
Bellomo, Robert M.

Nickname
Spouse Cheryl
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11)
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory NATO Deployment 1980
Worst Memory I O Deployment 1977
Children
Special Comments

Rate SKC
Hometown Detroit, MI
Years From 1977-01
Years To 1980-07
Grandchildren

Bennett, Richard V

Nickname
Spouse Katheryn
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11)
Civilian Occupation Information Technology
Special Hobbies God, Family, Job, Wood Working
Favorite Memory Long cruises to the Med, Italy, Spain, Yugoslavia, Bahrain
Worst Memory Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Reftra. The weather was HOT, the attitudes were sour (after 4 weeks there) and the ship was broken A LOT!
Children 2
Special Comments Most all who have served know that the friendships made while onboard ship cannot be compared to others. Living, breathing, working, and playing together brings out the best and worst in people. The strength of those bonds doesn't fade over time even though our health may fade and memory may become cloudy. Our love of our country, the men and women we served with, and the love of the sea cannot be replaced, but can be relived with a long pleasure cruise. It never stops amazing me to see how easy it is to identify someone who has served in the Armed Forces. There is a bond, a familiarity, a common thread that links us together and brings out the comradely that only serving can do. Even though time and distance may separate, I look forward to hearing from all whom I served with. I pray heaven has a place for those who served and gave for the sake of others. A life spent in the service of others is a life well spent.

Rate E-6
Hometown Akron, OH
Years From 1983
Years To 1987
Grandchildren

Bingham, Ronnie R

Nickname Ron
Spouse Kathryn
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11)
Civilian Occupation Sears, Assistant Store Manager
Special Hobbies My family
Favorite Memory ESWS and making Chief
Worst Memory The day we went to the aid of a North Korean freighter which had been hit by 2 missiles
Children 2
Special Comments

Rate RMC (sw)
Hometown Old Fort, NC
Years From 1983-12
Years To 1995-01
Grandchildren 0

Bockert, Jim

Nickname Rate Lt **Division** Eng
Spouse Jan **Hometown** Toledo, OH
Ship **Years From** 1987 **Years To** Decom
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies Golf
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Brennan, Thomas R

Nickname Rate YN3 **Division** Oper
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Saugerties, NY
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1961-09 **Years To** 1963-01
Civilian Occupation Supervisory position in Saugerties Central School System
Special Hobbies 49 year active member in Centerville Fire Co and Camping
Favorite Memory Commissioning day
Worst Memory The Cuban Blockade
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Bride, Jackie L.

Nickname Rate OCS **Division** OI
Spouse Barbara **Hometown** Belton, TX
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1971 **Years To** 1973
Civilian Occupation Marine Mechanic
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Cannell, Donald T

Nickname Don **Rate** LT **Division** OPS
Spouse Audre **Hometown** Toluca, IL
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Systems Engineer
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Transfer prior to 1st deployment
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Caroll, Ted

Nickname **Rate** ETR2 **Division**
Spouse Gabriele **Hometown** Fairborn, OH
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Revenue Agent Internal Revenue Service
Special Hobbies Grandchildren, Sailing, Skiing, Camping, Gardening
Favorite Memory The excitement of going to sea and the different emotions while at sea
Worst Memory Coming to the ship on a weekend for inspection. Shortly before a 6 months cruise.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Casto, Phillip R.

Nickname Phil **Rate** BT3 **Division**
Spouse Diane **Hometown** Bradenton, FL
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Certified Public Accountant
Special Hobbies Computers
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Cerquoz, Robert L.

Nickname Bob **Rate** RM1 **Division** OC
Spouse Debbie **Hometown** Albany, NY
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1980 **Years To** 1983
Civilian Occupation Warehouse/Delivery for Public School System
Special Hobbies Repairing Electronic Equipment and computers
Favorite Memory NATO Cruises
Worst Memory Back to back deployments
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Charles, II, John W

Nickname Charlie **Rate** ET2 **Division** OI
Spouse Dolores **Hometown** Pittsburgh, PA
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Letter Carrier US Postal Service
Special Hobbies Internet Junkie
Favorite Memory Worlds Fair
Worst Memory Resupply at night
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments It was fun while it lasted.

Coe, Hugh Fredric

Nickname Cartoonist **Rate** RD3 **Division** OI
Spouse **Hometown** Bainbridge Island, WA
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Merchant Seaman & Commercial Fisherman, Merchant Ships & Tankers, Tow Boats,
Fishing Boats, Washington State Ferries
Special Hobbies Singing Barbershop Harmony SPEBSQSA
Hunting, Fishing, Hiking
Favorite Memory ,
Worst Memory Curry flavored beef, to where it was green!
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Fowler, Thomas V**Nickname** Tom**Rate** Lt.**Division** Weapons**Spouse** Jane**Hometown** Athens, GA**Ship** USS SELLERS (DDG-11)**Years From** 1972-12**Years To** 1975-06**Civilian Occupation** Defense Contractor**Special Hobbies** Sailing, Golf**Favorite Memory****Worst Memory****Children** 2**Grandchildren** 1**Special Comments**

whatever time we finish work on Thursday night, we have until 1500 Monday to report for work. The downside is we work some long hours during the week. Our normal hours are from 1500-0730 spray painting whatever compartment or space that has been prepared.

Most of the crew is living in the sub barracks on base, rather than the ship, because of the noise levels and the fact the ship is in dry dock. Over the months, we have developed a routine and are becoming very good at stray painting. We are both from Ohio and get to send almost very weekend at home. Flying stand-by or hitching we are making "never volunteer" work out really well for the two of us.

Trading canned hams and some other things, we have acquired a sandblasting nozzle and suit to make first divisions life a little bit easier. Instead of using electric deck scalers to clear and prepare all of our deck areas. We get the yard boss to load the sand hoppers before the yard birds go home for the evening, and after dark go to work with the blaster. The decks are looking like new and we are saving a lot of people the drudgery of having to scale the decks with hand scalers.

We have completed painting most of the interior spaces of the ship, the 0-1 level decks and the main decks, with the exception of the forecastle. That is next. We worked hard all night, the entire forecastle is completely bare, and ready to paint and reapply nonskid. All the hoppers are empty, and all we have to do now is, make all this sand disappear into the dry dock as usual. We sweep, and use the air hoses to pull all of our mess on the port side, and over it goes down into the dock as always.

When BM1 Wier arrives for muster, we are tired, he is glad we finished in one night, and we're off for a hot shower and some z's. My head has not quite hit the pillow, when a messenger gives us the word. "The Captain wants the two of you on the forecastle now." We got up, dressed and reported back to the ship. Everyone seemed a bit shaken and upset. We had to trade in our sand blasting equipment, for rattails and wardroom electrolux. No one told Meister or myself that yard birds had placed the rewired sonar dome uncovered in the dock exactly where we dumped our sand overboard.

Not only did we lose the equipment, and spend all day in the dome with our rattails and sweeper, cleaning around all sensors, the yard boss was not exactly in the trading mood any longer.

Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0

Special Comments

Gettler, William F

Nickname Stinky **Rate** RD3 **Division** OI
Spouse Linda **Hometown** Cincinnati, OH
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Pipe fitter foreman/filed supervisor
Special Hobbies Car Collector, 1957 Chevy, 1971 Chevelle, Golfing, Karate, wood Working
Favorite Memory The "Quotable" Quotes Long during the '68 & '69 Med Cruise
Worst Memory Returning to Charleston, SC after a long Med Cruise to be "Welcome Home" by the families, friends and the Military Band.

Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4

Special Comments

Gunter, Darryl G

Nickname Rate BT2 **Division** B
Spouse Regina **Hometown** Atlanta, GA
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1983 **Years To** 1986
Civilian Occupation President/CEO of Atlanta Boilers & Mechanical
Special Hobbies Master Scuba Diver, Golf, Deep sea fishing
Favorite Memory The Med Cruise and meeting FTM2 Rick Bennett who is now my Brother-in-law
Worst Memory Long watches in a very hot boiler room
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Haight, Jr, Jack L

Nickname Rate SOG2 **Division** A/S
Spouse Charlotte **Hometown** Canandaigua, NY
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Quality Control
Special Hobbies VFW
Favorite Memory Commissioning Day
Worst Memory The fear I felt when we were sent on the Cuban Blockade
Children 2 + 3 Step **Grandchildren** 4 + 7 Step
Special Comments

Hall, Jerry L

Nickname Rate SN **Division** 1st
Spouse Suzanne **Hometown** Clarkton, NC
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Real Estate and Insurance
Special Hobbies Enjoying my dogs and hunting
Favorite Memory Med Cruise and Liberty at ports visited
Worst Memory XO mass and cleaning bilges
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Hinds, Baron

Nickname Rate MM3 Division
Spouse Hometown Wrightsville, PA
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) Years From 1982 Years To 1986
Civilian Occupation
Special Hobbies Sports, Motorcycles
Favorite Memory Australia, New Zealand
Worst Memory
Children Grandchildren
Special Comments

Hinson, Delta L

Nickname Rate OS2 Division OI
Spouse Gail Hometown Albany, GA
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) Years From 1974 Years To 1979
Civilian Occupation N/A
Special Hobbies Music, Traveling, Reading
Favorite Memory North Atlantic Cruise 1976; Med Cruise 1976
Worst Memory Indian Ocean Cruise 1977; USS Wasp Middle East deployment 2004
Children 3 Grandchildren 1
Special Comments

Hodgkiss, Jack L

Nickname Rate IC3 Division
Spouse Marlane Hometown Niagara Falls, NY
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) Years From 1967 Years To 1969
Civilian Occupation Computer systems for telephone company
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory All the good friends I had and still have.
Worst Memory None
Children 1 Grandchildren 2
Special Comments I've been trying to find J.T. Gugerty using the internet, via mailing letters to as many Gugerty's that I could find and to date have had no success.

Hunt, Percy B.

Nickname Bambs **Rate** MM2 **Division** M
Spouse Gloria **Hometown** East Chicago, IN
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Mill Mechanic
Special Hobbies Building and Repairing things
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Going over the side to clean oil spill off of ship at sea
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments I would like to say "Hello" and wish them well.

Hutchison, Tom R.

Nickname Hutch **Rate** MM3 **Division** Eng
Spouse Karen **Hometown** Oberlin, OH
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1967
Civilian Occupation Plumber
Special Hobbies Golf, My dog, Football, Baseball, NASCAR Racing
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 4
Special Comments

Incremona, Steve P

Nickname **Rate** QM2 **Division** NAV
Spouse Cheryl **Hometown** Fort Wayne, IN
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1981 **Years To** 1984
Civilian Occupation Owner/President CFS Inc
Special Hobbies Piloting my boat on Great Lakes, Wood Working, Astronomy
Favorite Memory 1981-84
Worst Memory 1981-1984
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Kahle, Richard A

Nickname Dick **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** Weapons
Spouse Carole **Hometown** Bronxville, NY
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation After leaving the Sellers in 1965, I joined IBM in sales starting in Boston. I then went to Burlington, VT, Norwalk, Ct, Raleigh, NC and finally moving to Arlington, TX. Accepting a buy out from IBM in 1992, I purchased a manufacturing company where I was President for 12 years. In 2004 I said the heck with it, sold the company and retired. What a great life it has become.
Special Hobbies I enjoy building scale non-plastic models, mostly ships, work in the garden and play bridge. Cruising is now a great pleasure. NO mid-watches
Favorite Memory The great friends I made during my brief 3 year tour. The ability to learn from all on board, from navigation and seamanship to the responsibilities of personnel and equipment put in my charge.
Worst Memory Really none except that dreaded mid-watch. I was cured on our first cruise, at 11:45 PM, I had a scotch in my hand and toasted the mid-watch as then came to the bridge. The other was hitting the gale off Massena, Italy, when we took green water on the bridge, and most of the crew was sick. Being tossed out of my bunk many times, was great fun.
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 13
Special Comments

Karafotis, Gust "Gus"

Nickname **Rate** RD2 **Division** OI
Spouse Helen **Hometown** Wyandotte, MI
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Electrician, Daimler Chrysler
Special Hobbies House Remodeling projects, Collect Steins and Mugs
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory Getting pukey drunk in Verrazano, Italy, and ruining a practically new white uniform
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Karvonen, Kenneth A

Nickname **Rate** E-6 BT1 **Division** Eng/B
Spouse Dorothy **Hometown** Ashtabula, OH
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Engineering Technician Consultant
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Lawton, Roy E

Nickname Lt (jg) **Division** Weapons
Spouse Judy **Hometown** Forestville, NY
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1963 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Electrical Engineer
Special Hobbies Wood Working, Clocks, House Building
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 6 **Grandchildren** 18
Special Comments

Layton, Richard S

Nickname Snake Eyes **Rate** MM2/E-5 **Division** M
Spouse Emelita **Hometown** Massillon, OH
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1982 **Years To** 1986
Civilian Occupation Long Distance Truck Driver (Crete Carrier Corp)
Special Hobbies Fishing, Camping, Traveling, Antiques-Collecting
Favorite Memory NATO Cruise
Worst Memory Gitmo and having to anchor out with no liberty
Children 3 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments I would love to contact Barry Curry, Steven King, Enrique Cedillo or Tom Meyne.

Lentz III, William B

Nickname Bill **Rate** RD2 **Division** OI
Spouse Judy **Hometown** Mays Landing, NJ
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Police Sgt, State of New Jersey
Special Hobbies Reading, Home Projects
Favorite Memory Med Cruise 1963 and Fred Syarr
Worst Memory Hurricane when returning from Med Cruise
Children 0 **Grandchildren** 6 Step
Special Comments

Leonard, Glenn F.

Nickname Rate SM1 **Division** OC
Spouse Linda **Hometown** Dunbar, PA
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1973
Civilian Occupation Club Owner
Special Hobbies Playing Bluegrass Music
Favorite Memory Don't have any
Worst Memory None
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Loepp, Greg T

Nickname Rate MM3 **Division** M
Spouse N/A **Hometown** Sioux City, IA
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1978 **Years To** 1980
Civilian Occupation Project Manager
Special Hobbies Science, Outdoors
Favorite Memory Liberty
Worst Memory Hurricane David. Three days of being sea sick
Children 4 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments For B & M Division:
Presentation of the "Bilge Rat" Medal of Honor, bestowed on a hearty few @ The Jane Barbados Rum Factory in 1979.

Long, James R

Nickname Jim **Rate** RMC **Division** OC
Spouse **Hometown** Lebanon, PA
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1971 **Years To** 1974
Civilian Occupation US Postal Service
Special Hobbies Golf, Sports
Favorite Memory Around the World Cruise 1972-73
Worst Memory Getting extended over Holidays during Med Cruise
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

McCluskey, Gary N

Nickname Mac **Rate** MM2 **Division** M
Spouse Sandy **Hometown** Tooele, UT
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Retired Civil Service, then High School Cust
Special Hobbies Golf, Watching High School sports, Riding ATV's with wife
Favorite Memory Just about every Cruise the Sellers made during the time I was aboard. Being a plank owner. Enjoyed the shipmates I sailed with. The Cuban blockade we took part in.
Worst Memory Cleaning oil off the sides of the ship that was pumped over just before we pulled into New Orleans.
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments Make every effort to attend Reunions. They are really worth it. They have been really great Reunions.

McQuitty, Carrol (Gene) G

Nickname **Rate** RM2 **Division**
Spouse Carolyn **Hometown** Milford, OH
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1962-10 **Years To** 1966-05
Civilian Occupation Rural Carrier/US Postal Service
Special Hobbies Farming, Antiques
Favorite Memory Venice, Italy
Worst Memory Getting underway
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 5
Special Comments

McSkimming, Kenneth I

Nickname **Rate** E3 **Division**
Spouse Trudy J. **Hometown** Youngstown, OH
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation General Foreman Maintenance-Steel Co.
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 6
Special Comments

Murphy, David

Nickname Rate BT2 **Division** B
Spouse Geralynn **Hometown** Plainfield, NJ
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1985 **Years To** 1985
Civilian Occupation Maintenance
Special Hobbies Surf Fishing
Favorite Memory I was on board for almost two weeks while the ship was going though testing and one of the oil kings had to leave for personal reason. I had a great time help the sister ship of the USS Semmes
Worst Memory
Children 0 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Newcomb, Phillip L

Nickname Rate SN E3 **Division** Supply
Spouse Katherine **Hometown** Bridgeport, NY
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1967
Civilian Occupation Transportation Supervisor
Special Hobbies Golf, Baseball
Favorite Memory Pulling into Naples for the first time
Worst Memory Friends death
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments Realize now how important it was in growing as a man.

Niendorf, Erland L

Nickname Earl **Rate** FTM1 **Division** Fox
Spouse Louise **Hometown** Mazomanie, WI
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1976 **Years To** 1981
Civilian Occupation I do maintenance work for Costal Training Technologies Corp, or any job that comes up for them.
Special Hobbies Enjoy football, Baseball, Doing odd jobs, Hobbies in working with wood and taking care of my home in Chesapeake.
Favorite Memory The making of surface warfare specialist
Worst Memory All the work and preparation to go before the board to make surface warfare specialist.
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 8
Special Comments

Oliver, William R

Nickname Bill **Rate** QM3 **Division** OC
Spouse Shirley **Hometown** Magnolia, NJ
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1967 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation Director of Production for a Pharmaceutical Packaging Co
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory There were so many good memories, its hard to pick a favorite
Worst Memory Having to pull duty on my 21st Birthday
Children 7 **Grandchildren** 15
Special Comments

Otten, Robert W

Nickname Bob **Rate** FTM2 **Division** 4th (Fox)
Spouse Shirley **Hometown** Bethel, VT12-63
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1968
Civilian Occupation IBM Customer Service
Special Hobbies Railroading, Real & HO Models, Photography, Wood Working, Traveling the USA
Favorite Memory FO 237 & Polaris Demo observation ship duty
Worst Memory Vent rep at night with no lights
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Page, Clyde Scott

Nickname **Rate** SK3 **Division** Supply
Spouse Lily **Hometown** Americus, GA
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1971 **Years To** 1973
Civilian Occupation Tax Assessor
Special Hobbies Scuba Diving
Favorite Memory Camaraderie
Worst Memory We went to three countries that were at war (Eithioyra, Mozambique, and Angola) all in Africa. It was a sad experience.
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Priest, John (Tom) T

Nickname Tom **Rate** Lt **Division** Weapons
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Columbus, OH
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Sales
Special Hobbies Photography
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Prikazsky, Cyril H

Nickname Cy **Rate** Lt (jg) **Division** M/OS
Spouse Anne **Hometown** Berwyn, IL
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1975 **Years To** 1979
Civilian Occupation Electrical Engineer, Chasn Naval Shipyard
Special Hobbies Sailing, Music
Favorite Memory Bremerhaven, Germany, A 2 day stop turned to 2 week October Cole-Bratton
Worst Memory North Atlantic in Nov
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments Wouldn't trade Sellers experience. Every cruise was great!

Pullen, Noah M

Nickname Rate GMG3/E-4 **Division**
Spouse Jennifer **Hometown** Pensacola, FL
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1987 **Years To** 1989
Civilian Occupation Information technology
Special Hobbies

Favorite Memory Ahh. There is nothing like Nice, France in the springtime. Well, the Sellers dropped anchor in St Raphael, France so my shipmate Mike Blount and I decided to make way for the not so distant city of Nice, France. We arrived by train and found the city to be bright, fresh and far removed from the haze grey shadow that had gotten us to France. Mike and I walked from the train station down to the water front If I had to guess I would say it was about 2 miles but we made quick walk of it.

The second thing we did being sailors and all was buy some beer, you know, to help us better enjoy the stone laden beach which was sprinkled with topless sun bathers, female type, one each. At some point during our beach invasion, Mike and I met some young ladies; I do not remember the details on how Mike and I made the company of these young ladies, but I do recall they were very pretty and from Canada. Eventually we left the beach and took to touring the city on foot with these gals and as the day grew on, so did the wear on our clothes we were wearing. At some point it was decided that Mike and I would head back to the ship to hit the rain locker and change our clothes. On our way back to the train station, Mike twisted his ankle but like a solid tin can sailor he kept pace with me, but we all know I had to mark time march so my liberty buddy did not get left behind. We were late in returning to Nice, so Mike insisted that I double time it to the city square in order to meet our lady friends and not want to "miss ships movement". I gladly concurred with the order. Well, I didn't find our friends despite my thorough efforts to acquire our target so I rang emergency bells, all back full in order to find my wounded shipmate. Just minutes late I hear "MATT", Matthew is my middle name, "MATT" so I pan and scan trying to find the origin of the call somehow knowing it was for me. After all, I was probably the only American in the square at that time that went by Matt. Well, to my ultimate surprise, there was Mike with the young ladies from Canada. Here I had done all the arduous SAR work and he ends up with the award. This concern quickly faded as we continued our courting drills in the city square walking around and taking in the sites without any concerns in the world. Nope, not even the train schedule was a concern because we thought we had it all figured out. So I fast forward you to our departure and eventual arrival at the train center where we quickly discovered the lights are dimmed/out and no hustle and bustle of people on the station docks. Well, needless to say, I got stuck in Nice, France with my shipmate, the wounded Mike Blount. We had misread the train schedule and missed the last train as a result of our flirting and courting with the young and beautiful Canadian girls. In hind sight I say, "Damn them and their charms."

Well, Mike and I did not have enough money for a taxi, so we had to make our way back to St. Raphael on foot. And if you recall making matters worse, Mike had injured his foot earlier that day as we raced back to the ship from Nice by train in order to change clothes to go out on the town with the aforementioned young ladies.

We did have the wherewithal to find a phone and call the hotel that was right across from our beach head, but the return to St. Raphael was slow and arduous. We were assured by the folks at the hotel that word would get back to the ship that we were going to be late. Cinderella liberty was in effect, returning. I was hoping to stave off any city wide search by my shipmates on Shore Patrol duty. Believe me, I know from experience how upsetting it can be to be rattled from the bunk you just slipped into to go back out and find a missing shipmate, but that is another story.

Somehow out of an alley/side street a Frenchman came along in his car, a little car, I might add. It hardly had room for one, let alone three men, any way, I think he offered us a ride. He did not speak English and we did not speak French, but we found our way in the car. We expressed our needs through hand gesturing and by speaking really slow English to the best of our ability, where we needed to go. Apparently the slow English phrases paid off because the gentleman dropped us off at the beach head where we slept

in a tour boat that was operating as a liberty boat for us. That morning we were ferried back to the ship where I was Keel Hauled and Mike was given the Purple Heart. (Just kidding.)

Worst Memory See favorite ship memory: I got in trouble for mess but Mike did not. Same ship, different department but somehow he got away unscathed and I had my liberty withheld for about a week.

Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0

Special Comments To my shipmates--have a fine Navy day!

Quilalang, Rebecca G

Nickname Rica **Rate** 03 **Division** MS
Spouse Deceased **Hometown** San Diego, CA
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1970 **Years To** 1976
Civilian Occupation Retired Nurse
Special Hobbies Traveling

Favorite Memory

Worst Memory

Children **Grandchildren**

Special Comments I am the widow of Rogelio A Quilalang, who was lost at sea via USS SELLERS, May 10, 1976. I am still a widow after thirty years. I first attended the reunion last 2002 in Charleston, SC. I have to see the place once again, plus all our children were born here. It's very nostalgic, indeed. I was hoping I will see some of my late husband's shipmates, unfortunately, there was none, but I enjoyed the reunion and new friends like Philies and Gordon Jenkins.

Reass, Henry G

Nickname **Rate** CS 2/c **Division** Commissary
Spouse Dona **Hometown** Seaford, NY
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1961-09 **Years To** 1962
Civilian Occupation Home Improvement Contractor
Special Hobbies Golf

Favorite Memory Commissioning of the ship

Worst Memory Leaving ship before first dry run to Cuba with appendicitis

Children 2 **Grandchildren** 4

Special Comments

Rzepa, Matthew C

Nickname Matt **Rate** EM2 **Division** R
Spouse Pat **Hometown** Buffalo, NY
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Maintenance Reliability Consultant
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Saling, Ronald E

Nickname **Rate** MM3 **Division** M
Spouse Roberta **Hometown** Snelling, CA
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1965
Civilian Occupation Retired, City of Merced, CA
Special Hobbies Hunting
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 1 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Sanden, Oscar E.

Nickname OE **Rate** Lt/LCDR **Division** Weapons
Spouse Lila **Hometown** Minneapolis, MN
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Staff Engineer, Libra Scope Div, Singer Co
Special Hobbies Amateur Radio, Church
Favorite Memory The Commissioning Ceremony 10/28/61
Worst Memory The Decommissioning Ceremony 10/31/89
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Serafin, Nick A

Nickname Rate EM2 Division E
Spouse Sue Hometown Napoleon, MI
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) Years From 1973 Years To 1977
Civilian Occupation Marketing Director of Laboratory Services to Nuclear Utilities
Special Hobbies Biblical Archeology, Astronomy, Travel
Favorite Memory 1. When my Father was waiting on the pier when we returned from a 6 month Med Cruise
2. 1976 Carrier Air Show in the Med
3. First port visited in '74 or '75, Athens, Greece
Worst Memory Working 3 days straight pulling motors from the after engine room when the lower level flooded
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 1
Special Comments

Setzer, Odell S

Nickname Rate E3 Division 4th
Spouse Malona Hometown Lenoir, NC
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) Years From 1964 Years To 1967
Civilian Occupation Transformer Assembly & Repair
Special Hobbies
Favorite Memory
Worst Memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Shearer, James F

Nickname Rate E4 Division M
Spouse Marion Hometown Lexington, KY
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) Years From 1965 Years To 1967
Civilian Occupation Postal Employee
Special Hobbies Fishing and Street Rods
Favorite Memory Going to Greece
Worst Memory 97 days at sea
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Sheehan, Robert R

Nickname Dick **Rate** QM3 **Division** OC
Spouse Karen **Hometown** Vienna, VA
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Owner of a Commercial Sign Company
Special Hobbies Hunting, Fishing, Biking, Travel
Favorite Memory The first Missile Firing
Worst Memory Taking bearings on the Bridge Wing while the 5" guns were being fired.
Children **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

Sirmans, Charles R

Nickname Chuck **Rate** ETN2 **Division** OI
Spouse Wanda **Hometown** Lake Charles, LA
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1964
Civilian Occupation Electrical Engineer (Retired)
Special Hobbies Ham Radio, Antique Autos
Favorite Memory I enjoyed my time aboard ship, Caribbean and Med Cruises
Worst Memory Storms at sea. Straits of Messina
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 0
Special Comments

Sivinski, Peter A.

Nickname Ski **Rate** EM3 **Division** R
Spouse Olga **Hometown** Amherst, OH
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1962 **Years To** 1966
Civilian Occupation Sr Supervisor
Special Hobbies Sky Diving, Building Street Rods
Favorite Memory New Years Eve in Rome, Italy
Worst Memory New Years Day aboard Ship
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Strickland, Henry W

Nickname Hank **Rate** LT **Division** Weapons
Spouse **Hometown** Jesup, GA
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1966 **Years To** 1969
Civilian Occupation Construction Executive
Special Hobbies Church
Favorite Memory All of them are good
Worst Memory Malta
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Taylor, Marcus G.

Nickname Mark **Rate** ENS/Lt **Division** Wep
Spouse Mary **Hometown** Moss Point, MS
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1968 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Engineer
Special Hobbies Fishing
Favorite Memory Conning alongside for Unrep, ASW exercises, AA Gunshoot, Fresh pastry from the gallery on the 4-8 watch.
Worst Memory Trying to get a casrep message chopped through Weps/XO/CO
Children 2 **Grandchildren**
Special Comments

These, Alan F. E.

Nickname TZ **Rate** YN1 **Division** N
Spouse Janice Marie **Hometown** Guttenberg, IA
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1969 **Years To** 1971
Civilian Occupation Cigarette Packing Machine Operator
Special Hobbies Gardening/Photography
Favorite Memory Swim Call-Med Cruise 1971-Mr America photo; Retired from Navy 31 Dec 1981
Worst Memory Spending about two months flying around the Med from Rota, Spain to Souda Bay and then back to Palma to catch the great Warship Sellers on the eve of her return to CONUS
Children 4 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments I am looking forward to the Las Vegas reunion and sincerely hope to be able to make it. The Mr America picture and the truck wash scene in the Memory Book under Personal Photos is from July 4, 2005 when I conduct my annual Car Wash to remember the great time I had in Sellers. Although I am now landlocked, the July 4 tradition was started some years ago after I told a neighbor about the 1971, Mr America Swim Call picture in the Sellers Cruise Book, and also the fact that I could still fit into the Two Star, Mr America, swim suit by Catalina. I recall spending only \$16.00 at the Navy Exchange in Charleston, SC prior to the 1971 deployment for this special swim suit.

Viergever, Paul B

Nickname Rate GMM **Division** Weapons
Spouse Chris **Hometown** Upsilanti, MI
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1964 **Years To** 1967
Civilian Occupation Police Officer
Special Hobbies Hunting, Camping, Scuba Diving
Favorite Memory Just loved being out to sea
Worst Memory Dry-dock. I'm tall and everything was height reduced. Juke box broken, only had one song "Haunted House"
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Visted, Frank A

Nickname Rate Ensign/Lt (jg) **Division** R
Spouse Eleanor **Hometown** Smithtown, NY
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1961 **Years To** 1963
Civilian Occupation Business Executive
Special Hobbies Gardening
Favorite Memory Underway from Mayport for Cuban Blockade
Worst Memory De-Commissioning of Sellers
Children 5 **Grandchildren** 7
Special Comments

Voge, Brian

Nickname Rate PN3 - E-4 **Division** Admin
Spouse Kathryn **Hometown** Ocala, FL
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11) **Years From** 1966-08 **Years To** 1967-04
Civilian Occupation Training Dept Mgr, United Defense, LP
Special Hobbies Travel, Painting, Cooking
Favorite Memory Watching the Polaris Missile launch from a sub off Miami
Worst Memory Closing the records on a young sailor who died while we were in Miami
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Wasilonski, Patrick

Nickname Tom
Spouse Joan
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11)
Civilian Occupation Boiler & Machinery Inspector for an Insurance Company
Special Hobbies Wood Working and Racing Pigeons
Favorite Memory The time that I spent on board
Worst Memory Never had a worst memory
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 3
Special Comments

Weakland, Thomas G

Nickname Tom
Spouse Nancy
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11)
Civilian Occupation Wholesale Truck Driver-Large Dairy in Ohio - Reiter Dairy
Special Hobbies Golfing, Restoring Classic Cars
Favorite Memory Two Med Cruises
Worst Memory Cuban Crisis
Children 2 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments

Weaver, Thomas S

Nickname Tom
Spouse
Ship USS SELLERS (DDG-11)
Civilian Occupation College Professor
Special Hobbies Tennis, Golf, Scuba Diving
Favorite Memory The around the world cruise of 1972-74 though I hold fond memories and deep respect for the snipes who labored long and hard hours in the hot machinery spaces on Sellers
Worst Memory Going on water hours due to a leaking main condenser
Children 3 **Grandchildren** 2
Special Comments I spent 30 wonderful years in the Navy and tow of those years were spent in the stellar ship Sellers with a superb crew.

