

## USS Annapolis (AGMR-1) Guest Book Entries Since 30 July 2016

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**Raymond Dalbesio**

Friday, 2/29/20, 7:36 AM

Served on Anna March 1967 to May 1968 R Division Shipfitter 2 when I disembarked the old girl, out at sea, via high line to a low riding oiler. Got dunked twice on the way over. Planned? or Not? Best ship I served on for the next three years.

From: Santa Cruz, CA  
Email:

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**David Heise, Sr.**

Thursday, 8/15/19, 9:58 AM

Would like to hear from ENS M.E. Cochrane, '67 and LTJG W.I. Shattuck '69

From: Timonium, MD  
Email: [drheisesr@aol.com](mailto:drheisesr@aol.com)

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**Ron Fotland**

Wednesday, 7/10/19, 12:44 PM

Served on her from 1/67 1/68. Went to the reunion in 2011. Had a great time. Met one of my best friends there. Don Mays. Still keep in contact with him. Also in contact with two others. Looking forward to the reunion in oct. I went to school in Newport

From: Bartlett, Ill  
Email: [Rfotland@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Rfotland@sbcglobal.net)

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**Thomas**

Saturday, 5/11/19, 3:49 PM

From: Dayton, Ohio  
Email: [bksfan4life@hotmail.com](mailto:bksfan4life@hotmail.com)

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**Ken Perrone**

Thursday, 2/21/19, 3:02 PM

After time in the heart lab thought I would check your site out. Very nice.

From: Las Cruces, NM  
Email: [perrone1@comcast.net](mailto:perrone1@comcast.net)

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**ARMANDO OCAMPO**

Saturday, 11/10/18, 7:35 AM

I am one of the plank owner of USS Annapolis AGMR1). I would like to attend the next reunion. I am sorry for missing past reunions.

From: The Villages, Florida  
Email: [agocampo@hotmail.com](mailto:agocampo@hotmail.com)

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**Robin Boes**

Sunday, 7/22/18, 3:12 PM

From: Tipton, Indiana  
Email:

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**Charlie Powers**

Monday, 7/9/18, 9:29 AM

I went aboard the Annapolis out of boot camp, 1966 -1967. Quite a change of life for a young Nebraska boy. In August 1969, while aboard the USS Waldron, DD699, we were just leaving Norfolk for a 6 month cruise in the Med. Just got out to sea and here comes the Annapolis into port. I keep kicking myself yet today for not having my camera.

From: McCook Nebraska  
Email: [charlipowers@yahoo.com](mailto:charlipowers@yahoo.com)

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**ROBERT A. MORRIS**

Friday, 6/22/18, 3:24 PM

On board in late 68

From: CARTERSVILLE  
Email: [BOBANDMARTI@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BOBANDMARTI@GMAIL.COM)

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**Steve Mills**

Thursday, 4/26/18, 7:44 AM

On board Annapolis April 1968 to April 1969 Comm Dept, CT division

From: SPRINGFIELD  
Email: [stevenm47@protonmail.com](mailto:stevenm47@protonmail.com)

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**Charles Swartz**

Monday, 4/9/18, 10:41 AM

I think it was in Athens, Greece on our way back to the States when on a liberty boat, I took a photo of a sailor that looked like he was walking a tight rope to get to the boats attached... just luck I guess. Actually, the sailor was on a boom above the boats. It looked like he was going to get the Captain's boat. I just said he was walking the rope because the boom looked that thin from the liberty boat. It's one of the things in the picture that can be missed if not looking for details. I was sorry to hear they scraped Anna Boat. She would have made a great training ship if anchored at the Academy in Annapolis Md. I got the bummer of a job to go to Philadelphia Navy yard to decommission her. We had duty during decommissioning, taking shifts as guards walking around with a .45 on our hip to secure the ship till all the electronics were removed. The one thing that was a bummer was that I was an electronic tech before the Navy working at a Gov defense plant near Baltimore, Md and they put me in Damage Control. lol While driving truck through the area for years after I got out of the Navy, I'd see Anna sitting in the yard then one year I noticed she was gone. I didn't know what they did with the ship till just a few years ago.

From: Conley, GA  
Email: [SWARTZ327@msn.com](mailto:SWARTZ327@msn.com)

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**John Lamski**

Friday, 3/30/18, 7:22 PM

Served aboard the Anna from Nov 67 to Aug 69. It's my absolute favorite command. I was fortunate enough to play for the ship football team during the Yokosuka dry dock. Worked Crypto Repair driving DS1 Hazzard crazy with my antics. I continue a fabulous friendship with Larry Moulin and Curt Loschy. If anyone knows the whereabouts of ETN2 Rick Martin who also worked Crypto Repair I'd love to connect with him.

From: St Paul  
Email: [notyourpo@aol.com](mailto:notyourpo@aol.com)

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**Daryl Lee Werner**

Saturday, 3/10/18, 5:57 PM

From: Fruitland, Iowa  
Email: [Whitey703@yahoo.com](mailto:Whitey703@yahoo.com)

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**Dave Heise Sr.**

Tuesday, 2/20/18, 1:06 PM

I am proud to have served aboard Anna; she was my first assignment following boot camp in June of '69. I was mentored and 'taken under the wing' of Roger VanSlooten 'Sloopy' IC2 (deceased) being fresh to the sea. Made some great ports, particularly fond memories of calling back home courtesy of Ray Ehrlich and his ham radio during those long Mediterranean nights. Best friends Gary Robb-SA and Jim Campbell-EM2. Brought Anna back to Norfolk for decommissioning then on to Philly for mothballing. Departed December 20, 1969 and reassigned to Amphion (AR-13) out of Norfolk. Worst time aboard Anna was off-loading ammunition in Rota Spain prior to decommissioning cruise back to the states. Wouldn't trade ANY of my time aboard Anna for anything; it was there that I grew up, matured and learned to take responsibility for my actions. Fond memories - see all once again in RI, 2019!!

From: Timonium, MD  
Email: [drheisesr@aol.com](mailto:drheisesr@aol.com)

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**elliott hitchcock**

Monday, 2/19/18, 5:01 AM

Part of commissioning crew

From: conn  
Email:

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**Larry Hawley**

Friday, 2/2/18, 10:36 PM

I met a sailor today at a local Central Florida restaurant. When we got to talking he said he served on the Escort Carrier Gilbert Island in the 1950's. I told him I was on the same ship but she had been converted and renamed Annapolis AGMR-1. It's a small world

From: Brooksville, FL  
Email: [lhawley694@aol.com](mailto:lhawley694@aol.com)

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**Leslie Gillette**

Thursday, 2/1/18, 5:16 PM

I was your driver for the NAS visit. I appreciate being provided with your website. Most Interesting. Fair Winds and Following Seas!

From: Jacksonville, FL  
Email: [jagsball@bellsouth.net](mailto:jagsball@bellsouth.net)

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**Thomas L. McDonald**

Thursday, 1/25/18, 11:44 AM

Arrived Annapolis Mar. 1966. departed April 1967

From: Altoona, PA  
Email: [tommcd1935@gmail.com](mailto:tommcd1935@gmail.com)

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**Roy and Pat Weaver**

Friday, 12/22/17, 4:36 PM

Nice job on the Christmas Web design!

From: Arizona  
Email: [bmcweaver@yahoo.com](mailto:bmcweaver@yahoo.com)

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**Stan Cook**

Wednesday, 12/13/17, 6:33 PM

The ANNA was my first ship. Went to the ship from boot camp in 1963, put her in commission, am a plank owner and got off 1967. Great shipmates and I have found memories. So far, I have made every reunion except Boston. Looking forward to RI in 2019. Originally from NYS. Have lived in TN for the past 24 yrs.

From: Springville, TN  
Email: [stagg350@hotmail.com](mailto:stagg350@hotmail.com)

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**George L Bearden**

Tuesday, 11/21/17, 6:08 AM

Great job and I really enjoy the new additions.

From: Sugar Hill  
Email: [glbearden@bellsouth.net](mailto:glbearden@bellsouth.net)

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**Pete Clark**

Saturday, 11/18/17, 4:56 PM

Thanks to Dan McGregor and Bob Turner for a great reunion in Jacksonville this November. Outstanding program and activities. It was fun to renew friendships and make many new ones. Hope to see all in Newport in 2019. A special shout out to Bob for his excellent work on this website - it's terrific!

From: Upstate NY  
Email: n/a

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**John Wittenstrom**

Monday, 11/13/17, 12:22 PM

I was on board as an RM2 in 67-68.

From: New York, now North Carolina  
Email: [jwittenstrom@nc.rr.com](mailto:jwittenstrom@nc.rr.com)

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**Gene Caplinger**

Saturday, 11/11/17, 4:15 PM

I was one of the many ETs on board but was sort of segregated as I was in and later in charge of the AN/SSC-2 satellite terminal. Most of the time, we only had 3 watch-standers and worked a 6 hour on and 12 off schedule. I am curious if any of the people I knew were at the reunion. Thanks, Gene

From: Winsdor, CO  
Email: [lecaplinger@msn.com](mailto:lecaplinger@msn.com)

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**Roy Weaver**

Sunday, 11/5/17, 12:25 PM

Finally discovered the Web Site sign in! Tech challenged. Great reunion this year. The site looks great Bob Turner!

From: Casa Grande, AZ  
Email: [Bmcweaver@yahoo.com](mailto:Bmcweaver@yahoo.com)

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**Pete Mazzoleni**

Sunday, 10/15/17, 9:02 PM

From: ohio  
Email: [mazoo2@aol.com](mailto:mazoo2@aol.com)

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**Bob Turner**

Wednesday, 10/11/17, 4:07 PM

I am looking for three shipmates who were stationed on the Annapolis when I was on-board. I am trying to locate David Mealey (RMSN), Ed "Mouse" Loughrey (RM3), and Bob Dunham (RMSN). If anyone knows the whereabouts of any of these gentlemen, please contact me at your convenience. Use the email address below. Thank You.

From: Alamogordo, New Mexico  
Email: [teabag\\_44@hotmail.com](mailto:teabag_44@hotmail.com)

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**Michael R. Allen**

Saturday, 8/26/17, 2:27 PM

Ahoy Mates... On Board NOV 1968 YOKOSUKA, JAPAN - Dry Dock  
PHILADELPHIA Shipyard - DEC '69 1st Div YN2 Shellback Golden Shellback Now  
Residing - Chattanooga, TN

From: Chattanooga  
Email: [mraglenbrook@gmail.com](mailto:mraglenbrook@gmail.com)

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**Roger Faultersack**

Tuesday, 8/22/17, 12:42 PM

I was onboard from 68 to 69 Damage Control Central Anyone from engineering send reply.

From: Wisconsin  
Email: [rogerlinda6776@charter.net](mailto:rogerlinda6776@charter.net)

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**Donald Temean**

Tuesday, 8/1/17, 2:58 PM

From: Sewell  
Email: [dtemean5@comcast.net](mailto:dtemean5@comcast.net)

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**Lewis "Gene" Caplinger (ETC Ret)**

Monday, 6/12/17, 7:17 PM

The Annapolis was my first ship and one of my most enjoyable assignments. I was part of the Syncom shop in CE division when the AN/SSC-2's status was changed from 'experimental' to 'operational'. Due to my experience, I was assigned TAD to the USS Arlington, AGMR-2 to help get the second AN/SSC-2 Satcom terminal into operation for the Apollo-8 recovery south of Hawaii in December 1968. I was also promoted to ET-1 while assigned to the Annapolis.

From: Windsor, CO  
Email: [lecaplinger@msn.com](mailto:lecaplinger@msn.com)

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**Steve Derreberry**

Monday, 6/5/17, 3:38 PM

Was on board from middle of 1965 departed middle of 1966 while in Subic Bay. Was transferred to the USS Hancock CVA19 while in Port there. Served on her until I received a disability retirement in May 1968. While on Anna as a RM1 message center supervisor. Would like to hear from anyone that knew me. Plan on attending the reunion

From: Charlotte  
Email: [oldsalt1955@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oldsalt1955@sbcglobal.net)

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**Douglas Spangler**

Tuesday, 5/30/17, 7:08 PM

Served aboard 1966 to 1967.

From: Bellingham, WA  
Email: [despangler@gmail.com](mailto:despangler@gmail.com)

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**Divo F. Martini**

Monday, 5/29/17, 7:21 PM

My time in the Navy allowed me to mature in many ways. I'm especially grateful to Captain John Newland, who displayed exceptional leadership and compassion. The cadre of Commissioned Officers were a credit to the Navy. My fellow sailors taught me the value of duty and a job well done.

From: Stanfordville, New York  
Email: n/a



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**Harry J. Dillon**

Monday, 5/29/17, 4:18 PM

I'm trying to locate an ol' Buddy that was on the ship from '68 til?????. His name is Alfred Vegely. He would have been an ET(n) 3 or 2. If anyone knows of him could you give him my contact info? Thank-You.

From:

Email: [ptfsailor@gmail.com](mailto:ptfsailor@gmail.com)

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**Dennis T Ferry**

Sunday, 5/7/17, 4:40 PM

I Was On The Annapolis From 1966 To 1967. I Was Assigned To The Second Div.Deck Force And Made Bm3 On Board. I Was Boatswains Mate Of The Watch, A Boat Coxswain And Assigned Ready Life Boat Watch. I Have Many Memories Some Bad But A Lot Good. Most Notable Was, I Was The Cuxswain On A Rescue Of An Oriental Sailor Whos Ship Sank In That Typhone We Went Through.I Got Out In 1971 And Went Back In 15 Years Later To The Navy Seabees As A Steal Worker 1st Class For Eleven More Years.

From:

Llana, CA LA County

Email: [ferry44@avradionet.com](mailto:ferry44@avradionet.com)

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**Rick Legault**

Thursday, 2/23/17, 10:51 AM

Anna boat was my first ship, learned a lot about life while aboard. Only contact was the 2002 reunion in Washington. Would enjoy staying in contact.

From:

New York

Email: [ricklegault@gmail.com](mailto:ricklegault@gmail.com)

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**larry henry**

Sunday, 2/19/17, 10:35 AM

I was signalman aboard anna from 66 to 69 any old buddies would be appreciated!

From:

brookfield, mo

Email: [travelinn906@att.net](mailto:travelinn906@att.net)

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**Don Mays**

Tuesday, 1/31/17, 8:57 PM

I served aboard the Annapolis from 67 to 68 and I spent most of my time as a Master At Arms during my one year on board. We had some great times on the Annie and I made some great friends and I still keep in touch with one of them, Ron Fotland ex SK2. I did make it to one reunion in Corpus Christi, Texas a few years ago with Ron and his wife was fun. I wish I could find some others who were aboard during that time, like Mel Coffman SH2 and Joe Barber PO2 who was on the MAA force with me.

From: South Morang, Australia  
Website: [Fashions](#)  
Email: [donvaledon4@hotmail.com](mailto:donvaledon4@hotmail.com)

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**ARMANDO G OCAMPO**

Sunday, 1/8/17, 7:12 PM

Very nice and well put together website. Great job shipmates.

From: Philippines/Florida  
Email: [agocampo@hotmail.com](mailto:agocampo@hotmail.com)

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**Bob Tietel**

Thursday, 12/29/16, 10:15 AM

Nice website....

From: Seares, MN  
Email: [tietel@newulmtel.net](mailto:tietel@newulmtel.net)

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**John Van Dam**

Thursday, 12/22/16, 3:32 PM

My friend of 46 years RM2 Robert Turner, you are the man!!!!!! What an outstanding presentation brother!!!!!!

From: New Mexico  
Email: [jvans747@yahoo.com](mailto:jvans747@yahoo.com)

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**Alton L.Silver**

Monday, 12/19/16, 4:36 PM

From: was Concord Georgia now Forsyth Georgia  
Email: [altonsilver61@yahoo.com](mailto:altonsilver61@yahoo.com)

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**Karl D. Spence**

Thursday, 12/15/16, 2:00 AM

Stayed in the Naval Reserve and retired as a CDR. Worked as a civilian for the Navy at Naval Safety Center, Naval District One and Naval Reserve, New Orleans.

From: Clovis NM  
Email: [kdspence2@msn.com](mailto:kdspence2@msn.com)

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**Ralph Slusser**

Monday, 12/12/16, 5:41 P

Precom Brooklyn Navy Yard !963. Transferred to the Norfolk Navy Yard in 1965 for release from active duty.(May 1965)

From: West Wyoming, PA  
Email: [bandit798@msn.com](mailto:bandit798@msn.com)

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**Joe O'Donnell**

Wednesday, 12/7/16, 1:46 AM

Great ship, Great crew, good tour of duty even though I got extended to transit from the PI to Rota.

From: Perkasio, PA  
Email: [joeronod@verizon.net](mailto:joeronod@verizon.net)

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**William J. Ward (COL, USA RET.)**

Sunday, 12/4/16, 11:45 PM

I have many fond memories of my 12 months onboard the Annapolis and I'd like to keep informed of upcoming reunions. The new website is much improved.

From: Oceanside, CA  
Email: [william.ward@yahoo.com](mailto:william.ward@yahoo.com)

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**Roy Stofleth**

Saturday, 12/3/16, 4:40 PM

Served aboard the Annapolis as a crewman. Have been to 4 of the reunions. Enjoy the comradery of other crew members and enjoy seeing them.

From: Evansville, Indiana  
Email: [roystofleth@gmail.com](mailto:roystofleth@gmail.com)

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**Eugene Katzman**

Friday, 12/2/16, 3:35 PM

I attended the reunion in Norfolk where we were welcomed into the Navy Communications Center and honored as the Ship that began the process of changing the State of the Art in Ship communications with Satellite transmissions. It was also, the time when I became truly motivated in Engineering and became determined to go back to college.

From: New York, NY  
Email: [geno688@verizon.net](mailto:geno688@verizon.net)

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**Charlie Peasha**

Friday, 12/2/16, 3:09 PM

The greatest memories from our time in the Brooklyn Naval Shipyards and the fire room crew...

From: Plymouth, Minnesota  
Email: [cepeasha@comcast.net](mailto:cepeasha@comcast.net)

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**Robert L. Evans**

Thursday, 12/1/16, 2:50 PM

USS Annapolis was my first command after boot camp. We put the ship in commission in the spring of 1964, its a honor to be a plank owner of this grand ship... It will always be in my memories.

From: San Francisco  
Email: [RBOBE@AOL.COM](mailto:RBOBE@AOL.COM)

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**Terry McInnes**

Wednesday, 11/30/16, 7:34 PM

From: Pittsburgh, PA  
Email: [cme4cbl@reagan.com](mailto:cme4cbl@reagan.com)

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**Thomas Bruce Knowles**

Tuesday, 11/29/16, 8:19 PM

I was transferred from the USS Hydes AF28 in the Med on as cruise. I flew from Toulon France to NOB Norfolk VA. I attend a couple of classes before going to Brooklyn Ship Yards to join up with the rest of the crew. I made the Getmo qualification cruise and the cruise to the North Atlantic. I separated from the Navy in 5/65 and joined the USAF in 01 66 and retired at Elmendorf AFB AK in June 1984 as a Senior Master Sargent. I have lived in Alaska since my retirement.

From: Lawton, OK  
Email: [bigfish@mtaonline.net](mailto:bigfish@mtaonline.net)

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**John Withers**

Tuesday, 11/29/16, 4:13 PM

I served aboard the Annapolis from Jan '67 to Jan '68. Great memories, especially the Shellback initiation, life at sea, port calls, and camaraderie we shared. Looking forward to the 2017 reunion. Would like to hear from Bob Skok, Bob Jones (from Chippawa Falls, WI), and Dan Halloran. Did not see their names on the previous roster.

From: Dallas, NC  
Email: [jlw060847@yahoo.com](mailto:jlw060847@yahoo.com)

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**John J. Mauro**

Tuesday, 11/29/16, 3:07 PM

From: Tamaqua  
Email: [maurojohn@yahoo.com](mailto:maurojohn@yahoo.com)

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**Joe Cresto**

Tuesday, 11/29/16, 2:55 PM

I am a plank owner, 1963-1965. Would like to hear from any one stationed during that period. Was the YN from the Comm dept. Hope to hear from you.

From: Pittsburgh  
Email: [jocrest@comcast.net](mailto:jocrest@comcast.net)

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**Michael Shea (RMCS Ret)**

Sunday, 11/13/16, 4:47 PM

I was on the PreComm detail; was RMC then. Have been to 5 reunions. Was the host (coordinator) for the Corpus Christi reunion. I was the person who drew up the ships logo. I also have the first casting. I was chief in charge of the teletype repair.

From:

Email: [MSHEA4836@ATT.NET](mailto:MSHEA4836@ATT.NET)

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**RICHARD HARDTKE**

Saturday, 11/12/16, 6:58 PM

Had great times on board 66/67!!

From:

Email: [rh01@ameritech.net](mailto:rh01@ameritech.net)

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**Michele Fiacco**

Saturday, 11/12/16, 6:56 PM

I am a plank owner and was stationed on USS Annapolis with my cousin Thomas Lawrence Fiaaco. I was on the ship from September 1963 to August 1966

From:

Email: [Maf45@ameritech.net](mailto:Maf45@ameritech.net)

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**Ralph Slusser**

Saturday, 11/12/16, 6:54 PM

Would you by any chance send me an address or email address for Robert Evans ? If not then send him mine. That is one of the few names I remember Thank You Ralph

From:

Email: [bandit798@msn.com](mailto:bandit798@msn.com)

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**Joe Cresto**

Saturday, 10/29/16, 11:49 AM

From:

Email: Pittsburgh, PA  
[jocrest@comcast.net](mailto:jocrest@comcast.net)

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**Richard David Hunnicutt**

Friday, 10/28/16, 6:45 PM

Served on the USS Annapolis 1965 -1967

From: Eustis, FL  
Email: [r\\_hunnicutt@msn.com](mailto:r_hunnicutt@msn.com)

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**stanley cook**

Wednesday, 10/26/16, 7:40 PM

From: springville tn  
Email: [stagg350@hotmail.com](mailto:stagg350@hotmail.com)

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**James R. Ashworth (2nd)**

Wednesday, 10/26/16, 5:03 PM

Served on Annapolis June 1966- June 1967 Went on there as RM2- Left there as RM1  
Retired as RM11 Crane Ind. Retired From A.T.T.

From: Tempe, AZ  
Email: [Jim\\_A2@hotmail.com](mailto:Jim_A2@hotmail.com)

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**James Kerr**

Tuesday, 10/25/16, 10:02 AM

I served on the Annapolis from June 1966 to June 1967 Would love to hear from any of  
my shipmates.

From: Henderson, Nevada  
Email: [kerrj100@yahoo.com](mailto:kerrj100@yahoo.com)

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**Edward R. Merkel**

Sunday, 9/11/16, 2:05 PM

served on Annapolis 1967 thru 1968. was chief Radioman crypto repair and transmitter  
chief. good memories and some sad but enjoyable. proud to have served with all those I  
have been in contact on the ship.

From: ??????  
Email: [franded@comcast.net](mailto:franded@comcast.net)

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**Michele Fiacco**

Saturday, 9/3/16, 2:06 PM

I am a plank owner and would like to connect with other plank owners

From: Potsdam New York  
Email: [Maf45@ameritech.net](mailto:Maf45@ameritech.net)

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**Steve Udell**

Tuesday, 8/30/16, 9:46 AM

Hope to see you all at the 2017 reunion in Jacksonville, Florida.

From: Tampa, Florida  
Email: [patudell1@aol.com](mailto:patudell1@aol.com)