

## SHIPMATE BINNACLE LIST

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Bob Faulkner MT1(SS) B/G 80-86 OVHL#2	<b>5.1.17:</b> I have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease for the last 8 years and was just told by my neurologists on Friday, 4-28, that I now have to do brain surgery for DBS.
Michael Frey ET1(SS) B 78-82	<b>4.2.17:</b> I'd like to be placed on the binnacle list temporarily as I managed to drop my motorcycle on my foot and broke my foot (the motorcycle was basically unharmed). I had surgery to repair a fracture of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> metatarsal and to repair damage to the Lisfranc ligament in my left foot on March 1st. Thankfully, it was my left foot, so I am able to drive, but I'm in a boot and on crutches for a while. My advice to other riders is when your bike starts to go down, get out from under it. The best part is that my significant other says I don't need to sell the bike.
Gene 'Kewee' Kelewae, TM3(SS) G 69-72	<p><b>2.24.16:</b> Hello my name is Gene Kelewae and I served on Henry L. on the Gold crew from 1969 until 1972, first as a cook then a Torpedoman. Some knew me as Kewee. First off let me assure you I'm not looking for anything from you. A little history:</p> <p>In October 2012 I was diagnosed with an aggressive form of Prostate Cancer. February 2013 my prostate was removed. August 2013 I had a stomach issue and went into the ER. After X-rays and a CAT scan I was diagnosed with Stage IV Colon Cancer. This included a 70% involvement of my liver. I had an emergency Colostomy and then had 4 chemo infusions. November 15 I had the first of two 12 hour operations. The first removed forty percent of my liver. The second operation was December 4, 2013 and removed thirty percent of my liver after my liver regrew a lobe. They also removed the tumor in my colon and closed the colostomy. I went home 20 December and since then I have had 36 more Chemo Infusions.</p> <p>I had a colonoscopy that was clean 18 months prior to the discovery of my colon cancer. My colon cancer is aggressive and without chemo I wouldn't last long. There is no history of cancer of any kind in my family. I don't like sharing all of this, but I was wondering if others had similar issues. You can contact me at <a href="mailto:gmkelewae@netscape.net">gmkelewae@netscape.net</a></p> <p>Another bit of information that you may or may not know is that the VA has a form that my wife found about where you can request disability for certain cancers. Your doctor would have to state that the most likely cause of the cancer is from ionization of radioactive material. We were told by the DAV that the person should have no family history of the cancer. I've included the link to the VA site. <a href="http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/radiation/">http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/radiation/</a> v/r Gene Kelewae (Kewee)</p>
Roy Robertson, RMCS(SS) G COB 78-79	<p><b>3.18.16:</b> Roy is now home and recovering well.</p> <p><b>2.21.16:</b> Roy fell and broke his hip on Sunday, Feb. 21st. He had surgery and is now at Roper Hospital in Charleston SC for rehab.</p>
Larry Hall STS3(SS) B 65-69	<p><b>6.10.15</b> Still awaiting a kidney and can't travel to the reunions. They say that my kidney failure was caused by high blood pressure and diabetes though I'm not sure about that. In 2009 I had prostate cancer and had 48 radiation treatments. In 2010 my kidneys failed. Since my diabetes is well under control and my blood pressure hasn't been high for 20 years, it seems a bit coincidental.</p> <p><b>1.11.13</b> On a kidney transplant list and can't travel to the reunion in Mobile.</p>
David Hill ETCS(SS) B 70-74  <b>ETERNAL PATROL SEPT 7, 2015</b>	<b>6.8.15</b> Please place me on the binnacle list. Please pray that I can be the man God wants me to be. God has blessed me more than I deserve already. Last week, I had two Dr Appts a day for 5 days. Started radiation treatment last week. Only 7 more shots to go. I talked to rhea dosimetry specialist and she said each shot was 200 RADs! You may remember what LD 450 means. Lethal dose for 50% of the people exposed to 450 RADs. Fortunately, this is a tightly focused beam, focused on the target site and the lethal dose is based on whole body exposure. So they are killing hopefully the rumors on the bone, and very little else.
Mike Boyle FTB1(SS) G 78-81	<b>1.27.15</b> On 01/02/15 I underwent triple bypass surgery. They say I have had several heart attacks however, did not know it. Had the last one at work on 12/29/14. Ran my symptoms by a friend who is an EMT. He said it sounds like an obstruction and I should go to the ER. I did. At home now and on the mend. Thanks for the prayers. Mike