



Andrew Martin Melendrez

**Born: 24 September 1950
Los Angeles
California**

Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Parents: Carlos & Natalia Melendrez
Siblings: Robert & Edward Melendrez
Boot Camp: NTC San Diego, California
Rating: Seaman Apprentice
School: Whittier High School & Mt. San Antonio Junior College

Andrew joined the Navy and reported onboard USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754) immediately after boot camp. He was assigned to 1st Division and was only onboard for 17 days prior to the collision. Andrew's brother, Robert was killed in Vietnam in 1967. Edward, the remaining brother had to obtain permission to join the military. He initially joined the marines, then transferred to the army where he retired after 20 years Andrew was on watch, on the bridge, at the time of the collision.