



# **Francis Joseph Garcia**

**Born: 7 June 1947  
San Francisco  
California**

**Hair: Black**  
**Eyes: Brown**  
**Parent: Kenneth Alphonsus Garcia**  
**Enlisted: 6 October 1968, San Francisco, CA**  
**Boot Camp: San Diego, California**  
**Rating: Seaman**

**Francis grew up in the Navy town of San Francisco. After completing recruit training and leave he was assigned to USS Gridley DLG 21 on 16 March 1968. The Gridley was Ensign John Kerry's first ship and Francis served with him. He was transferred to USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754) where he was received for duty on 23 September 1968. He continued to strike for Boatswain Mate and remained in 1<sup>st</sup> Division. Francis was on watch as the helmsman at the time of the collision.**