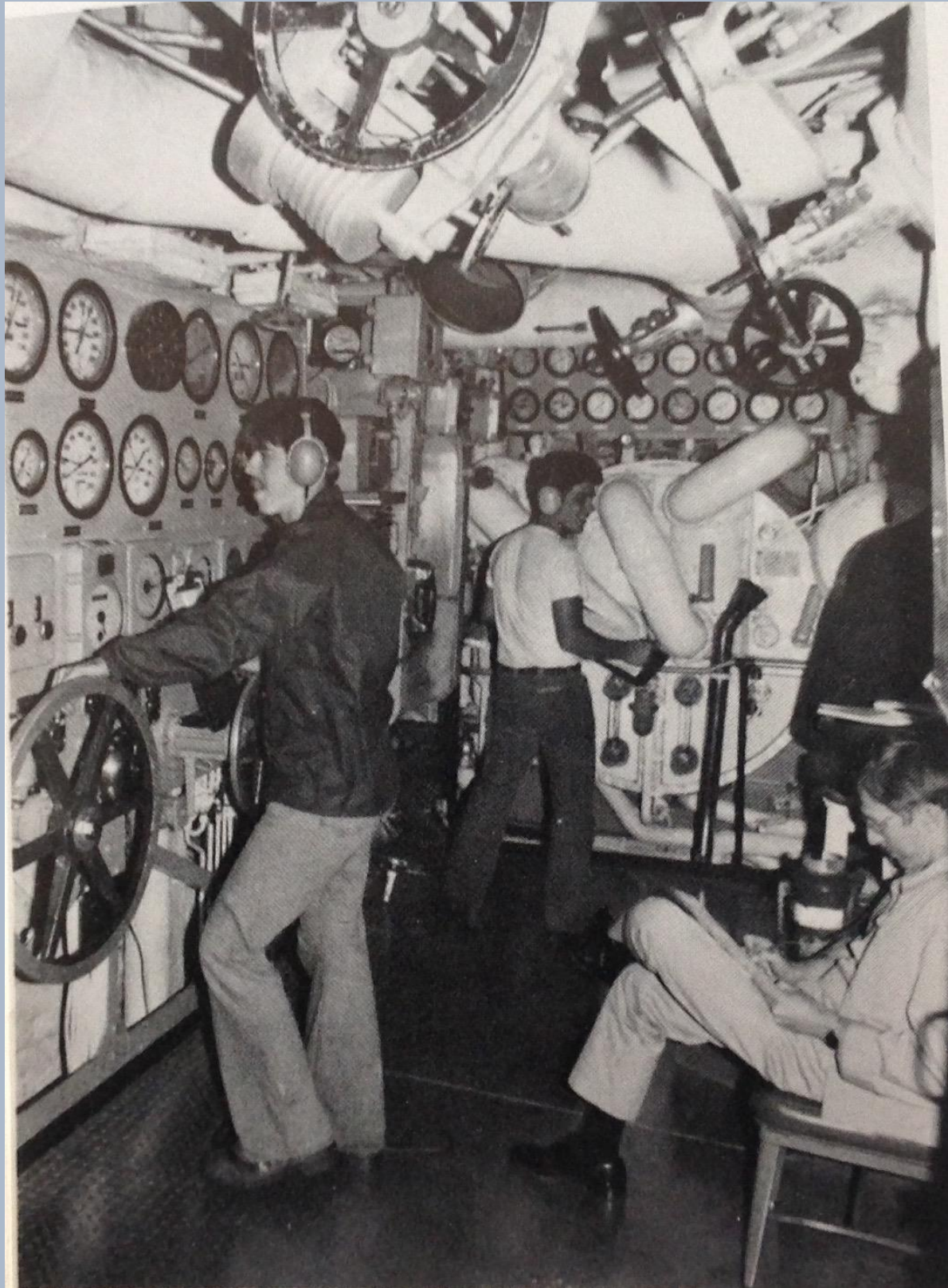




One of the few mementos that I still have from my time on the Somers. A parka that was sold in the ships store during our WESTPAC '77 Cruise.



This is me wearing that same parka on watch in main control. Not sure of the guy's name taking readings at the evaps but the officer sitting down is LTJG Larry Wessing. This photo is from the '77 cruise book.



Front Row: K. Methvin, R. Austin, G. Cottage, J. Mendoza, D. Wheeler, J. Del Carlo, G. Darling. Back Row: J. Van Deel, M. Dexter, R. Chriss, W. Schneider, M. Vaclavick, C. Higgs, R. McPhail, J. Shelton, D. McGraw, M. Beauchesne, M. Zuwala, R. Parks, K. Rasmussen, R. Phillips, R. Cargill.

M Admist the clamor of roaring turbines, pumps, and condensors, the Machinist Mates keep the ship running. Nothing but technical know how and perserverance keeps this equipment in super shape.

This photo is also out of the '77 cruise book and I can tell you that I'm Facebook friends with several and have spoken to a few others. M. Vaclavick and J. Del Carlo are the only ones I know of in this photo that have passed away.



This was taken in '78 during exercises off the coast of Kauai, about 100 miles west of Pearl Harbor. It was taken by one of the missile techs and he sold them to us for \$7 each (glossy 8x10)