

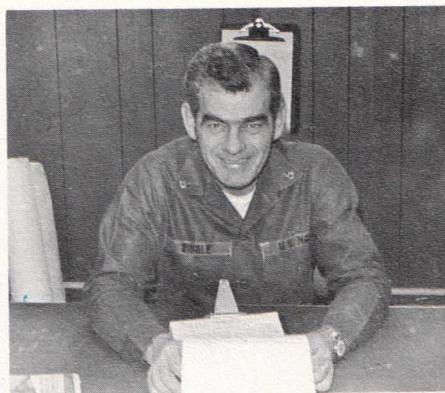
DETAIL ADAK



Detail Adak deployed from Gulfport to Adak in September 1973. The detail remained on Adak throughout the deployment, starting with thirty-six men but growing to fifty men before the end of the deployment. The men of detail Adak were tasked with the conversion of a 160 x 200 foot hanger into a modern hobby shop complex for the Naval Station Adak. The total material cost of the project was in excess of \$420,000 and involved over 6500 estimated mandays of labor. The project was turned over from NMCB-1 at 33 percent complete and by the end of the deployment it had progressed to 88 percent. The magnitude and nature of the hobby shop work made it a challenge. The harsh Aleutian weather and herculean supply problems added to the difficulties. Life on Adak was sometimes interesting with the eruption of the volcano, Great Sitkan and daily earth tremors. A meningitis scare and the Middle East alert also aroused curiosities. Some found many ways to spend off duty hours; hunting, fishing, square dancing and bowling were a few. Sometimes life was boring and days seemed to drag. Often there was day after day of snow, wind and rain and seldom if ever, did the sun come out. Everyone who went to Adak returned a little the better; not just in what he learned or what he did but in what he endured while he was there and knowing that he stayed until the end.



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SWCN Rick Miller, SW2 Terry Clotfelter, SWCA Terry Moate,
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Norm: You asked me some time back (and reminded me below) to send you the names of the guys who served on Detail Adak during our Pacific deployment 1973-1974.

I am attaching two pages from the deployment cruise book with a group photo of the Detail and the page which shows and names all the guys in groups. You will have to rotate one of the pages as my scanner would not let me scan one side of the book right-side-up.

BUC Othel Riddle was our AOIC for Detail Adak. If you are not aware, Othel died about 10 years ago. He was so important to me and to all the men of Detail Adak. His wife, Loraine was still living in Long Beach, MS near the NCBC Gulfport when I last talked with her about a year ago. I would like for the men of Detail Adak (as well as all who made the Diego Garcia deployment of 1972-73 where Othel also deployed) to know of Othel's death.

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(Note: Captian George's email address and biography can be found on the alumni group list, available only to alumni group members)