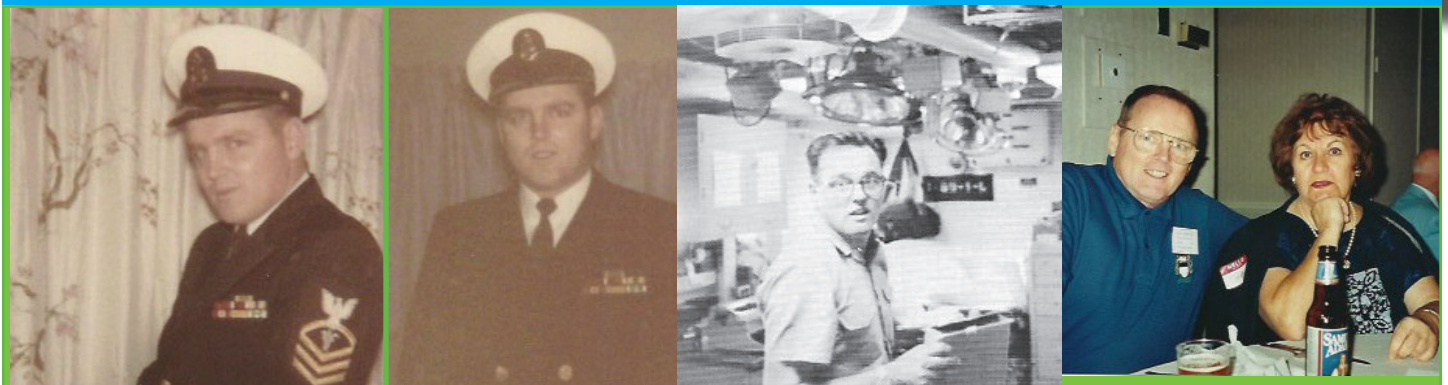


Remembering Ed "Doc" Powers HMC (ret.)



"Doc" was in charge of sick bay...he always had a ready smile and it always seemed brighter when he was holding a needle -- RIP dear friend"...Tony West

"Years ago, after the first reunion that Doc attended, he mailed me a navy care package, he called it.. One of the items was a Navy blue coffee cup with US NAVY on it.. I used that cup every day at work for my coffee until after maybe 5 years I dropped it and broke the handle off. I superglued it back on and it serves as a reminder of Doc to this day in my navy room at home. On the Decatur I am reminded of the shot glass of mineral oil I got every day at the sick bay."...Jerry Hihn



Remembering “Doc” Powers

One thing I remember and you may recall too. “We had a BEARD GROWING CONTEST”, however, we had to start with a Clean Face (Clean Shave) and Doc Powers had to inspect us first, to get on the List. Then he, the Captain, Exec. Officer and Three other officers were the Judges upon arrival Stateside, before coming into Port...

I took a Ten Day Annual Leave upon arrival in California, to go home to Portland, Oregon, where I live today and my Wife wouldn’t let me come in the front door, until she could see me with a strong flashlight, through the small front Door Window. Then she wouldn’t let me go to bed that night, until I shaved it off.

When I returned to the Decatur, “I told Doc Powers the story, he laughed” and then commented back to me with, “I can understand that and she probably made you put a bag over your head, before she would sleep with you.”

He was a First Class back then and I was our M-Division Chief (SCPO) and we all had fun, with lots of good memories...

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