



**Ed Pado**  
**Shipfitter 2<sup>nd</sup> Class**  
**USS CANOPUS**  
**November 1965 to January 1968**  
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**USS CANOPUS Model**

Edward Pado is a native of Newport, Rhode Island and was born into a navy family in 1943. His father, a veteran of naval service in the Pacific including Okinawa, was instrumental for Ed entering the U.S. Navy. In May 1964, he went through boot camp in Great Lakes and holds the distinction of being assigned to the Canopus while in basic training

After boot camp, Ed was assigned to Shipfitter “A” school in San Diego. He graduated in March 1965. He then went to Norfolk to join the Canopus Balance Crew and attended pre-com, firefighting and sub repair schools. During this time, he went TAD to the USS Orion (AS-18) for three months.

Ed officially reported aboard Canopus in Charleston in September 1965 and was assigned to the Sheetmetal Shop. He was advanced to 3rd class in May 1966 and 2nd class in April 1967. He separated in May 1968 and is authorized to wear the National Defense medal.

Ed considers his naval service as the best and proudest years of his life. He has previously served as the USS Canopus Association Chairman for four years and is currently the Vice Chairman. He is responsible for the original design and posting of the Canopus website. Ed retired after 26 years service from a Fire Department in Rhode Island. He credits his Navy firefighting training and experience with Canopus, as invaluable during his career in the Fire Service

He is married to the former Janet Walker of Boston, MA. They reside in Newport, Rhode Island. They have two sons.