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This is an abbreviated version of the newsletter that was mailed to shipmates and relatives of deceased shipmates earlier in the month. The next newsletter will have information for the 2027 reunion, scheduled to be in in East Tennessee in the Fall of 2027. It will include selected scenic attractions in Knoxville, Gatlinburg, Sevierville and Pigeon Forge such as Dollywood and the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

Thanks to all those who got the newsletter electronically and saved us money on postage and printing. We mailed 330 copies to shipmates and associate members. It was printed on a home printer rather than commercially. Printing at home allowed us to use color pages, which are too expensive when done commercially. A lot of work but it saved money and produced a better newsletter. Color makes a big difference in the pictures, helping to identify shipmates. However the next issue will be the last to be printed and mailed. In the future, after the 2027 issue, it will only be available on line on this website.

In the last issue we printed the 1968 ship crew list. We now have the 1967 crew list. A lot of you are on both lists. I created the 1967 and 1968 histories using deck logs that are now posted on this website. I combined the deck log information with the information from the personnel diaries of the ship's office. I was only on board the tail end of 1968 and so the histories are from deck logs, personnel records and shipmate journals rather than my personal recollection. I transferred to the USS Long Beach CGN-9 a couple of piers down from Hubbard in 1969. After that I was the staff oceanographer in Vietnam. I retired in 1979 as a Lieutenant with 20 years combined service officer and enlisted.

After the last newsletter was printed but before the reunion, we learned of the death of several shipmates. These were included in the Branson memorial service. EM2 Kent Bradley Ward of Frankston Texas was aboard 1963-67 and died 7/19/2026 at age 83. His widow Beth attended the Branson reunion as they had intended on doing together. Jenifer Shook attended following the death of her father Charles Shook (RD1 54-57) in June this year, as noted in the previous newsletter. He had attended all reunions up through Milwaukee in 2021 and father and daughter were active in hosting reunions. Here is the complete list of attendees. The attendees were: Cindy Albright, MM3 Terry Cloud 57-59, Anita Davis, ICC Dennis Ditsch 68-69, Wendi Flaherty, Lee Gordon, MSCM Ed Jose 67-69, Ely Jose, Eugene Jose, Cdr. Jim Kelly 66-68, host MM1 Doug Leland 66-69, Chuck Leland, Dorothy Leland, Ken Leland, Elfriede Lesnick, SFP3 Jimmy Loy 68-69, SK1 Dave Majeski 67-68, Erica Majeski, Renae Majeski, Mary Martin, LT Dick Oliver 68-69, Natalie Oliver, Glenn Reid, Lisa Sanders, MM2 Hank Schleider 67-69, Carlene Schleider, EM2 James Sharits 64-68, Jenifer Shook, Diana Stanton, MM2 Jim (Ace) Stromberg 66-69, Richard Teague, Beth Ward, MM3 George Young 62-66 and Cherry Young. Photos are in this newsletter.

Thanks to shipmate Doug Leland and his wife Dorothy for arranging and hosting the Branson reunion September 14 to 18. Somehow I managed to get their address wrong in the printed newsletter and had to email and/or mail the corrected registration form to possible participants. Thanks therefore to all the attendees who persevered and got their registration form completed and mailed to Doug. Terry Cloud and Elfriede were signed up for the reunion last year but he had a heart attack and they had to cancel but were back this year. Terry was using a walker. Dave Majeski also uses a walker. He and his wife and daughter have been regulars in recent years. Dennis Ditsch and Diana were back after dealing with some medical issues the past few years. Glenn Reid had last attended in Virginia Beach in 2013. He attended with his father IC2 Sandy Reid (50-51), the founder of our ship store. Sandy died in 2020 age 92.

Due to the heat the memorial service was held indoors at the College of the Ozarks instead of outdoors in their memorial garden. The College is noteworthy in that there is no tuition. Our tour there was conducted by a student working his way through college, as do all the students. Shipmates and guests enjoyed the two stage shows in Branson as well as the bus tour and lunch in old town Branson. Our bus dropped us off at the door of the theater and picked us up afterwards, avoiding the terrible traffic in Branson.

We have located one new shipmate, MM2 James M. Hillard Jr., and relocated one who was lost, Korean War vet Denzil Burch (53-55). We lost contact when Denzil moved to Assisted Living. Al Eisenbraun is on the trail tracking down shipmates on our master list of 4411 shipmates from 1944 up through 1969..

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Additions to Memorial Pages since last newsletter

BT2 Donald Rayford **Austin** Sr. 66-68 b. 10/2/1940 d. 2/12/2008 age 67 Benham Texas; BM1 (BMC) Johnie Judson **Byers** 59-65 b. 8/11/1928 d. 6/4/2026 age 97 Ft. Mohave Arizona; GMSN Alton Douglas (Doug) **Byrd** 57-58 b. 7/29/1958 d. 5/1/2026 age 67 Waco Texas; BT2 McDonald **Campbell** 65-66 b. 8/28/1937 d. 1/25/2011 age 73 Las Vegas Nevada; RD3 (LCDR) James Allen **Chester** 69-69 b. 3/31/1950 d. 8/12/2026 age 75 Carson City Nevada; DCFN (WO-1) Harry James **Dillon** 59-61 b. 4/4/1941 d. 4/1/2026 age 85 Cathedral City California; ENC Isavel A. **Garza** 55-56 b. 7/8/1935 d. 1/18/2026 age 90 San Diego California; MM3 Charles W. **Gattis** 56-59 b. 1/4/1936 d. 6/3/2025 age 88 Adamsville Texas; RM2 Gene A. **Jucksch** 54-55 b. 1934 d. 8/30/2018 age 82 Palm Desert California; SOGSN Hargis **McKinney** Jr. 59-60 b. 3/17/1940 d. 2/25/2025 age 84 Westport Kentucky; EMFN Raymond Dean **Ortiz** 66-67 b. 10/9/1944 d. 9/6/2017 age 72 Denver Colorado; MM3 Bobby Wayne **Ray** 60-64 b.

7/4/1942 d. 3/6/2026 age 83 Kyle Texas; LTjg (Cdr.) John Robert **Siemer** 62-65 b. 7/20/1936 d. 2/18/2026 age 89 Stockton Springs Maine; BT2 Frankey William **Stanley** 50-54 6/29/1929 5/13/2026 age 96 Knoxville Indiana; LTjg (Admiral) Harry Dupue **Train** II 50-51 b. 11/5/1927 d. 7/31/2026 age 98 Norfolk Virginia; LTjg (Capt.) Charles H. **Ulrich** 54-57 age 95 b. 12/31/1930 d. 3/29/2026 Hutchinson Minnesota; EM2 Kent Bradley **Ward** 63-67 b. 7/25/1942 d. 7/19/2026 age 83 Frankston Texas.

Photos from the Branson Reunion







At left MM2 Jim (Ace) Stromberg, Lisa Sanders, Mary Martin. Middle Diana Stanton, Dennis Ditsch, Jimmy Loy. Right Anita Davis, Jim Sharits.



Shipmate photo, front row: SK1 Dave Majeski, Cdr. Jim Kelly, MSCM Ed Jose, MM3 Terry Cloud, ICC Dennis Ditsch; 2nd row EM2 James Sharits, LT Dick Oliver, MM3 George Young, host MM1 Doug Leland, MM2 Hank Schleider, SFP3 Jimmy Loy, MM2 Jim (Ace) Stromberg







Memorial service held indoors at College of the Ozarks: Doug Leland rear with bell, Terry Cloud, Jim Kelly; reunion hosts Doug and Dorothy Leland taking a break; George Young with Cherry Young