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SEASON'S GREETINGS



USS Sea Poacher (SS 406)

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Special Projects Officer

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Aboard the USS Pomanito (SS383), from left to right: John Savory, EN 58-61; Lanny Yeske, LTjg 61-63; Bob Sumner, BT 60-63; Gene Dempsey, LTjg 60-62 and Bob Henry, EM 60-61.

California Mini-Reunion

Bob Henry from Livermore, California was Coordinator for this October 9-10 affair that was as incredible as any we have had. It started at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco aboard the USS PAMPANITO (SS-383) at Pier 45. John Savory drove in from San Diego, and Gene Dempsey and Bob Sumner came in from Washington State. I flew in from Virginia with another motive to see my very first grandson EJ Yeske in Sacramento. It was carefully scheduled to meet them at Pier 39, but they managed to drive right by me, which I should have expected. So I had to journey unescorted all the way to Pier 45 before seeing them. While faces had changed after 47 years, they were friendly and like brothers long lost.

We were met by a large number submarine veterans on PAMPANITO, which was just recovering from a sleepover and cookin the previous day/night with a crew of other veterans. PAMPANITO is of the Balao Class and built in Portsmouth. She was commissioned only a few months before SEA POACHER. She had a great WWII six patrol record and was decommissioned in 1945. She was mothballed and placed in the reserve fleet for many years before being placed in San Francisco as a wonderful museum. PAMPANITO was never upgraded and thus retains her almost perfect and pristine WWII configuration complete with five inch gun, and 40 and 20 millimeter armaments. She has two running engines and most of the equipment on board seems to work. At least there were small oil leaks from lots of fittings.

We were welcomed with wide open arms and given access to where

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the public is not permitted including the Bridge and Conning Tower. They even opened up hatches secured to visitors just for us. I even slid down the Conning Tower hatch to the Control Room but the impact was not as gentle as I recalled 47 years ago. It was a wonderful three hour tour. Here is a shot of the five of us in the Pampanito Maneuvering Room. Afterwards we adjourned to the Franciscan Restaurant next to PAMPANITO for a super lunch. Bob Henry even went out of his way to have the BLUE ANGELS perform right in front of us in the Bay for well over an hour. Seems like FLEET WEEK was happening there and we certainly did appreciate Bob bringing those FLY BOYS to us for the close of a wonderful day.

It even got better the next day when we met in Livermore and drove to Dori Davi's home in Danville for a SEA POACHER Memorial Plaque presentation (**see picture on Page Eight**). It was supposed to start at 10 a.m. and Bob Henry had it timed perfectly. Her address begins with the numbers 1961 which coincided with the year that all five us served with Executive Officer Lieutenant Commander Jerry Davi. We did not advertise this get together and purposely kept it small because of the logistics of getting a large group of shipmates together in the congested Bay area. There would have been more had we opened it up, as XO Jerry was as respected as an Officer as anyone ever was on SEA POACHER.

Dori met us at the door as did her daughters Jodi and Ronni and another 12 members of her family and close friends. So there were 20 of us in total. It was a very warm reception and the first time I had been involved in such a presentation, but the other guys with me were experts. After a round of Bloody Mary's and Screwdriver's we began a program in which all five of us spoke for a good hour on SEA POACHER and Jerry, and the fact that it is an incredible support organization and the best I have ever seen. Bob Henry presented the plaque to Dori and I suggested he read it. However, Dori jumped in instead and we were all clutching her as it became a bit emotional, but she did just as you would have expected - very well.

Then it was a superb lunch at her home with the other guests bringing in a wide assortment of wonderful dishes. We left about 1300 and were SEA POACHER PROUD. Then it was off to Bob Henry's spread/home and to meet with his wife, daughter, grand daughter, and a visit to my favorite sheep/goat Dolly, an unnamed Bull, Sophie his sheep-herding dog, and farewells. I hated to leave.

Last Call to Peru, the Hotel is Nearly Full

Okay, we now have 18 signed up for this 4-10 March 2009 trip that includes Bill Brinkman, Cal Cochrane and Son-in-Law Vince Sottile, Richard and Nancy Clubb, Arnold Johnson, Ivan Joslin, John and Sharon Love, Jack and Sandra Merrill, Joe and Stella Murdoch, Donald Schwartz, Larry and Arlene Weinfurter, and Lanny and Fran Yeske. A couple of years ago when Bill Brinkman and I initially discussed this possibility, we both felt if we got 4 or 5 to go it would be wonderful That number has obviously been surpassed.

We have added NAZCA Lines as an option to the itinerary, which means travelers who want this must leave the U.S. on March 3 for this travel on March 4 before flying to Cuzco on March 5. Whether these extraordinary Lines were done by the NAZCAs 1500-2500 years ago



Macho Pichu above. Nasca Lines below.

or by Aliens from Outer Space has not been fully answered. These extraordinary desert lines and drawings cover a 450 square kilometer area. They are well preserved because virtually no rain has fallen in the area for thousands of years. These were accidentally discovered in 1927 from the air and include several animal/plant drawings, an astronaut, and long narrow trapezoidal configurations resembling landing strips. It is a \$256 add-on which includes a scenic six hour minivan ride to NAZCA from our hotel in Lima, a 30 minute plane ride over the Lines, lunch, and site museum tour. Bill Brinkman came up with the idea and so far seven of our 18 travelers are a go for it.



There may still be time to sign up for this tour. Our block of rooms initially reserved by Gate 1 are full, but our travel agent may be able to get a few more, but that is not certain. Call me at 434-385-7117 or email me at doctoryeske@yahoo.com if interested. See earlier Newsletters for information on this travel.

Sea Poacher Book Now Available on CD

They are being sold as we speak for \$10 each including shipping and the high fees Jon Nagle and I have incurred in putting it together. Get in touch with me if you want one.





From the President:

Bill Brinkman

seapoacher@austin.rr.com

This last month we lost two shipmates from the years 1947-1953, George Wyse, EN 48-53, of Red Hill, PA and John Rabuse, EN 47-51, of Virginia Beach, VA.

Jack Dubbs, EN 48-51, knew of George's passing, but was really saddened to hear from me that John Rabuse also passed about the same time.

You know that we can put you in touch with your shipmates as the Association Officers have their mailing addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.

In addition, I can send you a "Shipmate Report" which will show all SS 406 Shipmates living within "X" Miles of you. We encourage you to seek out these shipmates even if they weren't on the USS Sea Poacher when you were and to have "Mini-reunions" (golf, lunch, etc).

The Association Officers believe that this is really what the Association is all about, that is, getting together with these shipmates and having fun.

Now, here is Jack Dubbs letter to me with his instructions to you:

11 November 2008

Dear Bill,

John Rabuse and I were shipmates on both the USS Sea Poacher and USS Sablefish. Sablefish had a reunion last week. John said he'd like to attend but had other commitments.

So I was going to call him this weekend when I received your call. I'm still not over the news and am fighting it.

TO: Friends & Shipmates of the USS Sea Poacher
The subject of this letter is: Don't Delay, Don't Put it Off.

Call, write, or visit that friend or shipmate Now, not later today or tomorrow, but NOW.

Or you may regret it. I speak from experience.

I said to a friend one time I have to visit another friend. His advise - Don't Put it Off.

I did finally visit my fishing buddy - as he laid in the coffin.

More recently, I thought, I've got to call an old shipmate this weekend. Friday I received a call - my shipmate had passed away. So you understand why I say: Don't Put It Off.

If you do, you may regret it.

That's my message to you. Please heed my words.

For Now, Smooth Sailing,

As Always, Just a Shipmate,

Jack Dubbs

JJ Lynch said that the USS Pollock will also hold their reunion over the same time period and will be in the same hotel (Lodge of the Ozarks) with us.

The two reunions will mostly have different times and events.

However, the USS Pollock will also be in the November 11 Parade and are also reserving three DUKS as Sea Poacher has done.

JJ said the Pollock challenges Sea Poacher in a DUK decorating contest!! (Bunting, Flags, Banners). Certainly, any Diesel boat can easily beat a Nuke boat.

So far, we have 22 attendees signed up for the 2010 reunion in Branson.

Remember that we're going to draw a free night's hotel stay (\$99) from the list of attendees based on early registrations.

There is no need to send any money, so be sure to fill out the Registration Form and send it to Gatherings Plus, our Reunion Coordinator.

Either download the registration form from our website as follows:

- (1) www.seapoacher.com
 - (2) Then click on 2010 reunion Info,
 - (3) Then click on Registration Form)
- or fill out the attached form and mail it back.

USS Sea Poacher Registration Form

November 8-12, 2010

(to be printed and mailed in....not to register online)

Name: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please register me for the following

Host Hotel: Lodge of the Ozarks

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

_____ Smoking _____ Non Smoking _____ Handicap

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Special Requests and/or Additional Guests:

Reunion Rate: \$99.00 per room per night including tax and hospitality room

_____ # of rooms _____ # of nights

Reunion Activity Package: \$228.00 per person

_____ # of activity packages

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

A 50% deposit is required by September 8, 2010 with final payment due by October 8, 2010. There will be a 10% cancellation fee if reservation is cancelled by October 1, 2010. No refund can be made after October 1, 2010. Cancellations must be made by phone and authorized by a representative of Gatherings Plus. All refunds will be processed within 30 days of cancellation.

Questions?? Call us at 417-338-4048

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Branson Reunion

November 8-12, 2010 National Reunion Branson, Missouri

Investigation Ongoing In Death Of USS Nebraska sailor



Kitsap Sun, September 23, 2008

BANGOR - The Navy identified the sailor killed in an apparent accident aboard a Naval Base Kitsap Bangor-based submarine as Machinist Mate 3rd Class Michael A. Gentile, Fairfield, Maine.



Michael Gentile, MM3(SS)

Gentile, 21, died Saturday while the ballistic submarine USS Nebraska was conducting routine operations off of Oahu, Hawaii, according to Submarine Group Trident. The accident was originally reported by the Navy on Sunday night. Per Navy policy, the sailor's name wasn't released until 24 hours after next of kin had been notified.

Details of the incident are not available because an investigation is ongoing, according to the press release.

Gentile joined the Navy in July 2005. He had been assigned to the USS Nebraska's Blue Crew since Nov. 15, 2006. He had previously served on the USS Alaska, also based at Bangor.

The sub was beneath the surface at the time of the accident, said Submarine Group Trident spokesman Lt. Kyle Raines. Gentile was given emergency medical treatment on board the sub and was placed on a medical helicopter, but he died before reaching The Queen's Medical Center in Hawaii.

The submarine pulled into port in Pearl Harbor on Monday where an investigation began and crew members met with counselors.

Raines says there was no indication that a mechanical problem or malfunction was involved, nor was anyone else injured.

The USS Nebraska is one of 14 Ohio-class submarines that can carry up to 24 Trident ballistic missiles.

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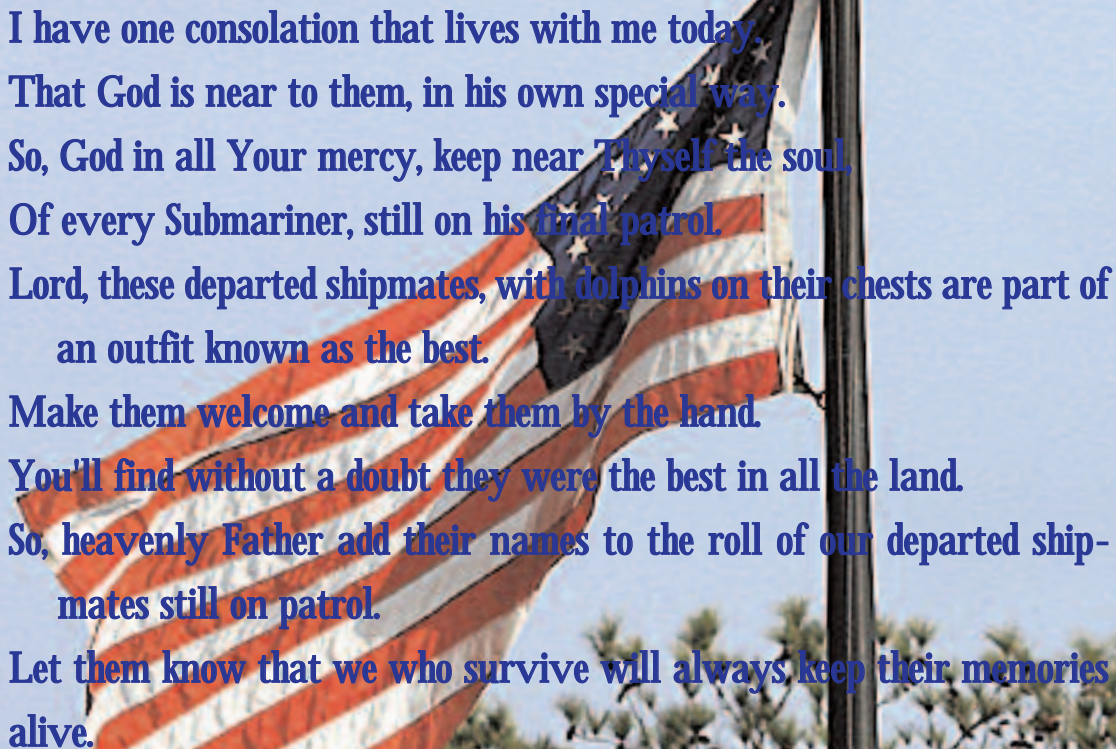
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I have one consolation that lives with me today,
That God is near to them, in his own special way.
So, God in all Your mercy, keep near Thyself the soul
Of every Submariner, still on his final patrol.
Lord, these departed shipmates, with dolphins on their chests are part of
an outfit known as the best.
Make them welcome and take them by the hand.
You'll find without a doubt they were the best in all the land.
So, heavenly Father add their names to the roll of our departed ship-
mates still on patrol.
Let them know that we who survive will always keep their memories
alive.

Sailors Rest Your Oars . . .

Eduardo L. Abans, SD 68-69 — January 2001
Samuel W. Acree, ET 57 — October 2003
Bruce M. Adams, MoMM 44
Horace M. Adams, EN 63-64 — November 1987
Raymond E. Adcock, SN 47 — December 1974
Frank R. Alvis, LCDR, 53 — November 1987
John Austin, EN 69 — 1970's
Willie Austin, EM, 49-56
Robert P. Ayer, EN 60 — 1978
Donald E. Barnes, EM 46-49 — May 2002
Wayne E. Barton, TM 47-48 — July 1997
Raymond Bassett, FT 64 — July 2000
Irwin Battle, MoMM 45-46 — July 2000
Harold R. Baumgartner, SK 63-64 — April 2006
Ray Bayans, EN 49 — November 1983
Richard Baybutt, FN 44-46 — December 2002
Robert N. Beers, LT 68-69 — September 2007
Ed Belden, EM 44-46
Robert A. Bergs, XO 57-58 — February 2007
Joseph Beuchler, TM 59-61 — September 1975
Reynold A. Binder, MoMM 46-47 — June 1993
Powell Blair, Pritc, 45 — April 1992
Charles Blanco, SD 48-49 — June 1994
Salvatore Blangiardi, EN 61 — June 2002

LuVern Blankenhagan, EM 59-60 — September 1998
Wesley L. Blankenship, TM 49 — October 1998
Jesus R. Blas, SD 49-50 — January 2000
Gerald O. Bludau, MM 61-62 — February 1986
Federick Boczon, EN 48-50 — May 1993
Joseph Bole, ET 50-51 — 1995
John Bornowski, TM/Ens 54-57 — December 1991
Joseph D. Boscarelli, CS 50 — October 2000
W. D. Boulton, 44
John S. Bour, EM 48-49 — July 1974
George Bracey, SD 58-59 — USS Thresher
Norris Bradley, SN 44-45
Norman Breeden, TM 49-50 — November 1993
Henry B. Brengleman, EM 49-54 — September 1968
Charles Breyman, HM 55-58 — November 1993
James Bridewell, ET, 63-67 — 1993
James A. Brink, Ens 44 — September 2003
Josephino F. Bugarin, TN 50-54
Everett N. Burbes, IC 51-52
James Burke, EN 44-46 — 1999
George J. Butkis, EN 62-63 — October 2003
Randolph Buzzard, SN 68-68 — February 2007
Richard Byom, QM 51 — April 1976
Louis Cafone SN 44-45 — June 1981

Bobbie J. Calvert, FT 55-59 — October 2007
Nicholas G. Camera, EM 47 — July 1993
Olie L. Carden, EN 50-57 — February 1990
J.B. Carson, TM 53, 56-59 — April 1999
Clarence Carter, EM 45 — September 2003
Vinton Carver, QM 55-56 — December 1990
Murry Cherry, TM 48-49 — October 1984
Robert Chestnut, EN 59-62
Edwin Chubb, YN 49-51 — July 2006
Howard A. Coffman, HM 50-56 — 2004
Raymond Conahan, SA 49 — October 2001
Paul M. Conklin, SK 66-68 — August 1998
Harold W. Cook, TM 46-49 — September 2007
Quebert Cormier, EM 69 — March 2000
Arthur J. Cornish, MoMM 45-48 — 2002
Timothy J. Cotter, Sr., EM, 44-46 — July 2005
Donald J. Coughlin, RM 54 — December 1997
Richard H. Coupe, XO 61-63 — May 2003
Mack W. Cowart, ET 52 — August 2006
Kenneth C. Crago, MoMM 46 — March 2008
Raymond J. Cremin, EM 60 — January 2005
Richard Crittenden, EM 58 — January 2004
Enrique B. Cruz, TN, 45-49 — July 2005
Stephen P. Cyganik, FT 45 — February 2002

Wendell Darnold, RM
Jerome A. Davi, XO 6
Carl Davis, CO 57-59
Fred Davis, TM 49-53
William H. Davis, MoM
Floyd Day Jr., EN 60-
Maurice L. Demers, H
Robert Demonge, TM
August 1996
Kenneth H. Deramus,
November 1989
Alfred Despang, EM 5
Alfred Dickey, SA 45-
2007
John H. Dittmer, MoM
G. Carol Dodson, TM
December 2007
Gary Dorn, ET 55-57-
2006
Jere W. Driver, RM 63-
1998
Francis J. Droesch, E
William G. Eason, TM
February 2000
Edward Englert, GM 4
November 1962
John H. Epps, LTJg 4
Alois Ertl, EN 60-63-
1988
John B. Estes, IC 61-
2005
George F. Everaert, T
July 1996
Morris E. Ezell Jr., QM
2004
Joseph M. Farnsworth
June 1985
Dale N. Fate, CS 54-5
1999
Jess W. Favors, EM 5
February 2003
George Fender, EN 52
William J. Fitzgerald,
November 1996
Ernest W. Flintoff, FA
January 1998
Ellwood H. Forni, SO
Thresher
James N. Forrester, E
Taylor L. Fox, TM 46-
1997
Charles H. Foy, GM 4
1974
Ralph E. French, CS
October 2007
John L. From Jr., LT 5
2004
John Fulmer, MM 45-
Roy H. Gallemore, LT
Frank M. Gambacorta
Warden Gaskins, XO

- Robert C. Gaunt, TM 44 – 1953
 John E. Gerenser, SN 46-49 – 2000
 Raymond J. Gillin, ET 58-59 – March 2005
 William H. Goold, EN 58-60 – June 2002
 John A. Goordman, ET 54-55 – January 1990
 Richard M. Gorton, CS 54 – May 1993
 John H. Goss, MM 46-49 – December 2001
 Robert Gouge, EN 59-60 – November 1993
 Ira Grayboff, MM 44-45 – February 2004
 Henry Guthrie, EN 63-66 – 2001
 Bobbie Joe Hammac, FA 58-62 – May 1995
 James Harbin, QM 52 – February 2006
 Otto D. Harrod, MoMM 45-47 – January 1984
 John E. Harvey, CS 59-63 – November 2004
 Lee R. Harvey, SN 48-49 – January 2006
 Raymond J. Heckroth, QM 49-52 – July 2007
 Michael C. Hehmann ET 68-69 – 1993
 Joe Hemphill, EM 44-45
 Pat H. Henard. Sr., TM 45-47 – December 1997
 William Henry, LTjg 58-59
 Jere W. Hensel, TM 58
 Darrell J. Hickman, TM 44-45 – May 2008
 John Hollins, EN 53 – February 2007
 James T. High, Jr., LT 57-60 – December 2003
 William F. Higley, SO 60-61 – October 2005
 Donald E. Holley, TM 63-64 – May 2001
 Dale D. Holtzclaw, EN 60-61 – June 1994
 Scott E. Horton Jr., QM 44-47
 Ira R. Houston, RM 44-49
 Jerry Hucks, LTjg 63-66 – June 2001
 William Hurt, MM 44-45
 John L. Jensen Jr., LT 55-57 – December 2007
 Jack H. Johns, QM 49-50 – September 2004
 Alfred Jonas, EN 57 – February 2003
 Douglas S. Jordan, LT 59-61 – February 1992
 Matthew H. Jordan, EM 69
 Jerry L. Jorn, IC 51-54 – November 2002
 William H. Judy, EM 49 – December 1990
 John G. Juricek, QM 63 – March 2000
 Donald J. Kamuf, EN 60-61 – June 2006
 Zigmund Kanaszka, EM 52-55 – 1975
 Arthur Keevil, LTjg, 47 – August 1993
 Warren F. Kendall, SN 50-52 – September 1981
 Joseph L. Kentz, MoMM 47 – February 1971
 Carlos S. Killgore, EM 63-65 – February 2003
 Edward Kilosky, EM 63 – 1997
 Edward L. King, LTjg 55-57 – September 2000
 Robert A. H. King, LTjg 53-55 – September 2003
 Gary G. Kirkpatrick, EN 50-52
 Geroge A. Klarman, IC 54 – May 2003
 Leonard R. Kojm, CO 61-63 – September 2004
 Leonard C. Kroll, TM 52-55
 Harry Kumanski, TM 45 – July 1993
 Stephen Kurkjian, EN 51 – November 1977
 Frederick O. Kyber, CS 52 – November 2006
 Paul Lacouture, LT 44-45
 Thomas L. Lampley, SN, 45-46 – March 2005
 Clayton LaPlante, EN 56-58 – 2000
 Wallace R. Larson, EN 49-52 – February 2007
 Johnny Lazo, SO 61-63 – December 2002
 Robert LeBel, FN 44-46
 Kenneth L. LeBlanc, ET 60 – May 2007
 Neal D. Ledford, EN 49-50 – April 1993
 Charles F. Leigh, CO, 45-46 – January 1954
 Andrew Leslie, RM 55 – January 2000
 Herman J. LeVaur, MM 61 – September 1994
 Burt L. Levin, LT 57-58 – March 2007
 Jim Lofland, CS 58-61 – January 2004
 John Lorrey, MoMM 47 – May 1997
 John P. Macuszonok, EN 49-52
 Robert Madill, EM 49-50 – January 1998
 David B. Maher, CO 55 – February 1992
 Joseph E. Marmaud, EN 53-56 – August 2007
 Stanley C. Martell, FT 69 – March 2006
 Gerald K. Matern, YN 46 – March 1998
 Nelson “Sam” Mattingly, EM 52-56 – October 2006
 Clemens F. Maue Jr., SN 46-48 – October 2005
 Robert E. Mauldin, RM 48-50 – January 2003
 James L. McCombs, TM 49-50 – April 2002
 Daniel W. McGowan, TM 45-46 – November 2007
 Donald R. McManis, SA 48-49 – August 2002
 William I. McNeil, SN 47-48 – December 1999
 Thomas A. Meek, ET 50-53 – September 1994
 Alfred W. Miller, SC 47-48 – October 2006
 Calvin G. Miller, LTjg 63-67 – September 2005
 Jack K. Miller, RD 52-53 – May 2007
 Morgan J. Minchey, TM 61-63 – May 2004
 John Minett, YN 45 – June 1989
 Frederick T. Montgomery, TM 59-60 – March 1997
 Frank Murphy, EN 62-65
 Charles E. Napier, QM 50-53
 William Nelson, EM 52-54 – January 2002
 Earl Bobbie Newell, GM 44-46 – 70’s
 Arthur G. Newton, XO 49-51 – 2008
 Edgar W. Nies, RM 49 – September 2002
 Bliss Nisonger, TM 44 – November 1997
 Lawrence C. Oetjengerdes, SC 46 – March 2004
 Arthur J. Olsen, EN 54 – June 1964
 Constantine Pappas, SC 44-45
 John Park, CS 63-65
 Nando Passerine, TM 53-54 – July 1980
 Robert G. Pearce, LTjg 62-63 – May 2005
 Dallas R. Pendergraph, ET 51-52 – February 1999
 Elias Peregrino, SD 45-49 – March 1950
 Owen Perry, TM 46 – March 1996
 Donald W. Peterson, EM 54-57 – August 2003
 Arturo Piazza, EN 60-62 – April 2006
 Stanley Piekos, TM 45 – January 1969
 Thomas H. Polk, CO 55-57 – April 1996
 Marshall H. Poole, EM 60-61 – September 2006
 William Porter, EM 44-46
 Rudolph H. Poteet, FT 53 – December 2006
 Tracey Price, EM 44-46
 Paul V. Purkrabek, LTjg 47 – November 2003
 Robert D. Reinheimer, TM 51-52 – 1976
 Raymond H. Renner CS 50 – March 1995
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 James A. Rhodes, TM 52 – July 2000
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 William F. Robinson, CS 46-47 – February 2001
 Horace Q. Rogers, TM 58-59 – June 1993
 James O. Rogers, LT 53-56 – 2003
 John Ross, SN 44-47
 Russell M. Ross, SN 45 – May 2008
 Bruce Rounds, SN 44-46
 Charles Russell, LT 59-61
 Frank Rutzen, FN 55-57 – November 1999
 Ernest J. Sabol, Jr., LTjg 57 – June 2003
 Ansel E. Sampson, IC 57-58 – November 1975
 Richard Sanders, IC 66-68 – October 2001
 Gaetano A. Sanfillippo, RM 48-49 – February 1982
 Louis V. Sardo, QM 60-61 & 64 – April 2004
 William G. Sargent, EM 63-64
 Laverne V. Schleuning, EN 53-55 – December 1999
 Jacon B. Schmersahl, EN 55-57 – June 2002
 Henry Schmidt, CS 55-57 – November 2000
 Herman Schoenberger, TM 57-59 – December 1995
 Albert R. Schofield Jr., LTjg 52 – June 1986
 Sidney Schorr, SN 45 – March 2003
 Harold R. Schwartz, TM 57-59 – February 2006
 James W. Scott, QM 60
 Phillip C. Sears, TM 57-58 – July 2007
 Walter Seifert, EN 60-62
 Vernon Seiple, SO 61-63 – December 2001
 Edwin W. Sharp, EN 67 – July 2002
 Harold O. Shealy, EM 49 – April 2007
 Edward E. Shook, EM 64-68 – March 1990
 Robert T. Silvis, SC 45-46 – May 1999
 Thomas J. Sireci, EN 63-67
 Rudolph V. Skocylas, RM 49 – January 1996
 Frederick S. Smith CP 44-46 – 1961
 James L. Smith, TM 63-64 – November 1991
 Ebrue G. Smojicie, EN 44-51
 George R. Sparks, Jr., CP 44-46 – December 1990
 Nolan (Dave) Spence, ET 54-56 – October 2000
 Gordon A. Spring, EM 64-65 – September 2006
 Richard M. Stafford, XO 61 – March 1995
 Yaber Staggs, EM 67-68 – September 1989
 Lawrence E. Stahl, XO 59-61 – April 2000
 Charles Stanley, EM 63-65 – February 2008
 Harold Stanley, RM 58-60 – November 2007
 Peter J. Stea, EN 53 – May 2002
 Wesley Stephens, EM 57-59 – December 2003
 David W. Strunk, TM 44-45 – July 2007
 William F. Sullivan, Jr., RM 45-47 – January 2007
 Harold F. Swan, MM 56-57 – November 2007
 Ezra R. Swartz, MoMM 46-47 – August 2001
 Wesley A. Sweat LTjg 59 – January 2004
 James Symanek, SA 68-69 – July 1970
 Melvin Syme, TM 44-45
 William N. V. Tackett, EN 51-55 – February 2005
 Francis J. Taggert, FT 56-59
 Joseph Tasillo, FA 52 – March 1993
 Arnett B. Taylor, XO 53-57 – October 2002
 Donald Tetschlag, TM 67-68 – September 2008
 Charlie Thieme, MM 44-47 – 2003
 Felix T. Thomas, TN 58-60 – June 1971
 Richard Todd, SN 45
 Gordon W. Townsend, RM 57 – June 1982
 Peter Urueta, QM 49 – May 1997
 Theodore M. Ustick, CO 49 – May 2000

Memorial Plaque Presentations . . .



JJ Lynch CS 59-62 presents a Sea Poacher Memorial Placque to the family of Don Tetshlag, TM 67-68 who entered his final patrol in September 2008.

From left to right: JJ, Don's wife Janet and daughters Pamela and Debra. On far left assisting JJ is Tom Polen, EM 62-65.



Lanny Yeske and a group of Sea Poacher shipmates present a Sea Poacher Memorial Placque to the family of Jerry Davi, XO 60-61

From left to right Jerry's wife Dori; John Savory EN 58-61; Bob Sumner, BT 60-63 and Bob Henry, EM 60-61.




One of our shipmates sent this to me and in one of my TM stupors I misplaced who the shipmate was. Please identify yourself so that I can give you proper credit for this wonderful painting of the Sea Poacher.

Memorial Fund

When a shipmate passes on the USS Sea Poacher Association presents, to their next of kin, a Memorial Plaque to commemorate their service to Sea Poacher. The plaque is a framed and matted picture taken from the bridge of Sea Poacher during the Cuban Crisis and superimposed over it is the Final Prayer as it appears on Page 6&7. It also indicates the years the individual served aboard. We decided that funding for this project should stand alone, so we are accepting contributions which may be made out to Sea Poacher Association and mailed to Association President, Bill Brinkman. Indicate "Memorial Fund".



JJ LYNCH REPORTS: The presentation of the Sea Poacher Association Memorial Plaque to Mrs. Bertie Hollins, on behalf of her husband John Hollins, EN 53, was made this morning. I was unable to get anyone to assist me because of work and or health. Sonja and I made the presentation. The fact that Sonja was with me made things very good, Bertie was not going to open the door as there are so many scams in the area she was not sure what this was all about. She said she did not understand why we wanted to give her anything because John was only in a short time and he was a reserve. After I read her the plaque and the letter from Bill and explained that Submarines where such a small outfit everyone was important and she and John were no different. She then asked loads of questions about the Association.



From the Treasurer:
Hubert Jackson
 EM 67-69
hubert78611@yahoo.com

December 2, 2008

November Beginning Balance in the following funds was:

Memorial Fund	790.00
Humanitarian Fund	1185.00
General Fund	24683.93
Bank Balance (General+Hum.+Mem.)	26658.93

November2008 Debit Activity:

Check# 153 for Stained Glass	90.00
Check# 154 (240.00) for Memorial Plaques and (374.00) for Newsletter expenses	614.00
Total Debits=	704.00

November2008 Deposit Activity:

Nov 7th (142.00) to General Fund and (50.00) to Humanitarian Fund	92.00
Nov 25th (252.00) to General	
> Fund	252.00
> Total Deposits	444.00

> Ending Balance as of December 2, 2008 in the following funds is:

> Memorial Fund	550.00
> Humanitarian Fund	1235.00
> General Fund	24613.93
> Bank Balance (General+Hum.+Mem.)	26398.93



From the Web Guru:
Jon K. Nagle
jondryvac@aol.com

Can't believe another year has almost gone again. At this time of thanksgiving and Christmas I would like to thank all you shipmates who have contributed to the web page with pictures, sea story's, and just plain comments. You are the one who make this organization what it is today.

For next year, the plan is to have the WWII war patrols available on DVD and also on the web page, maybe with sound. There will be more links to other submarine venues and (hopefully) lots more pictures.

Don't forget, "THE BOOK" is available in complete form, with pictures, as a CD. This is excellent for those of you who missed out on the bound copies.

Keep those cards and letters coming and have a very merry Christmas and happy new year.



Bill Docekal LTjg 67-68 sent this photo of a personnel inspection held at the Naval Station in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Officers are from left to right: George Blessing, XO 68-69; James J. Hinds, LT 67-68; Carlton A. Griggs, LT 67-69; William L. Docekal, LjgT 67-68; David. E. Brintzinghofer, LTjg 67-68.

In front is Carl B. Headland, CO 68 reading a commendation to the crew.

Veteran's Day Doings



Reunion '09 in Bartow, Florida

Well, shipmates, it's time once again for our in-between reunions reunion, here in sunny (and warm) Florida.

It will be held on February 21, 2009 at the same location as the last one: Mary Holland Park (call me for directions at 863-393-2138)

The festivities will begin at 10 AM and last as long as people are having fun.

There will be live entertainment and the menu is: Country Style Barbecue Ribs and Chicken with Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls. And, since we will be in strawberry season: Strawberry Short Cake for dessert.

Admission will be \$20.00 per person. Payable at the door.

We will have our Tolling of the Boats ceremony, 50/50 raffle, door prizes and raffle items.

The last reunion we held here in Florida was ostensibly for Florida Sea Poacher shipmates, but since so many of you showed up who wanted to escape the cold weather up north, we encourage you to do just that again.

The weather here on that date should be in the 70's to low 80's, and I feel certain that I can predict NO SNOW.

In addition: I have taken the liberty of inviting some other submariners to attend.

USSVI, Sea Poacher Base of which I am the newly elected Base Commander.

USSVI, Sea Dragon Base of which Ivan Joslin is the Base Commander.

And USSVI Central Florida Base of which Sea Poacher shipmates, Doug Bishop, Rich Clubb and Bob Acor are members.

I would ask that if you do plan to attend you let me know so that I can get some idea just how many shipmates to expect.

There are several, motels (ranging from inexpensive to expensive) in the area:

Davis Bros Motor Lodge - 863-533-0711

Super 8 Motel, just outside of Bartow - 863-425-2500

Holiday Inn Express - 863-533-8070

For those of you that come in on Friday. We will plan a get-together at one of our local eateries for that evening but in order to plan that I need to know just how many would be interested in doing that.

I am looking forward to seeing a good many of you, now that the price of gas has come back down to a reasonable level.



USSVI's Central Florida Base float in the Orlando, Florida Veteran's Day parade. Three members of Central Florida Base are Doug Bishop IC 63-66; Rich Clubb, QM 62-63 and Bob Acor, EN 59-60. These shipmates are also members of Sea Poacher Base



Bennie Sheldon, EN 56-58 and a group of Submarine Veterans, prepare USSVI's, Inland Empire float for the Veteran's Day Parade in Washington State. Also a member of Inland Empire Base is Avery Loposer, LT 57. Bennie is also a member of Sea Poacher Base in Bartow, Florida.

Sea Poacher Ships' Store



This copy of the Gerald Levey painting, donated by the Stahl family, is for sale for \$35, shipping and handling included. It is printed on high quality photo paper and measures 13x18 inches. Profits from the sale of this painting will go to the Humanitarian Fund.



Service Certificate includes a picture of the boat in the configuration as you served aboard and also includes a list of all the shipmates with whom you served. Printed on high gloss photo paper. 11x14 frame subject to availability.



This beautifully crafted stainglass piece of Sea Poacher created by Annette Snook, wife of John B. Snook QM 59-62. This piece will be a crafted by Annette as we receive orders, so there will be some delay in delivery. Piece measures 17"x10 1/2".



This nicely painted resin Sea Poacher placque created by Jack Merrill, TM 61-63 is mounted on a handsome piece of exotic hardwood donated by Mark Markham, TM 48-50

ITEMS	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
Keychain	—	\$3.00	—
Ships' Patch	—	\$5.50	—
Ballcap	—	\$14.00	—
Coffee Cup	—	\$14.00	—
Golf Shirts - Sizes M, L, XL & 2XL(w/o pockets)	—	\$22.00	—
Golf Shirt with pockets	—	\$25.00	—
Etched Glass Tankard	—	\$20.00	—
Framed Service Certificate	—	\$35.00	—
Unframed Service Certificate	—	\$10.00	—
Sea Poacher Ship's Placque	—	\$50.00	—
Gerald Levey Painting	—	\$35.00	—
Stainglass Sea Poacher	—	\$110.00	—
Challenge Coin	—	\$8.50	—
TOTAL			—

Please make check payable to Bill Brinkman and mail to: *Bill Brinkman, 4500 Tiffany Nicole St., Round Rock, TX 78664-9466.* Prices includes shipping,

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