



Some old sailors – all AGs and all went to ‘A’ school at Lakehurst, NJ. Ellis “Jake” Diviney served at the end of WWII, and his sons Dan (left) and Mitch (right) served during Vietnam. Three sailors, none of whom ever saw a ship. Jake entered in Bainbridge and was stationed in Jacksonville, FL. He received a presidential citation for helping to make the atomic bomb that ended WWII. It was for work he did as a teenager in Hanover, PA, at the spinning mills rolling carts of spools with the nylon thread that made the cargo net that carried the bomb. He recalled running out of class whenever the bull ropes of the dirigibles hit the roof so the they could grab them and help pull them down for landing. Mitch started at Great Lakes, IL, and was stationed at Marietta, GA, & Keflavik, Iceland. Dan began at Orlando, FL, then transferred to Keflavik, Iceland, after ‘A’ school where he and Mitch played on the base basketball team that held a 500 record against the Icelandic pro team. Dan finished his 6 years at Lakehurst, NJ, working at the Meteorology school, and transferring to the NAS weather office when the school closed and moved to Chanute, IL. While at Lakehurst, a tornado destroyed the trailer park on base and ripped a 100-foot hole in the hanger roof. Dan returned to the Navy as a civilian 11 years later to perform work implementing the Acquisition Training Program for the Navy. Dan’s daughter, Erin (not shown), completed a meteorology degree at Millersville University and went on to travel the US to teach National Weather Offices how to use new Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System when it was rolled out in 1998. She is now works for the Navy’s NAVSUP Weapons System Support with Naval Support Activities in Mechanicsburg, PA.