

USS GEARING DD - 710 COMMANDING OFFICERS



THOMAS HENRY COPEMAN

USS GEARING COMMANDER MAY 3, 1945 TO NOVEMBER 16, 1945

COMMANDER THOMAS HENRY COPEMAN, USN: Was born May 2, 1907 in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy with the class of 1931. He served on various ships of the U.S. Navy, and was executive officer of the U.S.S. Greer in 1940, when she became the first U.S. Navy ship to be attacked by German U-Boats. She evaded two torpedoes and then counter attacked, dropping 19 depth charges. This incident, in September 1941, promoted president Roosevelt to issue his order to "fire on sight" In 1942, LCDR Copeman took command of the U.S.S Greer. In 1943 he commissioned and

commanded the new Destroyer U.S.S. Brown, and on May 3, 1945 he commissioned and commanded the first of a new class of long hull Destroyer, the U.S.S. Gearing DD-710. Commander Copeman commanded the attack cargo ship U.S.S. Ogelethorpe in the Korean Theater of operations. From 1955 to 1956 he was chief staff officer, service force, sixth fleet, his final active duty was that of deputy chief of staff of the 11 Naval district, He retired in July 1960 as Captain and made his home in Del Mar, California. His decorations included the Silver Star with combat V and the commendation medal with V and Star. Captain Copeman died on December 21, 1982 while hospitalized in San Diego, California.

OBITUARY: The San Diego Union Tribune, Sunday 23, 1982 - Capt. T. H. Copeman Dies - Capt. Thomas H. Copeman USN Ret a Career Navy man who was executive officer aboard the destroyer Greer when that ship was involved in an incident at sea in 1941 that brought the United States closer to World War II died Thursday in a hospital here. He was 75.

The Greer was the first ship to engage a German vessel in combat that year. The Destroyer was attacked off Newfoundland on Sept. 4, some three months before Pearl Harbor by a German submarine. The U.S. ship evaded two torpedoes and dropped 19 depth charges during the engagement.

The Greer had been carrying cargo and passengers at the time and the Greer incident stirred bitter American reaction against the Germans and led to another of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's fireside chats, pointing toward war with Japan and Germany to come later.

Later in his career, Capt. Copeman had charge of the Naval Training Center's Recruit Training Command here.

During World War I he had command of the destroyer Brown and Gearing, the latter the first of a heavy destroyer Class. He also commanded the attack cargo ship Ogelethorpe. Capt. Copeman received the silver Star and two Bronze Stars among other decorations for his service in World War II. In his 30 year career, the Pittsburgh, PA. Native saw duty aboard the battleship Arizona in the late 1930's and headed the Great Lakes Training Command, as well, as the Receiving Station in Washington, D.C.

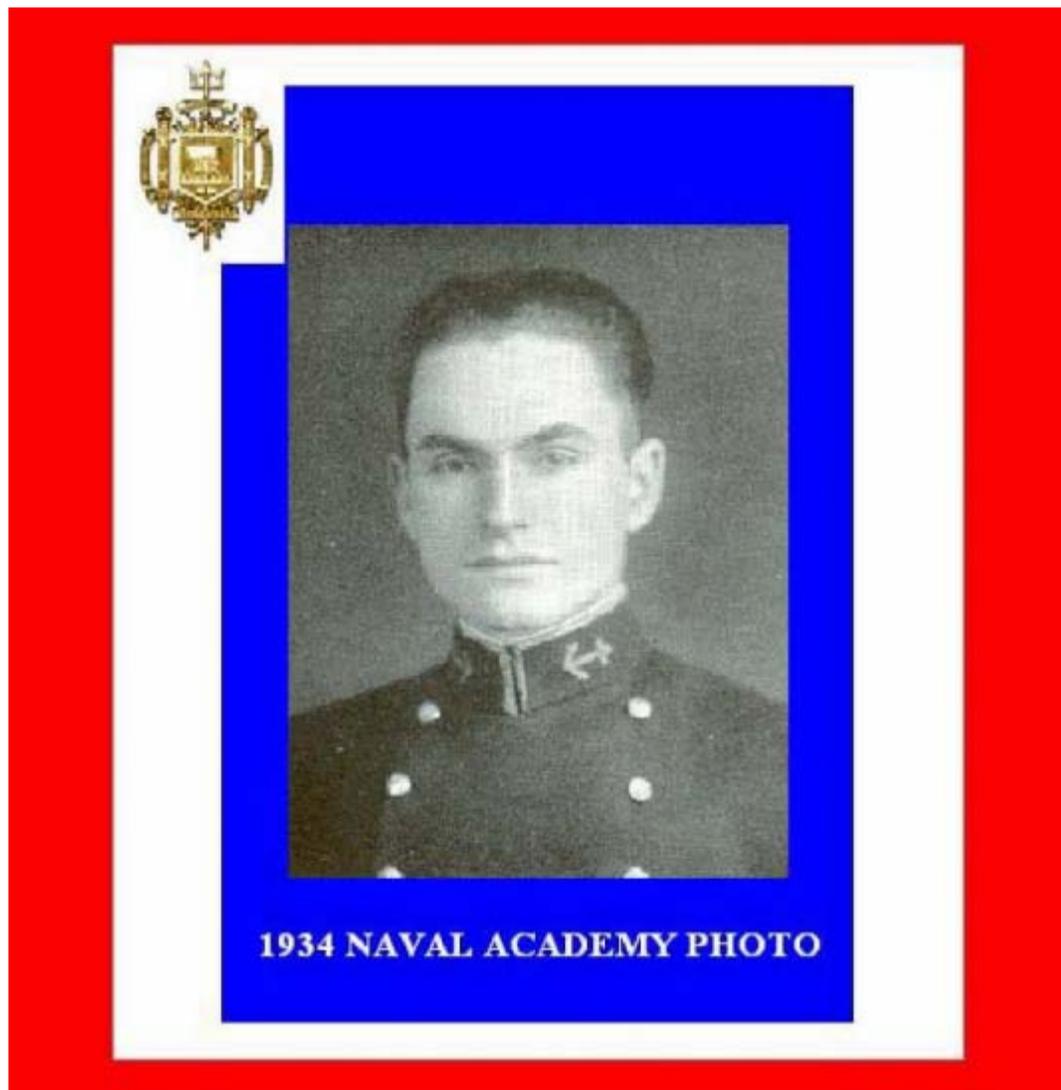


GEORGE EVALD THEODORE PARSONS

USS GEARING COMMANDER NOVEMBER 16, 1945 TO NOVEMBER 4 1947

Commander George Evald Theodore Parsons was born May 15, 1910 in Middlesex County, Lynn, Massachusetts. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy May 31, 1934. Parsons served on various ships of the U.S. Navy and Commanded the U.S.S. McLeish DD - 220 in 1943 and took Command of the U.S.S. Gearing DD - 710 from November 16, 1945 to November 4, 1947. He spent a tour of duty at the United States Naval Academy as instructor of Marine Engineering. Commander Parson was appointed Captain in 1953. He commanded the U.S.S. AR -9; the Fleet group Chesapeake Bay and the fleet Training Center, Naval Base Norfolk Virginia. Captain Parsons retired in 1960 and made his home in Savannah Georgia. He enjoyed playing Golf and Gardening. Captain Parsons died January 15, 2007 in Chatham County, Savannah Georgia.

OBITUARY: Savannah Morning News, Tuesday, January 17, 2006 George E. T. Parsons, (Capt. US Navy Ret.) George E. T. Parsons, (Capt. US Navy Ret.), 95 died January 15, 2006 at Hospice Savannah, Inc. He was born in Lynn, Massachusetts, May 15, 1910 son of the late Henry Berger Parsons and Jenny Anderson Parsons. Capt. Parsons was a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and a Veteran of World War II where he commanded two destroyers. He retired from the Navy in 1960 and worked for the Chatham County Health Department retiring in 1976. He was a member of St. John's Church, the Savannah Kiwanis Club, Savannah Golf Club, Military Order of World Wars and the Retired Officers Association. He was preceded in death by his three wives, Edith Grayson Parsons, Nancy Stewart Bruen Parsons and Margaret Winkers Mueller Parsons. Surviving are children, James M. Parsons of Kennesaw; George T. Parsons and his wife, Patricia of San Diego, CA; Maryann Bruen Coates and her husband, Jerry of Frederick, MD; Donald S. Bruen of Frederick, MD; Peggy Mueller of Newhall, CA; Gary Mueller of Agoura Hills, CA; grandchildren, David W. Parsons of San Diego, CA; Jennifer Coates Wang of Seattle, WA. Visitation: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at Fox & Weeks Funeral Directors, Hodgson Chapel. Funeral: 12:30 p.m. Thursday, January 19, 2006 at St. John's Church. Burial: Greenwich section of Bonaventure Cemetery with Full Military Honors. Remembrances: St. John's Church, 1 West Macon St., Savannah, GA 31401.



CHARLES EDWARD THURSTON JR.

USS GEARING COMMANDER NOVEMBER 4, 1947 TO DECEMBER 17, 1948

Commander Charles Edward Thurston Jr. was born October 14, 1910 in Orange, New Jersey. He served on various ships of the United States Navy including the USS Wyoming (BB-32) and the USS New York (BB -34). He commanded the USS Gearing from November 4, 1947 to December 17, 1947. And then he commanded the USS Merrimack (AO-37). He was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and a Letter of Commendation. Commander Charles E. Thurston Jr. retired July 1960. Commander Charles E. Thurston Jr. died November 15, 1973 at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth Virginia.



CHARLES EDWARD THURSTON, JR.

"Houdini" "Charlie" "Presto"

MONTCLAIR, N. J.

CHARLIE did not need an act of Congress to make him a gentleman, for his presence has graced many of the fashionable affairs of Montclair and Northampton. Coming to us with poise, and being proficient in that art of conversation known as "small talk," he has overcome many of the fair sex with his witty sallies. His stories are an institution in the Fourth Battalion. His extreme consideration for others, his well groomed appearance and perfect manners, and his kindness and good humor impress all who meet him.

His ability to talk intelligently on any subject shows him to be conversant with what is going on in the world and can be attributed to his wide reading, excellent powers of observation, and his good memory for interesting facts. His ability to turn the ordinary facts of life into screamingly funny stories has made him doubly welcome wherever he goes.

Although he has engaged in many bitter encounters with the Academic Departments, they have never succeeded in disturbing his sang-froid. Charlie has always managed to overcome all obstacles by a ready application of real industry that marks the dependable man. It was Charlie who said, "A 1.0 exam certainly raises hell with 2.0 dailies." Nothing we can say could be more typical of him.

Whether Charlie stays with us or not, we will all miss his clever remarks, (even though many of them are so subtle as to be way over our heads), his knowing smiles, and the ensuing stories which have made life more bearable during the past four years.

Obituary from the Naval Academy Alumni Associations magazine *The Last Call*.

OBITUARY: Classmates will regret to hear of the sudden passing of our classmate Charles E. Thurston, Jr., on 15 November 1973 at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital. Elizabeth Thurston extends her heartfelt thanks to those class mates who joined the Thurston family at the Olive Branch Cemetery to bid farewell to Charles, and to the local classmates for the beautiful white carnations arrangement.



DRAPER L. KAUFFMAN

USS GEARING COMMANDER DECEMBER 17, 1948 TO JULY 27, 1950

Draper L. Kauffman, the son of Vice Admiral and Mrs. James L. Kauffman, was born in San Diego, California, on 4 August 1911. He attended St. Albans School in Washington, D.C., and Kent School in Kent, Connecticut and was appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy from Ohio in 1929.

Kauffman graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1933, but poor eyesight denied him a commission in the regular Navy.

Employed by the United States Line Steamship Company, his travels in Europe alerted him to the danger of Nazi Germany. In February 1940, he joined the American Volunteer Ambulance Corps in France. On 16 June, he was captured by the Germans and held prisoner for two months. Released in August, he made his way to England and was commissioned a sub-lieutenant in the British Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve, later rising to Lieutenant. At the height of the Blitz on London (1940-1941), he served as a bomb and mine disposal officer, and achieved a high degree of proficiency in bomb disposal techniques.

Securing a U.S. Naval Reserve commission a month before Pearl Harbor, Kauffman was rushed to Hawaii after the Japanese attack, and there disarmed an enemy bomb, the first to be recovered intact for study. For this action, the Navy awarded him a Navy Cross.

In January 1942, he was assigned the task of organizing a U.S. Naval Bomb Disposal School at the Washington Navy Yard. As an additional duty he assisted the U.S. Army in setting up a comparable school at Aberdeen, Maryland. In June 1943, he organized the first U.S. Navy Demolition Teams, which later became the well-known Underwater Demolition Team (the forerunner of the Seal's) and received orders as the first commanding officer of the Naval Combat Demolition Unit, Naval Amphibious Training Base, Fort Pierce, Florida. While there, he also organized and was the first chairman of the Joint Army-Navy Experimental and Testing Board (JANET).

In April 1944, he was ordered to the Pacific Fleet and served at the Naval Combat Demolition Training and Experimental Base, Maui, Hawaii as the commanding officer of Underwater Demolition Team 5 (UDT 5); as senior staff officer, Underwater Demolition Teams, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet; and as Underwater Demolition Training Officer, Amphibious Training Command, Pacific Fleet. As commander of UDT 5, he participated in the invasion of Saipan, and received a second Navy Cross for leading his team in a daylight reconnaissance of fortified enemy beaches under heavy fire, and on 10 July 1944, leading a night reconnaissance of heavily defended beaches at Tinian island. During World War II, Kauffman also participated in the assaults of Iwo Jima and Okinawa as Commander Underwater Demolition Teams. On two occasions, he had to transfer from a damaged ship to another to carry on operations. In one such occasion at Iwo Jima in 1945, after an enemy aircraft bombed his ship and started a raging fire, he directed fire control efforts in the face of exploding ammunition.

His first postwar assignment came in February 1946 when he was assigned to Joint Task Force One, the organization which conducted Operation Crossroads, the atomic bomb tests at Bikini Atoll. Later under the CNO, as head of the Defense and Protection Section, he established the U.S. Navy Radiological Safety School, and aided in setting up a comparable school for the Army.

From October to December 1947, he was assigned to the carrier USS Valley Forge (CV-45) and was aboard her during her round-the-world cruise in 1948. Following a month's instruction at the Fleet Sonar School in Key West, Florida, he commanded the USS Gearing (DD-710) from December 1948 until July 1950, when he entered the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Upon completion of the logistics course in June 1951, he remained for two years as a member of the Strategy and Tactics Staff. In June 1953, he assumed command of Destroyer Division 122. In 1954, Kauffman served in the Strategic Plans Division under the CNO, and in 1955 was appointed Aide to the Under Secretary of the

Navy and later Secretary of the Navy, Thomas S. Gates Jr. In August 1957, he assumed command of the USS Bexar (APA-237) which he commanded until August 1958 when he was ordered to duty as Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans on the staff of the Commander in Chief, US Pacific Fleet. In January 1960, he commanded the USS Helena (CA-75).

In July of 1960, Kauffman was selected as Rear Admiral, and he became Commander Destroyer Flotilla Three (later re-designated Cruiser Destroyer Flotilla Three). In 1962, he became Chief of the Strategic Plans and Policy Division. In 1965, he became the 44th Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy, where he served for three years. His next assignment was as the Commander of the U.S. Naval Forces in the Philippines, and Representative of the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, a billet once filled 25 years earlier by his father.

In June 1970, he became commandant of the Ninth Naval District, headquartered at Great Lakes, Illinois, with an additional duty as Commander of the Naval Base, Great Lakes.

On 1 June 1973, Admiral Kauffman retired from the Navy.

In 1987, the U.S. Navy named one of its Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigates (FFG 59) after Draper and his father, Vice Admiral James L. Kauffman (1887-1963). He died August 18, 1979 in Budapest, Hungary, while on a tour with members of a Naval Academy alumni group. Surviving are his wife, a son, and two daughters. Services were scheduled for Sept. 7 in the Naval Academy chapel with burial in the academy cemetery.

OBIYUARY: *TheChicagoTribune* Saturday August 25, 1979 - ANNAPOLIS, Md. [AP] -- Retired Rear Adm. Draper L. Kauffman, 68, known as the father of the Navy's underwater demolition teams and a former superintendent of the Naval Academy, has died, the academy announced Friday. A statement said the San Diego native died last Saturday in Budapest, Hungary, while on a tour with members of a Naval Academy alumni group. Kauffman was a member of the academy's class of 1933 but did not receive a commission because of poor eyesight. When World War II began in Europe, he resigned a job with United Steamship Lines to become an ambulance driver in Paris.

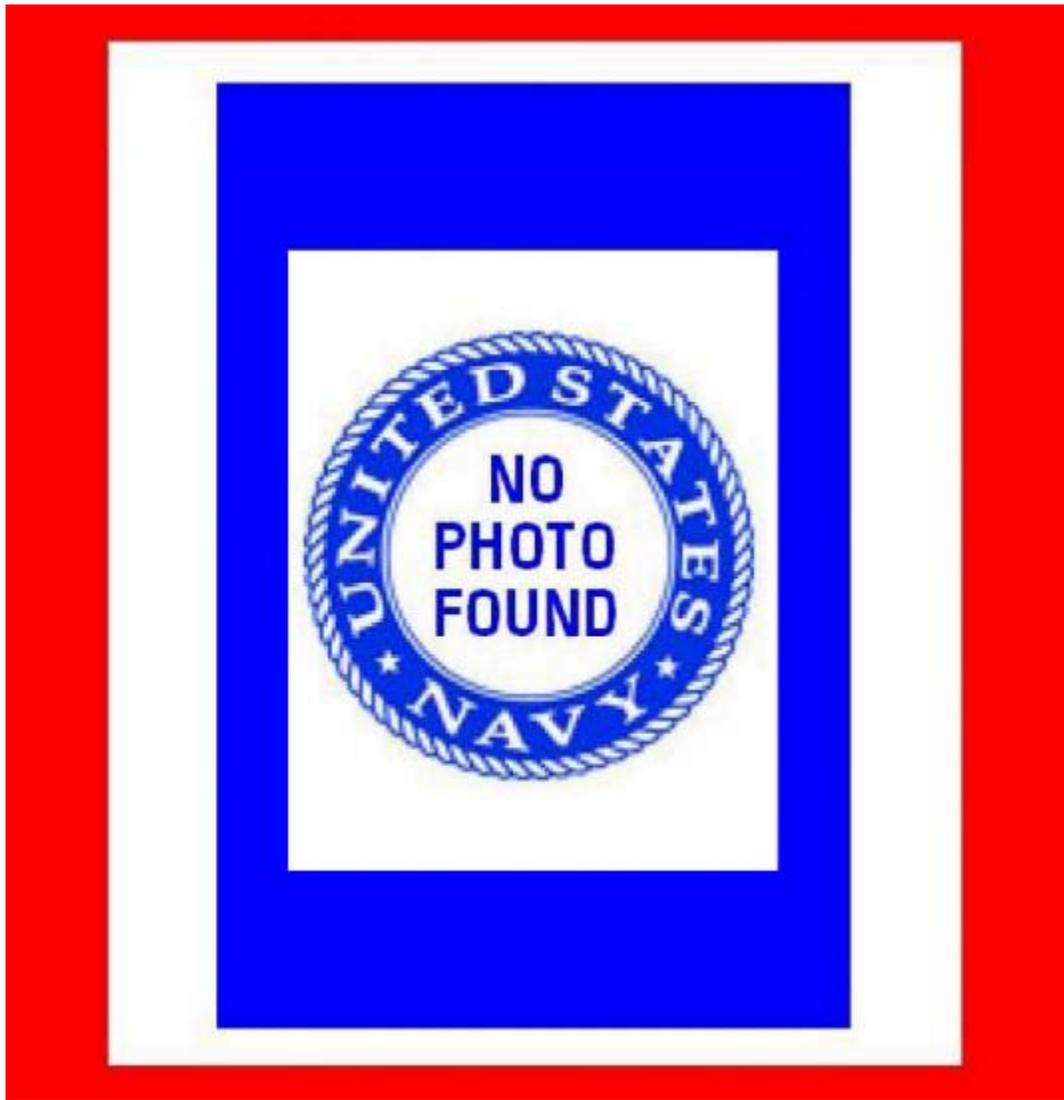
He was captured by the Germans in June, 1940, and escaped two months later, making his way to Britain through Spain and Portugal. He served in the Royal Navy until accepting a commission in the United States Naval Reserve a month before the Pearl Harbor attack in 1941. He received a Navy Cross for his role in the first recovery and disassembly of a 500-pound Japanese bomb used in the attack.

Later, he was in charge of all Navy underwater demolition activities in the Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa Gunto campaigns. After various sea and land posts, he became academy superintendent in 1965 for three years.

KAUFFMAN then commanded naval forces in the Philippines and was commandant of the 9th Naval District at Great Lakes, Ill., when he retired in 1973. He was president of the Marion [Ala.] Military Institute from 1974 to 1976.

Obituary from the Naval Academy Alumni Associations magazine The Last Call.

OBITUARY: Our class lost another of its colorful and distinguished members when RADM. Draper L. Kauffman USN (Ret.) died in his sleep as a result of a heart attack on 18 August 1979 in Budapest, Hungary, while touring with a Naval Academy Alumni group. Funeral services were held in the Chapel at 1400 on 7 September with interment at the Naval Academy Cemetery. Draper served for 3 yearsth as the 44 Superintendent of the Academy. The most impressive service was conducted by Chaplain Robert W. Bedingfield USN, and participated in by Capt. Claude Hutchison USNR, Adm. Thomas H. Moorner, USN (Ret.). The Reverend Mr. Robert G. Matters, and LCDR J. C. Glutting USN '68, with eulogy given by the very reverend Francis B. Sayre in his reflections on the life and times of Draper. The brigade of midshipmen participated in the music, honor guards, and led the cortege to the cemetery. Eight naval Officers on active duty, led by Capt. Edwin B. Smedberg USN '58, served as pallbearers. LCDR Bruce N. Wertz USN, served as Admiral's Standard-Bearer, and Twenty-five distinguished leader of our Navy and our nation in its international affairs who had known or served with Draper during his service to our nation, served as honorary pallbearers. Following the interment Mrs. Kauffman and family received friends in Buchanan House. Classmates paying their last respects included: Carrie and Tom Moorner, Edy and Bill Mott, Sydney and ray Thompson, Betty and Jim Ogden, Luke and Dick Lane, Esther Charlie Travis, Mickie and Hugh McKibbin, Sue Morton, Chuck King, Turner Duncan, Morgan Slayton, Hal Bowen, Champ Blouin, Joe Cobb, Marge and Elliott Loughlin, Helen and Dale Mayberry, Lew Snider and daughter, and you C/S. The Class made a contribution to the Memorial fund established by the family in Draper's name.



OWEN B. MURPHY

USS GEARING COMMANDER JULY 27, 1950 TO JULY 25, 1951

Born on 9 May 1910. Died on 15 September 1969. Married to Alice L. One daughter, Mary Alice Murphy.



Maurice Ferrara
25 Jul 1951 - 4 Feb 1953

Maurice Duke Ferrara was born June 15, 1914 in New York. He served on various ships of the United States Navy. He was Commander the USS Gar (SS-206), the USS Tambor (SS-198), The USS Finback (SS-30) and Commanded the USS Gearing (DD-710) from July 25, 1951 to February 4, 1953. He then became Commander of the Naval Station & FTC San Diego California. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, a Bronze Star Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal. He retired in 1962. He married Judith Ferrara. They had four sons, **Duke Ferrara, Tom Ferrara, Jim Ferrara, and Mike Ferrara.** and a daughter **Judy Ferrara.** Maurice Ferrara died December 31, 1988 in San Diego, California.

OBITUARY: *The San Diego Tribune*, January, 1, 1988 - A mass for retired Navy Capt. Maurice Ferrara, 73 of Loma Portal, will be said at 1 p.m. tomorrow in St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. Goodbody Mortuary is in charge. He died yesterday in a hospital. Capt. Ferrara was born in New York City, was a resident of the county for 40 years, Graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and retired from the Navy in 1962. He was a member of the Submarine Veterans of World War II, the retired Officers Association, the Naval Academy Alumni Association, the Naval Academy Athletic Association and

sports Association of San Diego County. He served on the boards of the Kiwanis Club of San Diego, the Kiwanis Foundation and the Metropolitan YMCA.

Survivors include his wife, Judith; four sons, Duke, Tom, Jim and Mike, and a daughter Judy Atkins, all of San Diego; a brother Polly, and two sisters, Pauline Snyder and Anne Maccarrone, all of San Diego; and eight grandchildren. The family suggested donations to the Kiwanis Foundation or the San Diego Hall of Champions.



JOHN F. MAYNARD

USS GEARING COMMANDER FEBRUARY 4, 1953 TO JULY 24, 1954

Commander John F. Maynard was born August 21, 1915 in Baltimore, Maryland. He served on various ships of the United States Navy. He served aboard the USS Wren (DD-568) and then became the Executive Officer of the USS Watts (DD-567). He served aboard the USS Manchester (CL-83) and the USS Salem (CA-139) and then became the Commanding Officer of the USS Gearing (DD-710) from February 4, 1953 to July 24, 1954. He was awarded the American Campaign Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and the Navy Occupation Service Medal. Commander John F. Maynard retired March 1961. He died January 12, in Columbia South Carolina.

OBITUARY: **The State**, Friday January 13, 2006,- COLUMBIA - Graveside service for CDR John Foster Maynard, U.S. Navy, (Ret.), 90, will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Elmwood Cemetery and Gardens. Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice. Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel, is in charge. CDR Maynard, husband of the late Marjorie Collins Maynard, died Thursday, January 12, 2006. Born in Baltimore, Md., he was the son of the late George Foster and Lillian Iola Brown Maynard. A Navy veteran of WWII and the Korean Conflict, he retired as Commander in 1961. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the University of Maryland, and his Master's degree in Education from the University of South Carolina. He retired from the South Carolina Department of Education and was a member of Washington Street United Methodist Church.

He was the last surviving member of his immediate family.



MARK WILLIAM WOODS
USS GEARING COMMANDER JULY 24, 1954 TO JULY 24, 1956

Rear Admiral Mark William Woods, was born in Whitehall, Montana on April 28, 1918. He graduated the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis Maryland December 19, 1941. He served as Flag Lieutenant. On the USS North Carolina (BB-55) from 1943 to 1945. He served as Gunnery Officer on the USS Turner (DD-834) from 1945 to 1946. He was also executive Officer and Navigator on the USS Lofberg (DD-759) from 1950 to 1952 and commanded the USS Gearing (DD-710) from July 24, 1954 to July 24, 1956. Commander Mark Woods was appointed Captain July 1960. And in September 1963 he became executive Officer of the Naval ship missile Systems Engineering Station, Port Hueneme, California, and in December 1964 assumed command of the USS Canberra (CAG-S). He became Rear Admiral July of 1956. Rear Admiral Mark Woods commanded the Cruiser-Destroyer Force U. S. Pacific Fleet from August 26, 1972 to April 1975. Rear Admiral Mark woods retired from the United States Nave July 1975. He lived in Arlington Virginia where he enjoyed Camping and Golf. Rear Admiral Mark woods died September 26 1999 in Arlington, Virginia.

OBITUARY: *Washington Post*, Wednesday September 29, 1999 - Navy Admiral Mark William Woods Dies
Was Applied Physics Laboratory Engineer Mark William Woods, 81, a retired Navy admiral and Applied Physics Laboratory engineer specializing in weapon design and missile systems analysis, died of colon cancer Sept. 26 at his home in Arlington.

Adm. Woods served for 33 years before retiring in 1975 as commander of the Pacific cruiser-destroyer force. He was a 1942 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. He was a signal officer during the assault on Guadalcanal and later was assigned to a reconnaissance patrol that collected information on beach terrain at the Japanese-held Solomon Islands. He was awarded a Silver Star.

His postwar assignments included gunnery officer, executive officer, navigator and commanding officer of destroyers, surface-to-air missile project officer with the office of the deputy chief of naval operations, and executive officer of the naval ship missile systems engineering station in Port Hueneme, Calif.

He served as an executive officer and navigator of a destroyer in support of United Nations forces in Korea during the war there. He served three tours of duty as commanding officer of a guided missile cruiser in Vietnam.

Adm. Woods was a native of Whitehall, Mont., who had lived in Arlington for 21 years. He graduated from the Naval War College and received a master's degree in electrical engineering from Johns Hopkins University. His other military honors included the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit. After retiring from active military duty, he joined APL in 1975 as a consultant. He became a full-time staff member three years later and retired in 1998.

His first wife, Marjorie Jane Woods, died in 1987.

Survivors include his wife, the former Virginia Slaven Kelly of Arlington; six children from his first marriage, Marjorie Curry Woods of Austin, Shauna Woods Mueller of Mercer Island, Wash., Rondi Woods Pike of Plymouth, N. H., Paces Woods Wilson of Wellesley, Mass., and Robert B. Woods and Mark W. Woods, twin retired Navy commanders who live in Alexandria; three stepchildren, Randall C. Kelly and Richard J. Kelly, both of Arlington, and Judith Kelly Gillcrisp of Athens, Ga.; a brother; a sister; and 24 grandchildren.



EDWARD A. LANE JR.

USS GEARING COMMANDER JULY 24, 1956 TO SEPTEMBER 3, 1958

EDWARD A. LANE JR.: U.S.N. Born September 12, 1918 in Washington D.C. Commander Edward A. Lane, Jr. USN, assumed command of the USS Gearing on 25 July 1956, The Gearing was his third command: he was previously skipper of the USS Hoquiam (PF-S), a frigate which participated in amphibious landings at Wonwan and Iwon during the Korean War, and of the USS Stribling DD-867, another destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet.

Commander Lane came to the Navy in November 1940 as a ensign, USNR, from the U. S. Merchant Marine. He is a 1939 graduate of the New York State Maritime College and served after graduation with the U. S. Lines, obtaining his license as Chief Mate, U. S. Merchant Marine, during World War II he served as Damage Control Officer on the USS Lassen AE-13, a repair ship witch served as flagship for the Commander Service Force, Atlantic Fleet. During his tour on the Hoquian as commanding officer, Commander Lane was given a letter of Commendation

with Combat Distinguishing Device. The Hoquiam was decommissioned and turned over to the Republic of Korea on October 7, 1951.

In February 1952 Commander Lane assumed command of the USS Stribling, a unit of destroyer squadron 6 which operated in the Atlantic and Mediterranean waters. He served on the staff of Commander Carrier Division 18 from December 1952 to June 1954, when he became a planning officer on the staff of the Commander in Chief of the Atlantic Fleet.

In September Commander Lane left the Gearing to join the staff of ComPhibLant. Commander and Mrs. Lane have three sons and two daughters: Edward, Stephen, Katharine, Deder, and Barbara. Commander Lane's parents are Dr. and Mrs. Edward A. Lane of Hartsdale, N. Y. Captain Lane died Tuesday May 15, 2007 in Panacea, Florida.

OBITUARY: *The Tallahassee Democrat*, Friday May 18, 2007 - Capt. Edward A. Lane Jr. PANACEA - Captain Edward A. Lane Jr., USN Retired, 88, died Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at his home on the Ochlocknee Bay in Panacea while under hospice care. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Frances Batton Lane, originally from Biloxi, Mississippi, and currently residing in Panacea. The service will be at 11 a.m. EDT Saturday at Ochlocknee Bay United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Captain Lane's memory may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308. Culley's Meadow Wood Funeral Home, Riggins Road Chapel (850-877-8191) is handling arrangements. Edward was born in Washington, D.C., in 1918 and graduated from the New York State Maritime Academy. He was commissioned in the Merchant Marine prior to World War II. His initial assignment as a Merchant Marine officer was in Biloxi, Mississippi, where he met and married Frances. As a Navy reserve officer, he was called to active duty at the advent of World War II and retired from the Navy after a long and distinguished career. He later attended Cornell University. In his long Navy career, he served in numerous combat operations in the Pacific, including amphibious assaults at Tarawa, Okinawa, and the battle of the Leyte Gulf. He also served in the Korean War, participating in amphibious landings at Wonsan and Iwon and the evacuation of Hungnam. He also served in the Vietnam War, participating in seven combat amphibious operations off the Republic of Vietnam as Commander of an amphibious group. He earned many combat decorations for his actions during these wars. After retirement from the Navy, he served in the Merchant Marine, eventually retiring to Quincy, Fla., and subsequently, Panacea, Fla. Other survivors include three sons, Deder Lane of Tallahassee, Edward Lane of Richmond, Va., and Stephen Lane of Panacea; two daughters, Katherine Little of Richmond and Barbara Thompson of Tallahassee; two sisters, Katherine Hall of Madisonville, Ky., and Constance Debus of Richmond, Va.; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren. With his passing, another member of what Tom Brokaw called the "Greatest Generation" is now gone and he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.



JOHN R. HANKEY

USS GEARING COMMANDER SEPTEMBER 3, 1958 TO SEPTEMBER 16, 1960

Commander John R. Hankey was born June 12, 1917 in Boston, Massachusetts. He was a graduate of Boston Latin School and Boston College and attended the former Navy postgraduate school in Annapolis. He entered the Navy in 1941. He served as executive Officer aboard the USS Holder (DD-819), the USS Shenandoah (AD- 26). He commanded the USS Gearing (DD-710) from September 3, to September 16, 1960. He commanded the USS Mazama (AE-9), and then became Superintendent of the Naval Observatory September 1, 1970 to June 30, 1972. He was awarded the American Campaign Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 2 Stars, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 Stars, the World War II Victory Medal and Order Of The White Rose-Finland. He retired as Captain in June 1972. Captain John R. Hankey died May 20, 1993 in Arlington, Virginia.

OBITUARY: ~~TheCapital~~ Wednesday May 26, 1993. -Retired Navy Capt. John R. Hankey Sr., 75, of McLean, Va, died of respiratory arrest Thursday following multiple strokes at Arlington Hospital in Arlington, Va. A native of Boston, Capt. Hankey served for 31 years in the Navy, receiving two awards for meritorious service. He was a graduate of Boston Latin School and Boston College and attended the former Navy postgraduate school in Annapolis. He entered the Navy in 1941 and served on aircraft carriers, USS Ranger and USS Randolph. After the war, he was trained in Naval Intelligence and became a Russian translator. He was commander of the destroyer USS Gearing and the ammunition ship USS Mazama. His final duty, ending in 1972, was as superintendent of the Naval Observatory in Washington. He was a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church in McLean and the Retired Officers Association in Washington.

His first wife, the former Anne E. Devlin, died in 1968. He is survived by his second wife, Margaret Osborne Hankey; two sons, John R. Hankey Jr. of Arnold and Francis W. Hankey of Hoboken, N.J.; one daughter, Lee Anne Graf of Vienna, Va.; two stepchildren, David Osborne of McLean and Anne O. Cutlip of New Hartford, Conn.; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral and burial services will be at 8:45 a.m. Friday at Arlington National Cemetery. Arrangements are by Murphy's Funeral Home in Falls Church, Va. Memorial contributions may be made to the Navy Relief Society, Naval Station, 58 Bennion Road, Annapolis, MD 21402.



JACK E. TINGLE

USS GEARING COMMANDER SEPTEMBER 16, 1960 TO DECEMBER 1, 1961

Commander Jack E. Tingle, was born in Dallas, Texas, 19 1921. After attending school in Dallas and Tarrytown, New York, he entered the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis and was commissioned an Ensign in 1943.

During World War II, Commander Tingle served on the destroyer USS Stevenson (DD - 645) and as a Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer with the United States Army in the Pacific Theater. After the War he had command of the USS List 1129 and then served in the destroyer USS Maddox (DD - 731). In 1948 he joined the staff of Commander Destroyer Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

In 1950 Commander Tingle returned to the Naval Academy for duty and in 1951 he went to the United States Military Academy at West Point as an exchange officer. Returning to sea duty in 1953, Commander Tingle served as Commanding officer of the ocean going minesweeper USS Detector (MSO 429). In 1955 he went to Washington and duty in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, which was followed, in 1958, by a tour as Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve

Training Center at Fishersville, Virginia. Before taking Command of the USS Gearing (DD- 710) from December 16, 1960 to December 1, 1961 he served as Gunnery Officer of the aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge (CVS 45). Commander Tingle retired June 1966. He married his wife Jean January 8, 1971 in Broward County. Captain Tingle died November 14, 1996 In Broward County, Hollywood, Florida.

OBITUARY: The Miami Herald, HOLLYWOOD, FL.- November 15, 1996 - Jack Elzey Tingle Ret. Commander US Navy, 75, of Broward County, Hollywood, FL died November 14, 1996. Interment in Hollywood Memorial Gardens 6301 Taft Street Hollywood, FL 33024. Fred Hunter's Funeral home in charge.



JAMES O. SAUL

USS GEARING COMMANDER DECEMBER 1, 1961 TO JULY 27, 1962

Captain Saul was born May 28, 1920 in Centralia, Illinois. He served on various ships of the United States Navy including the USS Fred T. Berry (DD-858), the USS Blair (DE- 147), the USS Boxer (CVA-21). He served as Officer of CNO, Navy Department. He then serviced the USS Gearing as Executive Officer and then became her Commanding Officer from December 1, 1961 to July 27, 1962. He was awarded the World War Victory Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the United Nations Service Medal (Korea) and the Korean President Unit Citation. Commander James O. Saul retired July 1967 and returned to his home town Centralia, Illinois. Captain Saul died October 22, 2006.



THOMAS W. LYONS

USS GEARING COMMANDER JULY 27, 1962 TO JULY 30, 1964

Commander Thomas W. Lyons was born August 30, 1924 in Bangor County, Brewer, Maine. He served as the executive Officer aboard the USS Wilkinson (DL-5) and Commanded the USS Gearing (DD-710) from July 27, 1962 to July 30, 1964. He served as Staff Comsecondflt and then Commanded the USS Mississinewa (AO -144) and as COS, Comnavbase, Newport, Rhode Island. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Navy Unit Commendation, the American campaign Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal. Thomas W. Lyons was promoted to captain and retired July 1972. He died November 19, 1977 in Oxnard, California.

OBITUARY: **Oxnard Press Courier**, Monday, November 21, 1977. Mass of Christian burial for retired Navy Capt. Thomas W. Lyons, of 1251 Azalea St., Oxnard, will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Navy Chapel at the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme. Capt. Lyons, 53, died Saturday morning in St. John's Hospital following a brief illness.

He was born Aug. 30, 1924, in Brewster, Maine. A previous resident of Newport, R.I. for 13 years, he had been a resident of Oxnard for two years. He retired from the Navy in 1972 after 29 years of service. He was awarded the Legion of Merit upon his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, of the home; four sons, Lt. Thomas W. Lyons Jr. with the Navy in Norfolk, Va., Lt.j.g. Patrick M Lyons with the Navy in Mayport, Fla., John V. of Temple, Ariz., and Kevin G. of Oxnard; three daughters, Cathleen Lyons of Newport and Anne and Mary Lyons of Oxnard; parents John and Doris Lyons of Portland, Maine; brother Dr. John G. Lyons Jr. of Annapolis, Md.; two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Lynch of Essex Junction, Vt., and Mrs. Barbara Steiner of Long Beach; and one grandchild.

Rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. today in the James A. Reardon Mortuary Chapel. Chaplain Joseph Ferraro will officiate at the services. Burial will be in the Santa Clara Cemetery, Oxnard.



JAMES WHITNEY MARTIN
USS GEARING COMMANDER JULY 30, 1964 TO APRIL 25, 1966

James Whitney Martin, was born February 23, 1926 in Lowell, Massachusetts. He was graduated from Lowell High School in 1942 and entered Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts, February, 1943. He enlisted in the Navy in March, 1943 and was called to active duty in July 1943, at which time he was ordered to Holy Cross College under the V-2 program. In November 1944 he reported to the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipman's School, Fort Schuyler, New York, where he received his commission in March 1945.

After attending General Line Officers School, Hollywood, Florida and 8" Gunnery School, Washington, D. C., in July 1945 he was ordered to the USS San Francisco (CA - 38) in the Asiatic -Pacific Theater where he served as Division Officer in the Gunnery Department and Junior Turret Officer. In April, 1946 he was released to inactive duty and returned to Holy Cross College from where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in June 1948. Commander Martin returned to active duty in January, 1951 during the Korean Conflict. From January, 1951

until September, 1952 he served as Gunnery Officer on board the USS Maloy (EDE-791). From October, 1952 until November, 1954, he served as Operations Officer on the Staff of Commander Destroyer Division 602. In November 1954 CDR Martin was ordered to duty as Aide and Flag Lieutenant to the Commandant, First Naval District with Headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts, where he served until July 1957.

During his tour of duty, Commander Martin transferred from the Naval Reserve to the regular Navy. From August, 1957 until June, 1958 he attended the United States War College, Newport, Rhode Island, as a student in the Command and Staff Course. From July 1958 until December, 1959, he was Executive officer of the USS Norris (DDE 859). In January, 1960 Commander Martin was ordered to duty as Commanding Officer, of the USS Sellstorm (DER 255), which billet he served until 24 June 1960 when the Sellstrom was decommissioned and transferred to the Atlantic Reserve Fleet. Commander Martin assumed command of the USS Thomas J. Gray (DER 326) on 4 August 1960, where he remained until being ordered to the Staff, U.S. Naval Destroyer School in July 1961. In July 1962 he was ordered to the Staff, United States War College, Newport, Rhode Island, which was his last duty station prior to reporting as Commander of the USS Gearing (DD-710) in July 30, 1964 until April 25, 1966. Commander Martin was awarded the following medals: Naval Reserve: American Theater Campaign: Asiatic-Pacific Theater: World War II Victory: Navy Occupation with Asiatic Clasp: China Service: National Defense and Philippine Liberation. August 1, 1968 Commander Martin was appointed to the rank of Captain. He retired September 1, 1974. Since 1988 he has worked part time as a ship handling instructor for The Marine Safety International in Newport, Rhode. In 1953 Commander Martin married the former Lois A. Renahan of Malden, Massachusetts. They have five children. Captain Martin enjoys all sports, especially Golf.

OBITUARY: Capt. James W. Martin, USN, Ret. 93, of Portsmouth, passed away Sunday, March 10, 2019 in the St. Clare Home, Newport. He was the husband of Lois (Renahan) Martin. Born in Lowell, MA, he was the son of the late James and Gertrude (Holden) Martin. Captain Martin attended the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1948.

Captain Martin enlisted in the Navy in March 1943, was called to active duty in July 1943 and ordered to the College of the Holy Cross under the V-12 program. He received his commission in the U.S. Naval Reserve in March 1945 and was subsequently ordered to serve on the cruiser USS San Francisco (CA 38) in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. His long and distinguished career has included tours as Commanding Officer of four Newport-based ships: the radar picket escorts Sellstrom and Thomas J. Gary, the destroyer Gearing and as the first Commanding Officer of the replenishment oiler Milwaukee. Shore duty tours included attendance at and on the staff of the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, the original staff of the U.S. Naval Destroyer School, Newport, and on the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon, Alexandria, VA. Prior to assuming command of Destroyer Squadron TEN, Captain Martin served as Chief of Staff Anti-Submarine Warfare Groups TWO and FOUR based in Quonset Point, RI.

Captain Martin is the holder of the following decorations and medals: Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star in lieu of a second award; Naval Reserve; American Campaign; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign; World War II Victory; Navy Occupation; China Service; National Defense; and Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

Following his retirement from the Navy, Captain Martin taught Naval ROTC at Quabbin Regional High School in Barre, MA and ship-handling skills at Marine Safety International in Middletown.

Captain Martin was an avid sports fan, and shared his enthusiasm with others by coaching and umpiring Babe Ruth baseball and coaching girls' softball and basketball. Through the years, Captain Martin also participated in innumerable golf outings and tournaments.

A devout Catholic, Captain Martin enjoyed the comradery he found while volunteering for many years at the St. Joseph's Church soup kitchen. He was known for his tremendous sense of humor with his joke and story telling.

Besides his wife of 66 years he leaves his children, Susan Blake (Paul) of Cumberland, James Martin (Marcie) of Portsmouth, Patricia Lakin Allan (Ron) of Portsmouth, Beth Loftis (Richard) of Coventry, CT, Michael Martin (Carolyn) of Middletown, and Kevin Martin (Ann Marie) of Newport. He is also survived by his sister Florence Gallagher of Lowell, MA as well as 16 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Memorial Funeral Home, 375 Broadway, Newport, RI.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM at St. Barnabas Church 1697 East Main Road, Portsmouth, RI 02871.

Due to the Lenten season, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Joseph's Church Soup Kitchen c/o The St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Joseph's Church, Newport, RI.



RUSSELL ALFRED MARCELLUS
USS GEARING COMMANDER APRIL 25, 1966 TO JULY 1, 1967

Commander Russell Marcellus was born September 17, 1928 in Red Bank, New Jersey. After two and a half year as a Naval Aviator, Commander Marcellus began his surface Navy career aboard the battleship New Jersey. Other assignment included the USS Pillsbury (CDFR-133), the General Line School, and Fleet Training Group, Guantanamo Bay Cuba. After receiving a bachelor of Science degree at the Postgraduate School in 1961, Commander Marcellus was the executive Officer of the USS Watts (DD-561) and later the USS Sullivans (DD-537) and the USS Yosemite (AD-19), flagship for commander Cruiser Destroyer Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. He commanded the USS Gearing from April 25, 1966 to July 1, 1967. He was awarded the China Service Medal, the Navy Occupation Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Navy Expeditionary medal. Commander Russell Marcellus retired July 1973.



ALFRED CHARLES LEIS

USS GEARING COMMANDER JULY 1, 1967 TO MARCH 1, 1969

Alfred Charles Leis was born January 30, 1928 in Bellaire, Long Island New York. Commander Leis came up through the ranks as an enlisted Quartermaster and was commissioned in January 1951. He served on various ships of the United States Navy and took place in Search and Rescue Operations during 27 months aboard patrol Crafts (PC-1 141) and (PC-100) in the Pacific during the Korean conflict. He served as first Lieutenant, Operations Officer, and executive Officer on the USS Newport News (CA-148), the USS Bristol (DD-857) and the USS Vesole (DDR - 878) respectively. He was the executive officer of the USS Yosemite (AS-19), flagship for commander Cruiser Destroyer Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and commanded the USS Gearing (DD-710) from July 1, 1967 to March 1, 1969. Civilian training has also served to prepare Commander Leis for his positions of responsibility in the Navy. He holds degrees in marketing and Management, and

in International Relations from New York University and George Washington University. He was appointed Captain March 1, 1971. Captain Leis retired July 1971. Mrs. Leis is the former Barbara Biau, from the home town of commander Leis, New York City. They have three children. and now lives in Tiverton, Rhode, Island where he enjoys playing guitar, violin and viola. Captain Leis passed away November 14, 2012

OBITUARY: Alfred C. Leis, Capt. US Navy (Ret.), 84, of Tiverton, RI, died on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at Heatherwood Nursing Home in Newport, RI. He was the husband of the late Geraldine V. (Camara) Dias Leis. Born in Long Island NY on January 30, 1928, he was the son of the late Quartermaster Chief, Herman Leis and Erna Michel Leis. Captain Leis enlisted as a seaman and worked diligently from this entry-level position to achieve the rank of Captain. This earned Capt. Leis the title known as "mustang" in the Navy. His service dates were from December 1945 to July 1975. He held a degree in marketing and management from New York University and a degree in international relations from George Washington University. Captain Leis's significant duty stations were: USS Bristol DD-857, XO of the USS Vesole DDR-878, OPS Officer of the Comcrudesflot 10, XO of the USS Yosemite AD-19, and CO of USS Gearing DD-710. Some of Captain Leis's significant awards earned were: Meritorious Service medal with a gold star, American Theater medal, World War II Victory Medal, Navy Occupation medal, and the Defense Service medal with one star.

Leo D. Dougherty (Petty Officer 2nd Class) Tampa, FL Founder and Past President, USS Gearing (DD 710) Association states, "I had the honor and privilege of serving under Captain Leis on the USS Gearing. His experience as an enlisted man prior to being commissioned as an officer, gave him a connection with his crew. His leadership and his respect for his crew earned not just our respect for him, but earned our desire to be the best crew we could be. He wanted us to work hard and we did work hard to make ourselves better and make the ship better. My time on the Gearing and in particular my time under his command is the time I remember most about my Navy service. He left an indelible imprint on me as a sailor, and as a human being. I was just 18 years old when I reported aboard the Gearing and when he took command, he became a person in my mind who is still today bigger than life."

Capt. Leis was Commander of the American Legion Post 37 in Little Compton for twelve years. He was also a member of the Newport County Veteran Council, the Fall River Symphony, the Luthiers Guild, and the Portsmouth Senior Citizens Choir. One of his favorite pastimes was playing the viola while his friend Curtis LaFrance accompanied him on the piano.

After retiring from the Navy, Captain Leis went back to school to become a luthier. He made and repaired violins and guitars. He also repaired stringed instruments for the Newport School Department.

Capt. Leis is survived by his daughters, Amanda Leis of New York and Jessica Leis of Newport, RI; step-daughters, Mary Stockard of Portsmouth, RI and Sharon McEvoy of Norfolk, MA; and grandchildren, David Meikle, William Bierce, Benjamin Bierce, Nathaniel Stockard, and Julia and Evan McEvoy. He was predeceased by his son, Alfred C. Leis, Jr and his former wife the late Barbara S. (Blau) Leis.

A memorial service will be held on November 24, 2012 at 11:00 am in Connors Funeral Home, 55 West Main Road, Portsmouth, RI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice Visiting Nurses Services, Newport and Bristol Counties, 1184 East Main Road, Portsmouth, RI 02871.



ALLEN SIDNEY JEFFERIS

USS GEARING COMMANDER MARCH 1, 1969 TO SEPTEMBER 17, 1970 Allen Sidney Jefferis was born July 9, 1929 in Glendale, California. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve December of 1947 and enlisted in the United States Navy June of 1948, Commander Jefferis served on various ships of the United States Navy including the USS Manchester (CL-83), the USS Pritchett (DD-561), and the USS Los Angeles (AC-135). He was executive officer of the USS Walk (DD -723) from August 1963 to March 1965 and commanded the USS Gearing (DD -710) from March 1, 1969 to September 17, 1970. Commander Jefferis served on the USS Chicago (CG-1 1) from April 1972 to December 1973 as executive officer. He served as executive officer of the Service School Command, in San Diego California. Commander Jefferis retired July 1980 and now lives in San Diego California, where he enjoys sports and his grandchildren. Captain Jefferis died on May 26, 2008.

OBITUARY: Allen Sidney Jefferis, CMDR USN Retired, died at his home from injuries sustained from a fall while attempting to raise the American flag on Memorial Day, May 26, 2008. Mr. Jefferis was born in Glendale, California, on July 9, 1929. He entered the Navy in 1948. He served in various aviation units and graduated from the Naval Guided Missile School, Point Magu, in 1951. He was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy upon graduation from OCS in 1953. Mr. Jefferis served in USS Manchester, USS Prichett, USS Los Angeles, XO USS Walke, USS Topeka, CO USS Gearing and XO USS Chicago. His shore assignments include Navy Post Graduate School, Monterey, and two assignments on Staff, Commander Training Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet. He served as XO on Service School Command, NTC. He also served as Senior Advisor and CO, Technical Assist Field Team, Bandar Abbas, Iran. His last assignment was XO COMTRAPAC Training Management. He retired after 33 years active duty in July 1980. Among his many service awards is the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" for his service in Vietnam. After retiring from the Navy, he fulfilled a lifelong dream to complete his college education and received a BSBA Business Management from SDSU in December 1984. He worked for a short time at Convair-General Dynamics. He was a daily volunteer for San Diego Meals on Wheels and served on MOW's Metro Advisory Committee, eight years as chairman. Cmdr. Jefferis is survived by his wife of 57 years, Louise Irene (Kelley) Jefferis of Palo Alto. He has five children: James, Diana, Nancy, Robert (deceased) and Jacqueline (deceased). He has six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by his two brothers Lawrence Jefferis and Marvin Jefferis and his sister Carol Williams. Services to be held Monday, June 16th, 11:00 a.m., Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to: Meals On Wheels, 2254 San Diego Ave, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92110



LENNART G. HOLMBERG

USS GEARING COMMANDER SEPTEMBER 17, 1970 to February 17, 1972

Captain Holmberg was born in Lysekil, Sweden, on 10 May 1926, and immigrated to the United States in 1937. He graduated from Upsala college, East Orange, New Jersey, in 1949. He is an alumnus of the Naval War College and the National War college, and earned his master's degree in political science from Boston University in 1953.

Captain Holmberg enlisted in the United States Navy in May 1944 and served on board the USS Hanover (APA -116) in the Pacific Ocean area during World War II. Remaining in the Naval Reserve while attending college, he was recalled to active duty in 1950 and served on board the USS Libra (AKA-12) for one year before attending the Officer Candidate school (OCS) at Newport, Rhode Island.

Captain Holmberg was commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve upon completion of OCS in May 1952. Upon completion of several Naval Aviation Service Schools, he was assigned as the Electronics Material Officer of Carrier Air Group Two and participated in the Korean conflict.

In November 1953, Captain Holmberg was selected for transfer to the Regular Navy and was assigned to the USS Ammen (DD-527), where he served as Gunnery Officer and Navigator. From 1956 to 1958 he attended the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. In August 1958, he was assigned to the USS Macon (CA-132) as damage Control Officer. In January 1960, he was assigned as staff Material Officer on the staff of Commander Destroyer Flotilla Two.

From July to October 1961, Captain Holmberg was an exchange officer with the Royal Swedish Navy. From November 1961 to June 1964, he served on the staff of the Naval War College. From July 1964 to February 1966, he was executive Officer of the USS Purdy (DD-734). From July 1966 to May 1967, he was the Chief Staff Officer of the Coastal Surveillance Force (CTF-155) in Vietnam. From July 1967 to July 1970, Captain Holmberg was a project Officer in the Operations Directorate of the office of the Joint Chief of Staff. From September 1970 to February 1972, he was Commanding Officer of the USS Gearing (DD-710). From March 1972 to July 1973, he served in the office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Research and Development).

After graduating from the naval War College in 1974, Captain Holmberg served as the Indonesian, Malaysian and Singapore Desk Officer in the office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs). In 1975, he was assigned to the National War College as a member of the military faculty and Student Research Director. In October 1978, Captain Holmberg was assigned to the Logistics Plans Division of the Office of Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (logistics) as the Assistant Director for JCS Matters. Captain Holmberg retired in September 1979.

Captain Holmberg is married to the former Lee Ohlbaum of Brooklyn, New York. They have one daughter, Susan Lee, a PHD candidate at the University of Washington, Seattle Washington.



WEBSTER GREWE

USS GEARING COMMANDER FEBRUARY 17, 1972 TO FEBRUARY 9, 1973

Commander Webster Grewe was born April 24, 1929 in Baltimore Maryland. He served on the USS Bittern (MHC-43) and became the executive Officer of the USS Dupont (DD-941). He became COS Comdesron 22 and then the commander of the USS Gearing from February 17, 1972 to February 9, 1973. After his tour of the Gearing he became the commanding Officer of the USS Charles P. Cecil DD-(835). He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with the Combat "V", the Combat Action Ribbon and the Navy Good Conduct Medal with a bronze star. Commander Webster Grewe was promoted to Captain before retiring in February 1984.

OBITUARY: Capt. Webster Grewe, USN Retired, of Lake Anna, VA passed away Saturday, January 9, 2016 surrounded by his loving family in Charlottesville, VA. Capt. Grewe was born in 1929 in Baltimore, MD and graduated from Catonsville High School in 1947. He enlisted in the Navy in 1948 and was selected for Officer Candidate School, Newport, RI, graduating in 1956 in the top third of his class. He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Catherine Grewe, brothers Richard and Charles Grewe and sisters Dorothy, Betty and Louise Grewe, all of Baltimore. Capt. Grewe is survived by his high school sweetheart and devoted wife of 65 years, Dorothy Saloman Grewe, his sister Jean Holden of Ellicott City, his sons Charles (Olga) Grewe, Todd (Lori) Grewe and daughter Lisa (Wendell) Tignor, eight grandchildren, one great grandson, and countless nieces and nephews. A veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam wars, Capt. Grewe's Naval career spanned 36 years, including serving as XO of the USS DuPont during which time the ship sustained casualties and severe damage while supporting U.S. Marines in the DMZ. He commanded the USS Bittern, USS Gearing and the USS Charles P. Cecil. He served under Adm. Stansfield Turner, NATO Allied Forces, Southern Italy and the Pentagon before retiring in 1984. Capt. Grewe then went to work for SAIC, opening their first offices in Saudi Arabia. He retired from SAIC, building his dream home at Lake Anna, where he enjoyed gardening, sailing, various building projects and water sports, bird watching and entertaining his extended family and friends. The family will receive visitors from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 14 at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA. Funeral services will be held at Belvoir Chapel, 5950 12th Street, Ft. Belvoir, VA at 11 a.m. on January 15. Burial with full military honors will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project or the charity of your choice.



WILLIAM M. ROSS
USS GEARING COMMANDER FEBRUARY 9, 1973 TO JULY 2, 1973

Lieutenant Commander Ross was born in Concord, North Carolina on 3 March 1936. He graduated the United States Naval Academy in 1960. LCDR Ross's first tour of duty was Weapons and Engineering Department aboard the USS Springfield (CLG-7) from June 1960 to July 1962. He then served a two year tour as navigator aboard the USS Rankin (AKA-103) from August 1962 to July 1964.

From July 1964 until May 1965 LCDR Ross attended the United States Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey California, in the Engineering Science Program. From Postgraduate School LCDR went to a staff Billet as the Scheduling Officer in the Operations and Plans Division of Commander Amphibious Force, United States Atlantic Fleet, where he served from July 1965 until December 1969. In January 1968 LCDR Ross returned to sea and served as the Operations Officer aboard the USS Fiske (DD-842) until September 1969.

From October 1969, until September 1971, LCDR Ross served as the Surface

Operations Officer for Commander, Fleet Electronic Warfare Support Group. Following this tour of duty, LCDR Ross received orders to the USS Gearing (DD-710) as executive officer where he served until February 1973, at which time he relieved CDR Webster Grewe, USN as Commanding Officer of the Gearing.

LCDR Ross was promoted to his present rank on 1, July 1969.

LCDR Ross is married to the former Rosemarie Bouchard of New York, New York. They have a son, Morgan Lee.