickham, Jack E.

Nickname Rate CWO4 **Division** R
Spouse Spouse Deceased **Hometown** Albuquerque, NM
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1958-10 **Years To** 1961-08
Civilian Occupation Deep Sea Diver, CO of Diving School
Special Hobbies Staying alive & healthy
Favorite Memory Winning the gold "E" as best ship in Navy
Worst Memory Don't remember any
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Wilburn, Donald L.

Nickname Don **Rate** LCDR **Division** Operations Offr
Spouse Laury **Hometown** St Petersburg, FL
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1965 **Years To** 1967
Civilian Occupation VP at Mitchell's Formal Men's Wear
Special Hobbies Home improvement, Electronics
Favorite Memory Too many
Worst Memory ?
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

Williams, Michael R.

Nickname Mike **Rate** LT **Division** Deck-3rd Div Offr
Spouse Jane **Hometown** Minneapolis, MN
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1970
Civilian Occupation Textile Sales Manager
Special Hobbies Wood Work, Traveling, City Government, Boy Scout Volunteer
Favorite Memory During a storm, getting the Rankin underway out of anchorage by myself or a Jr Officer
Worst Memory Storm coming out of Morehead City, NC
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Wilson, Leslie J.

Nickname Les **Rate** LT **Division** Oper
Spouse Betty **Hometown** New York, NY
Ship USS RANKIN (AKA-103/LKA-103) **Years From** 1952-02 **Years To** 1952-09
Civilian Occupation Book Publishing
Special Hobbies Golf, Travel, Reading
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

