

Carl William Slack was the DDG-5 Crew Members Association Executive Director from 2009. He was the driving force behind the reunions in 2009, 2010, 2012 and 2014.

Carl was born in Hammington, New Jersey June 18, 1941. He passed away in Polatka, Florida April 8, 2015.

Carl joined the U.S. Navy in June 1960. His career in the Navy is capsulated in the table below.

Years	Duty Station	Rank/Rate
1960	RTC Great Lakes	SA
1960 – 1961	Fire Control Tech A/C-School	SN
1961 – 1961	USS Stribling DD-867	SN
1961 – 1962	USS Robinson DD-562	FTM3
1962 – 1962	USS Leahy DLG-16	FTM3
1962 – 1963	Fire Control B-School	FTM2
1963 – 1964	USS Biddle DDG-5	FTM2
1964 – 1968	USS Claude V. Ricketts DDG-5	FTM1
1968 – 1969	Instructor, Dam Neck, VA	FTM1
1969 – 1971	Obtained Assoc. Deg., Industrial Management	FTM1
1971 – 1972	USS Conyngham (DDG-17)	FTM1
1972 – 1976	USS Richard L. Paige DEG-5	FTMCS
1976 – 1977	NRMF, Philadelphia	FTMMC
1977 – 1978	NSY Philadelphia	ENS
1978 – 1979	USS America CVA-66	LTJG

Carl retired from the U.S. Navy in 1979. He remained active in some of the ship originations and reunions that he had served on. At the reunion in Jacksonville, Florida in 2009, Carl was influential in the formation of the DDG-5 Crew Members Association, insuring the creation of Association bylaws and ensuring the passage of those bylaws at the Crew Meeting during that reunion.

Carl will be greatly missed, especially by those of us who worked with him over the years in planning and executing the 2010, 2012 and 2014 DDG-5 Crew Members Association reunions.

For those of us currently planning the 2016 Reunion in Jacksonville, Florida next May 12 – 15, 2016, can only hope that we do justice to his memory. We have plans for a special memorial for Carl during the reunion and if you would like to have input on what should be included, please contact the [Reunion Committee](#).