CDR R. Ludwig

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Ever since man began to sail the seven seas, the skills of the Navigator and the art of navigation have been indispensable to ensure a safe voyage and a successful return to home port. Under the watchful and experienced eyes of the "gator" and his aid, the 25 Quartermasters of NX Division accurately chart the ship's position determined through celestial navigation, satellite fixes, OMEGA and radar readings; maintain a library of navigational charts, logs and publications; and keep the official "deck log" on the bridge recording the ship's course and speed, all special events, evolutions and unusual sightings and encounters. During UNREPS and transits through restricted waters, the Quartermasters man the helm and furnish the OOD with continual bearing readings and soundings.

The Navigation Department also includes NS Division, the "eyes of the ship." One of the oldest and most necessary ratings in the Navy, Signalmen utilize flashing light, semaphore, flag hoists and yardarm blinkers to maintain visual communication with ships at sea. Skilled as recognition specialists, they are able to identify ships and aircraft by type, name and country of origin. The time-honored tradition of rendering honors to passing ships and to dignitaries visiting on board is also handled by the signal gang in true Navy fashion.

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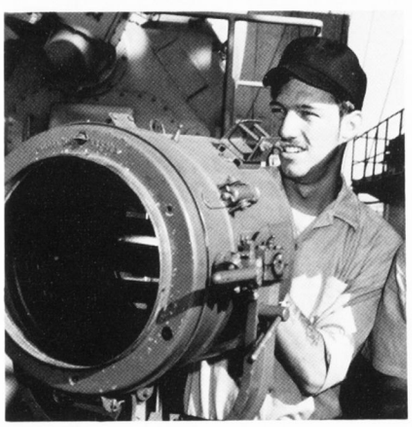

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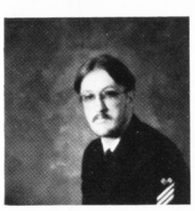

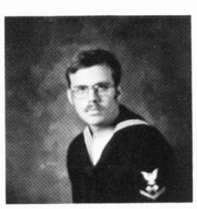

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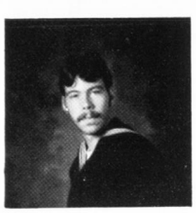

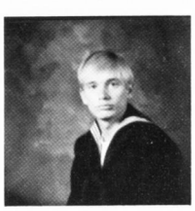

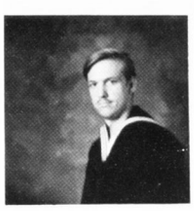

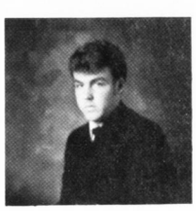

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