

## USS EDISTO OPERATION DEEPFREEZE

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Thanks to many of you shipmates who loaned your cruise books to be copied so they could be shared with all the USS Edisto crew members and families. These files and photos are what make up memories for many of us and are history to others.

It should be explained that the USS Edisto AG89/AGB2 made several cruises north to Thule Greenland and the Arctic waters, records indicate that she only made 6 cruises south to the Antarctic. The first was in 1947 followed by Operation Deep freeze One in 1955-56 and again in 1958-59 and every other year thereafter for a total of six (6) southern cruises. Commencing with Deep freeze One, each trip was documented with a cruise book. Unfortunately, books were not made for northern cruises but an old Navy film (which I have recorded on a DVD) and a later (1965) ARLISS

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Any association member who wishes to have a CD with a specific cruise book mailed to them, please contact me by email, telephone or by mail. All others may obtain a copy for a small fee for mailing, etc.

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