

LOST & FOUND CREW

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From the Search & Rescue Officer

While this insert is primarily focused on crew members of the USS Sirago, I would like start off by making some remarks to the crew members of the USS Sea Leopard and USS Cutlass with whom we are currently conducting joint operations. Sirago Search & Rescue remains “at the ready” to help you find any of your lost buddies and/or let them know that you would like them to get their butts to the 2007 Reunion. We have already located quite a few, but some have fallen by the wayside for various reasons, like I couldn’t find them, or they got



lost in the shuffle of my pile of paperwork. Anyway, I want to take a fresh start at it. Even if you have sent in a name before (and haven’t heard back about him), give it to me again and I will check to see if we already know the guy’s whereabouts or we will try to find him.

Please give me as much information as you can, the most important being where he was from. Of course a full name will help, but even if you only remember part of his name I can probably figure out who he is from the microfilms. Rate and year he was onboard are important too. Note my new email mccamantss485@hughes.net. Still at (410) 820-5225.

OK – Now I need to address the Sirago crew. Imagine a boat that was in Commission for 27 years (1945 -72) that has a reunion group that has accounted for every one of the 1600+ guys who ever served on the ship. Well, it probably ain’t gonna happen, but it won’t be because your Search & Rescue crew hasn’t tried. Unfortunately there are, at this writing, still 65 Sirago sailors left adrift out there somewhere (Don’t you love how I throw in those nautical terms?) but we are determined to give our best effort to locate them before Reunion 2007. So, I am making one last call for any information anyone can provide on any of our missing sailors. Anything you can remember about any of the guys shown on the next page of this insert (however small and trite it may seem to you) may just provide a key that could help to find him.

I am also in desperate need of some volunteers to do some ground pounding in the trenches. There are several guys for whom I think I have addresses that may or may not be current and for whom I can’t seem to get a valid phone number. I need someone who has the nerve to visit each of the addresses and see if the guy we are looking for actually lives there or if the current occupant or any of the neighbors know where he went. If you are in or near or want to take a short vacation to any of these towns, please contact me and I will provide you with the details. The towns are Pulaski, NY, Chicopee, MA, Pottsville, PA, Charleston, SC, Niceville, Fort Pierce, and Pensacola, FL, Baltic, OH, Tyler, TX, Tucson, AZ, Puyallup, WA, Sanger, CA, and Ewa Beach, HI.

Contact me anyway you can. Note I have a new email address since the last newsletter, mccamantss485@hughes.net. Phone (410) 820-5225. Address 10225 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD 21601.

Much of my success at locating guys has been due to the fact that I was able to obtain some information about them from the National Archives. This at least gave me a place to start, because I was usually able to find out when and where they enlisted, but they were never nice enough to give me any addresses or birthdates. Something about a silly Freedom of Information Act. Anyway, you can get a complete military record for

yourself (or for anyone for whom you can claim to be next of kin) by sending them a request yourself.

If you have a computer, go to www.nara.gov and follow the on-line instructions to apply on-line or download a Form 180 that you can fill out and mail or fax. If you don't have a computer, you can request a form by calling (866) 272-6272. Either way it is a simple process. You will get a response within a month, usually less. There are something like 500 researches at the Archives doing this work and the quality and quantity of what you get will depend on who handles your request. Your response will have a name and phone number for the researcher and a case number and if you want more than what they send you the first time you can call him or her, but do it within a few days, before they stick your stuff back in the vaults.

Be sure to supply them with as much info as you can. They work on numbers. If you left the Navy before 1971 your record should be filed by Service Number. If you left from 1971 on, your record should be filed by Social Security Number. Give me a call if you have any questions or need any assistance.

OK – now for the “Wanted” Guys. You will see them here presented – a total of only 65 crew members who are not accounted for out of the 1600+ that probably ever stepped aboard the boat for active duty service. I use the number 1600+ to account for not only all the ones we have found (dead or alive) and the ones shown below, but also to account for maybe a couple dozen more that we don't have any records for. For example, due to the Social Security Numbers showing up on microfilms starting in 1971, we don't have access to the names of any crew members who came aboard in 1971 or 1972 but left earlier than Decommissioning in June 1972. Our “finds” for this period were due to astute crew members who had copies of their own. I'm still looking for anyone who may have records during that period.

Abenes, Arturo Marigza TN (7/8/66 – 9/15/67)
Andrews, James Michael TM3 (12/15/69 – 11/23/70)
Aquino, Trifilo Alegre TN (3/16/63 – 4/30/68)
Been, Walter Gerald Jr. MMCS (10/9/68 – 8/25/69)
Bell, John Lewis GSSN (11/2/61 – 3/21/62)

Bennett, Thomas Alfred II FTB2 (10/13 – 12/12/67)
Brown, John Douglas ETNSN (1/31 – 6/15/64)
Browning, William Thomas RM3 (3/16/66– 1/8/68)
Burroughs, Raymond Harold EN2 (9/11/67 – 5/21/70)
Bushong, John Kermit ETNSA (1/31 – 6/15/64)
Carter, Harold nmn STM2 (2/11 - 4/3/47) (Work Crew)
Coleman, John W. YN2 (62 -63)
Collins, Robert Stephen CS2 (10/9/70 - ?)
Cunningham, Michael Lee TM3 (2/22 – 10/12/65)
Daley, William Patrick, Jr. SA (12/15/69 – 1/28/70)
Dano, Guillermo P. TN (4/29/68 – 6/16/69)
Darnell, Ronald David. SK2 (11/29/60 – 3/6/61)
Dickson, Robert Earl ENFN (12/31/51 – 8/16/52)
Docker, Frederick Louis SN (1/31 – 9/2/64)
Dogoldogol, Emilio Penaflor Jr SD1 (8/4/70 – 1971?)
Doran, James nmn RM3 (7/8 -11/25/66)
Dyson, James Carson STM1 (2/11 – 4/3/47) (Work Crew)
Evans, Thomas Edward EM3 (11/2/62 – 9/25/63)
Fleet, Michael Lynn FA (5/6/69 – 10/30/70)
Griesbach, Edward Thomas SN (5/3 – 10/25/48)
Guzman, Alexander L. TA (1968 – 70)
Hart, Gary Fadden EM1 (11/26/67 – 1969?)
Harvey, Charles Ray MM3 (4/5 – 12/28/62)
Henderson, Wilburn nmn SN (2/26/51 – 2/16/52)
Holmes, James Lewis YN3 (12/13/65 – 8/22/66)
Hughes, Joseph nmn MM3 (11/22/70 - ?)
Johnson, Joe Mac RM3 (5/14/55 – 1/24/57)
Johnson, Robert Eugene ETN2 (12/28/64 – 8/8/65)
Johnson, Robert Lee MMC (3/29 – 4/29/68)
Jones, Robert William ETN3 (8/11/63 – 4/6/64)
Kennedy, Frederick Wendell ENFN (2/24 – 7/15-60)
Lecompte, Charles Gordon. SA (7/3/49 – 1/6/50)
Lopez, Armando Macaraeg IC2 (8/29/59 – 8/23/63)
Melzer, William Stanley EN2 (7/27 – 10/5/61)
Montgomery, Richard John QMSN (2/28 – 4/4/69)
Moran, John Douglas ETRSN (12/29/62 – 2/15/63)
Mullin, Donald Carlos QMQ3 (6/8 - 11/4/52)
Murphy, William C. EN1 (1/7 – 8/8/60)
Omana, Jose Elento Jr. TN (10/5/62 – 2/21/64)
Percy, Thomas Francis. Jr. EM2 (7/27/66 – 1968?)
Porter, Bill nmn TN (4/26/48 – 7/13/49)
Pruna, Paulino T. TN (2/21/70 – 10/2/70)
Quitorian, Rodolfo Ramos TA (9/6/66 – 10/20/67)
Reeves, Phillip Wayne YN2 (5/7 -12/17/69)
Retzlaff, William John SN (6/29/61 – 3/13/62)
Rice, Roy Gene FTG3 (12/16/64 – 1/11/65)
Robinson, Carl Levi EN1 (8/16/66 – 12/30/70)
Sagun, Crispulo F. SD2 (8/9/68 – 3/13/69)
San Juan, Florentino SD3 71-72
Smith, Patrick nmn RMSN (1/6 – 10/8/63)
Smith, William Joseph. EMFA (11/29/49 – 3/2/51)
St. Clair, Charles Richard FTGSN (12/28/62 – 1/21/63)
Stevens, Stephen nmn MM3 (12/10/65 – 1/31/66)
Thomas, Arthur Robert TM3 (1/4/65 – 9/7/66)
Tucker, Joseph Ronald FN (9/27/60 – 3/3/61)
Vaughan, William Jac.... FTG2 71-72
White, Donald A. FIEM (7/14 – 11/28/47)
Williams, Allen Dwayne ICFA (12/20/63 – 3/3/64)
Young, Edward Henry CS3 (9/24/49 – 10/28/50)
Young, Richard Arlen ETR2 (2/20/61 – 8/21/63)