

USS Canopus Association Deck Log

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567 Entries

Kenneth Melton
03/20/12 at 14:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1981-1985

Division/Shop MAA

Comments:

hello everyone

I started in special services when I came aboard and then went to deck division for a short period of time then they sent me to the master-at-arms. I stayed with the master-at-arms until one week of being discharged in Dec. 1985 when my 4 yrs. was up. I don't know if any one of you on board at that time remember me or not but if you do I would like to hear from you all. here is my e-mail kenjmelton@gmail.com. I work for the Dept. of the Army as a federal security guard at Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Jonnie peterson
03/13/12 at 05:21

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SH3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1973-1975

Division/Shop Deck Dept 3/MAA/S-3 Div. (Crew and Officers Barber Shop)

Comments:

Hi Everyone-

Had a great time onboard the Canopus in Holy Loch. Enjoyed the EM club, PJ's and the Bay Disco, across the bay. Have some very good memories. A big hello to Chief Dacuba if you are out there, wish I had of re-enlisted to ride the Canopus back to the States.

George Snow
03/11/12 at 15:21

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ETC (SS)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) Plankowner

Division/Shop W-5

Comments:

Hello shipmates, Looking through the deck log brought back many great memories. Had some great cookouts on the Singing River with my W-5 crew. Got my butt reamed by the CO for fishing off the stern on our run to Rota Spain. Those were the days. Now I'm an old fart Commander of the VFW. God bless all Navy personnel, no finer in the world.

Kenneth W. Rogers
03/08/12 at 16:48

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1974

Division/Shop RAD-CON

Comments:

Trying to find shipmates and trying to register on the ships log and do not know how, please help.

Frank Merenda
03/07/12 at 11:07

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ETN-5

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1976-1980

Division/Shop W-5

Comments:

Anyone who served during 1976-1980 who remember an incident in Rota Spain when 3 sailors were killed on topside of submarine moored port side of AS-34. Please email me.

Len Thompson
03/06/12 at 11:22

Rate/Rank EMC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1981-1986

Division/Shop E- Div

Comments:

Hey All,

Just found the website. Great job on whoever is doing this. I look back fondly on my time on Canopus where in 86 I was commissioned an LDO. Retired in 99 (O4). Spent most of the time on Canopus at Charleston and Kings Bay. Don't miss the bugs in Kings Bay.

John Kemper Rogers
03/01/12 at 01:06

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Fireman

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972 - 1974

Division/Shop Radcon

Comments:

Would like to hear from (or anyone who knows) anybody who served with me and the following: Wally, Shorty, Harbison, Frisbie, Jerry Disney, KW Rogers, etc.

John K. Rogers
02/29/12 at 23:51

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Fireman

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1974

Division/Shop R-5

Comments:

Website is really nice.

Frank Altieri
02/22/12 at 17:58

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 72-74

Division/Shop A DIV-Steam/heat shop

Comments:

anyone out there remember that sm shop next to o2n2 shop? I know its been some time but a great friend and shopmate Dewwhite Butler was a riot if any one knows us send e-mail stay cool and don't skate all day.....FASTFRANK

Blaine Sites
01/27/12 at 18:10

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank PH 2 AC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) !981 to 1984

Division/Shop RO DIV / Photo Lab

Comments:

The Men and Women that I served with made me proud. We came together as a team which began with our Skippers. Thank you Richard Retin and Ed Pado for giving of your energy and talent's. Being one of the first few members and plank owners of the USS Canopus (AS-34) Model makes very lucky. This Association will go forward long past my time for future generations of children to research. Some people I would like to mention Anthony "Al" Dubois, Shane Smith, Fred Pavelseck, Charlie Hill, Thomas Doughtry, Tina Adams. Thanks to all the people Who I did name & Gods Speed to you one & all fair winds with following seas. Blaine

Kerry Kitterman
01/13/12 at 18:32

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BT1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1983 - 1986

Division/Shop B Div. Oil King

Comments:

Good ship and worked my ass off, but had a good team; Wells, Clemmans, an Cap, also a good BTC McLaughlin. Kings Bay sucked nothing but bugs, snakes, swamp, and rent a cops - but Snorkels Bar was a great place. anyone remembers give me a yell.

Bobby W. Herring
01/10/12 at 20:00

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SKCM

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1981-1982

Division/Shop SUBSAT

Comments:

I have fond memories of the Canopus. I retired while serving aboard on Dec 31st, 1982. I am also retired from Progress Energy (Raleigh, N.C.) I currently live in Winston Salem, N.C.....Would like to hear from my old shipmates.

John Christian
01/04/12 at 21:51

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BMC (Ret)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) Never aboard (Tin Can Sailor)

Comments:

My Father was attached to the first Canopus and captured in P.I. He was a POW in Japan for 3 yrs, 4 Mo. At the time of his capture he was a TM3, retired in 1960 as a TMC. His last command that he served aboard (1959-1960) was Building 19 at Newport (USS Yosemite) and killed by a drunk driver in Oct. 1965. The only person I remember he ever talked about was "Hap" Goodall RADM (Ret). Could anyone provide information on the original Canopus and/or that crew.

Kimberley Price (Bell)
11/11/11 at 10:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-5

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1987-1990

Division/Shop Captain's Office

Comments:

I remember a lot of "fun" days aboard the can-of-p#@s! lol But the main thing I'll never forget is when I first arrived at the base and went to the ship. I stoop at the bottom of the ladder, looked up and said "there's no way in @#\$#@ Imma climb those stairs"! I was very scared of heights and was about to turn and walk when one of the sailors came up to me, picked up one of my bags and said "let me help you up those stairs shipmate". Believe me, he must have read my mind! hahahaha But Kings Bay was a nice place to be.

Ricky Guillot
11/04/11 at 00:24

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MS1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971-1974

Division/Shop S-2 Division

Comments:

There are many things I don't remember these days about my old Navy days because of a few strokes I have had in the last few years. But I do remember being on the Canopus twice, once from 71 until she was relieved and then again in Charleston in maybe 86 where she went to Cuba and then back to Scotland. I left in 89 and went to New Orleans and retired there in 91. I am living in New Orleans now and share a house with one of my brothers.

Mike Tanner
10/31/11 at 20:07

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank TM1 SW RET

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1976-1982

Division/Shop W-1

Comments:

my first ship and will never forget it miss rota onboard for 6 yrs made a lot of good friends

David A. Gschwend
10/29/11 at 14:55

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank CWO3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1973-1974

Division/Shop Admin/Personnel

Comments:

Reported to CANOPUS August 1973 to be Personnel Officer/Admin Officer. Great tour. Transferred to COMSUBRON FOURTEEN and stayed in Holy Loch and on HOLLAND until August 1976 when I transferred to COMSUBRON FIFTEEN in Apra Harbor Guam. Made many friends (some enemies with additional duty as Legal Officer) while in Holy Loch. Stumbled onto this WebSite reading the Special Edition of "Shift Colors" and the reunion listing. Man, this is a WebSite - my compliments to the designers and the people who maintain it. Have looked at pictures and read 6 pages of the comments. Need to take a break. People whose names readily come to mind - PNCM Don Massey, PN1 Dave Martineau, PNSN Ron Williams (LT Ret), PNSN Robillo (sp) (LCDR, SC, Ret), HT1 Watkins (Race Relations), HT2 Art Roglin (DAPA), PNSN Hennessey (sp), PNSN Norman (CA Hwy Patrol before he joined Navy), MAC Ben (Gentle Ben) Dacuba) Chief Master-at-Arms, EN1 Barbo (Asst CMAA) (saw him a couple years ago), CWO John STRUSINSKI, CO, Capt Walter Brooks, CO Capt Milton P. Alexich, XO CDR Robert D. Buzzard (Dec), I believe I could run this list forever. Wish I could provide some pictures of Holy Loch but I never took a picture during my entire tour there, not even of the biggest book in the world (anyone remember it). I like Ship's Reunions, attend three regularly. Will try to get CANOPUS into my busy retired schedule. Came to Millington, TN Jun 82 for two-year tour as XO PSA Memphis -retired here Apr 1992 as CDR after 35 years continuous active duty. Been mowing grass and cutting firewood for 19 years now. Anyone interested in swapping sea stories can contact me at dagllq@bigriver.net. My snail mail address is in the White Pages. May your swells be low and the wind always at your back. David

Jennifer Burton Gravitt
10/28/11 at 20:10

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank never onboard

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1973-1975

Division/Shop B Div

Comments:

my dad, Charles Burton was on tour in Scotland along with wife Carla and me and my brother. We lived in Blairmore and Otter Ferry during our time there. I was too small to remember anything from our time in Scotland so I have started doing some research and my dad would love to hear from any shipmates out there who see this. please email him, chucka47@hotmail.com.

Homer (Butch) Johnson
09/13/11 at 15:09

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YNSN (Retired as FORCM)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965 - 1967

Division/Shop Admin/Captains Office

Comments:

Just returned from my first reunion in Buffalo. My wife, who I met while serving on CANOPUS in Charleston, and I had a great time. I saw people that I have not seen in 45 years and saw some old friends that I had not seen since I retired in 1988. The real highlight of my trip was seeing and talking with Mrs. Ann Herrick and her son Greg. I worked for her husband YN1 Herrick in the Captain's Office and learned everything I knew about the Yeoman rating during that time. YN1 Herrick trained me to replace anyone in the office including himself, so as a YNSN I learned things that I would have never known without his leadership. Because of my training under YN1 Herrick, I was able to go to my next shipboard assignment as a YN1 six years after leaving the CANOPUS as the leading Yeoman in the Ships Office. I made YNC in that job because of the training I received from this fine leader. I want Ann, Greg and his brothers to know that their husband and father was the key person in my career that resulted in me becoming one of the senior 20 or so enlisted people in the entire Navy at the time of my retirement. He was a person that I will never forget and I consider it an honor to have known him and worked under his leadership. God bless the Herrick family as I share their sorrow in the loss of this fine American.

Levi harden
09/05/11 at 20:51

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SKC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1974-1975

Division/Shop Supply (S -1)

Comments:

Great time. Met wife in Scotland.

Bobby Harmon
09/01/11 at 20:53

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E4

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1972

Division/Shop Weapons

Comments:

I served on the Canopus as a Polaris missile technician from 1970-1972. This was one of the best 2 years in my life. I also played on the Canopus basketball team in the Scottish Amateur Basketball association. Some of the coolest guys I have ever met were also members of the USS Canopus crew.

August Lukacovic (Luke)
09/01/11 at 13:41

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1979-1982

Division/Shop Deck 1st / 2nd / Boat float

Comments:

Enjoyed my torn on the Canopus made some Great friends that I keep in touch with to this day
Came on board as a bm2 and right into 1st division
Qualified b/m crane operator, small boat coxswain, craftmaster
With a nec code 0162. Before too long I made bm1 in 80 and
Transferred down to the boat float as LPO of the Boat division. Had captains gig, commodores gig, PBR ,
And 40 and 50 ft utility boats. The 50ft was called the albratros
Left the Canopus enroute to the USS SANTA BARBARA AE28
Retired after 23 years here in ct. Would like to hear from old shipmates from boat crew. Give me a call 8604805690.
Vetter, schomp, Byers, gerhart, vlez ,
Alvin vlez

Michael Vigil
08/18/11 at 11:51

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SM2 / (Ret.QMC)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1991 - 1995

Division/Shop OC Div

Comments:

I was 1 of 2 Signalman aboard during this time. And the last SM ever aboard. Loved my job! I Decommissioned the Canopus and was responsible for decorating the ship with the rainbow display of flags. I met alot of great people/shipmates and learned from all. Thanks to them great experiences, I made CPO in 14 years and I retired last year. E-mail back if you remember me.. Facebook is good to see friends again! :)

Bill Downs
08/14/11 at 08:52

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st Div/Rigger Shop

Comments:

It's less than a month from the reunion in Buffalo and our 2nd annual Canopus golf outing and I haven't heard from any of our golfers! What's up? I have made tentative plans to have the outing on Saturday the 10th at the Sheridan Park Golf Club in Tonawanda, NY. It's a par 71 course and from what I've seen it's a great course and should be perfect for our 2nd annual outing. The cost will be \$50 for 18 holes with cart, That's a pretty good price. But, if we make our tee times after 2 p.m. it's only \$25 with cart. So, what are we waiting for? I need to know when we want to golf. There is a one day requirement to get the tee times and that means if we want to golf on Friday I would have to make the tee times on Thursday. That's why I'm tentatively scheduling it for Saturday, because if I have to wait until everybody gets to the reunion I won't be able to get the tee times until Friday. I have a lot of great Canopus logo golf balls, tees and ball markers just waiting to be used by all our golfers, so let's go guys and gals, let me know that we will have a golf outing this year and call me ASAP at 715-252-8545.

Kirk Skinner
07/23/11 at 20:09

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Corporal

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978 - 1980

Division/Shop MARDET

Comments:

Fond memories, for the most part... Rota and Charleston. Great experience and taught me alot of lessons about life and people. Cornerstone of where I am today.

Semper Fi!

Richard 'Slim' Williams
07/19/11 at 10:50

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1973-1974

Division/Shop Wardroom

Comments:

Really enjoyed the time and people left some really great friends: Jim, Mike, Red, Anne.

J Michael Johnson
07/17/11 at 12:55

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT1 (SW)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1991-1993

Division/Shop DC Shipfitters

Comments:

Wow! A lot of memories scrolling through this guest book. I remember a few names but not all. Had a

great time on board. Unfortunately, I blew my knees out while we were temporally at Norfolk in late 92? Discharged in 95 with a VA Disability. Work the Postal Service now in Mobile, Al. Anyone heard from DCC Larson, DCCS Lowery, DC1 Jones, DC1 Sharpe, or DC Geiger?

Danny Hampton
07/12/11 at 17:33

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1983-1987

Division/Shop Shipfitter Shop

Comments:

Great times in Charleston SC and then on to Kingsbay....looking for a friend nickname Milo.

Bill Downs
06/29/11 at 14:12

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st Div/Riggers Shop

Comments:

Hi Gang,

Just another update on the golf outing this year in Buffalo. I have been looking at several possible courses for the outing and the green fees for most of the courses ranges between \$18-\$26. The cart fee ranges between \$10-\$12 per person. There are some great looking courses around the Buffalo area and I believe we will have a great time this year. But, I need to get some input from those who would like to golf. I haven't heard from any golfers yet and until I get an idea of how many golfers we will have I can't make any reservations. Most of the courses have rental clubs, so if you are concerned about having golf clubs, or bringing your own (most airlines charge for extra baggage), you can rent clubs at the course and it won't cost that much. If, there is a concern about missing some of the other activities at the reunion, I can arrange to have the outing on Thursday morning before the other activities start, or we can play on Sunday after the other activities have concluded. In either case I need to get some ideas from all the golfers when and where they would like to get together for the outing. I can be reached at my cell number 715-252-8545, or at my email address bdowns48@yahoo.com. We only have about two months before the reunion and I need to start contacting the golf course to make sure we can get the tee times we need, so give me a call, or email me ASAP.

Bill Downs
06/10/11 at 06:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st Div/Rigger Shop

Comments:

Hi Gang,

Just an update on the golf outing this year, the new Canopus logo golf balls have arrived and will be in the diddy bag every golfer at the reunion will get this year. They look great and I also have matching tees and ball markers to go along with the balls. I think this year's golf outing will be a great event and I'm hoping we have a few more golfers than last year. If you plan to be at the

reunion and would like to join all us duffers for a round of golf, fun and a few beverages after the outing, give me a call at 715-252-8545, or email me at bdowns48@yahoo.com. I have contacted a golf course in Buffalo, but haven't made any tee times or set a date for the outing yet. As soon as I get a better idea and some input from all those interested in the outing I'll make the tee times. Last year we did a scramble and had eight golfers. This year I'd like to have at least three foursomes and more if possible. I know we have to have more than eight golfers on a crew that had championship softball teams and won rodeo championships! How hard can it be to hit a little white ball and put it into a hole in the ground? C'mon guys, I know we can do better than "eight golfers" this year! See you in September!

Jacques Patton
05/30/11 at 10:10

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EN2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1977-1979

Division/Shop A DIV/ICE Shop

Comments:

Great site and happy to know and find shipmates.

David Humphries
05/30/11 at 09:45

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SA

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978-1980

Division/Shop 3rd Division Boat Deck

Comments:

918-622-7000 (rm 256)
cell phone 918-237-1221

K. V. Jensen
05/22/11 at 07:34

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-71

Division/Shop R-3, RQA

Comments:

Received an email from Kane, a RQA shipment, Did not receive a reply, it was during computer problems so may have got lost or something, at any rate would like to hear from you....

Anyone out there have an information on Capt Davis?

I understand that LCDR Bannon, our repair officer at Yard period and Holy Loch as passed on. Love to see him posted in the Obituaries Page.

Tim Becker

[Email](#)

05/18/11 at 12:57

Rate/Rank CPO Robert "Bob" Becker

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 79'-83'

Comments:

Hello everyone, I'm hoping to see if anyone knew my father and maybe has some old photos to add to my collection. Dad passed away 4/8/11. You can see a photo of him on this site in the Our Fallen Shipmates page:

<http://www.usscanopus.org/taps.htm>

If so, I'd love to hear from you. Dad was very fond of his memories in the Navy. I only wish I'd have found this site before he passed away. He'd have loved to come see everyone in Charleston.

Sincerely,

Tim

Beverly Gutierrez
05/15/11 at 20:31

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 84-86

Division/Shop Deck

Comments:

Thanks to Billie Jo for reposting Gary's obit. That was one of the saddest days ever. Hard to believe it's been so long. It's been great catching up with some of the gang. Haze Gray and Underway!!!

Bill Downs
05/13/11 at 11:53

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st Div/Rigger Shop

Comments:

Well gang it's getting close to that time of year again and another reunion of the greatest sailors that ever served onboard the best sub tender in the Navy. We started a new tradition last year with our first Canopus Golf Outing and we will be having another outing this year in Buffalo for all those interested in getting out and chasing the elusive little white (or whatever color you choose) ball.

I haven't heard from any of the golfers yet, but I'm sure there will be as many as last year and hopefully more. Just drop me a line at my email address and let me know if you're interested in golfing with us this year, or call me at 715-252-8545. I need to know how many golfers we will have ASAP so that I can make the necessary arrangements for a golf course and tee times. I'm still looking for some input from everyone on what day we'd like to have the outing and if there are any preferences for the course.

I'm also in the process of ordering some Canopus logo golf balls that will be part of the golfer's "diddy bag" for the outing. I'd like to make this year's outing as successful and better than last year's. Any ideas or suggestions are greatly appreciated. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion this year.

Shelly Rimert Preddy
05/12/11 at 15:25

[Email](#)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1975

Comments:

Does anyone know my Dad, Robert "Bob" Rimert? Please let me hear from you.

Shelly Preddy
05/12/11 at 15:21

[Email](#)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1975

Comments:

If anyone out there can help me reconnect with Capt. Smith's family, please drop me a line. I was a teenager when my Dad, Robert "Bob" Rimert, was stationed on the USS Canopus in Holy Loch, Scotland. There weren't many military kids over there at the time, so we all stuck together. Another name that someone might recognize is Parli. If anyone was there during this time, and remembers these names, I would really love to hear from you. Of course, anyone remembering my Dad, please, please, please, let me know. He just passed away, and it would really help me heal to be able to talk to someone who remembered him.

Mike Buckalew
05/02/11 at 19:43

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank PC 3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971-1973

Division/Shop Admin

Comments:

Chris Jordan Cicchino
04/26/11 at 21:45

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM-2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1988-1991

Division/Shop Deck

Comments:

Looking for daryl davenport, Rosie davenport, and others...

Billie Jo Buchanan
04/14/11 at 12:48

[Email](#)

Division/Shop 2nd Division Deck

Comments:

During the morning of April 19, 1989, the United States Battleship, USS Iowa, was engaged in a special exercise in the Caribbean that resulted in an explosion in its Number Two 16-inch gun turret that claimed the lives of 47 crewmen. Among the 47 crewmen, was a former USS Canopus shipmate of ours, 23 year old Boatswain Mate Gary John Fisk. We must salute the men who gave their last full measure of devotion on this day, twenty-two years ago.

Note from Richard Retin:

Gary's obit can be found at <http://www.usscanopus.org/obits/Gary%20Fisk.pdf>

Terry Gibson
03/26/11 at 18:57

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1973 - 1975

Division/Shop 2nd Divison

Comments:

Lots of fun looking for Unity Duffy.

Darrel Davenport
03/08/11 at 19:52

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1987-1991

Division/Shop R-1 Shipfitter Shop 11a

Comments:

What can I say, this was my first duty station and the great times I had will live with me forever.. lots of friends I would like to hear from, just give me a shout out on my email and I will get back to ya...The Shipfitter shop ruled that ship and anyone who worked with me knew me, send me an email.... I have lots and lots of pictures of everyone maybe even some of you...I'm on Facebook too, just look me up ... see ya

Joe Melendez
02/27/11 at 15:16

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank PN1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978-1981

Division/Shop X Division-Personnel

Comments:

I served onboard the Can-do Canopus during the period mentioned above. I have found several shipmates during the past couple of years. I am looking forward to hearing from others that served with me. I worked in Personnel and I am sure that many of you remember me, I did the leave papers and Id cards at the beginning and then I worked the reenlistment and separation desk. I did all transfers from the ship during my last six months on the ship. I have talked to PNCM Marlin, YN2 Salter, now a LT and back on active duty as an officer recruiter, PC1 Mitchell, and PN3 Wade Carter. Drop a note.

prfriends@yahoo.com

Todd Carver
02/21/11 at 13:18

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1982-1984

Division/Shop OPS/COMM

Comments:

Came across this site looking for former shipmates. Served 2 great years with real good people that over the years have lost touch with. Would like to get back in touch with the radio gang from 82-84. Its been a long time.

Bill Downs
01/27/11 at 15:42

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st Div/Riggers Shop

Comments:

Hi Gang,

Well you probably have already seen Richard's notice about the reunion in Buffalo and I'm doing my initial recon online of the golf courses in the Buffalo area. I'll be contacting a few of them in April (I'm assuming they aren't open now) and getting some ideas of the availability for our second annual Canopus golf outing. If you plan to be at the reunion and would like to golf with us email me, or call me at 715-252-8545 and give me your input on what day you'd like to have the outing. Last year there were eight of us that decided we had seen enough ships and we decided to skip the tour of Patriots Point and go golfing. We can do the same this year if that's what everyone wants. I'd also consider having it on Thursday morning before check-in to the reunion if there are enough people there early and willing to golf before the reunion starts. Another option would be to have it Saturday, or Sunday (sometimes it's hard to get tee times on weekends) and do it as a "grand finale" to the reunion.

Let me know what you'd like to do and I'm looking forward to seeing everybody at the reunion!

Gary (Mike) Vogel
01/23/11 at 22:47

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1975-1977

Division/Shop Repair/Rubber & Plastic Shop

Comments:

Great to see a piece of my past once again. It has been to many years but have never forgotten the times.

Manuel Rico
01/19/11 at 13:59

[Email](#)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966-1968

Division/Shop Repair Department - Optical Shop

Comments:

too long ago to remember much except it was a great experience that helped me mature and set goals for a successful future.

Neil Dempster
01/14/11 at 05:21

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank IM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1993-1994

Division/Shop R-2/96A

Comments:

Amazing to find a site on the Canopus. I had a great time aboard. Anyone from 96A shop, give me a yell.

Bill Starks
01/11/11 at 13:42

Rate/Rank FN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971-1973

Division/Shop A-Gang Boats

Comments:

What great memories learned,done, and seen alot while on the Canopus and in Scotland. There is many I will never forget after leaving the Canopus was stationed with the EOD Team in Virginia Beach which was great as well.

Brenda Hill
01/07/11 at 19:48

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SKSN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1992

Division/Shop Supply

Comments:

Though I only served on board for about a year, I had fun and miss it. The people I remember by name are Scarbrough, Winfrey, Simmons, Schoffner, Underwood, my old roommate Carla and Irick from the Mess Hall. Wow!!! A long time ago. If anyone remembers me, don't hesitate to contact me. Irick, if you're out there and seeing this you especially dude!! (smile) Oh yeah my cell number is 901-338-8718. A Memphis number, but I am back home in Mississippi.

Paul Wilcha
01/05/11 at 22:24

Rate/Rank LCpl

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1968

Division/Shop Marine Detachment

Comments:

Looking for any connection with Marines who knew me in Spain or Bremerton Wash. Dennis and myself left the ship before it went to Scotland. We volunteered for Vietnam. I had a wonderful experience on the ship with great Navy men and Marines. Memories that just won't go away. Thank you everyone for the experience to meet you all.

K V Jensen
12/31/10 at 04:23

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1971

Division/Shop R-3, RQA

Comments:

Does anyone have any information on Capt J. M. Davis?

Antonio Sanchez
12/06/10 at 14:38

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1977-1979

Division/Shop R-1 SHIPFITTER SHOP

Comments:

HELLO SHIPMATES, I'M SO DEEPLY PROUD THAT THERE IS UNITY AMONGST SO MANY SHIPMATES, ESPECIALLY FROM THE ONE AND ONLY AS-34 (CANOPUS). I PLAYED FOOTBALL AND SOFTBALL WHILE STATIONED ONBOARD IN ROTA, SPAIN. ANY SHIPMATE OUT THERE, PLEASE ADVISE. HAPPY HOLIDAYS.....

Kenneth L Schroeder
11/06/10 at 13:58

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank DK3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1970

Division/Shop Supply/Disbursing

Comments:

Could not have gotten a better assignment. Everyone had the Canopi can-do attitude. Found a few shipmates on Zabasearch. Actually now live in the northwest, fell in love with it when the ship went to Bremerton. Hard to forget guard duty on the Rota pier in Enero. Still buying vino riojo when I can get it. Try the brand LAM, avail at Fred Meyer. Brings back bodega memories, or what I can remember that is. Was I not happy for Espana in the 2010 FIFA World Cup. As several have already said, my time on the Canopus changed me, in a good way. And there was that stop in San Fransisco, Acapulco, Panama, Morocco, London. It's hard to stop when you have three brain cells. And I proudly wear my AS-34 cap when I'm out. In fact, several places offering veterans dinners will be seeing my hat over the next week. But, truthfully, I don't think I would change much of those three years, even if I could. I think of the old girl with every red sky, be it morning or night. I hope you all do, too.

Garry Collins
10/25/10 at 12:05

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ETN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1973

Division/Shop XMAA

Comments:

Reported aboard Christmas Eve 1972. My first ship! It was cold, rainy, and George Jessell was aboard with USO show. Helped out in MAA office as ET shop was full. Reported to USS John C. Calhoun as they had urgent need to fill billet in March 73. Of course made six patrols out of the Loch and tended by Canopus until she left for the states.

Lisa Molacek-Walker
10/12/10 at 21:00

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SNHM

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1992-1994

Division/Shop Deck 1 & 2 and Medical (striker corpman)

Comments:

Hello Everyone,
Hope to make to the next reunion... would love to see some of the old gang. Hope to hear from some of you. Does anyone know how to get a hold of SN Johnson (she was then ro assistant) SKSN Moody... some of the old group I have seen on here but those two..

Richard Turner
10/10/10 at 17:23

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank CPL

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1981 -84

Division/Shop Marine Detachment

Comments:

My grand kids wanted to see the ship I was stationed on and managed to come across this site. The Canopus was my first duty station out of Sea School. Had a great time while on the Canopus. Truly saddened to see that she was decommissioned and is currently waiting to be scraped. A great ship.....

Russell Hays Phillips
09/18/10 at 20:01

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank PH1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1988 - 1992

Division/Shop R-0 Photo Lab/ Legal - MAA

Comments:

Met a lot of good folks onboard.

Dan Owen
09/15/10 at 16:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1975-1976

Division/Shop Eng/DC/CO2 shop

Comments:

1. X decked from the Holland to the Canopus, was onboard until mid 1976 and left her in drydock in Charlston. The trip back from Holy Loch was a fun one. Dont see many from this period in the log.

Send E mail would like to hear from folks I worked with.

Bill Downs
09/11/10 at 04:41

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st/Riggers Shop

Comments:

Hi Gang!

Just an update on the first annual Canopus Golf Outing, which took place yesterday at the Naval Weapons Station Golf Course, Red Bank Plantation in Charleston. There were two foursomes four the event (we had a few last minute cancellations). We decided to make this a "Captains Call" scramble with two teams. The first team was Bill Salter, Dave Lair, Gene Burke and Bill Downs. The second team was Ben Kluth, Ben's friend Herb (not a Canopus member), Harry Curtiss and Tom Seay. The

weather was great with a cloud cover that kept the temperature bearable and the course was in great shape. We tee'd off at 0830 and finished at about 1230. The score for team #1 were an impressive 65 for a five under par. But, it was team #2 that came in first with an astonishing score of 60 for ten under par. So, the "bragging rights" for the 1st Annual Canopus Golf Outing goes to Ben Kluth, Harry Curtiss and Tom Seay. Congratulations to all the golfers and I hope we can have an even larger field of golfers for our next reunion in Buffalo next year. Hope to see you there and let me know if you'll be golfing with us!

Golf Trivia:

What is a shot called that goes under water and you can't find it?

Ans:

A Red October

Sid Hart
09/09/10 at 03:47

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank GMT1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1975-1977

Division/Shop W3/REB Shop

Comments:

The drawings of Canopus' Missile Magazine posted are the original plans and it changed three times after that. There is a mezzanine at the aft port side of shop (2nd deck) and Stowage lockers were installed in '72 for the warheads. They found out after rad surveys in 71 that the warheads produced more intrinsic radiation than they calculated. The entire Missile Mag area was shielded and stowage lockers were installed to hold the warheads. Also, when the Canopus was backfit for C4 missiles.....the cranes and king pins were changed to 57 1/2 ton capacity...along with the hoist systems in REB shop. It was good to see the plans though.....Sid

Tony Abbruzzese
09/06/10 at 10:57

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SK3 (later retired as SKC)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1967

Division/Shop S-5 Stock Control

Comments:

After "A" School in Newport RI I got orders to the USS Fulton AS-11 New London. I was then transferred to Little Creek, then Norfolk and then to Charleston for the outfitting of Canopus. Worked their until Canopus came up to Charleston. Plank owner, went to Rota with her and then later transferred to the Holland and back to Charleston. Got out after my first enlistment. After some time out returned to the Navy. Retired after 25 years as Chief. Canopus was some of the best years of my career. It seems like the first enlistment always makes a lasting impression.

Fred Monson
09/03/10 at 17:49

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ETCS(SW) Ret

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1974-1978

Division/Shop OE

Comments:

Never forget the boat rides in Scotland and the time at sea with the fire in the storeroom.... that was a time we will not forget, anyone that wants to contact me feel free to email me...

fair winds and following seas from SW Fla.

Mike Defini
08/30/10 at 17:01

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ENFN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1975-1978

Division/Shop A div.(fireroom compressor mechanics)

Comments:

was with A div. took care of the h.p. compressors in fireroom looking to hear from the bts and guys from o2n2 shop as well as hydraulic shop,hope all is well drop a line guys.

Bill Downs
08/27/10 at 13:39

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st Div/Rigger's shop

Comments:

Hi Gang!

Just a little update on the golf outing scheduled for Friday the 10th at the Red Bank Planatation golf course on Naval Weapons Station Charleston. The cost for golf is \$25 which includes the cart. If anyone needs to rent clubs they are available for \$11. There is still time to sign up for the outing and we will be having our meeting for the outing at the Sheraton hotel on Thursday evening. The current weather forcast for the outing is calling for temperatures in the mid 80's and it should be dry.

GOLF TERMINOLGY:

What is a shot called that goes into the trees and doesn't come out?

ANS: A Sonny Bono

Bill Downs
08/25/10 at 06:47

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st Div/Rigger's shop

Comments:

Hey gang! Just two weeks to go until we all get together again at the reunion and there is still time to

get in on the first Canopus Golf Outing. Send me an email or give me a call at 715-252-8545 and sign up for the golf outing on Friday the 10th. We will be playing at the Weapons Station golf course Red Bank Plantation at 9 a.m. We will have a short meeting at the Sheraton on Thursday night to decide on the format of play and to swap golf stories (they're sort of like "sea stories"). It doesn't matter what your level of play is (none of us makes a living at it) we are only out for the golf, fun, friendship and beer! There are golf club rentals available if you don't want to bring your clubs and there are carts available too. Ben Kluth plays at Red Bank a couple times a week and he says the course is in great shape. So it sounds like we will have a fantastic day of golf in Charleston!

Golf Terminology:

What do you call a shot that you thought was straight, but it wasn't?

Ans: A Rock Hudson

Joe Taylor
08/24/10 at 06:14

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SH2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1981-1984

Division/Shop S-3 Supply

Comments:

Hey Shipmates,

I served on board from August 81 to August 84 and would like to hear from anybody that was on board at that time to re connect with friends.

See Ya

Joe Taylor

Dennis Pepe
08/21/10 at 08:12

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank OM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966-1970

Division/Shop R2 Div, FMCL

Comments:

I enjoyed the time I spent on board and the people I spent it with. I wouldn't want to do it again as I am sure I would not survive a second time around.

Bill Downs
08/05/10 at 19:46

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st Div/Rigger's Shop

Comments:

The first annual Canopus Golf Outing is rapidly becoming a reality. We are up to eight golfers and there's still room for more. The fun will begin on Friday morning at the Weapons Station golf course

Redbank Plantation. If you are a duffer, hacker, or a low handicap it doesn't make any difference to us. We are only in it for the fun and beer. You don't even have to have any clubs, they rent clubs at the golf course!

If you'd like to join us give me a call at 715-252-8545, or email at bmcsw@hotmail.com. Hope to see you at the reunion and can't wait to hear all the great post outing stories about the missed putts, or the drives that got away! Does anyone know what you call it when you hit your ball out of a bunker and it goes into another bunker?

Ans: A Saddam Hussein

Russ Drake
07/28/10 at 12:25

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SK2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1986 - 1989

Division/Shop S5 Stock Control

Comments:

Came there and loved being there with the crew.. lots of fond memories

Brad Robinson
07/22/10 at 05:40

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1977-1981

Division/Shop R-1, Flex Hose, Pipe Shop

Comments:

I had a lot of friends on the Canopus. I miss them. I have found many of them thanks to this web site.

Thanks Richard for starting it.

I am looking for Dave Smith HT-2, Joe Weitzel HT3, both from the Pipe Shop.

See you at the 2010 reunion in Charleston.

Bill Downs
07/17/10 at 05:22

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st Div/Rigger's Shop

Comments:

Hey gang! The reunion is just around the corner and I'm still looking for some golfers! Ben Kluth and Bill Salter have joined the group and it would be great to have a foursome (or even a few foursomes).

So, if you are planning to be in Charleston and want to get out and chase that little white ball with us, give me a call at 715-252-8545. We will be teeing off on Friday at the Weapons Station golf course and Ben says it is in great shape and is one of the finest courses in Charleston. Come on out and share a few beers and a lot of fun in the sun!

Morris Crisp
07/16/10 at 21:06

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SK3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1988-1992

Division/Shop Deck/Supply

Comments:

Hey shipmates, it's been a long time, but in some ways, it seems like just yesterday. I started out in Deck department and rated to storekeeper. I spent most of my tour on the Canopus wanting off of it, but now I wouldn't trade the time I spent on it for anything. Looking back, even the bad stuff was pretty good, at least it gave me some funny stories to tell.

I know a lot of people had family back in Kings Bay, so they hated the ship yards. But our stint in Baltimore is one of my fondest memories, there was so much to do and see. I even had a blast on the mess cranking retour! I've still never seen a club as cool as the Powerplant. The trip to Halifax was also a highlight, great place for a liberty call!

I would love to hear from some of my old shipmates. Arnel Douglas, Sue DeHarek, Ruth Driscoll, Jan Randler(whenever I pulled weekend duty, my mood always brightened when Jan was around. I knew I would at least be laughing a lot), Todd Wells, my old movie buddy Patricia Sullivan. Too many to mention really, ya'll know who you are.

Karen Culp
07/10/10 at 10:52

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank FN, HT3, DC2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-1987 1991-1992

Division/Shop DC Central

Comments:

Canopus was my second and fourth duty station. Loved it both times and still love the Kings Bay area so much so that 20 some yrs later I am still here. I now work as civil service at the Medical Clinic on base. I miss all the wonderful friends I found while on the Canopus. I still run in to shipmates from time to time at the clinic and also work with 2 former shipmates. If you are ever in the Kings Bay Clinic look me up and say hi.

Bill Downs
07/05/10 at 15:45

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st/Riggers shop

Comments:

Hey gang the next reunion in Charleston is just around the corner and anyone going that's interested in playing a little golf can let me know ASAP. I heard from Ben Kluth the other day and he's ready, willing and able to help organize the outing. He said the course at the Weapons Station is in great shape and would be a great place for the outing. You can contact me at my email address: bmcsw@hotmail.com, or call 715-252-8545. See everyone in Charleston.

Earl Heston
06/21/10 at 13:45

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Corporal

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1967

Division/Shop Marine Detachment

Comments:

Was member of orig detachment,waited at Marine Barracks tad until ships arrival.

Stood post until appointed capt. orderly for Capt.

Eaton,now that was great duty.Left in Oct of 67 for RVN and was

assigned B1/9 until Jan 69. Retired from

State Police in DE. Just retired again from

HCA now living in Fl. Sure would like to hear from original detachment people and Capt Bowden and SSGT Collins and Sgt Taylor and Lewis, Mitchum etc. We got along pretty

well with the ships company even though there was only about 20 of us. I never was able to drink one San Miguel at each bar on both sides of the st and make it back to the ship while at Rota. Great memories of

Torremolinos, I can't remember how many times I fell in love in Malaga and T town.

Dena DeWeese Crider
06/20/10 at 20:42

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SH3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1989-1993

Division/Shop S-3/Barber shop, vending, soda fountain

Comments:

I remember a lot of people from Supply and R-9 in particular. I married EN2 Craig Crider from R-9. If you remember either of us, feel free to email us. We've been married for 19 years now. Craig retired from the Navy in 2006 as an EN1. Would especially like to hear from anyone from either of our divisions. But if you remember either of us, we'd like to hear from you too. I know I knew quite a few people on the ship because of the different places I worked.

Bob Boffa
06/17/10 at 09:12

Rate/Rank SK3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1982-1986

Division/Shop S-1, S-2, S-7

Comments:

Hello to all,

I was in supply on the Canopus from 82-86. Started off in Goose Creek and finished in Kings Bay. I hated it the ship while I was there but now look back upon that time fondly. There many people with whom I befriended and would love to hear from anyone who served through that time.

I'd especially like to know if anyone remembers Nancy Campbell (McGurk), Bob Mann, Joe Peacock, Jay Betermann, and Jim Arnold.

Rick Cummins
06/16/10 at 20:51

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978-1980

Division/Shop DC Shipfitter Shop

Comments:

Just found this web site pretty cool. Think about the ship and the guys all the time. The Canopus really shaped most of our lives work hard play hard... still live by that motto. Like to hear from Doug Wade, Mike Budge. Was glad to see Mike Schraders comments on his page. If anyone remembers me contact me at rcummins60@yahoo.com

Paul E Gettings Jr.
06/11/10 at 00:26

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank son of a Navy private in WWII

Comments:

A month ago my father, Paul E Gettings passed away. My mother gave me a lighter which had his name engraved. It was given to my father by Captain John M. Barrett, Commander of Subflotilla One sometime in the late 60s or early 70s. She then told me a story which I then remembered of my Dad helping a family that was stuck in the snow east of San Diego in the Laguna Mountains. I was in my Dad's Scout when he stopped to help this family. I remember it because I was afraid at the time. I could not have been more than 7 years old. I never knew this until 3 weeks ago, but that man in that family was John M. Barrett. About a week later a Navy officer in full dress showed up at the Dormans Tire and Auto store where my Dad was the manager and presented to him in the middle of the store this lighter from Captain Barrett. It all came together when my Mom told me about it. It has left an impression on me. That my Dad stopped on a cold snowy night to help these perfect strangers. And later that the man who was helped would honor my Dad in such a simple but elegant way. This world needs more men like John M Barrett and my Dad, Paul E Gettings. They truly come from the greatest generation. May they both rest in peace.

Darri Davenport
06/01/10 at 02:39

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1983-1987

Division/Shop OPS - Com

Comments:

The Canopus experience for me was fun and mayhem, however I can honestly say I've met some of the best of the best on that ship, I'm still in contact with Mike Moglia and I'm looking for Rich Garrett, Barry Rudisell, Steve Williams (Chicago, Ill) and I wonder how's Master Chief Marino? e-mail at darrldavenport@aol.com

David Johnson
05/31/10 at 10:13

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1975-1978

Division/Shop Engineer Office/Logroom Yeoman

Comments:

I was traveling around the web and found this site. I was stationed on CANOPUS for 2 years and it was the most exciting time of my life. I am looking for a few fellow shipmates that were great friends of mine. I am looking for George Eaton or James Broom. You can email me at cessnan@yahoo.com. I was the engineering officer Logroom Yeoman and worked at the AFRTS station on the ship.

David (tweety-bird) Johnson

Valorie P. (Smith) Yohe
05/28/10 at 17:54

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank DM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1992-1994

Division/Shop R-0 Drafting Shop

Comments:

I was stationed there and loved the command miss all the friends and good times I had there.

Rob Wootton
05/28/10 at 11:24

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MAC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) Decom crew

Division/Shop MA Security Brig

Comments:

Anyone on board during her decommissioning in Kings Bay?

Ricky Sheppard
05/26/10 at 17:38

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1982-1984

Division/Shop R6 Div.

Comments:

Had a Great Time in Charleston

Bill Downs
05/21/10 at 07:35

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st Div/Riggers Shops

Comments:

I'm looking for some golfers to have an outing at the reunion in Charleston. If you'll be attending and are interested in having an outing let me know before July so I can contact a golf course and make the arrangements. Due to the schedule of events at the reunion the best time to have the outing would be either on Thursday before the reunion starts or on Sunday after the reunion is over. Let me know soon if you're interested, you can email me or let Richard Retin know. Looking forward to seeing everybody in Charleston.

Phil Zahnd
05/18/10 at 07:47

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SFM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop DC Shipfitter Shop

Comments:

Looking for shipmates/Rota Rooters.
I played guitar and sang with the Anchormen while the Canopus was in Spain. I can't even describe how much fun I had over there.

SmithDiane
05/11/10 at 20:59

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SH3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1981-1985

Division/Shop S-3 Supply Div

Comments:

I just found the site I wish I would have looked it up years ago. I left the Canopus right before it went to Ga. I really miss everyone .I was the one that sold you geedunk and cut your hair. I am looking to find SH2 Davis,Mary and SH1 Warren Williams also Joe Taylor and SH1 Earley and SH3 READ Allen please e mail if you remember me and give me some help me locate any one that remembers me or my ship mates I also need to know who to contact about the reunion and to become a member of this site also looking for memorabilia I can't even remember the awards and I really want a base ball hat and patches with the can do crew!! May the wind be at your back and the sun shine on your face your mate!!! Smitty

Charles Hodgson
05/09/10 at 13:45

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank FTGSN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) Not onboard

Comments:

I served on the USS Paul 1080 in Mayport Florida. My Nephew Jeff Reeve IM served on the Canopus from July 1977 to Nov. 26 1977. His life was cut short that day on shore leave in Lisbon. A most tragic day in my life. I'm sure my sister his mother is thinking of him today. Anyone from the Canopus out there, remember Jeff? I would like to hear from you...

Peggy Howard
04/23/10 at 07:25

[Email](#)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-1987

Division/Shop O2N2

Comments:

like to see more pics

Msg from Richard: The email address did not work. Until I get a valid email address, I can not add you to the Shipmates List. It would be appreciated if you can send in the Association Registration Form. Dues are voluntary.

Homer A. Johnson (Butch)
04/12/10 at 08:07

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YNSN/FORCM, USN(Ret)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965 - 1967

Division/Shop Admin/Captain's Office

Comments:

This is a follow-up from my entry last month. I was part of the precom detail in Norfolk in 1965. Please contact me if you were members of the early softball or bowling teams. Also, anyone who has information about JO3 Harry Brewton who served in the Chaplains Office, please let me know. He is my sons God Father and we have lost contact.

Mike LaVie
04/04/10 at 00:23

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1988-1991

Division/Shop R-1 11A, Engineering, Hull Shop

Comments:

It was my first duty station, I really enjoyed it.

Lew Blass
04/01/10 at 08:28

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1968-1970

Division/Shop W-4 Weapons

Comments:

The following will be of interest to any retired and drawing social security or planning to retire.

Subject: FW: DD FORM 214 -- Extra SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT for those with active duty between January 1957 to December 31, 2001 (UNCLASSIFIED)

See the web site & notes below to possibly increase your Social Security Benefits.

DD FORM 214 -- SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT Please share this with anyone who had active duty service between January 1957 to December 31, 2001 and planning for retirement. In a nutshell it boils down to this:

You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your Military service, for active duty any time from 1957 through 2001 (the program was done away with 1 January 2002). Up to \$1200 per year of earnings credit credited at time of application - which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement. You must bring your

DD-214 to the Social Security Office and you must ask for this benefit to receive it!

Soc Sec website: <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>

This is something to put in your files for when you apply for Social Security down the road.. It is NOT just for retirees, BUT anyone who has served on active duty between January 1957 to December 31, 2001.

FYI - this benefit is not automatic, you must ask for it! We've all been on active duty between 1957 and 2001 or know someone who has.

Passing on good information for all you military folks when you apply for social security. I know this may be too early for some of you to think about social security but, keep living and you will get there...

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Ricky Humphrey
03/30/10 at 20:49

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1983-1987

Division/Shop R-1 11A & 17A

Comments:

Hello all. I just came across this site and thought I would say hello to all my shipmates during my time on board. It was some good times. If anyone wants to email me, drop me a line rick.humphrey@comcast.net. It would be nice to hear from some of my old shipmates.

HT2 Humphrey

Homer A Johnson (Butch)
03/26/10 at 11:27

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YNSN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965 - 1967

Division/Shop Admin/Captain's Office

Comments:

Great command under Captain Barrett and Captain Eaton. Captain Eaton performed my first reenlistment, as I served 24 years, retiring as a Force Master Chief in 1988. I have wonderful memories of the CANOPUS and credit her and the crew for my decision to make the Navy a career. Looking forward to seeing some of my old shipmates at future reunions.

William Hartle
03/25/10 at 08:31

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MR2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop R2/Machine Shop

Comments:

Hello all,
I am looking for anyone from the machine shop that was onbaord during my time on the Canopus. I made MR2 while we were in Rota and had many good memories of our time over there. To all who

read this Good Sailing and Safe Harbor to all.

William Jackson
03/21/10 at 16:51

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ENFN/EN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1977-1979

Division/Shop A Div Hyd Shop

Comments:

looking at this site brought back many memories been looking for old shipmates over the years, I am retired after 20, live in terre haute indiana now love to here from you guys if your still out their.

Bill Downs
03/21/10 at 10:25

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st Div/Riggers Shop

Comments:

I'll be attending the reunion in September and will be bringing my golf clubs. Anyone interested in golfing please let me know. Had a great time at the last reunion in PA hope to see a lot more people at the next one in SC. We had a few Boatswain Mates at the last reunion and it was great getting together and sharing some of the "sea stories" with the guys from deck department. Hope to see even more "deck apes" at the next reunion.

Deborah Channel-Montgomery
03/17/10 at 07:28

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1982-1985

Division/Shop Captain Office/Admin/Supply Office

Comments:

enjoyed tour

Tony DeSilvis
03/07/10 at 01:04

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BMSN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1972

Division/Shop 2ND Division

Comments:

Happy to still be alive.I heard we have 3 boats,the AK,and a battery job.Back to port& starboard.

Scott Sima
03/04/10 at 11:27

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-1986

Division/Shop OC (Ops Comm)

Comments:

AS-34. Good times, great crew.

Rhonda Weddle
02/26/10 at 22:15

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank DC2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1985-1989

Division/Shop DC DIV

Comments:

Just watched the videos.....blast from the past....near tears...so cool to see it again...Love to my shipmates..

John Benware
02/20/10 at 05:01

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971-1974

Division/Shop M-Div

Comments:

Great tour of duty.

James Hinkle
02/15/10 at 15:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SH3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1969 - 1973

Division/Shop S3

Comments:

Philip Johnson
02/13/10 at 09:22

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank DP3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1977-1978

Division/Shop S-8 ADP

Comments:

Cross decked over from the SIMON LAKE in Rota, Spain.

Laszlo J. Galambos (Laz)
02/06/10 at 07:21

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT3, HT1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1974-1976 1982-1984

Division/Shop DC Shipfitter Shop

Comments:

Found this site and it brought back many memories. Served aboard twice., Holy Loch and Charleston. After my first hitch in I got out when we came from Holy Loch to Charleston. Came back in and my second ship was the Canopus again. Retired CWO3 now but still working. Hope I can connect with a few who remember me. have a lot of fond memories.

Dennis Decker
01/31/10 at 13:02

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1979-1982

Division/Shop R-1 Pipeshop Shop Sup for Sheetmetal shop

Comments:

Hello to all. Just messing around on the computer today and found this site. I am still in Upstate NY and a nice cool morning @ about 3 above zero -8 yesterday. It has been some time since Rota Spain and Charleston SC. I do think about the people I had met and had great relationships with. We all grow apart and move in different directions but the memories will always be there. I see alot of names that bring faces to mind and haven't kept in touch with. People you may remember Jim Counts, John Cribb, Dennis Attebery, Eli, Dan, Ed Iacasio, Scott Hallett, Joe Incardona, amazing what you remember when you start to think about it. If this rings a bell and you where there in the early 80's we were the first ship to have the ladies live aboard. Hay Debbie K.P. where are you? I think you lived in Washington State. My email is listed so if anyone wants to drop me a line I will reply. Thanks. Dennis

Pat Obrien

[Email](#)

01/30/10 at 17:21

Rate/Rank LCpl

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-1986

Division/Shop Mardet

Comments:

love to find old friends,especially sgt miranda.-in an odd way,he's responsible for helping me turn my life around and get on the right road.

Bill Fuller

[Email](#)

01/26/10 at 14:36

Rate/Rank HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1974 - 1976

Division/Shop DC

Comments:

Came on board in Holy Loch late in 74, was discharged on a Temporary Disability Retirement following a motorcycle accident in Charleston. Ran around with Dean Cutler, Steve Williams, Mike Cain, Jim Nolen, Scott Hotal, and a bunch of other reprobates at the time. We did our bit to help the Scottish economy by spending our pay in Bert's, P.J.'s, and any other establishment willing to grossly over-serve us.

Herschel Jones

[Email](#)

01/18/10 at 07:48

Rate/Rank MMC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1970

Division/Shop RT-Chem Lab

Comments:

I was on the commissioning crew in Charleston, SC. Of all the nine different ships I was on, the Canopus has the fondest of memories. A special highlight was "The Anchormen". I spent many hours playing music with that group. Along with Darrell, Pancho, Donnie, Chuck, Al, Ron (original group), we had some great times at Charleston, Gitmo, and Rota, Spain. Later, after Darrell left, I kept the band going and did a lot of entertaining for ship division parties. Good memories.

I retired as E-8 from the Navy and am now totally retired. Ackie and I will be celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary this year. I still play music and spend a lot of time with senior Softball.

Michael E.O'Brien

[Email](#)

01/14/10 at 14:36

Rate/Rank SFM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965- Nov.1967

Division/Shop Foundry

Comments:

Just looking for some of the guys that were on board at that time.We were her first Crew members.

They were Ed Hawk, Mike Wass Pappy East, Grays and Andy Tuttle. I left the Canopus in Spain to go to Vietnam. Where are you guys?

Norma "Annie" Bennett Lamica
12/29/09 at 07:19

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EN2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1986-1989

Division/Shop A-Gang, O2N2, Hydraulic

Comments:

This site is great. Started thinking the other day about these years that now seem so long ago. I had some good times and met some great people. I still keep in touch with a few of them. Kim Massey Thomas because the Electrical shop was right next to O2N2 and Angie St. John. Fun gals! How I loved the O2N2 shop. "We were a cold hearted bunch" Long nights on duty while we were getting ready to perform a charge. I learned so much from O2N2 Shop Boss MM1 John Stoot. He was the greatest teacher! I remember Parker the guy with a heart of gold. In the Hydraulic Shop there was Teddy "Teddy Bear" Watts and Jim Toner and next door was the marines. Ces "Chipmunk" Ramirez. AC&R Shop, Dan Davis & Tina Marx, Chief Valentine. Glad to call them all friends, they felt like family.

The Canopus was stationed in Kings Bay for my tour. The swamp was just starting to develop back then. So many more wonderful folks along the way but my memory stinks. Could it be all the freon I used to clean with or just old age. Anyone who has a memory left can contact me.

Kevin Craggs
12/25/09 at 07:38

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1977-1980

Division/Shop R-1

Comments:

Merry Christmas Shipmates..

James G Dickinson
12/23/09 at 19:59

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HTCS

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1969 & 1976

Division/Shop RT NDT Lab.

Comments:

Transferred to Canopus from Gitmo bay Cuba, assigned to Pre-Comm detail in Mississippi for six months over seeing the work prior to acceptance, went to Charleston for out-fitting and load out as well as the Underway Training to Gitmo Bay Cuba.

Went to Rota ahead of ship, to help with the transition. Spent some very long hours working on the Subs, gained considerable knowledge in the three years on board. Left Canopus for NDT School for 3 year of Instrutor Duty. Transferred to USS Orion AS 18 for 3 years. Transferred to Canopus in 1975, to allow a smooth of Transition of USS Holland AS 32. Canopus was the best duty I had it set my career in the Field of Non-Destructive Testing that I followed after my retirement in 1979. Still

looking for several ship mates. PH2 Ray Daigle and HTMC Jerry Strugill. Contact me at:
adogs2@bellsouth.net

Donnie Butler
12/21/09 at 11:28

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SF2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1968

Division/Shop A / ships co. repair shop

Comments:

I was also in the Anchormen combo. Would like to get in touch with old shipmates.

Bill Richards
12/16/09 at 07:57

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ET3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1991-1994

Division/Shop R-5 RADCAL

Comments:

David McCarty
12/05/09 at 09:52

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-1987

Division/Shop R-3 Rubber and plastic

Comments:

Had lots of fun on the party barge of the atlantic

Jackie (Solomon) McNabb
11/26/09 at 06:29

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank IC2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1981-1983

Division/Shop Repair/Gyro

Comments:

Many memories!! I miss all the friends I made and the times that we had!

John Mark Gammon
11/24/09 at 22:14

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BMSN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978-1980

Division/Shop Deck Crane/Pier crane operator

Comments:

I met up with her in 78 in Rota, Spain rode her back to the States in 80 spent the best time of my life on that ship before I transfer-ed to the USS Voge FF 1407 in June of 1980.

Christian Clinch
11/15/09 at 22:09

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-3/Lcpl

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1991-1993

Division/Shop MARDET

Comments:

Mitchell H Sund
11/15/09 at 06:44

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Cpl/E4

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1989-1991

Division/Shop MarDet

Comments:

Hi.

Carlton Landry
11/13/09 at 11:48

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank DC2 (SW)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1990-1994

Division/Shop DC / CO2

Comments:

I really enjoyed my time on board and would like to keep in touch with anyone who served during that time that remembers me.

Nelson Ruiz
11/11/09 at 16:34

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-2/SA

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-1986

Division/Shop 2nd Division

Comments:

I was initially part of 1st Division and then I went to 2nd Division and finally to To Engineering with Senior Cheif Cheatham as an HT. I was shipmate with Manny, Haywood, Dan, Smirff, Trap, Kenneth, and Vidal. I worked under Chief Harper and Chief Ferguson. I was a bouncer at the club Snorkels outside the base at St. Mary's.

Stanley Sadler I
11/10/09 at 21:28

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank TM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1985 to 1988

Division/Shop W-1

Comments:

Hello everyone... I had a great time while onboard from 85 to 88... Especially in the Wardroom Mess hall days... I want to say hi to everyone that touched my path and if we knew each other please contact me to say hi...

Ervin W Linker
11/10/09 at 19:17

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank en3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966 / 1968

Division/Shop R2 shopx40

Comments:

I was on the Canopus in 1966 to 1968 and had a good time .

Jim Yohe
11/09/09 at 13:57

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 92-Decom.

Division/Shop R-5/R-1

Comments:

Enjoyed the time spent in Kingsbay. Hi to all in R5 and R1 Div.

Tom Tralongo
10/22/09 at 19:12

Rate/Rank IC3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1976-1979

Division/Shop E Division, R-3

Comments:

joined the canopus in charleston.....then on to rota.....looking for/or info on carl pappe he was a medic.....and mike schnetzer (sure its spelled wrong) mike worked in r-3 and married a spanish girl named anna....thanks for the help

Daniel C. Juden
10/19/09 at 07:12

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-4

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965 to 1968

Division/Shop A-Div.internal eng.+ boat

Comments:

Hi shipmates,
It was a lot of fun being on the Canopus 34.I was in charge of the boats on board ship as well as the LCMS.Two boatswains mates I remember most were Thompson and Boutswell. I remember taking the old man and his family over to Cadiz for a night of fun.They were very pleasant people.I don't ever remember seeing female personel on board ship. Must of come aboard after I got out.
Well good luck to all of you,happy sailing.

Dave Strickland
10/14/09 at 07:09

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-5

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1977-1980

Division/Shop E-Div/Ship's Band

Comments:

WoW!!

What memories!

Looking at all the pics and reading the comments make me miss my time on the Can Do Canopus! Even though I later joined the Army Special Ops and retired after 22 years, my memories of the Canopus are some of my favorite.

I have 100's of photos of the ship and Rota that I need to convert to digital format. Worked at Main Control, ran the Movie Locker, the Safety Shop, and was E-Div. Supply Parts Petty Officer.

Thanks to all of you for contributing to my life and to my experiences aboard

this ship.
Dave

Mick Llanos
10/07/09 at 12:05

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MMFN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1974-1976

Division/Shop Engine Room

Comments:

Had a great time on Canopus and Holy Loch. Remember hanging out in Dunoon and taking the ferry to Greenock. My spelling maybe off a little. I lived in a house called titierloch. It was mostly MM and BTU/s. Looking to hear from Andy Anderson from Slidell Mississippi.also Rick Villreal. Ps does anyone know where I can get a copy of the year book we received when we left Holy Loch. Hope all my shipmates are well and to Ricky Mann BT3 I may still have that box. v

Mel Herndon
09/18/09 at 08:50

Rate/Rank Fireman

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1977-1979

Division/Shop Boiler Room

Comments:

Seeking old shipmates that were in Rota with me during this time period.

Lew Blass
09/15/09 at 04:14

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1968-1970

Division/Shop W-4

Comments:

I wish to thank Richard and the the other officers of the Association and any others for your efforts in putting together a great reunion. This was my 1st and I'm already looking forward to next year in Charleston.

Tina
09/13/09 at 21:00

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank none

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) none

Comments:

Looking for info regarding my father Van Johnson. I know he was on the Canopus in 1965. He was a boatswain per his DD-214. November 16, 1965 a man with last name Wilder had a memorial service on the Canopus. I have a flier from that day I would like his family to have.

John Ellis
09/10/09 at 15:20

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Lcpl/E-3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1989-1991

Division/Shop Mardet/Dcpo

Comments:

Hey guys and gals it's me El Dog from the Mardet. Anybody who wants to hit me up feel free to do so if you remember me or any of my dirty deeds/our good times lmao. dude152369@gmail.com

Nathan Spells
09/06/09 at 20:02

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ET2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-1987

Division/Shop W-5

Comments:

James White
08/24/09 at 20:11

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Data Systems E-5

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1981-1985

Division/Shop S2

Comments:

I did 8 years Active duty and have been out of the Navy for nearly 23 years but the times on the Canopus helped shaped the person that I am. As I now (little to their knowledge) mentor my younger co-workers I think of the guys who guided and molded me even when I didn't know they were. DP2 Daryl Gresham and Eddie Hawes. DP1 Lee Roy Lewis. (I owe him a lot) Even hard-ass Chief Slocum taught me how to work for a tough boss. No one could get to me later in life because he made me work tough. There was a DS3 Judy (can't remember her last name) from Montana who kept me laughing and a Seaman Marty (who was the hardest working woman I'd ever met) What a time in my life! The infamous Batman who worked in the laundry and my friend MS Elaine who had my back. I passed out on the Beach in Florida on a Spring break trip and staggered back to the ship with nothing but pants. No shoes, shirt, wallet or ID. But my shipmates had my back. Young and Dumb but I learned. On-board the USS Canopus I learned. What a ride! I wish safe passed to all our current Military and welcome anyone who knows me to drop me a line.

contagious@rcn.com

DS2 James White

K. V. Jensen
08/18/09 at 12:57

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-71

Division/Shop r-3, rqa

Comments:

Does anyone out there have any information on our CO John Davis, he was CO in Bremerton and Scotland.

Scott Anderson
08/15/09 at 14:53

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank LCpl

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1990 - 1992

Division/Shop MAR/DET

Comments:

Drop and email if you remember me.

Alan B. Glover
08/10/09 at 13:09

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1973-1974

Division/Shop MAA DIV/ BM 2nd div

Comments:

I had a great time on CANOPUS. Loved Scotland and the people. had some wild times at PJ's and the EM Club.

Glynn Power
07/30/09 at 04:13

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BT1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1992-1994

Division/Shop Boiler Div/ Oil Lab

Comments:

I was the Ships Oil King, and played a major part of the Decommissioning. Had alot of great memories. I remember walking away from her, down the pier for the very last time and I stop and turned to look back at her for the last time, and I shedded a tear, then I turned and walked away. I will always remember that last glance of her moored to the pier, for the last time. Im proud to have been one of many who served on her, down in the Hole where the fire's kept her alive. **KEEP STEAMIN.**

BT1 Power.

Steve Gilligan (Gilly)
07/29/09 at 06:37

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank PM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971-1973

Division/Shop R-1 Pattern Shop

Comments:

GREAT WEB SITE WILL RETURN TO SIGN UP.....

Bill Downs
07/27/09 at 09:01

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st Div/Riggers Shop

Comments:

It's too bad we won't be able to have next year's reunion in Rota. I was really looking forward to going back to see how much had changed. I will be attending this year's reunion in Valley Forge and look forward to seeing everyone again. I noticed that one of the tours is on the USS Becuna. Myself and two EM's were TAD to the Becuna in 1968 when it had a problem with it's aux-generator in Palma. Unfortunately there wasn't much we could do to fix the problem so we just spent the next week on liberty in Palma waiting for a plane back to Rota. It's tough duty, but somebody had to do it (ha, ha).

See everyone in September :)

Scott Fryer
07/23/09 at 18:24

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Then Marine CPL...Now Navy Chief (MAC)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1988-1990

Division/Shop MARDET

Comments:

I served as part of the Marine Detachment from May 1988- May 1990. This was my first Duty Station and my BEST!...because there I met the Love of my Life for 19 years (and still going) DK3 Claudia (Palma) Fryer, who soon will be a Chief in September.

I remember the fond memories of running through the Canopus on security alert drills and the loooooong hours of standing security during the missile movements.

I was Corporal of the Guard for 3rd (herd) section, and I had a great time and met many buddies.

Anyone who knew or served with me may contact me at FRYER@BRADLEY.EDU

I currently am a Police Sgt. with Bradley University Police Dept.

Semper FI
Scott

John Linville (Louie)
07/23/09 at 09:36

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1974

Division/Shop 2nd Division/Crane Deck

Comments:

The greatest 2 years of my life.....never forget the Bay Disco, the EM Club ,and the mutton burgers.....If anyone remembers me would love to hear from you guys. I plan on attending the reunion in Sept, hope to hook up with some long lost friends.

Phil Zahnd
07/17/09 at 08:40

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SFM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop DC Shipfitter Shop

Comments:

Rota Rooter here...

Looking for James Holladay, Darryl Fitts, Rick Will, Joe Story, Travis Pugh, Bob Schneider, etc.

Fond memories of the Tokyo Bar in Rota, Cruz Campo Beer, Playa de la Luz Hotel, etc.

Played rythm guitar and lead vocals for the Anchormen Combo.

Currently, I am the Atlanta Regional Cost Negotiator for the US Dept. of Labor. I work and live in St. Florian, Alabama...see if you can find it.

Wayne Denham
07/16/09 at 17:31

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SSgt/E-6

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1992-1995

Division/Shop MarDet Admin Chief

Comments:

Had a blast the two years there.. Would not change anything...

Mark Ball
07/16/09 at 17:22

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ET2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1973-1978

Division/Shop R-4

Comments:

Just found this website. This is great! I began serving aboard Canopus in Holy Loch in November 1973. Went to Charleston for drydock, then Guantanamo. then rota. Was discharged in Spain, June 1978. toured Spain, hung out on the beach in Chipiona, then went home to college. I became an architect, and now I'm semi-retired. My younger brother, Steve Ball, served on Canopus in the machine shop from 1976 to 1981 (Rota and Goose Creek). I'd like to make contact with any of my old shipmates.

Kenneth Brownlee
07/10/09 at 11:05

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ET1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970 - 1972

Division/Shop R - 4 Elect. Cal Lab

Comments:

My earlier entry has a bad eMail address. Looking for shipmates from the Cal Lab.

Kenneth Brownlee
07/08/09 at 17:43

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ET1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970 - 1972

Division/Shop R - 4 Electronics Cal Lab

Comments:

Looking for shipmates from the Elect Cal Lab.

James Charland
07/06/09 at 11:33

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT 2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1977 1980

Division/Shop Pipe Shop/ndt/Site 4 Security/Transportation

Comments:

WOW! I'm getting old.
Great times in Rota. What ever happened to the Red Square Rebels?

Stephen J Weekley
06/10/09 at 11:42

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank none

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) none

Division/Shop none

Comments:

My father was aboard a ship called the USS Canopus in WWII in the Phillipines and was taken prisoner when Corregidor fell. That ship was scuttled. I have a copy of the orders to do so; and an account of the event from 1942. Is this the same ship?

Steve Weekley

P.S. Somebody PLEASE respond!!

Gary Tribert
06/03/09 at 15:38

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1968 - 1970

Division/Shop Electric Shop

Comments:

Little did I know when I boarded the ship in 1968 in Rota Spain. But I was about to embark on the wildest and craziest journey of my life. From Rota, Spain back to home port in Charleston, South Carolina. Then, on to liberty ports in the Caribbean, including Accapolco Bay, thru the Panama Canal and up to the Bremerton Washington Ship Yards. Where I was sent to school in San Diego for about 6 months.

After leaving Bremerton, the Captain took us down to the Equator and made us all Shellbacks before heading back thru the Canal. From there I think we stopped at Gitmo for a little shake down, back to home port, then up to R.I., and eventually ended up in Scotland. Where, in 1970 I was transfered to the Ampibious Fleet, but thats another story. Along with that journey I met a bunch of really great guys that I will never forget.

Ricky Mann
05/30/09 at 07:08

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BT3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970 - 1974

Division/Shop B Div. Fireroom Oilking

Comments:

Had a great time on Scotland

Terry Nobriga
05/28/09 at 10:32

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Ht 2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1976-1979

Division/Shop R-1 Canvas shop

Comments:

Had Great times with a lot of you guys in Rota and Chipiona, Jerez etc. Its been a long time! I got out of the Navy in 79 went to college and I'm a Math and science teacher in Modesto.

I wonder how other mates on board the Canopus remember there times back when? Let me know how its going guys!

Terry aka Tbone

Jesse S. Heywood
05/27/09 at 14:19

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT3 currently SSGT Air Force Reserve

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1992 -1994

Division/Shop R-1 Pipe Shop

Comments:

Hi eveyone looking for personnel who decommmed. Especially from R-1. I worked with a bunch of good people in that division. Just last summer, I stayed a weekend in Kings Bay. If anyone remembers me send me a message

Thanks
Jesse

Dan Gould
05/24/09 at 21:49

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1981-1985

Division/Shop R-1 Shipfitter Shop

Comments:

funnest 4 years ever. Goosecreek, party everynight at the e-club, weekends at Lake Moultry. 6-day duty cycle in drydock, Charleston. Gitmo, had to wear O.B.A with worst sunburn ever, but partied with crew on concrete beach, hard!!! Then to St. Marys Ga. where we parted ways. Heres to the HTs of R-1 & R-6,and the rest of the crew...we could build or fix anything !!!

Dr. Sandra Day
05/23/09 at 14:17

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Civilian Contractor

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1990

Comments:

Greetings to the Officers and Crew of the USS Canopus:

I had the honor of teaching aboard the USS Canopus while she was in dry dock in Maryland. I taught a one week "NADSAP - Personal Responsibility" course as a civilian contractor (University of Arizona) to the U.S. Navy.

It was one of the most enlightening experiences I had during my years of working for the US Navy - along the Eastern Seaboard. I befriended several crew members - we actually "got away to dinner" a

few times and they were delighted.
I slept in "Officers Country" and took my meals in the Officers Dining Room.
(I did feel I missed something by never having a cup of coffee in the Chief's Mess!)
That experience really helped me - even more greatly - appreciate your sacrifices. So many of us
civilians have NO idea.
Several years ago I did some research and was saddened to hear she'd been decommissioned.
I wonder if anyone who took my course will be attending the Valley Forge reunion?
Fair winds and following seas to each of you.
Sandy Day
Toms River, NJ

Jimmy lee Wallace
05/21/09 at 13:13

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SSgt

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1973-75

Division/Shop MARDET

Comments:

I had a great time on CANOPUS. Loved Scotland and the people. had some wild times at PJ's and the EM Club. Would love to hear from any members of the MarDet that I served with.

Ken Jensen
05/18/09 at 09:51

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-71

Division/Shop R-3, RQA

Comments:

Does anyone out there know in information on Capt Davis? Our CO in Bremerton and Holy Loch? He was a great CO. Sure would like to know he is ok...

Barry Barlow
05/18/09 at 09:19

Comments:

Is anyone on this message board on or kin to the USS Canopus AS9? My Great Uncle was on the ship when it was scuttled and I was wondering if anyone knew him or remembers him. His name was Seaman 1 Woods Richardson Barlow. I am at barrytheterrible@hotmail.com

Thank you,
Barry

Barry Taylor
05/17/09 at 17:04

Rate/Rank SK2/E-5

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1974-1978

Division/Shop S-1

Comments:

I am trying to get in contact with SK1 Kappmeyer. If anyone has any whereabouts, please let me know.
Thank You

Doug Haas
05/16/09 at 05:36

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1967

Division/Shop Operations

Comments:

I reported to Canopus as an RMSN and had to carry the message board often to Captain Barrett. Many times he would say take a seat and talk about his many experiences after he first asked you all about your family and future plans. My son just received his commission in the US Navy and I have had many talks about leadership using the Admiral as an example. He is a great man. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Jim Jones
05/13/09 at 09:57

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ETCM

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965 - 1971

Division/Shop Operations (OE)

Comments:

I reported to the USS Canopus in 1965 while she was under construction at Pascagoula, MS and left her in Holy Loch in 1971 after many great experiences and relocations to sites in Charleston, Rota, Bremerton, and Holy Loch. When I recall the memories of my time onboard Canopus, I always remember that it was a privilege and an honor to have served with then Captain Barrett. I encountered no finer commanding officer in my 20 years of naval service!

FOUST
05/13/09 at 07:28

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SPPFN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1969-1972

Division/Shop DC DIVISION PIPE

Comments:

FROM BREMERTON WASHINGTON TO HOLY LOCH WHERE THE PARTY STARTED.

John Kahoe
05/10/09 at 16:23

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank TM2/TM1 Retired as CWO-3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) Sept. 68 - Dec. 70

Division/Shop W-1

Comments:

Worked on MK 37's until I made TM1 then worked in Weapons Quality Assurance. Played a lot of softball & basketball and drank a little beer with Jim Dennen, Charles "Bud" Holmes, Bill Jones, Doug Newell & Phillip Smith. Got to see my grandmother and the rest of my mom's family when we were In Holy Loch. I was a 'war baby' born in Cheltenham, England in 1944. Had some real good times on the Good Ship 'Canopee' as the girls in Rota called her. Got discharged in 1970, joined the Navy Reserve and retired in 1987. If you are ever in Oklahoma look me up in the Oklahoma City phone book, I live south of OKC in Norman. Hope to make it to the next reunion.

Jerry Prince
05/09/09 at 20:22

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT3, HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1972

Division/Shop DC, Shipfitter Shop

Comments:

Had the time of my life aboard canopus and in Holyloch. Served with a great bunch of guys. Still keep in contact with Leon Teague, and Ron Foster. Transferred to USS. John F. Kennedy CV-67, served on HT2, spent 2 years aboard, and became a civilian again in 1974. Still reside in Rochester, NY, married 34 years, 3 children, and 1 grandson. Hopefully, someday will attend a reunion. Memories last a lifetime, and shipmates last forever!!

Danny Gasaway
05/09/09 at 15:11

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SA

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1973-1974

Division/Shop R-2 Shop38

Comments:

if anyone remembers me, send me an e-mail

Scott Endicott
05/05/09 at 20:40

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank FA to MM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1982-1986 & 1990-1991

Division/Shop R-9 (38A) & R-10

Comments:

Wow what a time and so long ago. From Goose Creek to KingsBay and all points in

between. So many memories both good and bad. The trip through GITMO and then tied to the Simon Lake and was KingsBay a dead place at that (86) time but boy did it grow. I left the Canopus in 86 and crossed over to the Oakridge and then back to the Canopus. I was in KingsBay from 1986 to 1991 then to recruiting duty in IL and out of the Navy on the early out in 1993 moved back to KingsBay and worked on the base for several years. I have been in central NC for about 10 years and life is good. Just reading this site has brought back a ton of memories. Playing basketball, volleyball and softball both for the Canopus and the Oakridge. Hello to all and I hope life is treating you well. Feel free to drop me a line.

Scott

Francine Bachman
05/02/09 at 18:03

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1990-1994

Division/Shop Deck Department

Comments:

What a blast I had on aboard. It was one of the best ships I was ever on during my 20 years. I can say getting underway was fun as well. All those Liberty Ports, what fun we had. The good times sure did out weight the bad, which weren't to many. Except GQ at midnight while pier-side, now that was funny seeing everyone get dressed out in shorts, and still half drunk for liberty... :) Send a message if you like.

Evander L. Wright, Sr (Bodean)
05/02/09 at 11:40

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN SKCS, Ret.

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1972

Division/Shop Supply (Shipping and Receiving)

Comments:

Great times. I made the navy a home when I should have been put out. I am retired now and work as a GS-11 Pre-Production Manager building Mobile Hospitals for the Navy. Shearn and Zola I see that we are still kicking it.

Evander L. Wright, Sr., SKCS, USN, Ret., GS-11

EM1 K. V. Jensen
04/28/09 at 09:23

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM!

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-72

Division/Shop R-3, RQA

Comments:

It is with a sad heart that I learned of Capt(as I had known him)Barrett passing. He was a good man

(which, in the full sense of the word, says a great deal) He had respect for the enlisted man. I remember him saying that the difference between an officer and enlisted was opportunity. I had so looked forward to seeing him again at the reunion in San Diego but was unable to attend. Now I will have to wait for the final day....He will be missed by all that knew him. We that his life touched, can in truth say our lives were better for him...

Jerry Connors
04/25/09 at 13:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RMC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1969

Division/Shop OC

Comments:

As a plankowner of AS-34, Admiral Barrett, then a Captain, was my first Commanding Officer. I remember him as a friendly and firm Commanding Officer who got the Canopus off to a great start in her illustrious career. Rest well Admiral and may you have following seas

John Sakowich
04/20/09 at 07:50

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank fn

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970 1972

Division/Shop DC Weld / Pipe shop

Comments:

Would like to hear from Kenny Gilmer, Tom Straiter, Chief Banks, Cannon, Jimmy aka Cricket Hartfield and anyone else that may still be alive and well from the Holy Lock years
You all can reach me at 315-408-5374 We should get together as we are not getting any younger

John Sakowich
04/20/09 at 07:10

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank fireman

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970 1972

Division/Shop Damage Control

Comments:

This was my first duty station. Had a blast in Scotland. The first time I have ever been out of the country. Made lots of good friends and worked for some great chiefs and warrent officers
Learned alot with the fire broke out and really learned what team work was. That was one hell of a night.

Danny K
04/13/09 at 18:02

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) n/a

Division/Shop n/a

Comments:

Hello all,

I'm not a shipmate, but have information regarding your ship. First, I'd like to say that the Canopus had a very interesting history, and I enjoyed learning about her. Now the why;

I live in Pensacola, Florida. My sister lives in the small city of Milton, just to the east....home of NAS Whiting Field. Her home was converted some years ago from duplex style navy housing into a normal house. This leaves no doubt that Navy personnel lived there at some time. She has been renovating, including removing an old shed in the back yard. When the shed was removed, and the bare ground was being cleared, a badge was found. On it, states, "US Navy - Master At Arms - USS Canopus", with the number 10 under the ship name.

Considering how long it's been there, it's in excellent shape. She has lived there nearly 13 years, so it's been in that shed a while, in all of the elements. If anybody knows anything more about this type of badge, I'd love to hear from you.

Thanks,

Danny K
Pensacola

Arthur J. Stallsmith
04/13/09 at 07:29

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-4

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) Aug. 1966-Sept. 1968

Division/Shop R-4

Comments:

It's been awhile over 40 years time flies. I still remember it was like yesterday in Rota Spain. They were good times.

Tarena (Wharton) Woldt
04/03/09 at 09:50

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1991-1994

Division/Shop DC Shipfitters Shop

Comments:

I had a GREAT time on the ship and made some really good friends. I doubt anyone remembers me but if someone should please say hi!!!!

Ted Robbins
04/01/09 at 11:45

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank IC2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) '67-70

Division/Shop E/IC Room

Comments:

Ron Hull
03/27/09 at 08:15

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1969-1970

Division/Shop S1/Supply Div.

Comments:

Ahoy mates,

Been a long time since I've seen any of you dudes. I served aboard the Canopus from April 69 to March 70. I've had some contact with some of you and hopefully there will be someone out there who will remember me. Been trying to find HMC3 Dennis Dakens but thus far haven't located him as yet. I worked in S1 Div. and was in the Firewatch Div. (Feminos Warriors. I took a horrific fall while we were in the shipyard at Bremerton in July of 69. Dennis took care of me in sickbay while I was out of commission. I'm praying if anyone out there reads this and remembers that event, they would please contact me. My email is latem69@yahoo.com
Thanks for the memories.
Ron

Lorie Lariscy Hartley
03/23/09 at 20:03

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984 1986

Division/Shop Command Master Chiefs Office

Comments:

It is with a heavy heart that I post the passing of a former Sailor of the USS Canopus, Retired SC Keith Norton lost his battle with cancer after just 4 months on November 5, 2008. He will be greatly missed.

Wayne King
03/23/09 at 14:25

[Email](#)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1972

Division/Shop Special Services

Comments:

Email should be up and running. Looking for LT Robert Galliani, dentist, and Special Services Officer.

Wayne King
03/22/09 at 07:22

Rate/Rank YN2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1972

Division/Shop Special Services

Comments:

I'm looking for LT. Robert Galliani, a dentist, who served as Special Services Officer during my tour.

Scott Platt
03/15/09 at 21:58

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) early 70's

Division/Shop Radcon, Sheet Metal Shop, Drafting Shop

Comments:

Hey Ship Mates !!

I loved the times I had in Scotland and the ship. I just which I could remember. Loved the pubs. Loved the people. If anyone knows where Tim Nobel, diver, is let me know. If you remember me feel free to e-mail me. I also dated Carol McIntyre back in those days and went to a lot of concerts. Well party on boys, later Scott

Mike Olmstead
03/13/09 at 16:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank PN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1969-1971

Division/Shop X-Div.-Personnel Office

Comments:

Charleston, Panama Canal, Bremerton, crossing the Equator, Gitmo, Panama Canal and Charleston (Again!) and Holy Loch. Man-What a Ride! I had a great tour, with super guys on the best sub tender in the Navy! I'd really love to hear from anyone who was on board with me.

Clifton Akin
03/10/09 at 17:46

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EN1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1973-1975

Division/Shop R-2 38 shop

Comments:

Just found the site and read the guest book listings. I'm checking into the reunion in May. If my name rings a bell contact me. If I still owe you money don't bother. LOL

Dondi Gasper(mccoury)
03/09/09 at 22:43

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-1988

Division/Shop DC Division

Comments:

my email is dondichick@yahoo.com and i am on facebook and myspace.

Dondi Gasper(McCoury)
03/09/09 at 22:39

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-1988

Division/Shop DC Division

Comments:

This is definitely a blast from the past!!! i was very happy to find this site. It would be great to hear from anyone I used to party with! Canopus makes me think of a lot of AWESOME times. Some not so great times too!!!*LOL* I can still hear Masterchief Duke saying GO**AMMIT!!!
MCCOURY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*LOL*I would really love to hear from Sony Elkins, Larry DuBore, Kim Ridgeway,Jack Doeherty,any folks from Engineering. I can't believe it has been this long!!!! It's All Good!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! If anyone knows where to find William Gabriel and Martha Gornto , Anita Graham(Adams),HTC Velasquez. I keep thinking of a million names!!*LOL* Email me!

ZIM
03/08/09 at 22:11

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ?

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 19?? - 1971

Division/Shop engineroom

Comments:

Does any one remember my father John L Zimmerman.....

Mike [Buck] Buckalew
03/08/09 at 20:04

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank PC-3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971-1973

Division/Shop Admin. Post Office

Comments:

Trying to find a few shipmates, that I can remember. Hugh [Gene] Long, John Lancaster, Larry Long, Wilber [Willie] Sawmiller

John R Buhrman
03/02/09 at 13:24

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1973

Division/Shop E division power shop

Comments:

I would love to hear from anyone who served with me on the Canopus. I am currently living in Virginia not too far from Fredericksburg. I stood watch on the main generators and the IC room. I would like to hear from any IC men too.

Jay Lieberman
02/28/09 at 15:38

[Email](#)

Comments:

I was on AS-33 in Rota 74-76.

Just sent Richard a couple of links to news stories on the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) with pics of Canopus. She is still afloat. One link is of a story from two weeks ago. She is currently at a boneyard about a 3 hour drive from where I live.

Cheers
DPCS(SW/AW) Jay Lieberman
USN-Ret and living in Manchester England

Rota Spain tours:
74-76 AS-33
86-88 FOSIF
88-90 VQ-2
and loved every minute of those 6 years

Dennis Hamel
02/24/09 at 10:32

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1973

Division/Shop R3 Electrical/Rewind

Comments:

Memories indeed.

Anybody out there remember 'Captain America' on ship's radio & Monday nights at the EM club? That was me!

I specialized in motor-generator repairs on the boats alongside, and did the rock'n'roll radio/DJ thing in my time off.

If you were aboard in '72 & '73 maybe you remember.

We worked hard & played harder.

Seemed like we got put on shift work (12on / 12off) every other week in R3. Real working Navy... Also had a GREAT party house called Anchorage Cottage in Sandbank - till I got married at least!

Canopus (and Holy Loch) was the best duty I ever had, and I have lots of great memories of her. All the best to shipmates everywhere!

Andy (Moonpie) Collins
02/21/09 at 01:44

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank IC2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978-1980

Division/Shop E/ IC/CCTV

Comments:

I have enjoyed this site and it has brought back many good memories. I'm searching for several friends from the Canopus days, many from the Engineering division. I intend on joining the association and would like to attend a reunion some time in the near future.

Louie Meola
02/07/09 at 14:14

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1974

Division/Shop Electrician

Comments:

Hi guys, this is a great site glad I found it. I was on her from 72-74 loved holy loch great times. Anyone who was in the shop with me get in touch. e-mail meola55@bellsouth.net. I'am living in south Florida now.

Troy Johnson
02/07/09 at 11:34

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank FA

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) JAN 1994 - SEP 1994

Division/Shop R-9

Comments:

JUST LOOKING FOR OLD SHIPMATES I SERVED WITH ABOARD THE CANOPUS.

Cornell Arline
02/07/09 at 10:17

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E3 (at time was onboard)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1992-1994

Division/Shop Medical/ Pharmacy Tech

Comments:

Hey Guys,

Just looking to reconnect with any of the Crew members that were onboard and remember me.

Louie Meola
02/03/09 at 08:42

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1974

Comments:

looking for shipmates

Don Manning
01/30/09 at 21:54

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st

Comments:

Operated forward port and starboard cranes and operated and maintained Captain's boat and weapon boats.

I remember Leatherman, True, Downs, Benson in 1st Div.

William Hartle
01/27/09 at 15:59

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MR-3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop R-2 /machine shop

Comments:

Just found this site and would love to hear from anyone from the shop that was on board during this time. Many fond memories of Rota, Spain and Bremerton, Washington. Good Luck to All and Fair Sailing to all.

Robert Ward
01/23/09 at 18:37

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1980- 1981

Division/Shop M Div., A Div., DCPO for ENG.

Comments:

I live at 159 Oakdale Terrace, Hot Springs, Ar 71913. I'm retired. They can tell that DR. at that time that my L-5 & S1 was badly damage. When he said that it was muscle spasms. Dr Pace found it on first MRI reading. I was discharged 12/81. I'm retired now. But I also have 1/3 metal in my back.

Al Bauer
01/22/09 at 20:43

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank TM

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1968-1970

Division/Shop W-1

Comments:

Read entire ship's library. Had a favorite bar Rota.

Gregory Everson
01/17/09 at 20:19

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984 - 1989

Division/Shop R-1 Sheetmetal shop

Comments:

Some of the best years of my life. There was a unity of friends that one will never forget...Ed, Ron , Kelly, Randy, Mark, Bob, Fred, Jeanne, Mac, Kathy, Johnny and Master Chief Cheatum to name a few. R-1 ruled that ship !!!

I met and married the ships "tooth fairy"...though we went our own ways after a few years, we have an awesome son and I couldn't have asked for anything more.

One can remember the Beach Club, hula hoop contests at the Roadway, poker nights underway and of course the pig roast / keg parties at the apartment complex.

Fair winds to you all

EM1 K.V. Jensen
01/17/09 at 08:00

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank em1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-71

Division/Shop R-3, RQA

Comments:

Does anyone out there remember the Canopus Rifles?

John (JD) Thompson
01/14/09 at 20:58

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-6

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1987-1991

Division/Shop W-3 & MAA

Comments:

I was on the Canopus for 4 years. My last ship. Worked in W-3 and then MAA Division. Worked for a good man while on the Canopus. MACM (SW) Charles F. Campbell. Also worked with some outstanding people. The Good times out number the bad times by far. The people I got to know while assigned to the Canopus were some of my best friends. The crew were some of the hardest working people I saw in my 24 years in the military. 14 1/2 years in the Navy & 10 years in the Army Reserve. Great times Greater people. If you remember me from the MAA Division or W-3 feel free to e-mail at jdt1037@hotmail.com.

Timothy R. Hertz
01/02/09 at 21:22

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop E Div.

Comments:

Some of the best times of my life were in Rota, Jerez, and Seville. Thanks for the memories.

Wayne Wagner
01/02/09 at 05:41

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank PFC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1968-1970

Division/Shop Mardet

Comments:

looking for marines onboard during my time.

Wayne

Richard Retin
01/01/09 at 10:09

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank PH2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1968

Division/Shop RS Division Photo Lab

Comments:

Attn.: Repair Division Commissioning Crewmembers

I just received the following email:

It is with utmost sorrow that I have to announce the passing of Kenneth Fox 30 December 2008 at 14:20. He died peacefully with friends and family by his side. Arrangement have not yet been made, but they will be here on Bainbridge Island, WA on or after 6 January 2009.

Inquiries can be made to me, Matthew Rinearson mattrinearson@gmail.com; Liz Fox lizfox@taos.net; David Love who is currently staying at Ken's house 206 842 1914.

Here is the link to his obit: [obit and guestbook](#)

Larry Pederson
12/26/08 at 09:32

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT 2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1980-1983

Division/Shop R1 Div 26 A/B Weld Shop

Comments:

Miss my ole buds from those days,,,Kenneth (Tex) Peel, Douglas(Buster) Brown, Steve Morrison, Warren (Wilbur) Reed, Dave Jack, Eli Elopilous,Red Walling, Glen Cramner, Gary Downs. Damn its been 25 yrs and i still miss those glory days, We did a Hell of a Job repairing those Subs. And the 26A/B had a deck you could eat off of, Best looking deck of any ship out there. LMAOOOOO.... We had her Polishied. Hope to hear from somebody before my memory goes to hellThanks for the memories

Ken Jensen
12/23/08 at 09:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-71

Division/Shop R-3, RQA

Comments:

A recent message reminded me of the ceremony of the Equator crossing. I was next senior shellback (I crossed in 1957) and could never have believed I was that close to being King Neptune. I did have the responsibility of making some slime somewhat sailors unhappy for a while. When Captain Davis came up in line for the ceremony(if you could call it that)he was put in this box of garbage...I did not want him put in there but felt it not my place to prevent it....so if Captain Davis reads this-know that I, thou not sorry, do regret not stopping it. He was a great Captain and only one of two, that in twenty years of service, who's name I remembered(Captain Barrett was, of course, the other)

Rafael 'Tony' Vazquez
12/22/08 at 14:20

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank FA

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1972

Division/Shop A-Div., Forward Hyd. Shop

Comments:

Hello again. Just to let it be known that I recently got me a E-mail address. I hope to get some contacts made via this method. You can catch me at rvazquez98@gmail.com. See you later, gator. ;)

R. 'Tony' Vazquez

Joe Garza
12/18/08 at 20:08

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978-1981

Division/Shop Communications/Radio Shack

Comments:

Some of the best times of my life. First duty station was NCS Rota (shore duty com station). Then got to keep my off-base Rota apt. on the beach because my dream sheet came true and just had to report to the Canopus where I finished my last three years (discharged in Charleston after the ride back to the states). San Miguel, Rota tapa bars, the 70's disco on the out skirts of Rota playing the Bee Gees, and sipping on rum and coke without ice on the start of the 80 (RM's worked the 2/2/2/ and 80 shifts). Cheers Canopus, Rota, and Charleston buddies and gals.

Stephen Morrison
12/17/08 at 19:54

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1979-1981

Division/Shop R2 weld shop / sheetmetal shop

Comments:

She was my first ship. What a great start to my six years in the Navy. Lots of work, lots of friends. Very fond memories (I guess you forget the bad stuff!). You can't go back...but if I could, I would, just to say "hi" to all my old buds.

Ken Haddaway
12/17/08 at 19:53

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank PN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1969-1971

Division/Shop Admin

Comments:

Got on board in Bremerton, we became shellbacks, went through canal, to Charleston and then to Holy Loch.

Anyone know of whereabouts of Bob Knowles or Captain David?

Richard Retin
12/16/08 at 16:41

Rate/Rank PH2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1968

Division/Shop RS Division Photo Lab

Comments:

Attn: Repair Department Plank Owners

Commander Ken Fox has mesothelioma (asbestos). Admiral Barrett would appreciate if his Canopus shipmates would give Mr. Fox a call. His number is 206-842-1914. I just spoke to him myself and like many of us, consider our time aboard the Canopus as one of the best experiences of our lives.

Alternatively you can write him or send him a card at:

14100 North Madison Ave. NE
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Take care and smooth sailing,
Richard Retin PH2

Darrell W. Lane
12/13/08 at 20:41

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank QM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1967

Division/Shop Nav/Comm

Comments:

I was on comm. crew. Was the founder and leader of the canopus Anchormen ships band. I was transfered off in jan.67. I am now retired QMC. What a wonderful thing all of you have done to make this web-site and all the reunion work so great. The very best days of my life were on the Canopus and to be a part of the Anchormen combo. I am very proud of those days. Thanks to you Richard for all you have done. May god bless each and every one of you. Darrell W. Lane

John Johnson
12/09/08 at 07:01

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) PRECOM/69

Division/Shop FIREROOM/OIL LAB

Comments:

HI KEN AND SHERRY SEEN YOUR MESSAGE AM STILL LOOKING FOR SKIP AND JOHN BEALS BUT NO
LUCK HAVE SOME PICS TO SEND LATER JOHN AND KAREN

Bruce Noble
12/06/08 at 18:49

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EN2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1977-1980

Division/Shop A Division Boat Shop

Comments:

Hi to all my shipmates. I am here on the central Oregon coast, near Richard Retin, who lives near me in Salem Oregon. If you are ever in Lincoln City be sure to look me up.

Would like to hear from Jaque Patton. If you are out there or if someone knows how to get hold him, please send me an email message.

I have been coming to all the reunion since 2004 Reno and been having a great time.

John R. Johnson
12/06/08 at 08:04

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) PRECOM TO 69

Division/Shop B DIV FIREROOM OILKING

Comments:

WOULD LIKE TO HERE FROM ANYONE FROM ENGINROOM OR FIREROOM DURING THAT TIME WHERE
R U SKIP BROELAND OR JOHN BEALS MORE LATER HI KEN CUTTING

Jerry F. Kirby
11/29/08 at 20:41

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank TMSN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1968-1970

Division/Shop W1 Division

Comments:

I worked in the torpedo shop in 1969 in Spain. Is there anybody who was there or know anyone who was there? Or does anyone know Arnold Lee Combs from Kentucky? Thanks from one shipmate to another.

Mike Tudor
11/26/08 at 21:27

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 69-70

Division/Shop 3rd & RQA

Comments:

I just found this site and recognized the name Ken Jensen. I got out the 1970 Cruise Book and started looking at the old photos, it brings back many memories of Rota and Holy Loch.

Tracy Baker
11/22/08 at 16:53

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SK2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1988-1992

Division/Shop Supply Dept

Comments:

I was in S-1, S-5 and then finished in Sub, S-6. SK1 Charla Veirley was my my LPO. I loved my time on board the ship. I transferred to Meridian where I taught the SK rating. Then I got out after eight years. Too bad she's gone. She was a great ship!

Bob Morgan
11/21/08 at 09:13

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EN2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1970

Division/Shop A Division Office

Comments:

Served aboard Canopus from June '67 (Rota) thru March 70 (Charleston).

Kim Hedberg
11/07/08 at 09:22

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Electrician

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1974

Division/Shop Electric Shop and Duty Boat Electrician

Comments:

Hello all

Just found the site and was on the barge behind the ship for the most of the time as I was small boat electrician. I remember some of the people. I am looking for Dan Harbison.

James F. Turner
11/05/08 at 15:26

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Lt

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1964-1969

Division/Shop R2 Division/QA

Comments:

To Richard Retin and the shipmates that signed the Canopus card at the reunion. Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness. I think that I have escaped the heart operation for a couple of years. Further tests and an exercise program that I am following are responsible for the good news from my cardiologist. If all continues to go well I hope to see you at the next reunion.

James Tucker
10/29/08 at 06:28

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HM2 retired

Comments:

Looking for anyone who remembers William Mike Smoak, he was a diver onboard between 67-70 I believe. We work together and I'm trying to help him do research on the Canopus and Simon Lake. Photos or info would be greatly appreciated.

Rafael "Tony" Vazquez
10/28/08 at 08:22

Rate/Rank Fireman App.

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970 - 1972

Division/Shop A-Div., Forward Repair Shop

Comments:

Hello to all from sunny Puerto Rico!

After posting two messages on this site, I was contacted by none other than my friend and former enlistment buddy Ricky Mangini. We met and had a great time going over the many things that have happen to us during these past years.

I believe that I forgot to mention that at one time on Canopus I worked down in the "Radio Station", WTSC (We Serve The Crew) as a disc jockey. I went by the handle "Tony Bony" and played mostly Classic Rock (late 50's and early 60's). I know there should be someone out there who remembers me going around the ship in a custom made submariner's jump suit with "TONY BONY" on the backside. Almost got nailed by the Master at Arms for that one. If anyone remembers, LET ME KNOW! Seeing how no one could really pronounce my first name correctly, I went by the short version of my middle name, Tony.

Take care everyone and God Bless the CANOPUS!!

Rafael "Tony" Vazquez
AM-10, 2nd St., Pradera

Toa Baja, PR 00949-4072

Paul W. Sweet
10/22/08 at 08:38

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank DC3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966-1968

Division/Shop R-3 Div. Carpenter/Pattern Shop

Comments:

Worked for/with Chief Femino, Paul Love, Ken Kern and Charlie Thurston. Put alot of staggng on all those Con-tower.

K.V. Jensen
10/01/08 at 06:29

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1971

Division/Shop R-3, RQA

Comments:

Mr. Turner's letter answered many questions for me; even if the news was very sad. I understood that LCDR Bannon passed away in 1976. For whatever reason it really upset me. He was a fine officer and leader. I would follow him anywhere and give him 110% of my ability. I doubt he knew that but perhaps he does now. Also understand Mr. Helm passed away. He was R-3 Division Officer and another great man. I can recall a division picnic at GITMO and we all decided to throw him in the water (as I recall several others was given the honor). There must have been 6 or 7 of us trying-well he made it clear we could not get the better of him. He finally let us do it, but very clear he let us do it...I have some landing force training memories but for another day...

Kenneth Dohn
09/29/08 at 14:45

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1973

Division/Shop Deck

Comments:

looking for anyone who might remember me or the deck apes who use to hang over the side of the ship to tie up the subs and chip the paint on the weather decks

Leroy Foreman
09/27/08 at 14:19

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1971

Division/Shop Radio

Comments:

Many great times....My brother Gerald Stark RM3 was also station aboard at the same time.

Looking for a friend Gary Wipperman RM

James Turner
09/26/08 at 14:35

Rate/Rank LT

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1969

Division/Shop R-2 Division Officer

Comments:

Lt Turner has asked me to post the following letter in the Deck Log for him:

<http://www.usscanopus.org/images/Lt%20Turner%20letter.PDF>

I am sure Mr. Turner would love to hear for you. His phone number in Kingman AZ is 928-692-5468.

Richard Retin
Chairman

William Gresham
09/25/08 at 20:29

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MR3, MR2--- MRC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1976- 1979 1991--1994

Division/Shop R-2

Comments:

The USS Canopus AS-34 was my first ship, I walked on board when it was in the Charleston Naval Shipyard in November 1976 just before we left for Rota, Spain. Served my time in R-2 Machine Shop we worked hard and played just as hard. I had some of the best times of my naval career in Rota. I would like to hear from some of my old shipmates. I left AS-34 in Rota, Spain in 1979 as MR2 and to my surprise returned in May 1991 as MRC to R-2 div. in Kings bay. I did not know that it would be the last time I would walk her decks or stand Quarter Deck watch and ring in Xmas. A good portion of my time in the Navy was spent on her. I met some great people while station on board. I have some pictures from Rota I would like to share. I have retired in Kings bay and now work on base, this place kinda grows on you. To all my shipmate who have served thank you for your service and may God bless you with "Fair Winds and Following Seas". Hope to hear from some shipmates now "turn two" and get hot.

Robert C. Knight
09/15/08 at 16:58

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SH/RM1 RM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 70-73

Division/Shop OPS/RDO

Comments:

Came onboard in Brem. Was; became a Shell back before crossing PC. I retired from Navy Apr 76. NAS Pensacola FL.

was my last duty station. Returned to NAS Pensacola as sand crab. Retired Civ GS-7 Communications Equipment Operator in May 1997. I am involved with self help group here in Pcola. Canopus was a GREAT experience. Drop your E-mail comments to (bobbama39@bellsouth.net) SMOOTH SAILING!!!! BK

Steven Daniel
09/14/08 at 16:40

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HTFN / HT3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1993? - 1994

Division/Shop R-1 Lag Shop

Comments:

Got to decommission the Old Girl, then got sent to the the Simon Lake (AS-33).
Hope all the old shipmates are doing well!

Kenneth F Cutting
09/13/08 at 13:03

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BT3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) PLANK OWNER

Division/Shop B DIVISION

Comments:

WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM MORE PLANK OWNERS. ALSO THE GUYS THAT WERE IN B DIVISION.
ANYONE HEAR FROM SKIP BROLAND, BILL BAPTIST, JOHN JOHNSON, ANYONE ELSE.

KEN CUTTING

Ken Swann
09/13/08 at 10:12

Rate/Rank BTFN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1975-1977

Division/Shop B Division

Comments:

are all you assholes dead . please respond .

Sharade Pilas
09/11/08 at 22:45

[Email](#)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1991-1993

Division/Shop Deck

Comments:

Served on USS Canopus for a short time- great ship! Lots of fond memories. Hated chipping paint- now an ER nurse living in Western New York. To all the girls-you know who you are! Looking forward to hearing from everyone.

Harry D McCallister
09/09/08 at 11:51

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank sk1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1979 -1982

Division/Shop S-1DIV/R-7 DIV

Comments:

Looking for the following people; sk1 Vincent Castrovillari, sk1 Ken Kappmeyer, sk1 Ed Justice, sk2 Gary Sneed, STGC Milne, msc stroup, skc paul coffee, if you know their where abouts or how to contact them please contact me or have them contact me either email or home address of 3228 Beecher Rd Flint, Michigan 48503 or phone 810 239 0944 or cell 810 919 5212

Steve Gerlach
09/07/08 at 05:20

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank OM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1974-1975

Division/Shop R-2/35A

Comments:

Was quite a learning experience over in Holy Loch. Looking forward to going back someday and visit some friends that retired there, Charlie Withrow for one. Made many friends, some of which I had the pleasure to be stationed with again. Hope to find some more shipmates from my tour there. I retired in 1993 as OMCS(SW).

Jim Cooper
09/06/08 at 14:10

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT-2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971-1974

Division/Shop R-1/Shipfitter shop then Pipe Shop

Comments:

Hi to everyone,

Its been a lot of years and the memories are fading, but I will never completely forget

the long hours of work and the long hours of play. The "John Paul Jones" should ring a few bells for anyone in Holy Loch who called themselves a drinker!!

I was in the pipe shop most of the time at holy loch and remember cutting a lot of stainless valves out of the Primary cooling system in the reactors.

I remember standing open bridge watch at sea and crawling through the frozen puke to get to my watch station. I also remember how foggy it was sometimes at sea and how stupid it was to have a bridge watch posted when nothing was visible except on radar.

I loved the girls in Scotland especially Paula McLeod from Glasgow. Paula if you read this send me a note,ok?

Garnet E. Deardorff
09/02/08 at 20:11

Rate/Rank SK3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1972

Division/Shop S-1 Main Issue and 80 bank

Comments:

I just got my summer copy of Shift Colors and I turned to the reunion pages as I always do to see if the USS CANOPUS AS-34 had a reunion listed and it did. It also had a web site listed so I checked it out. It is a wonderful web site. I can not make it to the reunion next week in Jacksonville Fl., but I do plan on coming to the 2009 Reunion in the Phil. Pa. area. I was aboard the USS CANOPUS AS-34 in Holy Loch Scotland and worked as a SK3 in main issue and the 80 bank storerooms. If anybody remembers me from that time period please e-mail me. I will be a USS CANOPUS AS-34 Association member very soon. Thanks to all the people that make the USS CANOPUS AS-34 Association work.

Thanks

Garnet E. Deardorff SKC USNR Ret.

Michael Zook
08/31/08 at 23:59

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-4

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1974

Division/Shop MarDet

Comments:

like to talk to marines or sailors who remember when there was some racial disturbance on the mess decks where the marines were to stop black sailors from trying to cause some type of trouble.

Ronald Baker
08/31/08 at 14:43

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MM1/E-6

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1992 - decommissioning

Division/Shop Repair/R-10

Comments:

Just stopping by to see if there are any others from the old decommissioning crew and to see how everyone is doing. Hope all is well and was wondering if anyone remembers Mr. Murphy with his cigar walking down the passageway?

James Crowson
08/30/08 at 07:53

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SK2/(LTJG)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1989-1993

Division/Shop S-1, S-7, S-8, MWR

Comments:

Thanks for creating and placing this website up on the web. Shipmates I knew can contact me at 405-213-1232.

Thanks, James.

<http://www.alreadyamillionaire.com>

Gary Anderson
08/29/08 at 14:30

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MR3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1974-1978

Division/Shop R2 DIV MACHINE SHOP& SHOP 38

Comments:

HEH TO ALL OF MY SHIPMATES. THOSE FOUR YEARS WERE WITH OUT A DOUBT THE BEST YEARS OF MY LIFE. HIGH TO SHAGGY FROM THE PERISCOPE SHOP AND BEST MEMORIES TO ALAN JOHNSON FROM THE CAL LAB (HE PASSED THIS YEAR). WE SURE WORKED HARD BUT I THINK WE PLAYED TWICE AS HARD. BEST WISHES TO ALL MY SHIPMATES

Lloyd Yeargan
08/28/08 at 03:31

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E 3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) plank owner

Division/Shop cs

Comments:

enjoyed my time on as 34 lots of work as i rember hi

Don Frank
08/27/08 at 10:11

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM1/OM1 ret

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1973-1975

Division/Shop 1st Div

Comments:

We will clean our ship from stem to stern, and you know you all can come. This ship is looking for a mighty crew it is the AS-34 to you PLAN OF THE DAY PLAN OF THE DAY WITH THE CAPTAINS GIG, THE ADMIRAL'S BARGE we will skim the Clyde for you.

for the PLAN OF THE DAY, PLAN OF THE DAY

While the ship is rusting out at its present rate, just guess what we all have to do? We will sand it down and paint it quick then sit back and watch the rust come back on through.

for the plan of the day plan of the day

and the three mike eights and the fifties will do just to get us to work on time for the plan of the day plan of the day.

The rain is coming at its usual rate plus the bubbleheads piss us off too and the town is crying come and spend bread cause we will just barely make if you do.

Plan of the day, plan of the day, plan of the day

The Boatswains mate dream is the anchor the chain

We'll moor the world for You

for the plan of the day plan of the day ----- it's true

don frank

around Xmas 1974

John Johnson
08/21/08 at 18:06

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) precom to 69

Division/Shop B Div Fireroom

Comments:

would like to here from anyone from precom to 70 and ban m div

Gordon White
08/11/08 at 12:51

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SHSA/SHSN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1992-1994

Division/Shop SH

Comments:

Hello everyone. I was looking to reconnect with some former shipmates that may remember me. We had a ton of good times drinking and sharing in some laughs.

If any of you ever come through New Jersey look me up I would love to meet up with.

Gordon White

EM1 K.V. Jensen
08/06/08 at 12:06

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-71

Division/Shop R-3, RQA

Comments:

Just a quick note to all the cooks that served on the Canopus. The food was great. I ate on her for six years and remember Lobster every Friday(I ate hamburgers-no better sense then, sure would not do it now)and many good meals. thanks guys-it was appreciated then and remembered today..

Commander Bannon where are you??

Michael Morton
08/05/08 at 09:49

Rate/Rank MS E-3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1980-1983

Division/Shop supply

Comments:

I enjoyed the Canopus very much and learn how to cook some good food. If you were here during my time email me ASAP. Charleston S.C. We party all night even night!!!!

Charles Stickler
07/29/08 at 11:17

Rate/Rank MR2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1986-1990

Division/Shop R2 / 31A Inside Machine Shop / Locksmith

Comments:

Lot's of stories could be told over my years on AS-34. Had good times and bad times. Still working at Kings Bay on Base on Submarines. Imagine that!! Some habits never end. Still see some old cronies around,MR Chief Cohen, MR2 Rob Dickman, and good ole MR1 Vinne D { Dietrich }. There are others here still that were on board that stayed around. Ran into MR1 Lee other day and we were talking about the time on one of our Sea trips doing circles off Fernandina Beach about 250 miles out and a group of us pushed off a safe at midnight over the side and all hell broke loose afterword's for opening doors at sea. Man, Lee almost went over side with it. Those were the days. If your in St. Marys, and were in shop or knew me, look me up. Might find me at The Island{ Old Brass Rail } or

the Bloody Bucket down by the Crooked River State Park. Fair Seas to all who knew me.

MR2 Stickler { STICK }

David Reilly
07/18/08 at 03:34

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1972

Division/Shop O2N2 shop

Comments:

I would like to get in touch with any of the guys that was in the O2N2 shop. I would to get a hold of Mark Stanczyk. Address is as follows: David Reilly, 50 East Main Street Lot 15, Sidney, New York, 13838

Mike Hersman
07/15/08 at 19:14

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BTFN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1976-1978

Division/Shop B Division

Comments:

hey to all fellow shipmates. i don't hang on comp. much but, i ran into this site and thought i would say a few words. i caught the ship in Charleston and left her in rota. i wanted to get off that boat so bad, thought i was missing something. boy was i wrong, i missed the Canopus when i boarded that LST (1197). i met some really good people on AS-34, sad to hear she's gone . drop me a line.

David Reilly
07/14/08 at 18:42

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1972

Division/Shop A division/ O2N2 shop

Comments:

David J. Reilly
50 East Main Street Lot 15
Sidney, New York 13838
Phone: 607-563-1515
E-Mail diver1871@frontiernet.net or diver1871@yahoo.com

Robert Ward
07/13/08 at 11:08

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1980-1981

Division/Shop A div. / M div. / DCPO for eng. div.

Comments:

Frank Tolliver
07/12/08 at 16:49

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN3/ BM

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-71

Division/Shop 3rd Divi., small boats

Comments:

Chief Cobb was the man. Worked for BM3 Danny Bost. The name "Jolly Tolly" was given by Mikey Wiegand.

Jim Hollenbeck
07/11/08 at 16:21

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1972

Division/Shop B-Div

Comments:

sure miss the ship, one of the best ship's out there, miss BTCS weaver and MMCM porterfield both taught me a lot about being a sailor and a person. sadly remember the fire that took 3 shipmates lives in Holy Loch, still remember LT Renwick best div officer I had in my 14 year carrier. sad to see her go. former BT1

Howard Speck
07/09/08 at 19:46

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1974-1978

Division/Shop Radcon

Comments:

I repaired movie projectors until I went to Rad-con I started in Scotland and finished at Rota Spain, my nickname was Skip. Of course when I got out of the Navy and returned home, started dating, got married and received a college degree in music. I have worked as a teacher, directed choirs, in the reserve two years, sang professionally, currently work in a hospital, sing in a choir, tune and repair pianos. I have three children, two that got married, recently have become a grandfather and currently work for a hospital. I also have a son that is looking for joining the military. (of course I am working on him going Navy) After having a head injury in 1993, have had a memory problem witch has started to return. I remember the most of all that I did in Scotland and Rota. I have not forgotten the motorcycle riding in Spain and still have a few pictures of that. The time I spent in Scotland and Spain working on the subs have stayed in memory. I soon will be joining the Canopus Association and will come to the reunions so I can find a few shipmates.

Jason Bugher
07/02/08 at 23:07

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1992-1994

Division/Shop A-gang

Comments:

Missed that great ship!! And the great people!

Robert McLemore
07/01/08 at 04:24

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SH3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978-1981

Division/Shop S-3

Comments:

Served on board in Rota and Charleston.

Jim Dennon
06/24/08 at 05:09

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1970

Division/Shop weapons Yeoman

Comments:

Played a lot of sports with W-1/Torpedo shop. Bud Holmes, John Kahoe, Ray Thielmann, T.B. McSwain, Ken Geiger. Had great games against the Deck Division, Repair Department, and great rivalry with W-4, Missile techs. XO Cmdr Kraus was a great leader as were Lt. Emory Young, Lt Wm. Buckley, Lt. Wayne Hamilton. TM Philip E. Smith (Smitty) where are you??????????? Bar Sonya was our hangout.

Michael Eubanks
06/19/08 at 16:27

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank DP1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1973-1974

Division/Shop Data Processing

Comments:

Looking back I might be wearing rose colored glasses, but the experience on serving on the USS Canopus was great one. I really enjoyed my time in Scotland...loved the people and the county side.

Way too many bomb scares. Remember being on watch from midnight to 0400 looking for bubbles and low flying objects. Remember waking up and coming out on deck with the ship covered in Snow. I celebrated my 19th and 20th birthdays in Scotland and the first was a lot more fun than the second. In 1973 on my birthday I was in a small Pub looking at the Castle in Edinburgh, but in 1974 the Canopus was in the North Sea in a huge storm and water was coming over the main deck. I was lucky that I never got sick, but I sure can't say that about a lot of others. My birthing compartment was below the mess deck and I could hear guys (no woman on board at that time) running a losing their dinner. I was on the Tug a War team for the ship and we got to pull against teams all over the country, but we were restricted from going to Ireland. It was great fun. We had one UDT member on the team that had just completed an assignment with President Nixon and other that just came off 3 tours in Viet Nam. He was pretty intense....you really didn't want to piss him off. I could go on and on. I was just going through my old stuff and ran across my USS CANOPUS blue wind breaker. I will try to dig up some pictures and send them over to be added to the site.

When I left Scotland I came back and finished up my tour at FCDSSA (Fleet Combat Direction Systems Support Activity) in San Diego. I was discharged October 29, 1976...but I stayed in the reserves until High Year Tenure got me booted out in January 1997. They were getting rid of the DP rating and there was just no room for advancement. I certainly would have stayed in longer if it was for HYT.

I am currently Director of Sales and Operations for a live event production company in Torrance California called Cutting Edge Productions. I was very sad last year when I heard that that they were turning the Canopus into paper clips.

Michael Eubanks
Director of Sales and Operations
Cutting Edge Productions
22904 Lockness Avenue
Torrance, CA 90501
mike@cuttingedgeproductions.tv

Steven Dotski
06/14/08 at 22:21

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank sk3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 78/81

Division/Shop s1

Comments:

They used to call me Slim. Worked in the Flambank and 80 bank storerooms. Was sent TAD to the TRW that was moored near us. Looking to make contact with my old "stemming buddies" Rafe, Spanky, Top Where are you. Lt. McFarland was our division commander. SKCS Wiands was our CPO

Phillip E Smith
06/13/08 at 20:03

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank TM

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966-1972, 1975-1979

Division/Shop W-1 Div

Comments:

Spent many glorious years aboard Canopus or as we liked to call her then Canopee. Came aboard in 66 at Rota, came back to conus and thru the yards at Bremerton, on to Scotland. Left in 72 for 3 years then came back to Scotland to bring her back to Charleston and another Yard period then on to

Rota again. The days/years on board were the highlights of my career. I went to the decommissioning and it choked me up to see her go. She was a great Lady.

Mike Carter
06/10/08 at 07:14

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank DP3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1972

Division/Shop X3

Comments:

Hi All, I was a computer operator on the Canopus and was transferred to London England in 1972 to FLTOCCNAVEUR. I was discharged in 1974 and have been in computers ever since. I is a trip seeing the pictures of the Canopus. I have to admit I was sad to see her towed to the UK for recycling. I did go back to Dunoon before the Navy left and went into the Fish and Chip shop downtown. The same guy was behind the counter 30 years later! I miss the Argyle hotel. I will never forget all the "bubble heads" getting their dolphins and getting hauled down the pier in wagons after drinking a pint of all different kinds of liquor!

I now work in a school district as the district technology coordinator in my home state of Ohio. If anybody was on board that remembers me, feel free to email me! I would love to hear from you!

Rafael "Tony" Vazquez
06/02/08 at 08:13

Rate/Rank FA-FN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1972

Division/Shop A-Div/Hyd. Shop Forward

Comments:

Hello again. Just letting everyone know that I've only made contact with Rick Mangini, but with no one else. Would love to go to the next reunion , but money constraints and papers leave me stranded. It's good to read up on how this ship on which we spent just a few years on has affected such a large group of people in different ways.

Besides working in the Hyd. Shop up forward, I did a small stint as Disc Jockey in the little room known back then as "WSTC - WE SERVE THE CREW" Radio. Even though it wasn't a real radio station, I was glad for the chance to work there and learn something. I was known as "Tony Bony and his Oldies Show."

If anyone wants to get in contact with me, write to me via slow mail at:

R.A. Vazquez
AM-10, 2nd Street, Urb. Pradera
Toa Baja, PR 00949-4072

Will answer back to anyone who writes me. Take care and may God Bless all who served aboard the Canopus!

Larry D. Harris
05/29/08 at 09:13

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SFP1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) DEC.76-APR.78

Division/Shop SHORE PATROL/ BASE POLICE

Comments:

I was signed to the AS-33 SIMON LAKE from Mar.-75-Dec.76 WENT TO CARPENTER SHOP THEN TO SAIL LOFT THEN TO SP DUTY. CROSSED OVER TO THE AS 34 CANOPUS.DEC.76-APR.-78 STAYED ON SP DUTY SO SHIP COULD GET SETTLED IN. THEY FORGOT ABOUT ME AT SP HQ. THEY CUT ME NEW ORDERS TO THE USS LEXINGTON CVT-16 IN APR.78. I HAD A BLAST IN ROTA MY SON JAY WAS BORN IN BASE HOSPITAL. IN 77. MANY CAMPING NIGHTS AT RONDA AND ARCOS IN THE MOUNTAINS OLIVE GROVES. I LIVED IN ROTA JUST OUTSIDE THE BASE GATE. LATER MOVED ON BASE. HAVE SEEN A LOT OF THE PEOPLE ASSIGNED TO SP/BASE POLICE. WAS ASSIGNED TO BASE POLICE FOR 3 YEARS. I RETIRED IN 1988 HTC(SW) with 23 years and no regrets.

Mike Bauer
05/26/08 at 23:19

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank CS3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-74

Division/Shop Supplys

Comments:

i was one of the cooks aboard under the watchful eyes of chiefs Toti, Parker & Duke. I worked in the chief's mess several times and enlisted mess . i did my share of night shift were i met a lot of guys desperate for a sandwich. I could never figure out why the crew would prefer hot dogs to anything else for mid rats. I 'd like to hear from some of the guys . I live in Edinburgh Scotland after being discharged. Dunoon and sandbank has changed so much when I went back after the site was decommissioned .Em club and bowling alleys were torn down.

Bill Johnson
05/20/08 at 19:03

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank DT2 (DT1(SW/AW) Retired)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1985-1988

Division/Shop Dental

Comments:

Hello all,

I had no idea this website existed. There are so many on the list that I remember so well. Ron Roath, Jeanne Walworth, Maureen Ruane (very good looking), my gosh over 20 years. I enjoyed that time so much, the friends, the softball, the trips to St Thomas, Bahamas, Annapolis, Ft Lauderdale, etc. Playing golf with Van Strickland among others. Worked some great people along with Jeanne. Sue Evitts, Troy Brown, Dr Ellis, Dr DeAngelis, etc. So many people I remember fondly. I hope all of you are doing well. Later

Warren Chandler
05/17/08 at 18:02

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank fm e3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966-1968

Division/Shop Repair Tech Library

Comments:

great time great ship

Michael Moore
05/15/08 at 13:01

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM/e-6 retired

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1989-1992

Division/Shop 1st div / Master-at-arms

Comments:

Anyone who serve on-board during this period that remember me send email to the above address.

Kenny Messano
05/15/08 at 09:00

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971-1975

Division/Shop M-Division

Comments:

Hi Everyone, I Came Onboard The USS Canopus in October 1971. I watched Her Leave Holy Loch from the deck of the USS Holland in 1975. I made many friends over those years while onboard the Canopus, and probably a few enemies. She was a great ship and had a great crew. I returned to Scotland in Sept 2001, and the Holy Loch did'nt look the same without a Tender anchored there. I've been intouch with some shipmate and would'nt mind hearing from the rest.

David Hansey
05/10/08 at 20:51

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank CPL

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1989-1991

Division/Shop MARDET

Comments:

Hi everyone. I've check out this site before but this is new. I've seen three buddy Marines I know. Ellis, Davis and Nykun. I sent all of you an e-mail. E-mail me back. I think I was on the boat the longest as far as the MARDET Marines. From 1989 Jan to 1991 Nov. I wanted to stay longer but the MARDET Cdr and S-1 SSG said I had to go. Man did I have some good times on that boat. Memories that will last me a life time. I went on in Marines to Camp Jejunee and then transferred to the U.S. Army. I wanted Hawaii and the Marines would not give it to me and the Army did. Spent three years in Hawaii with the 25th Inf Div. Then I went off to Ft. Drum N.Y. Did 8 yrs with the 10th Inf Mtn Div, one year of that was in Korea with the United Nations Honor Guard. Between the 25th and the 10th Mtn I was also deployed to other areas as you can imagine with todays hi tempo deployments. After 15 years in I got out.

If anyone remembers me during the time I was on the Canopus feel free to e-mail me. I remember lots of people on that boat. Some people on the boat I'm sure did not like the MARDET but you have

to remember what we where on the boat for. I can speak for allot of the Marines, I for one, that we took our job very seriously. I not only looked up and respected many Marines that I worked with but also sailors. We where a team and that team worked because we all did our job to our best ability. I was young and that is how I remember it.

Best
Dave.

Jeff Clark
05/08/08 at 22:34

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ET3 (Currently NCC)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1991-1994

Division/Shop R-4 Electronic Calibration

Comments:

The Canopus was my first command. I have a lot of great memories, ST. Thomas X 2 and the Bahamas. Would like to hear from any of the crew from R-4 or anyone else that might remember me.

Michael Shearn
04/24/08 at 00:29

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank FN/SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971--1972

Division/Shop A -DIV--- 2ND DIV CRANE DEPT

Comments:

JUST FOUND THIS WEBB SITE AND WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU OLD SALTS. I WAS A CRANE OPERATOR IN 2ND DIV.. HAD A LOT OF GOOD TIMES ON BOARD THE GRAY LADY AND IN HOLY LOCH. SAD TO HEAR SHE WAS SCRAP, BUT SHE AND THE CREW WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART. GOD BLESS THE CANOPUS CREW.
HOPE TO SEE SOME OF YOU AT THE NEXT REUNION.

Aubrey Brewer
04/23/08 at 11:17

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3 MM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1969-1972

Division/Shop Deck

Comments:

Hope that everyone is doing good. I'm getting ready to retire from US Steel in Birmingham Alabama. If any of the guys see this that on the ship when I was let me know. Anyone else got time stop in and say hi also.

Jack Mahar

04/22/08 at 11:36

Rate/Rank MM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1979

Division/Shop R-2 & R-8

Comments:

anyone out there???

James Nolen
04/14/08 at 16:13

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E4

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1973-1975

Division/Shop R division

Comments:

started out in deck worked my way to r div, where i fell in cahoots with several persons of questional moral values(bill "uncle pervy" fuller, steve "fungus" williams,) some of the best years of my time in the navy, killed many a poor newcastle soldier in pj's, and who could forget "the customs agent fast freddy? met my first wife there, divorced her in san diego, or she divorced me thinks are still a little hazy on the subject. anyway everything turned out for the best. but if bill or steve have learned to read, (other than a cheap bottle of wine with an eagle on the label) they can contact me at 205 acorn rd se, rome ga 30161, for that matter anyone that remembers me can do the same, my email is jwnolen@hotmail.com. or phone 706 235 7513. jim

Mitch Ashley
04/11/08 at 11:03

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Then HT (3,2,1) now NCC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1985-1991

Division/Shop R6, R1 -11A/Admin, ARRS MEDCO

Comments:

CANOPUS was my first and will always be remembered as the best. Ah, the fun we had and the stuff we got away with! Recently caught up with Mark Shirley, Kathy Hanson, and yesterday with Tony Chavez. If anyone knows the whereabouts of Jim Dalton (MR1) please let him know I'd like to say hello.

Who can forget Gilligan's Island, St. Thomas, Halifax, etc. Ah, those crazy 80s!

It's been 24 crazy years and it all comes to an end on 30 April - and it all started on USS CANOPUS.

Hope to hear from ya'll,

Mitch

Jose Toledo
04/09/08 at 06:14

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank IC3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1969

Division/Shop E-Div, IC gang

Comments:

Looking for the Original 10....I Think we were ten...Non rated IC working for our Master Chief ...His name escapes me right now...

Maureen Ruane
04/06/08 at 10:07

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank PN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1985-1988

Division/Shop Personnel

Comments:

For the people that are looking for Troy Diesburg, he passed away this morning 4/6/08. His daughter passed away last year, 4/25/07.

Ray LeTourneau
04/04/08 at 15:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MR3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1971

Division/Shop RC RadCon

Comments:

I got on board in Gitmo and left in mid 1971. What a great experience. My wife, Lin, came over to Holy Loch with our son and we lived on shore right across from the docks. We could see the ship from our house. Anyone remember Charlie Sedita? We had him on the fantail on the way across from Charleston doing a "mail-watch" with a boat hook and a bunch of rope. We told him the mail was delivered to us at sea and would be on a buoy. Don't miss it or the crew will be pretty ticked off. Any one have any liquor ration chits leftover?

Sherry Livingstone
03/24/08 at 16:14

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YN2-YN1 and YNC(SW)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1982-1985 and 1989-1992

Division/Shop Captains Office/ESO/Engineering Log Room

Comments:

First tour onboard saw me coming onboard in GooseCreek SC, Shipyard period at Charleston, and an underway to GITMO. LOVED GITMO - Specially gas mask for hours at a time. Second tour saw me coming onboard in Kings Bay, GA, leaving immediately for a shipyard period in Baltimore MD that turned into a drydock period and saw us away from home for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Valentines Day.....a short underway period turned into a long underway period. OH yah can't forget falling out of the rack while underway during HUGO....That was fun. As a matter of fact I wrote a poem, that was published in the CANOPUS newspaper, regarding this wonderful time in our CANOPUS lives. Made YNC while underway to St. Thomas, all Chiefs, New and Old, had fun at the St. Thomas Hotel (at least that's what they tell me, I celebrated alot) I loved both tours onboard CANOPUS and was

saddened to find out about the DECOM. She sails in my heart forever. EMAIL me would love to hear from old shipmates.

Charles F. Campbell
03/11/08 at 14:42

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MACM(SW) Honorary (SS)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1987-1990

Division/Shop Master At Arms, CMAA

Comments:

Had a great tour in Canopus. Commanding Officer was good and Commander Hively was a Hell on Wheels Executive Officer. Crew knew their job and were good at it.

Penny Walker
03/07/08 at 15:10

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank DP3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1986-89

Division/Shop S-8 DP

Comments:

Holy cats! I can't believe it's been over 20 years!

Ralph Omeara
03/07/08 at 11:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1977-1981

Division/Shop 1st div 2nd div crane operator

Comments:

the uss canopus has held alot of great memories for me. alot of shipmates i will never forget. jerry morris gary cooley clint nelson.the rock bonehead. mary our yeoman early years.vincent arroyo billy kelley jim swalley so many to mention and of course captain will. i can still picture us at shortys hamburger s kellys bar the california bar the e m club even after 30 years. it has lasted thru all the hard times of life. to all the shipmates that i have encountered canopus can do spirit lives in all of us. god bless all of you

Connie Tartini
03/02/08 at 17:13

[Email](#)

Comments:

Hello,

I'm looking to see if anyone remembers a bar named Kelly's in Rota during '65 until I believe it closed in '67. It was run by a marine named Leonard Kelly. He was stationed in Rota from around '63 to '65 when he stayed and opened the bar. I heard it was a popular liberty stop for the guys. I'm wondering if anyone knew Kelly or where he went after he closed the bar. Any info, pictures would be greatly appreciated. You can e-mail me or contact me by phone 973-945-0270.

Thanks,

Connie Tartini

Clint Nelson
02/27/08 at 22:02

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank sn/gmg3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1979-1982

Division/Shop boat crew / weapons dept

Comments:

i got stationed on canopus while it was still in rota i started out in deck dept. then after we returned to the weapons station i served most of my time on the boat crew then i made gmg3 and was moved to weapons dept. until i was trans. to school in great lakes. would like to hear from any of my fellow shipmates even bm1 luke

Kevin Tindal
02/18/08 at 17:15

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SKSA

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1976

Division/Shop Stock

Comments:

I came aboard the Canopus in March of 76 while she was in drydock. I enjoyed my time in Cuba, but didn't like getting there because we went in circles all the way there. We did get leave in Fla. on the way back. That was nice. I was discharged right before she went to Spain. I remember our first night in Cuba. The sad thing was one of our shipmates died right across from me when he drowned in his own spitup. Had alot of fun on board.

Ann Morgan
02/13/08 at 20:03

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SK3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1989-1991

Division/Shop Supply

Comments:

I joined the Canopus in 1989 when it was in Baltimore for a refit. I must say I hated it...there was no

hot water for months and it smelled like oil. When we went back to Kings Bay, Ga, it was a little better. I loved Georgia and I made lots of friends on board and I learned alot. I did enjoy my experience overall and have no deep regrets. I was taken off the ship in 1991 and I was eventually discharged from the Navy for medical reasons in 1993.

Tom Fischer
02/01/08 at 23:25

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1989-1992

Division/Shop D-1 D-2

Comments:

Looking for Lt Burris, Lt Jackson, two people I need to thank, and anyone that helped me get in trouble in St. Thomas, Halifax, Baltimore, and of course Kings Bay.

Richard Swick
02/01/08 at 16:04

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MS3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1981 -1984

Division/Shop S2

Comments:

Was one of my best ships. Lookin for shipmates.

Carol (O'Leary) Fischler
01/29/08 at 06:40

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ET3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1983-1986

Division/Shop Operations - ETs

Comments:

Great to find this site - plus I need a new hat! Still have my old one but it has paint on it from the Yards in Charleston. Some of you might remember my late husband, Chuck Fischler. He was an ET1 in the Weapons department. He passed away many years ago but our son, Chuck Jr., is now serving in the Navy on the USS Frank Cable in Guam.

Tommy McBrayer
01/24/08 at 11:11

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1992-93

Division/Shop Deck

Comments:

Well to be honest, I hated the Navy but I wouldn't be the man I am today without it so it did influence my life. I did not really like this ship as when I was onboard it personally sucked. But like most things in life there is good and bad and it all happens for a reason. Any way, I had an ole Navy buddy contact me last night from the sub and wanted to know if any of the dirty deck dogs know where pee wee is? To be honest I am not good with names but I do think his last name was Brown. Well I do remember the faces of my fellow crane repair crew and if ya';; know Pee Wee's whereabouts drop me a line at tlmcbrayer@hotmail.com or on myspace under tlmcbrayer. Cheers!

Jeff Burse
01/18/08 at 23:32

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Rm3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 88-90

Division/Shop Radio

Comments:

Just ran into this site looking to hear from some of the craziest people i've ever met. If you worked in Radio or remember me drop a few lines. I would also like to hear from James (Pink) Pinkney or Eddie Parker.

Max Meek
01/16/08 at 19:11

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SFM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966---1969

Division/Shop R1

Comments:

Great Website! Brings back some great memories.

Alan Quittenton
01/08/08 at 11:00

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1975-1976

Division/Shop Medical

Comments:

This is a great site! I was the x-ray technician in Medical Division and in charge of ordering supplies. I was picked up by Navy helicopter off the fan tail in October 1976 while the Canopus was going to Gitmo for refresher for emergency leave. I have a picture given to me by the ship's photographer. I cross-decked to the Simon Lake in Rota and went through most of ANOTHER overhaul before getting out. Would love to hear from anyone in Medical from those days. My best to all who crewed the "Can-O-Pus"! Al Quittenton

Dave Dubois
01/05/08 at 13:34

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SKC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) Never onboard

Comments:

I am trying to locate Christopher Foster (HT) who reported onboard the Canopus in Holy Loch around late 1973 or early 1974. His last duty station was McMurdo station, Antarctica. If anyone remembers him, please contact me at winterover73@yahoo.com

Robert Wootton
01/04/08 at 13:10

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MAC/CPO

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1994

Division/Shop MAA

Comments:

As a SELRES, helped decommission this great ship in King's Bay, Georgia. Provided shipboard and pier-side security for her as an MA3.

Evette Spencer
01/03/08 at 10:17

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank OS3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1991-1994

Division/Shop Operation Specialist

Comments:

Looking for anyone who served on the Canopus during that time frame, would love to hear from someone???????

Joe Midgette
12/29/07 at 11:45

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-1 E-5 MA2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1974-1976 1982-1985

Division/Shop R-3

Comments:

Enjoy times in Scotland / Charleston and King Bay

Ron Trees

[Email](#)

12/27/07 at 09:20

Rate/Rank HT E1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1975-1976

Division/Shop Repair

Comments:

Was on Canopus for dry dock and a trip to gitmo .I only spent about 1 year on board .Had alot of great times with fellow ship mates . Pasted threw Rota a couple times on my second ride ,the USS SAGINAW LST1188 .I was able to catch buddies for a cold beer .Feel free to send an emailif you remember me . twotrees56@yahoo.com

Wayne Shunamon
12/23/07 at 14:48

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank TM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1969 - 1971

Division/Shop Weps and REB

Comments:

Hi guys, I picked up the Canopus in Bremerton and rode her around to Holy Loch. The best cruise I was ever on. Acapulco, Equator, Panama Canal, Gitmo etc... I ended up in Holy Loch a changed person. Stood many hours at the helm and aft steering. Worked with many great guys and learned alot about life with some of those same characters. Would love to hear from anyone that remembers me. Built torpedoes and missiles.

John Moore
12/22/07 at 12:50

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MSCS

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1986-1988

Division/Shop S2Canopus

Comments:

Canopus was my last duty station, I ended a 25 year career there. I was the S2 division chief for two years, I can't say I miss it, it was a very hard job, but I did meet some great people there, and would love to hear from anyone who remembers me. I would like to know where CWO4 George Altier is if anyone knows, he was the food sevice officer when I was there and a good friend. I ended another career of 17 years as a police officer in Birmingham Alabama in February 2007. My wife Anita and I are now both retired and enjoying life on the farm in Remlap Alabama. May God bless all of my shipmates.

Sincerely
MSCS John Moore USN Ret.

EM1 K. V. Jensen
12/20/07 at 11:22

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1971

Division/Shop R-3, RQA

Comments:

In a recent comment an individual makes a point that it was not the ship but the men that was aboard it. I did not think it could be otherwise... In the twenty years that I was in the Navy, I certainly thought it the best ship I served on. I only remembered two Captains during my entire 20 years. Capt Barrett and Capt Davis. Both left a lasting impression on me. The food was always good. For whatever reason, unknown to me now..I always went to the hamburger line on Friday while those with superior taste had lobster. Good grief but I wish I could do that over again. Another thing about the Canopus was its mission. I cannot ever recall any other ship I served on that had such a well defined mission. It was also a mission that I well understood and believed. We completed that mission as the current political situation now indicates. Should either Capt Davis or Capt Barrett read this, I sure would like an email so I could say something to them. I am also looking for LtcdR J. M. Bannon, the repair office during Bremerton and Holy Loch. Anyone with any information - I sure would appreciate any email.

Santos Valadez
12/20/07 at 08:47

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RM2 (at the time)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978-1981

Division/Shop Radio

Comments:

Reported when it was in Rota and left in Charleston. Had a great times.

Ron Roath
12/18/07 at 12:07

Rate/Rank HN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-1985

Division/Shop Medical

Comments:

Hello everyone from the 80's... Wow what a life spent aboard the Big C., well it seemed like a lifetime but now it seems so long ago and so short lived. Had some of the best times of my life there and miss all of you greatly. I'm a firefighter/ paramedic in Jacksonville, Fl. and never married but am finally engaged to the most wonderful woman and no children. From dry dock to Gitmo, from Kings bay to Beach Clubb and Roadway Inn, Whow can you believe it? I remeber so many great people from every division and the MarDet, Capt'n Outz was cool. I would do anything to relive those years again, if I could survive it! love you all and write me.

David Walworth
12/17/07 at 10:52

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank OM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1971

Division/Shop RT Mechanical Calibration Lab

Comments:

Boarded in Bremerton and made the cruise to Holy Loch where we relieved the Simon Lake. Worked with Ed Motts, Bill Pollock, Doug Buenger, Phil Stanley, Joe Arnes, Charlie Miller(?), Paul Vanesky, Leo Misconis, and would love to hear from all of them!

Most of us lived on the Gourock side of the river and had a great time. I bought a TR.6 in Greenock and put 17,000 miles on it in 10 months running around Glasgow and touring the Highlands and England. Phil, Doug, Leo, Bill and I took turns sharing an apt on Shore St in Gourock until the last of us transferred out. I got out in Brooklyn after leaving Holy Loch. I visited Scotland and Greenock in '97 and it looked basically the same. Divided highways had been added and the old roads I raced all night were gone... ;-(

My daughter Jeanne is also listed in this roster and served on AS-34 during the mid 80's as a dental tech.

All the best to you all and like most of you I have many great memories of former crew members and of the places we went together!

dw greenspire@hotmail.com

Robert A. Burghdoff
11/24/07 at 00:02

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MS3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1982-1986

Division/Shop S-2,dcpo

Comments:

hi all ms3 burghdoff here glad i saw this site wish i saw it earlier.

Teresa Roberts
11/21/07 at 17:03

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984 to 1987

Division/Shop Radio Communciations

Comments:

hi everyone

i am rm2 teresa roberts

looking to here from shipmates

*i was on the canopus from sep. 1984
to aug. 1987..*

*what i remember the most about
the canopus is the learning experience
i received. and the friend i will not ever
forget.*

rm2 roberts

Dan Gould
11/15/07 at 11:41

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1981-1985

Division/Shop x11a

Comments:

looking in on some old shipmates.

David Clayson
11/14/07 at 19:38

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1974

Comments:

Trying to locate Dave Cooke from upstate NY or Sonny O from TN. We served together and lost touch when I came back home. Would love to hear from other guys from the Canopus who served at the Holy Loch..remember Gourock well..lol..

Tom Randall
11/14/07 at 16:08

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Then? MM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 80-82

Division/Shop M-Div/Pit A gang/Hydraulics Shop

Comments:

I don't want to hear any more stories about how great the Canopus was like I did at the hokie reunion I went to in Norfolk some years back. "Best ship I was ever on" "loved every minute of it". Balderdash! I spent the worst 25 months, three weeks and six days of my military career at Greasy Crick South Cackalacky supporting a pirate crew of miscreants that resupplied submarines. I came from tin cans and showed up to a steaming ship with NO shore power and even when we got shore power it blew sky high "Petty Officer Randall, this is the Quarterdeck. Would a bolt of lightning striking this here big grey box on the pier knock out shore power?" No lie, that's what the TM on the QD asked me and when we got to the QD there was the biggest class "C" fire I ever saw. Not to mention every single R-114 centrifugal AC unit was out of commission for the hottest summer on record and that made for some hot miserable nights on 3-section weekend duty.

Anyway, I just wanted to say if any of my shipmates who survived that prison ship want to look me up I am easily found in Hampton, VA living, working and doing my duty for, like, ever. From A-Gang I saw Jim Larson right before his retirement, Butch Scheurmann was, believe it or not, a LT with the CNS Base Police. From M-Division I heard Stan Long died, I saw Doug Gill around 1987, Larry Summey was an MM1 bucking for Chief, Chief Devereaux is online somewhere, and the Canopus recently went to England to be attacked by the gas ax so I didn't have to look at it every dam time I went up the James River.

Good riddance to bad rubbish. When will you people wake up and realize that it's not the ship you miss it's your shipmates that made your life good, bad, or the best time ever? It took me a while, but then again it took me 20 years to get it into my head that I was more impressed with being IN a uniform than what it took to stay in one. God Bless the USA and each and every one of you that served aboard Canopus - for all of my ranting and venting I really am proud of the service and sacrifices you made for this great nation of ours.

Very Respectfully Submitted by
One Proud Puddle Pirate and former M-DIV LPO 1980/81
After we passed PEB an involuntary transfer to A-Gang's Hydraulics Shop 1981/82

William Broekhuizen

[Email](#)

11/06/07 at 14:02

Rate/Rank E3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop metal

Comments:

I went aboard canopus in late 1967, and was on board till Bremerton Washingtonship yard where I got out of the navy in Oct 1969.

Ronnie Bourque
11/06/07 at 12:42

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM / FM

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1969 - 1973

Division/Shop E Division / Electric Shop

Comments:

I boarded the Canopus in South Carolina and sailed to Holy Loch, Scotland. I also used to do a morning country & western radio show called the Dixie Cajun show.

Jeanne Marie Walworth/Everson
11/02/07 at 23:01

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank DN/E3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1985-1987

Division/Shop Dental

Comments:

Looking for former tooth fairies and shipmates....

Glynn Power
11/01/07 at 17:23

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BT1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1992-1994

Division/Shop B/Fireroom- Oil Lab

Comments:

I was the ships oil king and was one of the last sailors to serve on board her.

Bill Downs

[Email](#)

10/31/07 at 08:00

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st Div/Rigger's Loft

Comments:

Just returned from the San Diego reunion and it was a great time. The sea stories were fantastic and Admiral Barrett (our 1st CO) was terrific at telling the "best sea stories." Except for the wildfires that were filling the air with smoke and making the sun hard to see, it was terrific weather in San Diego. The tour of the Midway and the harbour tour were very interesting. The tour of the Maritime Museum was interesting too, only problem was there probably wasn't enough time to see all the ships. The Russian sub was extremely interesting and I'm glad I never had to work on one of their boats!

I'd like to thank Richard Retin for all his work in putting the reunion together. The only thing I would change for Jacksonville is perhaps finding a hotel that has a better deal on parking, breakfast, etc.

Phil Zahnd
10/29/07 at 04:22

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SF3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop Damage Contol/Shipfitter Shop

Comments:

Rota Rooter here...

Looking for James Holladay, Darryl Fitts, Rick Will, Joe Story, Travis Pugh, Bob Schneider, etc.

Fond memories of the Tokyo Bar in Rota, Cruz Campo Beer, Playa de la Luz Hotel, etc.

Used to say, "If you ain't Cruzin', you ain't boozin'".

Robert White
10/28/07 at 15:18

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM/3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966~1968or69

Division/Shop Division E / Electric Shop

Comments:

Looking for anyone who may remember me. Also looking for Furdinia (spelling?) from Ohio, Gary Middlemiss in ships service, Gary Parker (or is it Parks?), an ET3 when I last saw him. I left the ship just prior to the Canopus rotating to Scotland from Rota.

Karl Bulen
10/24/07 at 09:00

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) never on canopus

Division/Shop diver

Comments:

looking for old shipmates of my dad htc robert bulen. anyone can email me thank you.

Jeff "Chili" Chilluffo
10/22/07 at 11:48

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MR2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1989-1992

Division/Shop R-2/Machine Shop

Comments:

I can't say I loved the Navy but it was a pretty sad day when I left (for me at least). Some people are just cut out for it. I miss the people from my shop. Anyone who remembers me feel free to email me.

Charles Ippolito
10/21/07 at 04:41

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1976-1978

Division/Shop 2nd/3rd

Comments:

Just wondering what happened to everybody from the Rota days...SN'S Joe Nasella, Steve Zabawa, Doug Inglima, Orlando Cruz, BM2 Cantu, BM2 Ramos, BM3 Herman(still in Chipiona?) and the rest of the cast. I had been back to Rota in 1989 (seen Orlando Cruz...he was working on a MSC ship) and 1998 for a couple weeks of partying. Rota has gotten really commercial these days as a playground for the rich of Seville, and not wide open like it was during it's 70's heydays. Still, would like to here from those of you that were part of that place in time when the tapa's and beer/wine/Cognac/sangria were plentiful.

I have since retired in Daytona Beach Florida at the ripe young age of 48 and might do another Rota trip in the future.

Enjoy,
Charles Ippolito Jr

E-mail cippolito@cfl.rr.com
Phone 386-322-6861

Mark Branson
10/16/07 at 20:26

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SK3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1986-1989

Division/Shop S-1

Comments:

Yes, hard to believe it's been 20 years for me that I was on the Canopus. Love to get in touch with anyone that knew me or was on board the same time. I am so glad I came upon this site. Hope to hear from you. There was a lot of good times as I remember !!!
St. Petersburg, Florida. Mark (Hollywood) Branson.

Wes Powell
10/16/07 at 11:44

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank IM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1989-1994

Division/Shop R-2/R-5

Comments:

Hey guys. Its me, Wes Powell IM2, from R-2 Div. I had a lot of fun on the ship from Sparrows Point Drydock to St Thomas Islands. It was a blast even during decom. If anyone remembers me or even if you don't email me. I would love to know of a reunion or if anyone is interested in doing one let me know.

[Editor's note: The 2008 reunion will be in Jacksonville. We will be visiting the Sub Base in Kings Bay.]

Laurie (Milum) Macky
10/11/07 at 09:06

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank FR-IC3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1982-1986

Division/Shop Various

Comments:

Hi to all. I was stationed on board right out of boot camp. After compartment cleaning for 3 months, (Sherry-where are you?) I was assigned to R3-IC Shop. I loved Weapons Station, Charleston. Any one remember happy hour at the E Club? During dry dock at Main Base, I did six months firewatch then went to R-9 Valve shop for about a year before returning to the IC Shop. Gitmo was a blast, then on to Kings Bay, GA. It's amazing to go there now and see how it has grown. There was nothing there when we got there in '85. I still keep in touch with Bonnie Laverie and Kerry Moylan, Pete Nowalski. Wonder what happen to Chris Green, Troy Diesburg, Bobby Lee Wilson, Al Villarreal, Ron Roath, Carl Failing, among too many others to mention. After getting out, I became a Respiratory Therapist and eventually settled in North Carolina. I am married to Greg(-a former Marine) and have one son Tristan. Those were some fun times, I learned a lot and think back on that time fondly. Best wishes to all. Laurie

Kenny Messano
10/10/07 at 09:57

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971-1975

Division/Shop M Division (Main Control)

Comments:

I arrived onboard the USS Canopus AS-34 while she was stationed in Holy Loch, Scotland, in Oct. 1971 as an Fn. I was assigned to Main Control (Engine Room). I must admit that it was a good experience. I learned alot and made many friends onboard and on shore. I made MM2 while aboard the USS Canopus, and watched her leave Holy Loch, from the deck of the USS Holland where I transferred to in Nov. 1975. I am still in touch with some of my old shipmates. She was a good ship, and one to be proud of.

Jim Martin
10/09/07 at 21:41

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1968

Division/Shop Operations/Communications/Radio

Comments:

Came aboard the Canopus while she was being built in Pascagoula, MS. Had an office on an old barge before we could actually move aboard her. Road out Hurricane Betsy while in Pascagoula. The storm surge lifted her so hard that the pilings the Canopus was tied to were pulled eight feet out of the bottom of the bay. You could see the water line on the pilings eight feet above where the water was when the weather had quieted down.

Was with her in Charleston, Gitmo, and then on to Rota. "Fun" time was coming back from Gitmo. Stopped in Miami for liberty but had to leave early due to another hurricane. Almost squashed a tug because of the wind trying to get out of the ship channel. Road out the hurricane on the way back to Charleston and even to "old salts" were sick. No missile load to keep us low in the water so we were super top heavy. I was told we came within two degrees of the big cranes being blown off to stabilize us.

Was with the Anchorman Band as featured in the January 1966 issue of the Helmsman.

Worked with communications on board during the day in Rota. Had a house on the beach with three others from the comm center on the naval base. Left the ship at, I believe it was 1530 hours, went home and hit the sack. Then up at 2400 hours and did a 0200-0600 radio show on AFRS Rota. Back to the ship for breakfast and a shower and did it all over again six days a week. The naval base tried to get me transferred to AFRS permanent but Canopus couldn't see it. Left the Canopus for stateside in May of 1968 and put 20 years in commercial broadcasting. Found out you couldn't get rich in that business so got into the movie rental business. Haven't gotten rich here either after 18 years but had a lot of fun!

Michael Shrader
10/04/07 at 18:52

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978-1979

Division/Shop DC/Shipfitter

Comments:

Served in the shipfitter shop while in Rota and at Goose Creek. Spent sometime in Shore Patrol too. Looking for anyone from shipfitter or the DC shop. I have fond memories of those days.

RAOUL GARCIA
10/04/07 at 10:30

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1975-1979

Division/Shop DC

Comments:

TAUGHT FIREFIGHTING TO MOST OF THE CREW. HAD AN IMPROVISED SCHOOL ON BASE NEAR THE TOY STORE.

Ron Beach
09/24/07 at 00:20

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E1 thru E^

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1977 to 198?

Division/Shop Lag Shop (R1) & NDT (R8)

Comments:

Looking for any of the old gang...email me!

Bill Downs
09/18/07 at 12:35

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st Div/Rigger's Shop

Comments:

It's getting close to the next reunion and I was just curious about how many "Rota Rooters" will be attending the reunion. I'll be there on the 20th of October visiting with my son and his family before the reunion. He is an HT2 on the USS Nimitz now and he just left shore duty at San Diego at SIMA. If any Canopus shipmates will be arriving early for the reunion and would like to get together to share any sea stories or a San Miguel :) or two let me know. My email is bmcsw@hotmail.com. Hope to see a lot of familiar faces when I get to sunny San Diego.

Douglas Gharst
09/17/07 at 00:26

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank TM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965--1969

Division/Shop W/3 div & W/4div

Comments:

I made a few typo's in first entry, lol, whats new. anyway I had a lot of good times on the old ship, especially in Rota, Gun Club, Ball team, etc... Have a good day...Doug

Steve Holder
09/15/07 at 03:42

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank GMG2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1975

Division/Shop 2nd Div/armory

Comments:

Just would like to say hell-o to all of my shipmates, and that I had a great time aboard her, loved Scotland, would love to hear from old shipmates, does anyone know where BM2 Roger Edwards is

located? would love to see him, I done 21 years with active and reserve,made Master Chief....See you on the water!!!

Douglas L Gharst
09/14/07 at 12:17

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank TMS

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1964-1969

Division/Shop W-4 & W-3 Div

Comments:

Saw a lot of names I remember in the Deck Log of Canopus I looked through, if you remember who I was drop me a line, Have a good day. Doug Gharst

Gary Uptain
09/13/07 at 12:13

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HTCS

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1970

Division/Shop Ships Company Shipfitters

Comments:

Just found out about the site from Jim Dickinson and Doc Rawn(Butch). It brings back a lot of great memories. Wish I could make the San Diego reunion but just can't. Am planning to go to the one in Jacksonville next year. Shipmates let me hear from you.

Gary

LaWanda
09/09/07 at 18:07

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1990-1992

Division/Shop Deck 3

Comments:

Hello to everyone, lets not talk about the old Can O Pus as they called it. Gosh there are just too many people to list but everyone was great.....to my old click **Stacy McCoy-Grey(RIP)** I love you very much girl! Loved some David Dixon LOL, Erica, Downs,Shelly,Taneshia,Shaun has anyone seen or heard from her please let me know,Sharon, Irick, Gunny,Jeff and Ruthie,Terrance ,Greta. KK and Jamie, KD,Skillet,Bullet,Markena,Turner,Kenny,Lee,Bailey, Darsha ,JR.,Trinka, EM2 Scott with the Gold Honda lololo man the list can go on an on an on Remember the Big Apple in Jax. The wet tshirt contest. OMG! St. Thomas what about the Seabag locker ROFLMAO or the Potato Bar. What about the aft port mess decks when out to sea playing cards everybody got on those blue coveralls? LMAO, OMG it was great would not change it for the world. Believe it or not I still keep in contact with most people listed minus a few and the very best Stacy! Hope you all had as much fun as we did!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Eli Guzman

[Email](#)

09/07/07 at 08:46

Rate/Rank GMGSN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) USS BIGELOW DD942--1968-1972

Division/Shop 2ND

Comments:

ALL I REMEMBERED ABOUT THE CANOPUS WAS THAT MY LAST PHYSICAL WAS TAKEN ABOARD IN DECEMBER OF 1972. WE WERE ATTACH WITH THE NATO FLEET IN EDINBURGH. MY DISCHARGE DATE WAS THE DAY WE PULLED INTO MAYPORT, FLA. 19DEC1972. BOUGHT CASES OF BUDWEISER FOR THE RIDE BACK TO EDINBURGH FROM THE TOWN. HAD TO STOP EVERY HOUR THOUGH... ANCHORS AWEIGH

Donna Brooks
08/29/07 at 11:05

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1989-1993

Division/Shop Deck

Comments:

This site brings back a lot of memories, I stumbled across it and I amazed at the traffic it has generated.

Randy Caulder
08/29/07 at 09:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Sgt (Now CWO4 Retired)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1985-1987

Division/Shop MarDet

Comments:

What a great website. Good job to whoever thought of this. Canopus years will always be "great" ones in my book. I ran the Administrative Office, so I knew all of the Marines and most of the sailors. My thoughts go back to softball games and short periods at sea. I've kept in contact with Lori Lariscy from the Command Master Chiefs office and Eric Jenkins from the MarDet. I'm now currently retired from the Marine Corps as a CWO4 and own a couple of businesses in Beaufort, South Carolina. Anyone down this way, be sure to drop in or give me a call. The door is always open. Ooooh Rahhhhhh.

Fran
08/27/07 at 17:14

[Email](#)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972

Comments:

Looking for a pfc marine 1972 served on Canopus named Dave

MILTON G. RUSSELL (RUSS)
08/16/07 at 21:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YNSK

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1980-82

Division/Shop CAPTAINS OFFICE

Comments:

LOOKIN FOR R. BOFFA (PHILA.), TOM TYARRINGTON (MASS), L. TEMOLET (LOUIS.), D. LANOUE (LOUIS.) I'M PREVIOUSLY IN TAZEWEEL T.N.

LISA
08/11/07 at 19:09

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Rmsn

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 4 years

Division/Shop 2nd division deck department

Comments:

Hello,

I am looking for a girl named Valarie Fisher who worked in 2nd division deck department. Me and her drank up some beers after lunch or after work whenever we felt like it. I'm also looking for Betty Johnson, Darnell Washington, Tina Albertson, all my party animals. Most of all I miss Maria Ramos she was one crazy mexican. Hey everybody I'm in the west coast partying still and i never had children or have a husband to tie me down. I hope you all are doing great. By the way I won't tell you my name or else you know who i really am. But one thing i will tell you is that things have been going good in my life. I graduated from the University with a B.A. and B.S. Now I'm pursuing my M.S. in counseling higher education i have a year left. I know i have achieved alot. But the Navy was not for me even though i completed Radioman "A" school with 94%. I was surprised because i partyed till the end. I miss everyone and i wish i could do it all over again i would even though noone ever understood me and all they thought about me was a drunken crazy gal without brains. When you are partying think about me with that song "girls just wanna have fun" with cyndi lauper. Yeah thats me and I won't stop and i love men too too much. bye everyone have fun from a crazy chick in the west coast. love you all. If you want to write me my e-mail is cubby@csufresno.edu. your secret friend forever. write me soon. I got to get a beer i will drink one for you. love you lots and lots. By the way what ever happened to that marine Jeff Bryant, michael murphy,

David R. Lair
08/04/07 at 10:22

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965 to 1968

Division/Shop Deck and Supply Divisions [Chief Beach]

Comments:

I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE WHO PLAYED SOFTBALL, BASKETBALL, AND FLAG FOOTBALL FOR THE USS CANOPUS SHIPS TEAM. ALSO BOWLED WITH ME AND OTHERS AT ROTA NAVAL AIR

STATION BOWLING LANES. THANKS. LOOKING TO HEAR FROM YOU.

Otha Cobbs
08/01/07 at 16:26

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank TM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1973-1974

Division/Shop Weapons

Comments:

Hello mates!!!

BOB SOBKA
07/29/07 at 13:48

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1972

Division/Shop R2 X38

Comments:

JUST LOCATED WEBSITE

Jose 'Mac' Macapagal
07/23/07 at 08:00

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MMCM(SS)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1977-1979

Division/Shop Ship Supt Repair Dept

Comments:

I really enjoyed my tour on board Canopus when she was homeported in Rota and I would really appreciate to hear from my old shipmates please feel free to e-mail me anytime.

Cameron
07/21/07 at 11:23

[Email](#)

Comments:

I am looking for anyone with information about local bars in Rota, Spain that were frequented by USS Canopus/Holland sailors back in 1965. One of the sailors (name unknown) had a brief encounter with a spanish woman who went by the name "Pepi". This encounter produced a child in April 1966. All Pepi can remember about the sailor is "USS Canopus". Pepi passed away a few years ago. The child, now 41 yrs old, lives in Florida and understands it would be a long shot in finding this sailor.

Joseph P. Sweeney
07/20/07 at 07:02

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM-FN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978-1980

Division/Shop E-Div. Power Shop

Comments:

Just want to say that the last reunion was a great time to be had by all. I myself am trying to get a few more shipmates to attend the one in San Diego so they too can have as wonderful time as I have the last two that I have attended. Keep Up the good work Richard and Thank You from us all.

Fair Winds and Calm Seas to us All,

Joe Sweeney

George Elsis
07/15/07 at 13:03

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1970

Division/Shop B - Boiler Room

Comments:

Lots of good memories of the Canopus.

Please e-mail me if anyone remembers me or my brother Robert Elsis, Warrant Officer (deceased).

PS Hi Larry Longwell

George Elsis

Frank Sarfino
07/15/07 at 12:27

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1994 to Decommission

Division/Shop Marine Detachment

Comments:

I would like to thank the person or people that put up this site.

Seeing this brings back some great memories. I never forget the night that I showed up to the ship to report for my 1st duty station what a night of mind games from my fellow marines. And all the fun we had together being such a small unit we were all really tight we eachother. Damn I miss those 10 months sometimes I wish I could turn back the clock.

Charles Clark
07/12/07 at 08:27

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BTFN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978-1980

Division/Shop B Division Fireroom

Comments:

Hello all,

Wondering what ever happened to you guys. Startzell, Zoltnicki, Wagner, Gill, Schroeder, Chip Galliger, Reynolds, (the guy that married the chick from England..sorry forgot your name..oh yeah!..Jamie!..) Hooker, Craigs, our first class PO Chuck Newman...wow!...that was 30 years ago (and I still get up in the middle of the night for that midnight watch...)

Lorie Lariscy Hartley
07/11/07 at 19:42

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-1986

Division/Shop Command Master Chief's Office

Comments:

I had to sign back in so if Ronald Rock saw this he would not flip out on me. Ron is another one that has crossed my path over the years. Ron is in South Carolina, married and 2 boys,1 girl. Brittaney his oldest daughter made him a proud grandpa I want to say about a year and a half ago. (I bet he is feeling OLD)

For those of you that really knew me you are probably laughing about now saying "oh my gosh, she still want shut up" talking is still my favorite thing to do and it doesn't cost me anything.

I would love to know where PO Glover is she was a blessing for me when I walked on board the Canopus in dry dock and had an allergic reaction to the paint and my face swole shut for a week. It is funny now but at 18 I was terrified, but it kept me out of the deck department. (I was afraid of Harper) HAHAHA!

Lorie

Lorie Lariscy Hartley
07/11/07 at 19:30

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-1986

Division/Shop Command Master Chiefs Office

Comments:

Talk about a blast from the past. I stumbled across this website and could not believe how many memories I have from the U.S.S. Canopus, I have talked to some shipmates over the years and it is amazing what paths some of us have taken. I emailed my friend Beverly Guitierrez after reading her message wanting to know where I was. I called my Best Friend of 23 years Donna Yates to tell her all the names I found and to tell her husband Keith Norton that someone was looking for him, I got her voice mail so that was a bummer. I have kept in touch with Randy Caulder from the Mardet division all of these years and we still visit one another's families. I talked to Richard "Milo" Milligan a while back and Stanley Sadler "mess crankin crew" in the Ward room. Richard is a firefighter, happily married and proud parent. Stanley has 4 children and is still a "trip". I talked to MC Dawkins a few years ago via email and he was doing good. I would love to hear from those of you that remember the days of 84-86. I wonder what happened to MC Orr? I worked for him before MC Dawkins. I hope this email finds everyone Happy and Healthy.

I have been living in Jacksonville NC since 91 married in 93 and have 2 beautiful children (boys) 7 and 11. Thanks for the memories!!!!!!!!!! Lorie

Gordon S. White
07/11/07 at 19:19

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SHSN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1992-1993

Division/Shop S-3

Comments:

Hello everyone. I was the crazy guy from NEW JERSEY who threw the last major bash at that trailer just outside the back gate. Anyone who decommmed the ship will probably remember the party. It is funny going through the names and dates and trying to remember them. Had a great time in Kings Bay especially drinking large quantities of beer at Giligans Island and riding jet skis. Let's keep in touch.

Later,
Gordie
Bedminster, New Jersey

Mitchell Hinkle
07/11/07 at 17:33

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank engineman/ E-3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1974 - 1975

Division/Shop Boat Division

Comments:

This great ship was my first right out of Boot-camp Great Lakes, Co. 029, 1974. When I came on board I was was assigned to the Boat Division after mess cooking where I was the engine man assigned to one of the MK-8's. I ran the long morning / evening runs. Also day time other Mk-6 and other small boat runs.

I love the ship and crew while I was on board, I was just transferred back to the USA for A-School a month before the ship returned home. I was heart broke I missed the cruise.

I also enjoyed being at times one of the Bartenders at the Enlisted Club while I was there. Most enjoyable people all the way around except for one Scottish Guard whose daughter ran to the states with a sailor who like to search almost everyone going on or off the pier there in Sand Bank. LOL

I hope all shipmates are doing well. I my self left to A-School , went to a sub tender L.Y, Spears in Norfolk VA, Then went to be a Plank owner on board the Emory S. Land also became stationed at the

Norfolk D&S piers.

I left there and was transferred to SIMA San Diego where my Navy time ended from an auto accident in 1984 and for the last 23 years I have been a VA benefits counselor helping all veteran's and dependents getting benefits they so proudly earned.

I wish all well and calm seas through life. Hope to hear from some shipmates sometimes.

Francine Bachman
07/11/07 at 16:49

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM1 (SW/AW)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1990-1994

Division/Shop 1st/2nd Division

Comments:

Hello Old Shipmates,

I had the privilege of attending one of the Canopus's reunions when it was in Passagoula, MS. I can honestly say it was great to meet all the pre-commissioning crew. I do believe BM3 Ferris and myself were the only decommissioning crew members there but none-the-less it was great hearing about the 'old days.'

Please feel free to contact me if you wish. I enjoyed my tour on board and was a BM2 at the time. I would like to get in touch with BT2 Birch if anyone remembers him or anyone else that was part of the crew.

Take care and keep in touch,
Francine

Douglas Noyes
07/11/07 at 16:25

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Diver

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1987-1989

Division/Shop Dive Locker 72B

Comments:

Response to previous posting concerning the ol'Beach Club and Brass Rail.....Yep, remember them very well. Was a bartender at both from 1988-1989. Helped get the Brass Rail up an running again after it was redone, but only was short lived if you remember....up until the last night on New Years Eve 1988 when the liquor license ran out and the owners did not want to renew it....that was one heck of a final party.

The stories can go on and on about the Beach Club....not a bad joint for K-Bay.

See ya in San Dog.

Ralph V. Sprinkle Jr.
06/12/07 at 00:29

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EN/FN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1974

Division/Shop A/Div. Boat cage- A/Div. Hyd.Shop

Comments:

Hi to all:

Canopus was my first ship out of A school. Sniped small boats was qualified all boats engineer, including Box-L and Mk-8. also worked in ships Hydraulic Shop, repaired and maintained cranes.

Didn't realize at the time Just how Blessed I had been. Served with some of the finest people in the world BAR NONE. Although I'm sure that some of the officers and petty officer must have thought most of us didn't have the brains of an ant, with good reason, I Did learn a lot more than even I knew. Not just about our duties and Jobs, but about people, life and the world.

Would like to find some of my old fishing buddies: Chris Shrubsal , Ed Cody, Mike Parkinson, Don Trembly, Bill Stark, Dave Blum, Wayne Jenkins, Mike (Leo) Durocher .

Would like to extend a very heart felt Thank You to EN-3 Geofry Pree, EN-2 Ed Cody, EN-2 George Washington, EN-2 Mike Parkinson- The best mentors anyone could ask for. MM-1 Pete Howarth, ENC- Clouse, For taking me under their wings and teaching me about responsibility and Honor, and caring enough about me to guide me in the right direction even when I didn't want to listen.

ENCM Bounds and CWO Keveny for ever putting up with me at all. Last but not least, Capt. Walter Brookes Who held it all together and gave us all something to be very proud to be a part of. (Gods Speed Capt. Brooks , You live on in All our hearts, You are Loved And Missed by the many who had the Honor to serve under Your Command and Guidance.)

It saddens me to think that such a great ship should come to such an end . She will not be forgotten!
"SPRINK"

Scott Banta
06/07/07 at 15:53

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank LCPL

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-1986

Division/Shop Marine Detachment

Comments:

Just saying hi to all and seeing if I run into any Fellow Marines.

Regards,
Scott Banta

Ralph W. Neice III
06/02/07 at 10:02

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank LCpl/Cpl

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1986-1988

Division/Shop MarDet

Comments:

Hail to all of you. I was one of the fortunate few of the U.S. Marines to be allowed the honor of serving on the Canopus. Some of you may remember me and some may not such is the life of a Marine. To those that remember me and like me "Hello" and to those that did or do not like me "well Hello" to you as well. I just found this site and only recognize one name and that was Scott Post. Does anyone

remember the "Beach Club" or the "Brass Rail" ? Anyways God speed and good luck...

Richard C. Leister
05/26/07 at 16:30

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank DP2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1974-1975

Division/Shop S-8 DP Computers

Comments:

Had a great time in Holy Loch. Would like to hear from fellow DP friends and associates like Craig Conen , Brownie, Big Jim, Comnav, Tad, Count, Duster, etc. Remember Queen Street. LOL

Lighting Leister

William Starna
05/25/07 at 12:45

[Email](#)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1966

Division/Shop USS Holland

Comments:

I just stumbled on your website and the photos of several of the bars in Rota. I was stationed there on the USS Holland from 1965-1966. Suzie Bar was my hangout. Does anyone out there remember a woman who worked there named Nancy (Esperanza)? She was friends with a woman named Suzie, who also worked there.

I was in Rota last March for the first time in 41 years. Little was recognizable. My favorite "Spanish" bar, La Parada, across the street from Suzie Bar, is gone...Antonio the owner died 5 or 6 years ago. I did manage to learn that a cab driver I knew very well, Flores, now owns a children's clothing store named, interestingly, "Suci." He had a shock of white hair then, and still does, I was told. He's 75. The store was unfortunately closed the day I was there. I'm hoping someone can tell me something about Nancy and where she might have ended up.

My visit to Rota was sweet and sour. Other than the lay out of the streets, you won't recognize any familiar landmarks. Not one of the bars you and I knew remains. Suzie Bar has been completely renovated and is a combination tapas bar and cafeteria for Spanish tourists. The wall behind the old bar was removed to expand the place. Even Bar Eugenio, which served great menudos, is gone. The entire "downtown" has received a real face lift, with pretty white facades on the buildings and lots of new bodegas, but none for military personnel, who are totally invisible.

You might remember a Spanish restaurant, La Costilla, directly across the street from Suzie. It was off limits when I was there so that towns people could enjoy a meal in peace! A friend and I spent a couple of hours there talking to the owner, who was 8 years old when I was there, whose father once ran the place. Not one, not one place you might have known survives. The streets are lined with multistory hotels and apartment houses. The La Guardia Civil only wear their patent leather caps on ceremonial occasions.

There are no women behind the bar to smile and say hello to you.

Quite a difference.

Bill Starna (when in Rota, I was "Julio")

Wayne F. Jones
05/18/07 at 22:09

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank GMTC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966 1968

Division/Shop W3 Re-entry Body Shop

Comments:

Any shipmates out there, it would be good to hear from you.

RUSSELL MILTON G.
05/15/07 at 22:27

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YN2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1980-82

Division/Shop CAPTAINS OFFICE

Comments:

LOOKIN FOR SHIPMATES FROM GOOSECREEK S.C.,FROM 1980-82

Carl Barton
05/07/07 at 17:47

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ENFN-EN2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965 - 1967

Division/Shop A-Division/Boat Shop

Comments:

I was attached to the Canopus PRECOMM detail, NOB Norfolk VA out of EN "A" school as a ENFN on July. 1965. I had joined the Navy Jan 64 and served on the USS Arikara (ATF 98) prior to going to A school at Great Lakes. Attached to 'A' division and left the Canopus Feb 67 as a EN2 in Rota for the 1st of a couple of tours in country Viet Nam. Met the ship in Charleston for commissioning, outfitting and made the shake down cruise to Gitmo and Rota. A lot of liberty was spent at the ABC bar across from the Crazy Kat in Rota. I went on to retire as a ENC in '85. I have posted photos from the shakedown cruise (Jamaica,Florida,Gitmo,Boat shop etc.) and Rota. If you were in the Boat shop this time frame check out my pictures, need help in ID'ing everyone. Thanks

Here is the link to Carl's photo page: http://www.usscanopus.org/photos_html/Carl%20Barton%20scrapbook.htm

EM1 K.V. Jensen
05/04/07 at 06:29

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-71

Division/Shop R-3, RQA

Comments:

Does anyone out there know the whereabouts of Captain John Davis? He was CO in our yard period in Bremerton and early Holy Loch period?. He was a great CO Still looking for LCDR Bannon, the repair officer, also during that same time period.

I just got to say that this website is great, it would also seem that a lot of former crew members thought a lot of our ship and remember it as a great ship. I always thought, true or not, that the officers and crew were just a cut above the normal.

Rafael Vazquez
04/29/07 at 10:39

Rate/Rank Fireman Apprentice

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1972

Division/Shop A-Div., Hydraulic Shop

Comments:

Hi there again. For those of you who are planning to write me, there's a change in my address. The Zip Code is not correct on my initial log-on. The correct Zip Code is as follows: 00949-4072. Sorry for the mix up. May God bless all those who served aboard the Canopus.

Linda Davis (Knowles)
04/27/07 at 22:22

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-1985

Division/Shop 2nd Division Deck

Comments:

I worked in 2nd division deck, with Morvay, Tim Valeri, Christine Lincoln, Wachowski, during the overhaul while in dry dock in Charleston S.C. then on to Kings Bay when she changed home ports. I remember Pam Struble who still resides in St. Marys, I remember Karen Boris, SC Ferguson, Boatswain Weiss, BMC Harper (Hard Rock), Mary Yee, Lynn Montgomery, Luann Cline, and many more people. I married BTFN Douglas Hannan. My goodness where has the time gone??? If you remember the time frame, drop me a line....LYNN MONTGOMERY,,,WHERE ARE YOU???????????

Rafael A. Vazquez
04/22/07 at 10:33

Rate/Rank Fireman Apprentice

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1970-1972

Division/Shop A Div. Forward Repair Shop

Comments:

I never knew there was a site for my old ship until a friend told me about it. Thank God we have one. I'm interested in locating any one who was with me in A-Div. during the years I was aboard, but specially Ramon Cintron, Eddie Lopez, and Rick Mangini, my Boot Camp associates.

To reach me by mail (only way) write: AM-10, 2nd St., Praderas
Toa Baja, Puerto Rico, 00949-4270

To all who serve aboard Canopus, "Job Well Done!" May God bless you all.

Wayne McIntyre
04/20/07 at 17:51

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MR3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1989-1993

Division/Shop R-2

Comments:

Looking for some old Buddies from R-2 Division,

Bill Salter
04/16/07 at 10:26

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YN2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978-1982

Division/Shop X/Capt Office/Legal Office

Comments:

Just checking in; great site, more people should use it. Plan on attending next year's reunion in Jacksonville.

Scott Post
04/15/07 at 14:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank LCPL,PFC,LCPL (in that order)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1986-1988

Division/Shop MARINE DETACHMENT

Comments:

Sorry, I was looking at the entries and remembered that "we" were a "Marine Detachment" not just a Security Force. Anyone who served while I was aboard please drop me a line. Hope to hear from you, "LCPL" Scott Post

Scott Post
04/15/07 at 14:33

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank LCPL,PFC,LCPL (in that order)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1986-1988

Division/Shop Marine Security Forces

Comments:

I served aboard the Canopus right out of Boot Camp, Infantry Training School, and then Sea School, (all in San Diego, Cal). I met my wife there, her step father was retired from the ship quite some time ago. I think about the ship often as I do her (my x-wife). I would like to hear from some of the guys I served with on board. I remember one time I was restricted to the boat because I left the rifle qualifying station to be with my (soon to be) wife. And, she was able to come on board to visit me. We would sneak onto the mess deck so we could steal a kiss and hug. We were so in love. I also remember going out on sea-trials and to "empty" the ship and watching the dolphins at the bow of the ship. Oh, how I miss that time of my life. Thanks for this site and I hope to hear from some of my shipmates soon, LCPL, Scott Post

Paul King
04/10/07 at 11:02

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ETR2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972 - 1974

Division/Shop R-4 Electronic Cal Lab/Radiac Lab

Comments:

I am looking for some of the people I worked with in the Electronic Cal Lab and in R-4 Division.

Quentin Pfutzenreuter
04/07/07 at 14:48

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SK3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966-67

Division/Shop RS: Tech Library

Comments:

Had a surprise call from Richard Retin recently. We were in the same division, mustering each morning in the print shop. I worked in the tech library with Harvey (can't recall his first name) and Ronald "Pete" Peterson. I remember spending some time in the Photo Lab. Someone there gave me a picture of the Canopus that was taken at Rota in 1967 that is posted on Canopus Website by Milt Smith. "Pete" Peterson took myself and another shipmate to Torremolinos in his MG Midget. Quite a ride through the mountain range. Hope to make it to a future reunion. Keep up the great site Richard!

Beverly Gutierrez
04/06/07 at 20:33

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-1986

Division/Shop Deck/Command Master Chief's Office

Comments:

It's great to see a website dedicated to all those of s that served onboard the CANOPUS. I got out of the Navy in 1986 and ended up marrying Darrell (Gabby) Smith. We had a son in October of 1986. He is now 20 years old. I am amazed that so many years have gone by and how I still remember the

wonderful times I had. I met some great people while onboard the gray monster. Has anyone heard from Lori Lariscy? I remember Gunny Matusko from MARDET. He was a pretty cool guy. I remember Randy Grose from MARDET; I used to call him the "Toy Marine". I don't think he ever liked that nickname. Remember Capt Outz? Well, hope to hear from more of you all. I have pictures of Kim Peyton, Billie Jo and all us gals. I think we were getting ready to go out for a crazy nite. God bless you all and hope to hear from you too!!!

Carmen Zimmer
04/06/07 at 10:35

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1985 - 1989

Division/Shop Lag shop

Comments:

Just looking for some old friends. Anyone who may remember me. Send me an email. Im looking for a gentleman by the name of Todd M. Rogers, someone very special that I will never forget.

Scott Hamley
04/06/07 at 00:21

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ET2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1987-1990

Division/Shop R4 Electronics

Comments:

Just reminiscing and found this site while working on a portfolio. I forgot all the good times I had on the Can, it is nice to see there is an association and a site.

Steve Lindley
04/05/07 at 19:32

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BT1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1973-1976

Division/Shop B Div.

Comments:

Not too many of the boys from the 70's checking in. I guess we partied so hard everybody wants to forget we were there. Scotland gets in your blood though, not an easy thing to forget when your son dies there and the people who helped you get through those days. Maybe it's better we all stay gone, the ship is a ghost now and just like the base itself, the young boys we were are no more.

Jason Furtak
04/04/07 at 15:49

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YNSN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1992-1994

Division/Shop XO Admin

Comments:

Me and my wife were on this ship for the decommissioning year's from roughly 92 to 94 . Please feel free to drop me a line if you know me and want to touch base. ~Jason Furtak~

Ron Peck
04/01/07 at 10:54

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SFM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1968-1970

Division/Shop R-1 X-11

Comments:

Looking for Dan Bemis or Robert Hoag

Boyd Swearingen
03/31/07 at 16:40

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HTC (SW) / DCC (SW)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1986- 1990

Division/Shop DC Division

Comments:

Just saying Hi.

J. Wiswell
03/29/07 at 22:00

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1981-1984

Division/Shop Damage control

Comments:

Nice to see more shipmates from the early eighties. Anyone remember CWO Robinson?

Dan Hoffman
03/29/07 at 13:19

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MR2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1979-1983

Division/Shop R2/Machine Shop

Comments:

My years on the Canopus where some of the best years of my life. It was a pleasure to serve my country.

Jeff Cook (Woosie)
03/25/07 at 19:55

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1968

Division/Shop Radio Shack

Comments:

Come on all you RM's and CT's from the 1967-68-69 era in Rota. Let me hear from you. BJ Mary is looking for a few good men!!!!!!
Gimme an email all you Rota Rooters.

Bill Lovenberg
03/17/07 at 04:58

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank FN-2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 84-85

Division/Shop R-div / Outside machine shop R-?

Comments:

I had a great time serving aboard the Canopus, and built many fond memories. She was my first command and I will never forget how I felt reporting for duty that first day & seeing the ship for the first time. I will never forget the guy who met me on the Quarter Deck - His Name was Troy Diesburg , I then ended up in the outside repair shop with him. Made a lot of friends while there such as Pete (bucket head) Evans , who I often think about today. He got me hooked on Harley Davidson's. I also had some good friends such as Greg Pfiffer, JD Roof, so many others. I just can not think of all the last names at this point. I left the Canopus and went on to serve on the USS New Jersey BB-62 which was nice duty as well. Feel free to drop me an e-mail if you have a memory to share. I remember most of the crew I hung around with I just keep drawing blanks on last names.

Glen Lowery
03/15/07 at 16:55

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978-1982

Division/Shop R-2 Rigging Locker & Carpenter Shop

Comments:

I would just like to say that I had the best time with great people/friends and Rota Spain!

Bill Downs
03/09/07 at 10:31

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st Division Riggers Loft

Comments:

Just wondering how many former Canopus sailors are heading to San Diego for the reunion? I have looked at the agenda and it looks like a great time.

I was in san Diego last year visiting my son, daughter-in-law and grandson. He's an HT2 stationed there at SIMA. But, it looks like he will be getting rotated before October so I won't be seeing him when I come out for the reunion.

If any of the guys from Deck Department in Rota (first time) will be coming to the reunion I'd like to hear from you. Maybe we can have a couple of Cervezas and talk about the "good ol' days" drop me a line at bmcsw@hotmail.com. Hope to see you in October.

Rhonda (Weddle)
03/07/07 at 15:35

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank DC2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1985-1989

Division/Shop DC Division

Comments:

All this time has passed, and I can still remember my friends like it was yesterday. When you are young and invincible you don't think about getting older and so.....I have lost contact with many good people. I miss you all, I really do. I can't understand why I don't see more entries from the eighties - where are you guys? email me. :-)

George McCormick
03/05/07 at 17:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank LI3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971-1973

Division/Shop RS Print Shop

Comments:

Loved Holy Loch Spent 2 Years trying to Re-enlist for reliving Tender but got transferred. Spent some Time as "Mac Edwards" on the ship board radio WSTC with Emmit Wattley , Danny Booth, and Ric Hewlett. Chief Brown Ran the Department. I have noticed that very few of us from the mid 70's don't seem to be interested in leaving info on the sites. Really sorry to here shes gonna be razor blades. Anyone remember the battery change jobs.....Also spend plenty of late nights souping 35mm film slides with Ric Collins in the Photo Lab.....I got out in 76 from USNR as LI2 in 1976

Billie Jo Buchanan
03/01/07 at 13:05

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1985-1987

Division/Shop 2nd Division Deck

Comments:

The Most Phenomenal Days Of My Life!

We met in Charleston S.C and said our Goodbyes in Kings Bay

Where in the World are all of my Girls! ***April "Tex" Smith..we were the greatest crane drivin' barnacle bustin' team around, Kimberly Ridgeway, Kim Peyton, my bunkie' Christine Lincoln, Stacey..you crazy thang, Jody (tugs), Bev Gutierrez, my roomie Tonya Hall, and all of the rest of you..get ahold of me..we need to chat!***

Gunners Mate Chip Milkey...Jeremiah was a Bullfrog...Oh my Lord I couldn't help myself! The Greatest Messcrank'n partner in the world...We Rocked That Bakery!

Terry Choate
03/01/07 at 11:38

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 88-90 I THINK

Division/Shop 2ND DIV BOATS

Comments:

WOW... DO I REMEMBER. I REMEMBER MY LAST DAY LEAVING THE SHIP FROM BALTIMORE. I WILL NEVER FORGET THE PEOPLE WHO SHARED THEIR LIVES WITH ME. THANK YOU.

Richard Heon
02/18/07 at 21:14

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1966

Division/Shop A-Div Hydraulics

Comments:

Hello, I was assigned to Canopus. She had just come around from Pasagula Miss. I had by this time served aboard the Proteus AS-19 and the Holland AS-32, "Plank Owner" Both Holy Loch Scotland and Rota Spain Had to be the best duty in the the Navy More fun than any place that I was stationed at for the rest of my time in the navy or Coast Guard. And if anyone out there Knows Tony Cambell EN-2 Tell him that I spent more dam time underway in the Coast Guard than I ever did in the Navy LOL That's about it for now. But I would like to hear from anyone who would like to say "Hello".

RE HEON USN/USCG Ret.

Charlie Smith
02/18/07 at 10:18

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SFM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop R1/Welding Shop

Comments:

Still here, didn't make the 2006 but will try for "Dago" this year. Where's all of the "old" guys, we weren't so old then... I like the Design 1 for the coin.

Phil Burton
02/18/07 at 09:22

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank PN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) Precom to 1967

Division/Shop Personnel

Comments:

After serving 1-1/2 years on the USS PETREL (ASR14) the CANOPUS was like a passenger cruise ship. My memories are mostly of the precommissioning days in Norfolk and her first home port, Charleston, SC.

I haven't seen any other guys with me in those early days but it would be interesting to see where their lives have lead.

Erick D. Felt
02/18/07 at 05:32

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EN3 (ENC(SW) Ret.)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1982-1984

Division/Shop A-Div./Hyd Shop

Comments:

Glad to see that there is an association. Hope I'll be able to make the reunion in Jacksonville. If there are any of my shipmates out there that remember me give a Holler.

Kipp J. Springsteen
02/17/07 at 20:18

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) October 1990 to December 1992

Division/Shop R/1 and R/6

Comments:

I have enjoyed this site and all the memories that it has brought back. Any one who remembers me can and i encourage to e-mail me.

Chuck DeLaney
02/17/07 at 19:00

Rate/Rank RM2 (Rank when aboard)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) Precom Norva to 1967

Division/Shop ops-Radio Shack

Comments:

Still actively emailing Jerry Connors and Steve O'neal.
Have shared emails with Doug Haas and Pete Goss.
Shared emails with Mike Gordon shortly before his passing.

Have missed Canopus reunions in the past due to conflicting reunions with some of the other ships I had served on.

Am planning to make the 2007 reunion. Anyone from my era aboard please email me at your earliest convenience. We enjoy hearing from you.

Charles (Chuck) DeLaney USN RET

Robert Waller
02/17/07 at 16:09

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Fireman E3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1991-1992

Division/Shop Lag Shop

Comments:

Would like to make contact with some of the gang on the ship. Please feel free to e-mail me.

Brian Hurtt
02/14/07 at 15:07

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978-1981

Division/Shop 1st div ic div football team in rota,spain

Comments:

I enjoyed my time on the mothership. Looking to hear from any shipmates that remembers me.
Hope everyones ok. Will check the guest book for updates.

Brenda Clark (Santos)
02/14/07 at 13:49

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1987-1989

Division/Shop Deck 2nd Divison

Comments:

Wow- memories. This was my first ship and I proudly worn my Battle E, as an ISSN, at my next duty station JICPAC, Pearl Harbor, HI. Remember women, especially IS's, weren't on combats so being a junior Sailor with one ribbon and that being a Battle E caused so many questions. The Canopus will always hold a place in my heart because the chain-of-command pushed me to take control of my career hence, my retiring at 20+ years this Oct as a Chief. Thanks to all the 2nd division (cranes) personnel and even the MARDET folks (ex-spouse was one CPL Mike Murphy) for being a part of my upbringing (learned to drive a crane before driving a car).

Randy Wilson
02/13/07 at 21:59

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SMSN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1979-1980

Division/Shop Ops Nav pilot house

Comments:

I left rota before the ship came back to Kings Bay. I remember such good times in Rota hotel Playa. My apartment at Aroyohondo. Corky Baker, Doug Meyers, Mike Metelski, Bill Whitters, Joe Richburg, Larry Vinyard, Dave Humphries, Brad Bolinger, Stetson, just to name a few. I remember the first song I heard at the enlisted men's club was u picked a fine time to leave me luciel the peseta bus. I would like to here from anyone. Living in Orlando 407 758 1323.

Doyle Dill
02/06/07 at 18:37

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1985-1989

Division/Shop Deck 1st 2nd and 3rd

Comments:

Just found this website. I had a lot of good times on this ship. I also had good times at a place called Gilligan's Island if anybody remembers it? How about a place called Justin's Lounge at the Roadway Inn, or a bar called Snorkel's where that couple got arrested for performing a certain act in a 1957 Chevy.(it was a contest sponsored by the bar)

I would also like to remember a fallen shipmate. His name was Gary Fisk he was on the Canopus from 1985 to 1989. He transferred to the USS Iowa in February of 1989. On April 19 1989 Gary Fisk died performing his duties along with 46 other shipmates inside gun turret #2.

RIP Fisk we had some good times

Well now about me I left the Canopus and went to the west coast. Got on a ship called the USS Juneau LPD-10. I sailed with her for 2 years, 8 months of it was in desert storm. Got out of the navy in July of 1991, and moved to Texas. But god works in mysterious ways sometimes. I now live in Saint Marys Georgia about a half mile from the base and married a woman I met here when I was stationed on the Canopus 20 years ago last year, ain't that a kick in the head. Anyway if anybody wants to contact me. Email: ddill@tds.net

Phillip White
02/05/07 at 12:51

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SK2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1980-1981

Division/Shop S-1/S-7 SUBSAT

Comments:

Great idea on the CANOPUS challenge coins. However many people now display them and there are many different coin display cases on the market. So I would suggest that perhaps you may wish to also provide them as a standard challenge coin as well as a key chain.

Keep up the good work

SKC Phillip White, USNR Ret.
(SK2 1980-81)

Richard C. Blevins
01/31/07 at 05:00

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank GMT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1968-1971

Division/Shop W 3 Division

Comments:

Thank you for having this site. It is great to see everything and it brings back great memories. Contact me at mic87108@yahoo.com.

Regards,

Dick Blevins

Richard W. Durrett
01/25/07 at 13:43

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1974-1977

Division/Shop 3rd. Div. Deck

Comments:

Have a few pictures I would like to send as soon as I can locate them. I've traveled a lot of different roads since those day's with Canopus, served 10 years with the US Army after my stint with the USN, although the years spent with the Canopus were the most special, for a young man of 18, from Kentucky.

Don Kruse
01/25/07 at 12:23

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BMSN lots of times

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1976-1978

Division/Shop 1st

Comments:

What a great lesson on life and great shipmates at the time! I was a rebel at the time, but it taught me great lessons in life. Still in my heart I hold warm memories of all that fun in Chipionia and Rota.

Sincerely
BMSN Don Kruse

Christie Stokes
01/22/07 at 16:27

[Email](#)

Comments:

I am looking for information regarding a fire that occurred on the USS Canopus around 1970 while at Holy Loch, Scotland. I am trying to help my step-dad, Steve Harper, arrange all his Navy history and any information would be greatly appreciated. I am trying to narrow down the dates that the fire occurred as it was a serious event that has stuck with him since it happened. He served on the USS Canopus from 1969 until 1971 (I think!). Any information would be greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance.

K V Jensen
01/21/07 at 20:47

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1971

Division/Shop R-3 RQA

Comments:

Still looking for LCDR J. M. Bannon who was repair officer in Bremerton and Holy Loch. Anyone knowing his whereabouts please email me. Canopus was the best ship I served aboard in my time in the Navy (20 years).

Frank McGrath
01/17/07 at 17:58

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SK-3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1967

Division/Shop S-1

Comments:

Great times on a great ship. I'm a plank owner & was a member of the pre-commissioning crew in Little Creek, left the ship in Rota, May, 1967. I now reside with my wife in Pawleys Island, SC. Look forward to hearing from old shipmates.

Mike Ross
01/12/07 at 19:07

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank OM3, OMC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1973-1975, 1984-1985

Division/Shop R-2 / 35A

Comments:

I have enjoyed viewing the site, BZ

Paul McGarvey
01/11/07 at 17:31

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank CTMC/E-7

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) Not Stationed Onboard

Comments:

My Father, CWO2 James R. McGarvey (ETC when station onboard USS Canopus) passed away in 1978. He served under Capt J. M. Barrett and Capt H. J. Trueblood. I am looking for information, photos or anything pertaining to my Father. Sea stories are welcome!! If you do have any information, please feel free to email, mail or call at any time. I am currently stationed at NIOC Hawaii and can be contacted at the following:

CTMC(SS) Paul R. McGarvey

260 Plumeria Loop #103

Honolulu, HI 96818

(808) 664-7970 (home)

(860) 381-9128 (cell)

paul_mcgarvey2000@yahoo.com

paul.mcgarvey@navy.mil

Thank you in advance...

Bill Downs
01/10/07 at 13:30

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 1st Division

Comments:

I guess it was fitting that I started my Naval career in SUBLANT and finished it there. From my first ship the Bushnell in Key West to the Canopus in Rota, to retiring in New London at NSSF, I had a lot of great times and learned a lot about life. For over 20 years (with a short three years back in CIVLANT 69-73) I traveled with the finest Navy that ever sailed the seas.

The time I spent on Canopus was especially memorable because it was there that I became a Boatswain Mate. I had my crow tacked on in October of 1968 and I can still feel it. One of the guys who tacked my crow on that day was BM1 Holmquist. So it was only right that when I made BMC in 1981 that BMCS Holmquist was my sponsor at my initiation.

The two years in Rota were great and I still have a few pictures of some of my shipmates from 1st Division. Guys like Don Manning, Bill McKinsey, Rick Sellers, Bob Bensen, Larry Leatherman, Frank Wadley and a few whose names escape me right now

were great friends and we had a lot of terrific times together.

Then there was the gang from the radio station WSTC that I had the pleasure and honor of being a part of while we were in Rota. Chris Reed (aka Brooklyn Benny), Bill Dunn (aka Pecos Bill), Mike Villareal, George Heddleston and a couple others who will remain nameless, were all a part of the crew that helped make life a little more enjoyable for the whole ship's company.

How many of you former "Rota Rooters" remember the Dungaree Club? I was there one memorable night when a bunch of us were guzzling a few brews and a sailor off one of the subs alongside decided to have a little snack with his beer. So he went outside and came back in with one of those little green tree frogs and promptly stuck in his mouth and washed it down with a Bud.

If anyone else has any stories like that or just wants to share a few memories, drop me a line at bmcsw@hotmail.com Hope to see a few of the gang from Rota at the next reunion in San Diego.

Roger Lawrence
01/09/07 at 12:15

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1975

Division/Shop M-Division

Comments:

Spent a few months on board in the main engine room while waiting to transfer to the Holland when she relieved the Canopus in Holy Loch

Harry Cummins
01/02/07 at 15:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MM1(SS)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971-1973

Division/Shop Nuc Repair/RAD CON

Comments:

What a fun time, with a bunch of crazy guys handling nuclear material. We did the first two floating dry dock resin exchanges on foreign soil ever attempted and did it well.

I have lost contact with all shipmates at this point. Would love to hear from someone who remembers that time.

Philip Huskey
12/21/06 at 16:34

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank DK2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1992-1994

Division/Shop S4 / Disbursing

Comments:

Hello Shipmates, What a great website wish all my old duty stations had one. The USS Canopus (AS34) was my final station I was on the Decom crew and I was one of the last to detach after all the PCS Travel Advances was paid I chose to get out after 7 1/2 years. It would be great to hear from any of my fellow DK's or any of the PN's or YN's, SK's or Ms's that I worked with or had duty with. The time I spent on the Canopus was a good time homeported in Kingsbay Ga, but we spent more time in Norfolk Va during her last year. A great site keep up the good work hope to make a reunion sometime.

Bill Downs
12/18/06 at 13:11

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 67-69

Division/Shop 1st Div.

Comments:

Ahoy Canopi Shipmates!

It's been a long time since I had a cold San Miguel in one of Rota's many bars. I sure would love to go back and share a cold one with a few of the crew from Rota. Some of you may remember me and the gang from WSTC radio. I was one of the DJ's that ran the small (and I do mean small) radio station we had on the Canopus. There was Chris Reed (Brooklyn Benny), Mike Villareal, some guy that called himself "Pecos Bill" (can't remember his real name) and a few others that escape my gray matter right now. I was Bill Downs (used my real name because I couldn't come up with anything cool) and I did the Top 40 stuff. Chris Reed aka. Brooklyn Benny (never could figure that one out because he was from Manhattan N.Y.) did all the psychedelic stuff.

If you'd like to reminisce a little drop me a line at my email address bmcsw@hotmail.com. I sure hope I can make the next reunion and meet some of the gang from Rota.

Tracy McKinney
12/05/06 at 17:30

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Fireman

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1991-1993

Division/Shop boiler room

Comments:

Hello

Hope everyone is fine. I live in Michigan now, married, and I am a Respiratory Therapist. No bad, cant complain, would like to get back in touch with some of my old shipmates. BT3 Sallas or Seaman Marx if anyone has heard for them. Drop me a line

DARREL DAVENPORT
11/26/06 at 10:08

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1987-1991

Division/Shop R SHIPFITTER

Comments:

JUST LOOKING 4 SOME OLD FRIENDS

George M Nykun
11/24/06 at 13:26

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Cpl

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1990-1992

Division/Shop Mardet

Comments:

Hoping to make contact with fellow Marines. Possibly getting together for a future reunion.

Richard Davis
11/23/06 at 19:17

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E4

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1990 - 1993

Division/Shop MARDET

Comments:

Have contact info for many of our fellow Marines. Also, have considerable video footage shot from those years. Hoping to expand my contact list and maybe we can all meet in Jacksonville in 2008.

John Benware
11/19/06 at 02:42

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971 - 1974

Division/Shop M

Comments:

Looking for any shipmates that served with me on Canopus

David Clayson
11/17/06 at 15:57

[Email](#)

Comments:

Just trying to locate Elmer(Sonny) Oppenheim or Dave Cook who were buddies 1971-74. Believe Sonny was from TN and Dave from NY state..Two great guys would love to hook up with them again..

MARCUS L. NORMAN
11/17/06 at 10:16

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank WT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-1987

Division/Shop W3 WEAPONS

Comments:

SO HOW IS EVERYONE DOING, SURE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR
FROM SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO WAS ON HERE DURING THE
TIME I WAS ON THERE
MY ADDRESS IS
MS2 MARCUS L. NORMAN USN RETIRED
13 BLACK ST.
LOWELL, NC. 28098

Larry Longwell
11/14/06 at 17:46

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1970

Division/Shop B Division

Comments:

Let me hear from anyone.

George Heineman
11/09/06 at 00:52

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1986-1989

Division/Shop Deck : 2nd and 3rd Divisions

Comments:

Hello everyone out there in Canopus cyberspace. God, has it really been 20 years since I was in the Navy? I'm curious to hear from folks like Keith Norton, Ed Entelisano, or Dan Smith. Any of my fellow deck apes still out there? Hope to hear from you.

Dwayne Geer
11/07/06 at 17:23

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MMFN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1980-1982

Division/Shop M Division A Division (O2N2)

Comments:

Hello fellow Canopus vets. I loved being on the Canopus. I lived in Strawberry just outside of Goosecreek. It was an old plantation.
I would love to hear from anybody from those days. Some of my best friends Brian Little, Larry Smith, Mike Wiggins, Van Schnell...Van and I came back from liberty one night and the engine room exploded! We fought the fire for hours. I had smoke inhalation and frozen skin from Chief Devereaux blasting me in the back of my head with a CO2 extinguisher in the utter darkness. Scary but we kicked it's ass! In civies of all things.

James White
11/05/06 at 20:58

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1992-1994

Division/Shop B-Div #1 fire room

Comments:

Just wanted to say hi all my past friend its crazy how time fly's by drop me a line and let me know how you are doing

Tom Jouras
11/01/06 at 19:22

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1990-1994

Division/Shop A - Gang

Comments:

What a great time in Kings Bays. Lots of great memories especially in St. Thomas Virgin Islands. Look forward to hearing from you.

Fred D. Smith
10/22/06 at 14:05

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT2/HT1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1974-1976

Division/Shop R-1 Pipe shop

Comments:

Reported 8/74, crossdecked to Simon Lake 12/76. Retired as DCC December 31, 1995. Would like to locate Jerry Anderson and Bill Anzalone.

Daniel Smith
10/18/06 at 19:35

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1991-1994

Division/Shop 1st Division/Small Boats

Comments:

Looking for anyone that may remember me.... Missing the good times we had in Liberty ports!

Becky (Miller) McLaughlin
10/16/06 at 13:17

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-4

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1988-1996

Division/Shop B-Division/Firroom

Comments:

I was on the Canopus in "B" Division from 1988-1996. I would like to get in touch with anybody from B or M Division. We had some good times on that ship and miss them now. My email is beckymclaughlin@bellsouth.net. Write me and let me know who and where you are.

Michael G. Blain
10/14/06 at 17:38

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank TMC SW

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1990-1993

Division/Shop W1 Weight Test Shop

Comments:

I ran the Weight Test Shop between 1990 and 1993. I would love to hear from anyone onboard during that time. I currently live in Tallahassee, Florida.

John Lowinski
10/05/06 at 19:16

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984 to 1989

Division/Shop Engineering/Power and Lighting/Dist.Shop

Comments:

This was my Duty Station, I've stayed on the east coast and Retired in 2003 it's been great to see old friends on here.
fair winds and following seas!

Phil Zahnd

[Email](#)

10/02/06 at 12:59

Rate/Rank SF3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop DC Division / Shipfitter Shop

Comments:

I was a Rota Rooter for sure. I sang lead and played guitar for "The Anchormen" during my time in Rota aboard the Canopus. When I got out of the Navy I went back to college and got a degree in Accounting. As a civilian, I have 36 years with the USDOL. I'm am a telecommuter working from my home address at:

Phil Zahnd
111 Zahnd Way
Florence, Alabama 35634

Larry L. Wittbecker
09/18/06 at 18:39

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1966

Division/Shop M Division - Boiler Room

Comments:

Please note that the e-mail address belongs to my wife - I'm not into computers. However, she lets me know if the message is for me so would love to hear from any M Division shipmates !

Looking forward to the reunion. Thanks to R. Retin for doing such a fine job on the web site.

Billie J. Duncan
09/18/06 at 17:17

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EMC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1980-1983 retired Aug. 31, 1983

Division/Shop R-3

Comments:

Canopus was my last ship. Lots of hard work with an outstanding bunch of men and women . Some of my sailors have since gone on to retire, one making E-9.

PATRICIA SULLIVAN
08/30/06 at 20:47

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YNC(SW)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1989-1993

Division/Shop DECK/LEGAL

Comments:

The USS CANOPUS was my first duty station and ship. I started out as an undesignated SR and left

PO3. There so many outstanding leaders who guided me to where I am now. I especially remember Sparrows Point, Balitmore in what had to be one of the worst shipyards, but having the most fun while waiting for upkeep to be done.

O. H. Sowell
08/27/06 at 22:28

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RM 2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967 - 1970

Division/Shop Radio Shack

Comments:

I was initially transferred To the USS Canopus AS34 from the USS Fulton, AS 11, New London, Conn. After attaining the rate of RM2, I became one of 4 Radio Supervisors along with Pippen and Larry Duncan. I remember most of the crew including Pippen, Larry Duncan, Cam Yates, Roy Kinsey, Flick, Johnson, Connors, Chief Recker, Jeff Cook, Stu (Stewart) Dave Martin, etc. I remember the one occasion they had a rodeo over in Rota. No one could seem to ride the bulls. Roy Kinsey of Sweet Water Texas decided to try his hand at it and rode the bull winning the prize money. I wasn't at the rodeo but heard everyone talking about it. This Deck Log is a good thing. // O. H. Sowell, RM2//

Tony Pezzullo
08/27/06 at 20:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank mm3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966-1970

Division/Shop m-division

Comments:

It was nice to find this site, and maybe be able to talk with some old friends. Canopus was the best. Rota, need I say more! Hope to hear from anyone.

Gary Childress
08/24/06 at 19:50

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972 to 1973

Division/Shop 2nd Division, deck, boat crew,

Comments:

Ahoy shipmates, First of all I would like to say that I'm flabbergasted about finding this website. I have so much to say and very little space to say it however though I just came off a vacation two days ago and read about the reunion, and I'm happy to say after calling my boss for another week's vacation my wife and I will be at the reunion to meet all you great folks that will be there. And now for my short last memory of the Canopus, In the early 1974 I stepped off the Canopus for the last time ,thinking that I was walking her deck for the last time, happy about going state side but then a little sad thinking about

the great times ,and the shipmates that were like family.In 1976 getting out of the navy I went to work for U.S. Coast Guard Maryland and from there I went to Beth. Steel Corp. Marine Division as a structural ship fitting foreman and in late 1989 -early 90, Guess who was one of a few that was in charge for repair .yes I was honored with walking the old girls deck one last time, As soon as I find out the procedures I have a dozen pictures I would like to share but I do apologize for the quality because actually these were pictures I was going to throw out because I had tons of others really nice ones however a few years ago when Isabel came through Maryland, my Home and all in it was destroyed.luckily I found these pictures in the attic in a shoe box and now they've become my most cherished. if you feel like shooting the breeze drop me an e-mail . though we may not have sailed together or been shipmates where all Canopus brothers and sisters.we all share similar memories. and I'm sure some a little wilder than others , and I was going to close for now but I see I can type some more so if I haven't bored you or put you to sleep yet just wait, Anybody ever go to the concerts in Glasgow, one of them I went to was a Black Sabbath concert almost front row seat for 3lbs. at the time that was unbelievable but now that I'm 53 years old my taste has changed a little bit. does anybody remember a nightclub called American Joe's I don't remember if it was in Glasgow or Edinburgh. Our big hang out though was the Edinburgh hotel bar.when Friday evening came and we weren't on duty we were turning two flying off that ship.Well it's 1905 hours And reveille comes early. especially for us old folks that aren't retired yet. until next time take care , God Bless and Cheers to the Canopus !

Ken Jensen
08/12/06 at 08:12

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-71

Division/Shop R-3, RQA

Comments:

I see this site is still doing great. I have received several emails from shipmates. In twenty years of service, Canopus was the best, by far the best. Does anyone know here LCDR Bannon is at? He was the repair officer in Bremerton and Holy Loch. Would like to find him. Also Captain Davis...

TIM GARRICK
08/09/06 at 09:07

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 82-84

Division/Shop 1ST OR 2ND DIV

Comments:

ENJOYED MY TIME ON THE CANOPUS A WHOLE BUNCH...TIM VALERI, DARYL LONG CONTACT ME IF YA EVER SEE THIS,,,,YOU TO THACKER..YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE...

Sheri Reams (Boswell)
08/04/06 at 05:13

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1980

Comments:

Not too many people from my time listed here. I was one of the first women to be stationed on board a Navel Vessel! It just happened to be the Canopus in Goose Creek, S.C. Worked on the Mess Decks a lot. Learned how to operate the cranes. Stammered through Morning Reports, still have my Pipe! Anyone that was there will never forget my Pipe and me falling on my face while trying to fly the Colors and Union Jack! Thought I'd be strung up! Would love to hear from you guys! Looking for Jar Heads that were on board as well as Shipmates. Gretchen Lillie, Terry Niles, Vincent Arroyo, Randy Glass, Bill Hatley, Bobby Clark. Any help with finding these guys would be great! Does anyone remember "Goofy"? He danced on the tables on the Mess Deck wearing a see thru Teddy! Thanks to all, Sheri Reams (Boswell) Land of OZ!

Robert (Bob) Marquardt
08/03/06 at 20:36

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1967

Division/Shop A Division, O2N2 Gang

Comments:

Hello all,
I am a "Proud Plank-Owner" and always will be. Had a ball at the last reunion in Reno and expect to have just as much fun in Conn. in October. Hope to see you all there. Went on-board in Miss. and stayed until I was discharged in 1967. Bruce (Breck) Breckenfield and myself were volunteered to go to on Permanent Shore Patrol in Rota. What great duty!!! Never forget those nights on (and off) duty in Rota. My brother Dan (MM1) will also be at the reunion. He was in M Div. Many thanks to Richard for all he has done for this site. See ya's in Conn.
Bob

Cathy Hudgins Libby
08/02/06 at 11:26

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1989 to 1991

Division/Shop Medical

Comments:

Hey Everyone

I wanted to shout out to Dr. Chitwood, Bernice Samples, Chief Lotson, HM1 Thompson, Brad and all you other guys and gals. I sure do miss those days of working with yall. I now live in Atlanta Georgia and I am currently in the Army National Guard.

I still only have one daughter. She just graduated high school 2 months ago. So if I think long and hard...Goodness....Our days on the ship seems like many, many moons ago.

Hope all is well and that yall will email me sometime.

HM2 Cathy Alane Hudgins Libby

Kevin S. Rose
08/02/06 at 09:55

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RMSN/RM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1974 - 1978

Division/Shop OPS/NAV

Comments:

AS-34 was my first ship directly out of RM "A" & "C" schools. I still stay in relative contact with one or two of my very first Navy "buddies" from Holy Loch and Rota. Ship's CO was Milton P. Alexich. My bosses were CWO Merkling, RMC Farley, RM1 TC Norris, RM3/2 Jim Hazlett, RM3/2 Clem Kunda, & RM1 Del Rosario. I wasn't much of a sailor back then, but went on to retire after 20 years service. Thanks to all who taught me what a sailor should be.

Phil Furney
08/01/06 at 08:11

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1974-1976

Division/Shop Chaplains Office

Comments:

I really enjoy reading everyones experiences aboard Canopus. I worked in the Personel Office and then for the Chaplain. What a great job! Chaplain Dolaghan and Chaplain Peters were both great to work for. Still hear from Chaplain Peters occasionally. Still have pictures of Canopus and Holy Loch hanging in my office today. If any old shipmates recognize me please write! What a great experience it was!

Luann Cline
07/31/06 at 19:27

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984 - 1988

Division/Shop Administration/Repair/Legal

Comments:

If you remember me, much of my time was spent partying. I enjoyed most of my time on the Canopus and met some very nice people who I will remember for a long time. If I forget I can always read my journals.

Steve ONeil
07/22/06 at 20:53

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965 to 1967

Division/Shop Communications/Navigation

Comments:

Had some good times, had some bad times. Dave Martin had the voice and Jerry Connors was a tough boss. I was just a kid back then. I'm in touch with Chuck Delaney on a regular basis, and would like to hear from Doug Haas, or any of the old timers like Eddy Eck, or Basil Romaine. Have tried to find an old buddy, Joe Casey, CYN3 a number of times. H. Flick where are you.

Also Johnson RM2, from sunny California and married to an Australian girl.

Larry Muse RM1, came to the Canopus from Antarctica. My girl from the states stayed with he and his wife for a few weeks, really good folks!

WHERE ARE SOME OF THESE GUYS!! They cant all be dead or lost.

Steve O'Neil BU2 USN Retired

Vaughn D. Goodwin
07/21/06 at 20:32

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank PM1 (converted to) HT1 (SW) USN Ret.

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1982 - 1984

Division/Shop R-6 64A/C Carpenter/Patternmaker Shop

Comments:

Hello to all my Shipmates. Have always looked back and knew that Canopus was the best time I had in the Navy. She was a great Command. Hope to hear from my friend from R-6 and R-1 Div.

Take care, God Bless.

Fair Winds and Following Seas to All.

Goody....

Tonya L Tramel
07/16/06 at 23:21

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1993-1994

Division/Shop Deck

Comments:

Hello to all!

It wild to find this site and to find that the 5th reunion is going to be where I currently reside!

I was on board such a short time I am not sure many folks will remember me but if you do please get touch! I do stay in touch with a few folks that were on board all the way until she decommed.

I only did six years in the Navy but Kingsbay was the shortest and the best.

Richard Thomason
07/12/06 at 15:28

Rate/Rank MMFN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1986

Division/Shop boiler room

Comments:

I was, unfortunately, aboard the Canopus for only a short time. I was sent aboard on TAD orders from nuke school in Orlando. The few months I spent with the guys in the boiler room, however, was some of the best times I had in the Navy. I missed the old girl every day after I left. I left nuke school and decided to try submarine repair. I requested the Canopus, but the Navy decided they needed me in New London instead. Wish I could have stayed longer.

Joseph Sobowicz
07/04/06 at 14:04

[Email](#)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1968 - Plank Owner/Commissioning Crew

Division/Shop R-2 Division

Comments:

Out of Boot Camp I went TAD to the USS Fulton AS-11 stationed at State Pier, New London. My life as I knew it was changed forever aboard that ship. I was then TAD to Norfolk, VA for what I considered Commissioning School, then Mississippi to bring her to Charleston, SC. Took her for her shakedown cruise to Gitmo and eventually home ported in Rota, Spain.

My favorite and most distinguished person of the USS Canopus I met in Portugal. He was with his wife and took the time to have a copa of white wine and a tapas and engaged me in conversation along with his lovely wife. In my humble opinion he was the most honest and fair person I met while in the Navy. If you should read this I would like to say thank you for your friendship. This man was our Commanding Officer, Captain John D. Eaton.

Captain Eaton replaced Captain John M. Barrett. Unfortunately I was not in a position to say good-bye to my friend Captain Eaton when the command was turned over to Captain Harold J. Trueblood.

Captain John D. Eaton, you were missed.

Shelia D. McCord
07/04/06 at 09:59

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RM E-4

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1991-1993

Division/Shop Radio Shack

Comments:

USS Canopus was my first, and last ship. I did enjoy my tour. I was very exciting when our ship sail to Norfolk, VA. I even enjoyed our trip to Annapolis, MD when our Captain took the whole ship to his son graduation. Those were the good old days. I did a total of 7 years, I converted over to an ABF my last 3 years. I went to Cecil Field and did my last 3 years there as a ABF. Hello to all. If anyone remembered me please feel free to email me please.

Jose Carmona
06/28/06 at 05:42

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MA2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1991-1994

Division/Shop Security

Comments:

I was stationed aboard from October 1991 until October 1994, however transferred overseas and was not privileged enough to be there for the decommissioning ceremony. Looking for anybody who has a USS Canopus Decommissioning book. I ordered one before I left, however I never received it at my forwarding address. The Canopus was my favorite duty station so far. I hated to see it being decommissioned. What a great ship with a lot of great memories and friends. Hope to hear from anybody who remembers me or was stationed there during the same time frame.

Celesteen Martin
06/25/06 at 01:17

Rate/Rank E1-E3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-1986

Division/Shop R9/R3

Comments:

Aloha to all!! GODs speed and take care!!

Sidney P. Hart
06/15/06 at 18:54

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank GMT1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1975-1977

Division/Shop W3/REB Shop

Comments:

Am looking for any of my fellow W3'ers from the 75-77 timeframe. Feel free to email me . Sid

tammie losik
06/15/06 at 12:04

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank PN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 93-94

Division/Shop Personnel

Comments:

Any body who remembers me can e-mail me if not and you were on the same time I was still write!

Tomás Gámez Reguera
05/21/06 at 08:10

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank None

Division/Shop None

Comments:

Hola amigos:

Soy Tomás Gómez Reguera, natural de Jerez de la Frontera, nacido en 1957, aficionado a la fotografía antigua, ya desde los años 70, tuve interés por la zona de Rota y entorno, Us Navy y el cambio producido en la población durante esos años.

A través de un amigo, pude conseguir la url del USS CANOPUS, y una vez en esta web he podido localizar este foro.

Me interesaría, a ser posible, poder obtener a través de las personas que residieron en Rota desde los años 50-60-70 y 80 fotografías de su estancia en la Naval Base of Rota, para mi colección de Rota Town.

Igualmente yo les podría enviar fotografías actuales de las zonas mas interesantes de Rota para que recordaran los dias felices pasados en este lugar.

Agradecidos de antemano, les saludo amigablemente

On August 9, 2007, I received the following translation from Doris Moser:

Hello Friends,

I am Tomas Gomez Reguera, a native of Jerez de la Frontera, born in 1957, enthusiast of old photographs. From the 70's I have been interested in Rota and nearby areas, the US. Navy and the changes that occurred in the population/towns during those years.

Through a friend I was able to find the USS Canopus URL and once in this website, I was able to locate this forum.

I am interested, if possible, to obtain through the people that lived in Rota from 1950 thru 1980 pictures of your stay on the Navy Base in Rota for my Rota Town collection. Likewise I could send current pictures of the more interesting areas of Rota so that you can remember the happy days spent in this place.

In advance, appreciation, friendly greetings.

Edgar C. Miller
05/20/06 at 08:10

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EN1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1991-1993

Division/Shop R-9 and Mess Decks MAA

Comments:

I retired off the USS Canopus in Dec. 1993.

CHARLES KARNES
05/15/06 at 22:34

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1989-1991

Division/Shop 2ND DIV

Comments:

WISHING TO WRITE EMAIL TO ME PLEASE DO SO. NOTHING ELSE TO DO BUT GET ON THE NET AND CHAT WITH OLD SHIPMATES LIKE MYSELF.

James C. Daniels
05/07/06 at 19:40

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank JO2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1977-1980

Division/Shop Admin/Public Affairs

Comments:

Reported aboard 11/77; left 3/80. Have read notes from a lot of shipmates in the log, hello to you and all the rest. It's sad to know Canopus was sold for scrap; at least we outlived the Virginia class CGNs, which only lasted 15 years.

In short, BS/Communication - Ohio University; MA - Ohio State. Married Meg in 83, daughter Emily - 87; son Tom - 89. Have worked for Ohio state government since 84; recently bought time from Navy toward Ohio retirement; hopefully by 2012.

Kevin Craggs said it best with wanting to do things over but differently. I would love to have traveled more in Spain and Europe while I was there, but dumb 19-year olds don't always think like that. Good times though, I think I got a lot out of it and I still think it was a good decision to have enlisted and to have served aboard Canopus.

Ronald L Bishop
04/27/06 at 08:23

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank IC3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 73-75

Division/Shop A-Div

Comments:

Was stationed aboard her in Holy Loch, Scotland. Served as boat engineer on the Commadore's Barge and then boat electrician under good EM2 John Macintyre (Mac). Miss the Argyle Pub and all the good friends that I made including all the Scots that I came into contact with. Went through change of command from Capt Walter Brooks to Capt Alexi. I braved many a storm getting people to and from the many small boat piers that we went to so that we could transport our crews between the ship and land (gave me a good set of sea legs). I miss all of this and will always cherish having served aboard such a master of ships.

Larry M. Robinson
04/26/06 at 20:01

Rate/Rank DPC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1982-1983

Division/Shop S-6

Comments:

Served under Capt Holcomb CO and Cmdr Elliot Supply Boss. It was one of the best tours of duty during my 20 years of service. The only time I ever got sea sick was coming back from Ft. Lauderdale FL on my last watch as COW before retiring on Apr 29 1983. The chiefs on board gave me a

retirement ceremony that I will never forget. and to those of you that I never got to thank well this is it "THANKS" you have never been forgotten.

Russell LaFoe
04/21/06 at 17:41

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SH3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1982-1984

Division/Shop Ships store

Comments:

Stationed in Charleston, enjoyed the location and being apart of the team on board the USS Canopus.

Andy (Moonpie) Collins
04/21/06 at 02:02

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E5/ IC2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978-1981

Division/Shop E/ CCTV /IC

Comments:

This is a GREAT site, I hope to hear from several friend I made years ago, on the Canopus in Rota and Charleston. What Great experiences I had. The First Female officer one the Canopus, Roberta Spillane in charge of E Div. Later went on to command and decommission the last ship I served on, the Merrimack AO-179. Looking for Mark Callahan from Voldosta Ga.

Jim Antosy
04/17/06 at 06:37

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank DP1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1968-1971 1976-1980

Division/Shop XD

Comments:

Hi everyone....the Canopus was quite an experience for me I was in Rota as a young seamen and the experience I learned there about life have served me well...made the transition to Bremerton...yuk fire watches...and back again to Holy Lock....lovely lasses and wet and windy mornings on the launches...saw her again in 76 as she relieved the Simon Lake...stayed in Rota with her until 79....what a difference between Franco era and post Franco era....mopeds replaced donkeys...Made the crossing back to Charleston by air...much better than fourteen days of rock and roll...Love to here from any of the old gang.

Les Kinmon
04/12/06 at 19:22

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MR3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1967

Division/Shop R-2, X31 machine shop

Comments:

i would like to hear from any of my old shipmates, lots of fun in Rota, and Charleston. we worked hard and played even harder!! seeya Les

Patti (Thompson) Whisman
04/03/06 at 18:26

Rate/Rank SK2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1986-1987

Division/Shop S-1 Supply Quality Assurance

Comments:

Lots and lots of great memories...happily married to (BT2 EMO) Darrin Whisman (WHIZBANG)! Hey Commander Morris! We made it!

Tarena Wharton
04/03/06 at 11:43

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1991-1994

Division/Shop DC Shipfitters

Comments:

I was stationed in Kings Bay GA

Steven Dill
04/02/06 at 16:51

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-4

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971-1973

Division/Shop W-5 Navigation Repair Shop (CNC Computer)

Comments:

Served in Holy Loch and loved the Scots. Wanted to stay but got transferred to the Alexander Hamilton (SSBN 617). That was fun too, but I missed the Scots.

Larry Smith
04/01/06 at 13:35

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank FTGC(SS)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1980-1983

Division/Shop Fire Control Repair/ Weapons QA

Comments:

Served onboard in Charleston.

August Lukacovic
03/31/06 at 00:12

Rate/Rank BM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1979-1982

Division/Shop 2nd Division, boat crew, 1st division

Comments:

Enjoyed my few years on the Canopus. Read about David Humphries, better know as BONEHEAD. Email me dude. Worked under LtJG Arguello. Email me anyone in that era. Usually known as LUKE.

Glen Ellis
03/30/06 at 20:07

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1990-1992

Division/Shop MarDet

Comments:

Canopus was a great ship, lots of memories and friends.

Godspeed, Canopus.

Steve Fauser
03/29/06 at 11:46

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HM3->2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972 - 1976

Division/Shop Medical

Comments:

I reckon when your ship goes to the breakers it means your getting old(er). Funny, I feel so young. My years aboard Canopus and in Scotland are some of the happiest and most profound in my life. After I left active duty I put my experience as a NAVY corpsman to good use and went on to Physician Assistant school. Without my time as an HM, I would never have done such a thing. Thank you USN. Warm regards to all shipmates

Jeffrey J. Franz

[Email](#)

03/21/06 at 13:19

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1980-1982

Division/Shop Mess

Comments:

20321 Sterling Bay Lane #K
Cornelius, NC 28031

larry longwell bt2
03/16/06 at 08:22

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank bt2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 65/70

Division/Shop b-div

Comments:

would like to hear from anyone

Kevin Andrew
03/12/06 at 20:09

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-4 / SK3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1976 -1978

Division/Shop S-1/S-7

Comments:

Served on board Canopus from 76-78. Had a lot of good times on the ship and made a lot of good friends

Joe Steele
03/07/06 at 07:44

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HTC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 6/75 - 1-76

Division/Shop R-1 Div. X-56A Pipe Shop

Comments:

Good ship, all the guy's from the Pipe Shop maintained a "Can Do" attitude.
Years in Holy Loch 1963/69 - 1975/81 - 1983/87
See Ya in New London

James Dickinson
03/07/06 at 03:46

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) COMM CREW April 65 to Feb 69

Division/Shop RT Div NDT Lab

Comments:

Best Ship in the Fleet, best Duty I had. Drop me a line.

Larry Duncan
03/06/06 at 11:04

Rate/Rank RM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966-1969

Division/Shop Radio Shack

Comments:

I was in Rota on the Canopus in the late 60's as an 19-year-old Georgia boy. One of the great experiences on my life... many fond memories!

Five of us in the Radio Shack shared a 5-bedroom apartment on the beach for something like \$75 a month.

Some of my shipmates were: Cam Yates, Jack Stewart, Jeff Cook, Doug Haas, Chuck Delaney, Dave Martin, Roy Paul Kimsey, Muse, Conners, Tom Recker, Eck, Dennis Altobelle, etc., etc. ...

it was a great 2 1/2 years! Thank for having this website. Hopefully some of us can keep in touch with each other a little better now.

Larry Duncan

Billie Jo Buchanan-Lowenstein
03/06/06 at 10:03

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1985-1987

Division/Shop Deck Department

Comments:

Richard, I'm not real fluent in Spanish so I have translated this the best that I could.

Translation of a message from Alan Alvin 1/12/2006 @ 10:33am.

Begin Translation...

I am a son of a sailor of the USS Canopus which for I have understood (murio) in Vietnam, I do not know name or surname. I (naci) the 21 May 1966. My mother is called Isabella. He worked in the California area. A friend of my father was called Tino and was Filipino, but nationalized American. He served (tambien) in the Canopus and itself retreat being remained in broken where does little murio. He sent money to my mother to traves of a companero. Its until supposedly murio wanted to know if someone knows something about my father communicate it to me. I do not ask of anything, I

am alone and would like to know if I have another family, brother, tios, prime oabuelos who knows.
Thanks to all and good luck.
...End translation

For whomever submitted this message, I hope that I have not mistranslated anything, as I am certain this is a heartfelt request.
My blessings to you. Billie Jo

Gregory Stanfill
03/05/06 at 08:45

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1985-1987 1989-1991

Division/Shop 2nd / 1st

Comments:

Anyone who wants to contact me feel free to do so at gstanfill@hotmail.com. I am currently residing in Norfolk Va.

Joaquim Cunha ("The Greek")
03/04/06 at 17:10

Rate/Rank MR3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966-1968

Division/Shop R-2, Machine Shop

Comments:

I just found out about the site. This brings back a lot of great memories. I would like to hear from some of the guys I served with. Where are you, Jadin? And what about you, Cacuza? Special hello to Chief DeChand. Hope to see some of you at the reunion in October.

Tom Seeburger
03/01/06 at 19:04

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) Jan 69 - Aug 71

Division/Shop A gang

Comments:

Bob Gransee, I worked with you during my time aboard Canopus. I worked for Chief MacDonald on the barge and in the AC Shop.

Hope to see you at the reunion.

Carl Hedgepeth
02/23/06 at 08:09

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RM

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1983 - 1987

Division/Shop Communications

Comments:

Hello everyone,

It's been a long time since I thought about the Canopus, but lately, I keep hearing voices from the past and finally decided I'd better take some action.

Perhaps someone in the radio gang will see this and I can find out what's up.

Hope all is well. If you email me, please make sure to put USS Canopus in the Subject Line. I delete tons of junk email and I don't want to miss an important one.

Charlie Smith (Smitty)
02/20/06 at 20:41

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SFM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop R1 Welding Shop

Comments:

Best of times, I just didn't know it then. Decided I didn't want to be a welder the rest of my life & used every penny of the GI bill for a BBA, but can still weld, married since 1970. Will try for 2006 reunion.

Nate Kinard
02/20/06 at 12:13

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank CS1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971=1973

Division/Shop Supply Department

Comments:

Founder and Coach of Site 1 basketball team, the Sonics.

Larry E. McGuire (Mac)
02/19/06 at 08:23

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SHT3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966-1968

Division/Shop Ships Service

Comments:

Hi everyone. I came on board in Charleston SC and rode the Canopus to Rota and as I read and agree with many of these comments Rota was a great place to have fun. Places like the Bar California, and the Tokyo and many others too. The beach was a great place to spend the day getting over the "NIGHTS BEFORE" . I am now living in Granville Ohio and enjoy motorcycles and trap shooting. My wife and I both ride motorcycles and belong to a great bunch of riders and campers, called the International Brotherhood of Motorcycle Campers. or (IBMC). If you are close to Ohio looks us up. I was at the reunion in Norfolk but have not had the extra time to get back to another however I do plan to do so.

Hope to hear from you.

W.Mark Clarke
02/03/06 at 09:07

[Email](#)

Comments:

Howdy folks,

Iâ€™m a screen writer and I am doing what they call a â€œspecâ€ script about the USS Liberty. In short your ship assisted the Liberty in fixing the TRESSCOM.

Secondly, I understand there may have been a â€œdisturbanceâ€ in the e-club called the VANGUARD. Can anyone say something?

Thanks,

W Mark Clarke
SUBJECT LINE â€œ72 Minutesâ€

natalie
02/02/06 at 16:44

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank n/a

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971-1973

Division/Shop ??

Comments:

All - trying to find out about my dad - Carl David Porter - who may have been on the USS Canopus and stationed at Rota, Spain for a big surprise. I have a great picture of him and my mum at the American Bar...

any stories about him - I'd love to hear them...

thanks

Natalie

Dane Dilka
01/31/06 at 21:58

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E4 / YN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) (1981-1984)

Division/Shop RO/EO

Comments:

I was onboard 81 - 84. I left the ship and the USN right before the ship left REFIT and headed for GITMO. Thank goodness to have missed that cruise.

I used to hang around with PH3 Hutchens, PN2 Pijoan, YN2's Stevenson, Terry & Bartlett. Anyone remember LTJG Ash? The Asst Eng. I worked for CMDR's Stamps & Baumann in Repair and Woodward in Engineering.

Anyone is free to drop me a line. It would be nice to hear from shipmates from that time in my life.

John Mockin
01/21/06 at 03:09

Comments:

California Bar is gone. Apartments going up where it once stood. The Spanish message is a guy looking for his father.

Steve Coomer
01/16/06 at 10:09

Rate/Rank SK2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1971

Division/Shop S-1 / S-7

Comments:

I just found this website and was excited to see some of the old places and faces. I checked aboard as a SKSN in Rota, spending most of my time at the Tokyo Bar playing pool. I left as a SK2 in Holy Loch. I guess those four years decided my future as I stayed around for another 18 years. Am now living in Virginia Beach, VA. If any old time supply guys are out there please contact me.

Steve Kramek
01/13/06 at 13:28

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank FTB1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1976-1980

Division/Shop W-2 (Fire Control Shop)

Comments:

Reported onboard Canopus just after her shakedown in Guantanamo, scared to death and brand new to the Navy.

Sailed to Rota, had an incredible tour, and brought her back to port in Charleston.

Eventually transferred to Sub School, Groton, CT for instructor duty and got out after ten.

Currently working for General Dynamics, still supporting sub sailors and their boats.

Richard Retin
01/13/06 at 10:19

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Association Chairman

Comments:

We need a Spanish speaking shipmate to translate the following message. We can then determine if we need to respond to the author.

Fernando, where are you?

On August 3, 2007, I received the following translation from Doris Moser:

I am the son of a USS canopus sailor whom I understood died in Vietnam. I don't know his first or last name. I was born on May 21, 1966. My mothers name is Isabel and she was working in California. (I beleive he means that "she was working in the California bar"). A friend of my father was called Tino and he was Phillipino but nationalized American, he was also serving on the Canopus, he retired staying in Rota where he recently died. My father was sending money to my mother by way of a friend until he allegedly died. If someone knows something communicate with me so that I am able to know a little more about my father. I don't ask for anything more, only to know if I have other family: brothers/sisters, uncles, cousins, grandparents. Who knows. Thanks to all and good luck.

alan alvin
01/12/06 at 11:33

[Email](#)

Comments:

soy hijo de un marinero del usscanopus el cual por lo que tengo entendido murio en vietnam,no se su nombre ni apellidos yo naci el 21/05/66 mi madre se llama isabel y trabajaba en el california un amigo de mi padre se llamaba tino y era filipino pero nacionalizado americano el estuvo sirviendo tambien en el canopus y se retiro quedandose en rota donde hace poco murio,mi padre mandaba dinero a mi madre a traves de un compaÃ±ero suyo hasta que supuestamente murio quisiera si alguien sabe algo me lo comunique para poder saber un poco mas de mi padre no pido nada mas solo saber si tengo otra familia hermanos,tios,primos oabuelos quien sabe.gracias a todos y buena suerte.

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knows something communicate with me so that I am able to know a little more about my father. I don't ask for anything more, only to know if I have other family: brothers/sisters, uncles, cousins, grandparents. Who knows. Thanks to all and good luck.

David H Jenkins
01/09/06 at 18:08

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EMFN/EM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1989-1991

Division/Shop D-2,D-3

Comments:

Just got station at NSB Kingsbay again. So many memories.

Scott Maze
01/09/06 at 01:05

Rate/Rank BM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1986-1990

Division/Shop D-3 D-2

Comments:

Had a great times in KingBay. Lot of good times. Love to hear from ya'

Richard Gransee
01/06/06 at 18:32

Rate/Rank MM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1968-1971

Division/Shop AC/R SHOP A DIV

Comments:

met my wife over in greenock have keep in touch with Wimpy Lipps and Morris Rozer if any body knows where a Mike Philips is

Gregory Miller
12/31/05 at 09:22

Rate/Rank PC3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) Jan 70-Dec 72

Division/Shop Post Office

Comments:

Picked up Canopus in Bremerton Wa. where I joined my brother (any one remember the Miller brothers?) and made the cruise below the equator, through the Panama Canal what a fun time that was. Then on to GITMO for war games. Almost lost good friend Paul Vanesky while swimming. Sailed to Charleston then onto Holy Loch. Was one of the greatest time of my life. Still remember driving a military vehicle on the ferry boat and then onto Prestwick Airport to pick up the mail. Some of you guys actually stood on the pier and "watched" the mail while I parked the truck when actually it wasn't "mail" it was about a 1/4 million dollars in cash usually just before pay day. Thanks for your honesty. I hope to make it to the reunion and bring some pics of that time with me.

Susy Clark
12/27/05 at 09:05

[Email](#)

Comments:

I am trying to find an old friend who was on the Canopus sometime between 1988 - 1992. Her name is Dottie Albritton and she was a Storekeeper. Dottie where are you???

Gus Guedes
12/16/05 at 18:46

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop 2nd Division crane operator

Comments:

Rota was a great liberty port, spent many days on the beach and nights at the California Bar. By the way I was back two years ago with the wife and the California Bar is still serving San Miguel. Plan to go to the reunion in 2006. I do remember a Greg Keith in 2nd Division.

Rota Rooter Gus

Tom Kramer
12/12/05 at 13:28

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank at the time I was a SH2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1982 - 1985

Division/Shop S-3

Comments:

I left the Canopus in 1985 and retired in 2003.

Jonnie (Jon) Peterson
12/10/05 at 07:35

Rate/Rank SH3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1975

Division/Shop Ship's Stores / S3 Division

Comments:

I Loved my time I spent in Scotland onboard the Canopus. I first worked for the Master At Arms group, then went to deck, second division , and ended up at the special order desk and later the officers and crews barber shops. I meet many good people while I in Scotland and would like to hear from them.

Jon Peterson

Larry E Tinnell
12/05/05 at 11:44

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1967

Division/Shop E Division/Rubber&Plastics

Comments:

I was on the Canopus from day 1, spending most of my time in the rubber and plastics shop. When I got out I went into the St. louis Police department and later quit and became an Insurance adjuster/fire investigator.

Now living in St. Louis with my wife of 26 years and daughters.

Would like to hear from any of the old timers.

Larry

Fernando M. Iglesias
12/05/05 at 03:57

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MSC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1976-1979

Division/Shop S-2 (Galley & Food Storage)

Comments:

At 1976 I was at Rota cross deck from the Simon Lake (AS-33). Working under FSO Edward T. Bartyzal, (by the way he move to Corpus Christi) have great time at Rota also at Charleston Weapons Station. I have met many shipmates at the Biloxi USS Canopus Reunion few years back. I live at Corpus Christi, Texas and I'm in touch with many shipmates around the the US and Spain. I retired at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas, NOV 1991 with the Rank of Senior Chief, MSCS.I made yearly trips to Spain and Rota really has changed so Spain as a whole new country.

Greg Keith
11/25/05 at 15:59

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1971

Division/Shop 2nd Division/ Crane operator/Boat Coxswain

Comments:

What a great addition to our website. Hello to all the "Rota Rooters". If there are any of the guys from the boat deck, send me an email. I was at the Reno Reunion and had a great time seeing everyone and reliving the fun we had in Rota, Charleston, Bremerton, Panama, and Holy Loch. Whew, lucky to have survived Liberty Call. I'm looking forward to our next reunion in Groton

Peter Frappolli
11/21/05 at 19:31

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YN2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1977-1981

Division/Shop Captain's Office/Engineering/Legl

Comments:

Willie - Chico - Farmer where are you?

Chuck DeLaney
11/14/05 at 12:23

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966-1968

Division/Shop ops/radio shack

Comments:

Was on pre-com detail in Norfolk. Rode her to Rota, left in 1968 for a tour of duty in Vietnam.

Rented a house with other RM's on Sagrado Carazon De Jesus St.

Attended many bull fights in Rota. Hung out mostly at American Bar and Acey/Ducey club.

I am still in contact via email with Steve O'neal, Doug Haas, and Jerry Connors.

Had also been in contact with Mike Gordon. Doug Haas informed me that Mike had passed away recently.

Would be very interested in hearing from others who were in the shack during the same time frame.

Flick, are you out there?

Gary Diedrick
11/07/05 at 14:45

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YN2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966 - 1970

Division/Shop X

Comments:

After spending my 1st 4 years in USN on the CANOPUS I went into the Naval Reserve & retired in '91 as a Legalman CPO. Next to gettin' married to my wife in '67, the CANOPUS was probably the best thing to happen to me. Her crew was a proud crew & accomplished many things during the 4 years I was there. I'd sure like hearin' from some of those folks in X DIV like P.J. Byrne, Tom Gorman, Hector Acosta, Larry Gross, Sam Banta, Mr. Gibbons (legal officer), Mike Villarreal, Ken Holt, Dave Martineau, Chaplain Fred Whittaker, Murphy (librarian), Chief Beach. Hats off to Dick Retin for all the hard work he has put into keepin' the association up and runnin'. Sure was sorry to hear of Gordy's passin' as I know the association meant a lot to him. Keep up the great work & see ya in Groton!!

Fernando Cantu
11/07/05 at 11:46

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 77/78

Division/Shop 2nd Div

Comments:

Hello can anyone remember me---512-2929217-call collect--wanting to locate joe nasella

Brian Sawyer
11/03/05 at 16:35

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MSSN

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1982

Division/Shop Supply - S2 Division

Comments:

Great to see such a GREAT site dedicated Canopus. My first command right out of MS 'A' school. I remember walking onto her deck at Charleston Weapons Station, (July or August of 1982) all the way down pier Charlie, holding my seabag, garment bag & orders. (with no help offered from anyone) and seating my butt off, thinking; MY GOD, THAT'S A BIG SHIP!

I worked for very good people during my short year onboard. MSCS Ibanez, MS2 Sauvie (the Baker), MS2 Bailey (The Jack-of-the-Dust). And MS1 Gupta (his favorite line to me was, DO IT AND SHUT UP!)

I arranged for orders (yeah, even a lowly seaman has a few contacts) and left the ship as she went to the yard because I didn't want to chip paint!!!!

My favorite memories: Thursday crane & stores conveyer working parties for stores onload. AND, finding fresh spinach for incoming sub CO's.

Tom Polzin
10/31/05 at 14:01

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank DP2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1975-1977

Division/Shop S-8/ADP

Comments:

Hi Crew, I had plenty of good times on the Canopus (except for my 3 months on the mess deck). I was in the Data Processing office so it was always nice and cool in there. Looking at those pictures of the Hotel Playa de la Luz sure brings back alot of good memories. I rode the Canopus over to Rota and rode the Simon Lake back. I spent way too much time in the Charleston shipyard. Fire watch division wasn't too bad, my landlord was a welder. We finally went on line and relieved the Hunley at the Weapons Station. From there we went to Kings Bay, Ga. It was brand new so there wasn't much on base, just a commissary, ships store and Shore Patrol station. I was transfered off the ship to SP for the last six months I was in. Looking back I sure wish I had stayed in and did my 20 years. I haven't seen or talked to anybody from my old shop. Hope all the guys are doing ok. To everybody else, take care, keep the wind in your sails and follow the North Star straight on till morning.

Don Doocy
10/26/05 at 18:35

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YNC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1974

Division/Shop Ship's Office/Repair Office

Comments:

Hello all

I just found my way here and hope to hear from some old shipmates. I have some of my best and worst memories while onboard Canopus. After 10 years on the East coast I transferred to the West for my last 12 years. I'm up for retirement in a couple of months from the Post Office looking forward to my next career. Good luck to you all... Doocy

Blake Fritz
10/22/05 at 00:30

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank IM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1968

Division/Shop Fleet Mechanical Calibration Laboratory

Comments:

I was part of the commissioning crew of the USS Canopus and found it to be the highlight of my 20+ year career in the Navy.

I am now retired and living in Mount Vernon, Ohio with my wife of 49 years. To pass the time we both work as volunteers at the Mount Vernon High School.

Doug Morrell
10/20/05 at 02:08

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YN2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 75-78

Division/Shop Captains Office/Supply Office

Comments:

Hi Shipmates,

This is to funny. I met Michelle in the Dentists Office here in Coopersville, MI. Come to find out we both served on the Canopus. I picked up the Canopus in Holy Lock, Scotland, rode her back to

Charleston in a very angry N. Atlantic. The skipper came over the 1MC and asked if anyone wanted to wait out the storm in port in Scotland and miss Christmas at home. Not! We rode her out, something I'll never forget - almost everyone was seasick!

After Refit in Charleston we went down to Gitmo, Cuba for Refresher Training, and since the crew did so well, gun crew had a clean sweep, even have a picture of a broom in the bore of the gun, we stopped somewhere in FL for the weekend on the way back to Charleston to load up and ride her over to Rota. I brought a 350 Honda over to Rota, but it ran like crap because of the saltwater in the base gas, I sold it to a guy who turned out to be a best friend, Ron Murphy from Indianapolis, IN. He was just up here for our annual hayride. We've been trying to find a old shipmate, Manny Nuval. I laugh now about some of the stuff that happened during my tour.

Michelle (Engle) May
10/18/05 at 12:37

Rate/Rank MM/FM

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1992-1994

Division/Shop R-9

Comments:

Served in Kings Bay, GA. I made some great friends. I now live in MI with my husband Eric and two kids, Joe and Katelyn. I'm currently working as a Dental Assistant. Would love to hear from anyone who might remember me.

Joseph M. Harvey
10/15/05 at 16:17

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1988-1991

Division/Shop M Division

Comments:

It was great to find this site and remind me of some very good times in my life aboard the Canopus and off! Being a hole snipe was hard work and long hours and I would not trade it for any of my life experiences. Hello to everyone and if there is anyone that was aboard during my time please drop me a line.

Bryan J. Wolfe
10/14/05 at 21:32

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1987-1989

Division/Shop D-1,Ops/Nav, MAA

Comments:

Like the site... Sometimes take time to remember all the good times, and some of the bad too..... Mostly good, and good friends.....

Daniel Therrien

[Email](#)

10/14/05 at 19:32

Rate/Rank MR2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966-1970

Division/Shop R2/Machine Shop

Comments:

I went with her to Rota and came back with her. I left her in Bremerton. Kind of hurts to see her now in the UK. Tons of memories, all good. I've been back to Rota once for old times sake, but it isn't the same.

Kudos to Richard Retin and all of those who made this site possible. Great Job.

To all who served on her - fair winds and following seas.

Steve Adams
10/12/05 at 04:48

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank BM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 70 to 72

Division/Shop 2nd Div. Cranes and Cargo

Comments:

Hi again Crews I was on the Canopus at Holy Loch, I still think about her and Scotland. I communicate with several of my main crew via email and got together with some in Norfolk awhile ago. I was also a DJ on the ships WSTC radio I had the "mixed bag" evening everything show. Mozart would follow Miles Davis followed by Mick Jagger. Cool times great crew great friends. Sad to see the ship getting ready to be razor blades in Teeside England.
Take care
Steve A.

Mike Boyett
10/09/05 at 16:23

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1968-1972

Division/Shop R-4 Antenna Shop

Comments:

Have fond memories of my time spent aboard Canopus met my wife in Holylock, Scotland and have been married for 33 years now also she still has family there and we went back for our 30th anniversary I have attened 2 reunions and would like to see more people show up in the future if anyone remembers me send e-mail i will answer

Fred Beebe
10/04/05 at 12:49

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1976-1979

Division/Shop R-1 Flex Hose / Pipe Shop

Comments:

Great Ship, Great times, miss all the friends and the hard work.
Honor to be part of it.

Kenny Messano
10/03/05 at 22:46

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank MM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971-1975

Division/Shop M division

Comments:

Hi Fellow Shipmates. I Have Some Very Fond Memmories Of The Canopus. I've Located A Few Shipmates Already. Any Of You Guys That Were With US In Main Control From 1971 to 1975, When The Canopus Left Holy Loch, Scotland. Please Get A Hold Of Us. I've Located Benny & Kenny P. Already. Does Anybody Know Where Bancroft Might Be? Join The Rest Of Us. We would'nt Mind Hearing From You Guy's!

Kenny

david humphries
10/03/05 at 19:59

Rate/Rank bm e2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978-1980

Division/Shop div3 boat deck

Comments:

I dont have a email right now will have 1 in 3-5 days my nickname was and is BONEHEAD

DAVE MARTIN
09/27/05 at 17:55

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank CYN3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967 - 1969

Division/Shop OPERATIONS DIV/RADIO SHACK

Comments:

I REMEMBER THE AS-34 WELL. IT WAS A GREAT DUTY SHIP. WE HAD A GREAT GROUP OF GUYS IN THE RADIO SHACK, BUT ONLY THE ONES BELOW THE RANK OF PO2 DID ANY OF THE SHIPS WORK. SOME OF THE DECK LOG ENTRIES BRING BACK MEMORIES OF OLD SHIPMATES AND THE GOOD TIMES IN ROTA, SPAIN. IS CAM YATES OR CARL LESLIE OUT THERE? WE SPENT MANY A DAY AT THE AMERICAN BAR, WHERE BEER WAS 15 PESETA'S AND YOU COULD DRINK ALL NIGHT FOR A BUCK OR TWO.

Floyd E. Hawk, Jr.

[Email](#)

09/25/05 at 07:00

Rate/Rank ML3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1968

Division/Shop R-2

Comments:

Plank owner, ships foundry, we're the guys who used to make all the bronze plaques that are in your collections.

J.Paul Surprenant
09/23/05 at 08:15

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank LT

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1968

Division/Shop Operations Officer/Navigator

Comments:

I was CO of the Balance Crew in Norfolk--also first Editor of the Helmsman. Recently talked with Richard Retin and will probably attend the Groton reunion. Currently live in Rockledge FL with my wife Lou. I was promoted to LCDR shortly after leaving Canopus and retired from SubScol July 1973.

Steve Holder
09/21/05 at 13:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank GMG2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972-1975

Division/Shop 2nd/deckDivison/Armory

Comments:

I enjoyed my time on board her , wish I could turn back time; Lot of good times....

Tom Carlough
09/17/05 at 07:26

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EN2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-70

Division/Shop A gang AC&R

Comments:

Had a great time on the old girl. I hope everyone is doing fine. Would like to hear from some of the old crew.....

George Snow
09/16/05 at 16:29

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ETC (SS)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1966-1967

Division/Shop W-5 Navigation Repair

Comments:

Went to precomm from USS Daniel Webster SSBN 626, transferred to AS-32 when we relieved her in Rota. Had a great group of technicians working for me. I believe they could have rebuilt a boomers nav center out of used coffee tins if they had to.
Thanks guys, it was a pleasure working with you.

Robb Usell
09/12/05 at 13:07

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1980-1982

Division/Shop E-Division/Distribution

Comments:

I was on the ship when it was tied up at the Naval Weapons Station, Pier "C" in Goosecreek, South Carolina. I really liked the Charleston area. I wanted to stay but the Navy sent me to San Diego in 1982. I have been here ever since. It would be interesting to hear from some of my E-Division shipmates. Send me an e-mail if you are so inclined.

Anthony W. Mckinnis
09/09/05 at 04:22

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank ET3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1979

Division/Shop ET repair

Comments:

I was station on board when the ship was in Goose Creek, SC. 1979.

Tim Shingara
09/07/05 at 05:12

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1968-1970

Division/Shop Radio Central

Comments:

Gary Steinbeck (RM2) and I transfered to the Canopus in 68 after they decommissioned the USS alcor (AK-259). Spent many hours in the American Bar. I still remember buying two ice cold Heineken beers for a quarter at the little quonset hut bar on the pier. Rode the Canopus to Charleston and renewed some old friendships!!!. Then ended up in Bremerton. What a wild place that was.....Part hippy/part US Navy.. Lived with some RMs off base before I was discharged in 1970. Send an E-mail

if you remember me and my big red Ducati or the house at 712 Park avenue....Bremerton memories are still kinda fuzzy.

John W. Fives
09/05/05 at 16:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Bm 3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1967

Division/Shop 3rd Div

Comments:

I went to pre-com Norfolk June 65-Oct.65
was a great summer when I look back on it.
Went tad to Orion,3"50 school Dam Neck
Gate guard at Little Creek,TAD Simon Lake
for Crane and small boats

Kevin W Craggs
09/05/05 at 14:50

Rate/Rank HT3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1977-1980

Division/Shop R-1 pipe shop canvas locker

Comments:

I have many great memories from the 3 1/2 years I spent aboard the old Girl. I was just 17 when I first went aboard. Sure wish I could go back and do a few thing different. I was a member of the Rota Rodeo Assn. My nick name was Moose. Sure would like to hear from some old ship mates.

Jeff Cook
09/04/05 at 15:43

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank RM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1968

Division/Shop Communications (Radio)

Comments:

Was a Radioman who loved the bars and nightlife of Rota and Southern Spain. Was a morse code operator and secure TTY supervisor in the 1967-68 timeframe. All Rota Rooters and anyone associated with the comm center please drop me a line or too. I wonder if BJ Mary is still alive? Mr Wong at the American bar? Ah those were the days.
The Canopus web page.....what a great site. Thanks Guys.
Jeff

Robert Shields
09/04/05 at 13:26

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-6 MM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1976 -1978

Division/Shop A gang O2/N2

Comments:

Got to Rota Dec. 29 1975 right out of C school. My wife and I lived on the beach. Wonderful time in Rota. So much of a good time, I cross decked. Spent many a weekend in Toermolinos on the beach. Toured around Spain and Portugal. Feel free to e-mail me!!

Kevin Coffey
08/26/05 at 06:02

Rate/Rank EM1/DV

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1983-1985

Division/Shop R-6 / Dive Locker

Comments:

Good ship yard time and transfer to Kings Bay

Robert Morris
08/24/05 at 22:15

Rate/Rank EM3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1969 1971

Division/Shop Rubber and Plastics / Repair Electric

Comments:

WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE ON CANOPUS AT ROTA AND HOLY LOCH. WISHED I HAD KEPT ADDRESS OF SHIPMATES WHEN I LEFT. I AM LIVING IN NY AND ABOUT 10 MILES FROM GROTON CONN BY WATER. WILL TRY TO MAKE NEXT REUNION.

Jack Stewart
08/23/05 at 13:36

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YN2 (RM)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967 - 1969

Division/Shop Operations / Radio

Comments:

Was on board in Rota and return to US. Discharged at Bremerton, WA. Was a Yeoman but worked as a Radioman most of the time. Spent more than a little time in the American Bar. Would like to hear from other Rota Rooters.

Ken JENSEN
08/23/05 at 10:51

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1971

Division/Shop R3 and RQA --- Elec Repair & Quality Assurance

Comments:

Greetings to All !!!

I was as a Plank Owner
(Balance Crew, Norfolk & Charleston)
left in Holy Lock, Scotland;
aboard for 6+ years.
Also in Rota, Spain.

I now live in Arizona with wife and 5 daughters,
(aged 3, 4, 12, 15 & 16 years).

Would love to hear from anyone;
we'll exchange stories !!!

Ken Jensen

Gordon (Butch) Rawn
08/22/05 at 13:17

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank HM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972 - 1974

Division/Shop Medical/RC

Comments:

Looking forward to attending the (06) Reunion in New London. My first for the Canopus.

Bill Salter
08/22/05 at 12:10

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank YN2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1978-1982

Division/Shop X

Comments:

Great addition to the web site! I reported aboard as an 18-year old YNSA in July '78 in Rota. Rented a 3-BR apartment in Punta de la Vante (sic) with PNSN Carter and BTFN Roy (forgot last name); he was from Big "D" (Dallas) for \$150/month (\$50 pp). Kelly's disco was the place on the weekend, when I went back in '87 on a Med cruise, Kelly's was a country & western bar, too bad. Ship returned to NWS Charleston in June '79. Played on flag football, softball, and basketball teams. Never forget all the young female sailors I met (yeah, you too Nancy Bohn). YNCS Holcomb taught me a lot working in Captain's Office, then went to Legal Clerk school, came back and worked in Legal. Reenlisted for orders to US Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida in Jan '82. From Canopus to Tampa, it was like 8 years of shore duty! Won't ever forget my softball buddies and other teammates.

ralph boone
08/21/05 at 13:06

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank btc

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 67-71

Division/Shop b-div fireroom

Comments:

looking for any shipmates on board from b-div or m-div from oct 67 to july 71.

Dave Kuntz
08/20/05 at 19:47

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank EM1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1967

Division/Shop R3/Outside Electrical Repair

Comments:

This is an outstanding feature of the site. Well done.

To all my shipmates on the pre-commissioning crew in Norfolk, VA and outfitting, commissioning and servicing our first boats in Charleston, SC I wish you well and hope you have as many happy memories as I do. Though I was an electrician I learned to lay tile floor, paint and deck out our little repair shop aboard the Canopus. Skills my wife is thankful for even today.

Earl Brandon
08/20/05 at 06:56

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank CW02

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1968-1972

Division/Shop R2 Division Officer

Comments:

I was on board when " We R2 Good to be true " was adopted as the R2 slogan. Years later in 1976 I returned to Holy Loch and on board

Holland saw many jackets with our slogan on it. The Master at Arms wanted the badges removed but the XO let us keep them.

Buzz
08/20/05 at 06:25

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SK3

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1969-1972

Division/Shop S-1 Division

Comments:

I don't have anything nice to say about Mother Canopus. Those quack Mother Canopus doctors left me a cripple. I've had six knee surgeries because of quack Mother Canopus doctors. The VA surgeons are even worse than those Mother Canopus doctors. I'm still fighting the VARO for my service connected disabilities because of quack Mother Canopus doctors.

Jim Erb
08/20/05 at 06:21

Rate/Rank DT2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1971-1972

Division/Shop Dental Department

Comments:

Hello everyone!

I have really been enjoying this website. My wife and I look forward to the next reunion in New London in Oct, 2006.... our first!

Go Navy

Karen "Boris" Culp
08/20/05 at 05:03

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank DC2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1984-87, 1989-91

Division/Shop DC / DCC , DCPO Supply

Comments:

Hi all

Love the site, Love the ship. Did 2 tours on her. Rode her down from Charleston Ship yard to Kings Bay. Many fond memories.

Still live and work here in Kings Bay. If you are ever in the neighborhood look me up at the Medical Clinic on base.

Kent Freeman
08/20/05 at 03:41

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank NCC

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1980-1984

Division/Shop ADMIN/COMMAND CAREER COUNSELOR

Comments:

HI Shipmates, I retired onboard Aug 1984 and have a US Flag that was flown on Canopus. During my tour Canopus earned the MUC and Battle "E". We were also a earned a NAVCRUITCOM Pro Navy "Super Charger" award for the Atlantic Fleet. WE were nominated twice for the Golden Anchor and was on COMSUBLANT'S retention honor for sixty-six consecutive months, twelve months longer than any other command. In my opinion, it was because of the leadership of my Commanding Officers, Capt Marxer and Capt Holcomb. They created a command climate that enabled Canopus to excel in the highest traditions of the US Naval Service. It was/is an honor to be a part of the Canopus and her crew.

Darrell Iehle
08/19/05 at 20:27

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank E-2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965 - 1968

Division/Shop E- Division / ELECTRIC SHOP

Comments:

I SERVED ON THE CANOPUS FROM THE DAY IT WAS BORN UNTIL 1968. I WAS ONE OF ABOUT 20 NAVY GUYS WHO DROVE IT AROUND FROM MISSISSIPPI. I HAD A GREAT TIME AND I WILL SEE YOU AT THE REUNION.

Ted Robbins
08/19/05 at 17:00

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank IC2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1967-1969

Division/Shop E Division/IC Room

Comments:

Fond memories of a great life experience.

Bruce P. Breckenfeld
08/19/05 at 15:20

Rate/Rank EN1

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) Precom Detail in Norfolk,Va. 1965-1967

Division/Shop Emergence Diesel /A Div.

Comments:

Hey Shipmates when the Engine Rm. dropped the load I was there also did the 1st. tour or permanent Shore Patrol in Rota Spain. You know the short Guy with a Big Marine as my escort. The Mutt& Jeff so to speak . Well have to shove off Take Care.

" Breck"

Richard Retin
08/19/05 at 12:50

[Email](#)

Comments:

In response to an earlier inquiry, the Canopus is at Able Ship Recyling in the the UK, where it is soon to be broken up for scrap. Photos from there can be seen at

<http://www.usscanopus.homestead.com/>.

I have exchanged emails with the manager at Able and hope to get some last mementos.

Curtis L Jago
08/18/05 at 03:49

Rate/Rank RM2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1972 - 1974

Division/Shop CR2

Comments:

Hi Everyone,

What a great idea for a site - Shipmates have put a lot of work into this -

We lived out in Sandy Beach Innellan -

Ended up getting a couple of more Subtenders before I retired - If anyone remembers us give me a shout if not hello to fellow shipmates anyway -

Curt

Chuck Powell
08/17/05 at 18:41

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank SK2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1979 TO 1981

Division/Shop S-2 DIVISION Supply office

Comments:

Hey Yall, nice to run accross this site, Enjoyed my time on Canopus. Would love to hear where everyone went after. I assume Canopus is de-com and in mothballs somewhere. Drove by Philly shipyard last week and saw all kinds of tenders, oilers, and the type rusting away there. Wonder if Canopus met same fate.

Richard A. Williams
08/12/05 at 04:39

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank Seaman Apprentice

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1981-1982

Division/Shop Deck, Boatswain Mate

Comments:

I miss the ship so much; I want back in. Signed up to be a navy seal, 1980 discharged 1982. 1988. Developed new toothbrush/mouthbrush the TMB1 cleans the whole mouth. US Patent office denied patent since 1986 to present. My grandfather retired 41 yrs AEC, my father retired 27 yrs doe. and I have had up to my neck with our Govt....

Richard Austin Williams
Ph# 865-560-0340

Vote independent 2008

Kenneth Gilmer
08/08/05 at 19:24

Rate/Rank e-4

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1968-1974

Division/Shop damage control/ shipfitter

Comments:

I was on the canopus for 5 years, 1968-1974. I was in a damage control/ shipfitter unit. I was based in rota spain and holy loch scotland

Edward Pado
08/06/05 at 18:19

Rate/Rank SF2 (shipfitter)

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1968

Division/Shop R-1 X-17 (Sheetmetal shop)

Comments:

This deck log is a welcome addition to the site.
Good Idea!

Richard Retin
08/06/05 at 15:26

[Email](#)

Rate/Rank PH2

Years aboard (19xx-19xx) 1965-1968

Division/Shop RS Division Photo Lab

Comments:

Just added service info for a test.

Richard Retin
08/06/05 at 15:15

[Email](#)

Comments:

I have just added the Deck Log to the site.

Shipmates can leave information about themselves; shipmates they would like to find; and any sea stories they would like to tell.

Any suggestions for improving our Association's website would be appreciated.