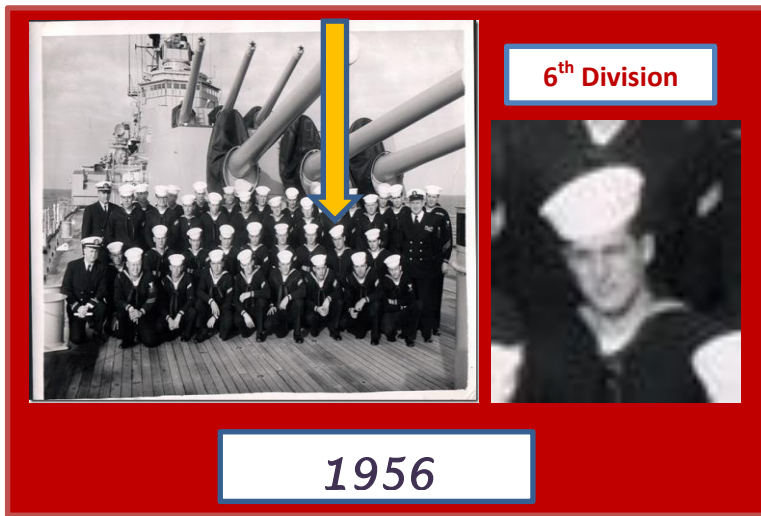


We are pleased to honor Shipmate and Association Member

★ Antonio "The Peanut Man" Fransetta ★



Tony was born on December 14, 1935 in Kimball, WV. He joined the Navy on January 3, 1953 and attended boot camp in Bainbridge, MD. By May of 1953 he was assigned to the battle ship Wisconsin BB-64 and was enroute from Norfolk, VA, through the Panama Canal to Korea, earning the United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal and the Good Conduct Ribbon. Following his Korean tour and various cruises, he went to the Brooklyn Navy Yard for five months. In mid 1955 Tony was transferred to the USS Des Moines CA-134 as a 3rd Class Radarman, and served aboard the USS Des Moines until his honorable discharge from active duty in November 1956 as a Petty Officer, 2nd Class Radarman.

After the Navy, Tony was married to his wife, Lena, for 49 years until her untimely passing in 2008. He was employed with Ford Motor Company, Foundry and Engine Operations, in Cleveland, OH. Until his retirement in 1990, Tony was active in Local 1250 representing 15,000 employees, negotiating contracts, chairing joint Ford /U.A.W. programs, including Quality Control, Employee Involvement, Insurance Benefits, Alcohol and Drug Treatment, and Employee Education Programs. Tony co-chaired a National Joint Mortality Study on Cancer and Heart Disease in the industrial workplace that was published in professional journals.

Tony and Lena have two daughters and five grandchildren, and he has lived in the Western Communities, most recently in Wellington, FL. He attended the 4th Reunion and hasn't missed a reunion since that time.