

It has taken a while, but I regret to inform you that one of your shipmates, my Father, Capt Richard W. Leighton, SC USN (ret) passed away on 29 Jun 2012. Even at the age of almost 92, he was in relatively good health and passed away fairly unexpectedly at his home on the coast of Maine with his wife Eileen at his side. My Dad served on the USS Altair in the late 1950's while it was based in Barcelona, Spain. Although I was only 6 when we returned to the states I have fond memories of our time in Spain and of the USS Altair. My Dad loved telling stories about his time as SUPO on the ship and of the Altair's introduction of VERTREP into Navy jargon. Photos of his time aboard were a major part of a slideshow I put together for his 90th Birthday event. I would appreciate you notifying your membership of his passing.

Thank you.

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