

LOOKING FOR SHIPMATES

am interested if any of the crew that traveled to the North Pole in an EC-121 'Super Constellation' are still around. It was the summer of 1962 and John Glenn had just flown a space craft four times around the world. I don't know the plane commanders name nor do I remember several of the other "ICE" program Petty Officers. There was at least one chief and the rest were First Class PO's except me as I was still a Second Class. We had been flying around the Arctic from different bases like Thule, Keflavik, and Bodo Norway. We were charting holes or Polynyas in the Arctic Ice pack in support of two submarines that were going to meet at the North Pole and surface.

We never did see any subs, which would have been interesting. Anyway, the pilot announced that since John Glenn had flown around the world four times that he was going to tie that feat. So, he put the plane in a steep bank and we literally flew around the theoretical North Pole four times. One never really knew where the exact North Pole was as satellites and GPS systems were not running then and the magnetic deviation changes rapidly as one travels across that area.

Anyway, it was a good story that I used when I was a substitute teacher here in Las Vegas. I told some of my classes that I flew around the world four times in about seven minutes and they tried to guess how I did that. It was interesting to them.

So, is anyone still around that was on that flight? I'd love to hear from anyone else in this publication or via email. I'm in the roster as a life member.

I'd also love to hear from any shipmates that are Masons.

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