

Locating Crew Members

The DDG 5 association contact list has 170 names on it. These are addresses and emails that we have made contact with. I appolige if some of the calls I made upset anyone. It was great talking with you. We started with a list put together by Bob Haner and also those who worked with him putting on the past five reunions. Names also came from Tin Can Sailors, Destroyers on Line and other internet sources. Most of these sites have crew lists of shipmates who have signed up looking for other shipmates. Now comes the hard part finding the other 94 percent. My license plate on my motor home is DDG 5. This has located a couple of crew members.

If someone you would like to find is retired from the Navy here is the procedure to forward a letter to them through the Navy World Wide Locator.

1. Place your letter to be forwarded in another envelope. Clearly write the name of the service member on the outside of the envelope. Seal the envelope. Do not place postage on it.
2. Place the envelope in other envelope with instructions to Navy Locator to forward to the service member. Include as much identifying information as possible, including middle name or initial, rate/rank, social security number, last know duty station, etc of the service member.
3. Include required fee of \$3.50 per name made payable to U.S. Treasury by check or money order. If you do not include required fee, your letter will be returned. Fees are retained if research is unsuccessful in identifying the service member or forwarding address.

The navy does not maintain current addresses on service members who have been discharged. However if a person has been discharged in the past four years they can forward to the last known address in the service record if available. If a service member is in a retired status, and in receipt of retired pay, and sufficient identifying information provided, mail can be forwarded to current residence address.

Mail Request to: Navy World Wide Locator
Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312)
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-3120

You will receive notification when your letter has been forwarded. If they are unable to forward your mail, your letter will be returned. They do not guarantee receipt or provide any further service. If you have any questions you can contact Navy Locator staff at 877-414-5359.

Have patience it takes time. If you are sure someone retired and get your letter back, you can assume one of two things they are deceased or have failed to keep the navy up to date as required of their address.

Remember **DO NOT ASSUME THAT WE HAVE CONTACTED ANYONE: WE WOULD NOT WANT TO MISS ANYONE, SEAMAN TO ADMIRAL.**