

# Sea Poacher Association



*Dedicated to the men who served  
on this great fighting ship!*



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## We Remember Submarine Sea Poacher By Her Crew, 1944 - Present

### Book Status and the Need for Order Quantities

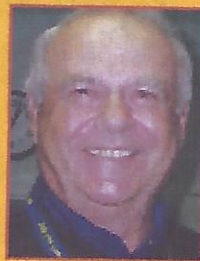
Okay Guys and Gals, inputs for the Book were over on September 30. I needed to get this article to the Newsletter by September 10, and at that time there were 96 Chapter contributions and 570 pages including photos. No one, except me, thought we could get 80 Chapters and 400 pages, so I am absolutely delighted with the response. We might get 100 Chapters and 600 pages.

I want to thank all the contributors in advance. All of the stories are excellent. Some are hilarious, others will put a tear in your eye, and most all will make you very proud to have served on SEA POACHER.

Jack Merrill and I will begin final editing on October 6 and then get it to Bill Brinkman and Jon Nagle for final review before going to the publisher/printer. We plan to have the Book ready for the May 2008 Reunion.

We already have orders for 200 books from the authors. Even if you are not an author, YOU ARE GOING TO WANT A COPY OF IT. You may even be referenced in it. There are also at least 70 pages of photos, most of which have never been published before. And the Book does not end in 1969 but goes through the Reserve Fleet, the time in Peru, and some remembrances to right now. There are also hundreds of submarine jokes, submarine patriotic quotations, and other classic submarine poems that you have probably never seen before. Where a chapter contribution does not fill the page, the above are used as page filler and are offset from the regular text. The cost of the Book depends upon the number of copies printed, and I am estimating about \$25 for this coffee table size hard back edition.

Now the worst thing one can do when publishing books is to print too many copies, and have them collect dust and never be sold. So the SEA POACHER Association is only going to be ordering up to 50 extra books, and those will likely go fast to new members or others who ordered too few. There will likely not be a second printing.



**406 Book  
Editor**

**Lanny Yeske**

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Accordingly, if you want copies of the Book you need to let me know how many **NO LATER** than 1 November 2007. By email to [doctoryeske@yahoo.com](mailto:doctoryeske@yahoo.com), or telephone 434-385-7117, or snail mail to Lanny Yeske, 1063 MacArthur Place, Forest, VA, 24551. Once I have that information, we will go to the publisher/printer for a final quotation, and then ask you to send in your payments to me with checks addressed to the SEA POACHER ASSOCIATION. Books will be distributed at the May 2008 Reunion. If you are not attending, your copies will be mailed to you.

Okay, you Book Authors are not off the hook yet either. Several of you said 4 copies maybe more. I have you for 4 only. If you said 1 or 2 copies maybe more, I have you only for 1 copy. If you said 6-8 copies, I have you for 7. I have taken the conservative side, so if you want more, you are going to have to tell me. Otherwise, that is all you get.

I have been through every nook and cranny on the Internet and at all the major book stores, and I cannot find where any submarine has ever done a book quite like this. I encourage you non-authors to order at least one copy.





# Former Shipmate Reaches 100

## John Vail Fulmer MM 45

August 13, 1907

By **BILL BRINKMAN, EM 60-62**  
President, Sea Poacher  
Association

John was born in Nacogdoches, Texas and enlisted in the US Navy on March 6, 1942. He attended Boot Camp at San Diego and became a Machinist's Mate.

John said that he worked in Pearl Harbor retrofitting Submarines so that they could make further war patrols.

John served aboard the USS Sea Poacher in 1945 after the War Patrols. He was transferred to the submarine tender USS Griffin AS-13 on October 1, 1945.

John was honorably discharged on October 13, 1945 from the Naval Personnel Facility, Camp Wallace, Texas having served 3 years, 7 months and 2 days .

John Fulmer's medals are the National Defense Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Victory-World War II Medal, and the Navy Good Conduct Medal.

John joined the VFW Post #880 on June 10, 1948 in Galveston, Texas after having applied for membership on May 10, 1945.

On August 11, 2007, the VFW Post #880 honored John Fulmer with a 100th Birthday Party.

John was given certificates from the Cities of Galveston and Nacogdoches, Texas signed by the Mayors of these cities.

Galveston City councilman Pena presented the Galveston Certificate.

The VFW Post Commander presented John with a Certificate honoring him as the longest member of VFW Post #880 (59 years!).

The USS Sea Poacher Association honored John by presenting him with a patch, a hat, a Golf Shirt and a Coffee



Attending John Fulmer's 100th Birthday Party are from left to right: Lin Jackson; Hubert Jackson, EM 66-69; Bill Brinkman, EM 60-62, Sea Poacher Association President; Kaye McCollum and Buster McCollum, QM 62-63.

cup. Members in attendance were Bill Brinkman EM 60-62, President from Round Rock; Hubert EM 66-69 and Lin Jackson from Burnet; and Buster QM 62-63 and Kaye McCollum from Conroe, Texas.

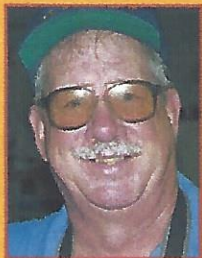
He only recently needed outside CareGiver help.

All of us had a wonderful time talking with John and expressing our pleasure in meeting him.

Also, we wished Buster & Kaye McCollum well as they were celebrating their 45th Wedding Anniversary on August 11.







# From the President:

**Bill Brinkman**

seapoacher@austin.rr.com

## '08 Reunion Info

Our 2008 Reunion Host JJ Lynch has arranged some great events to make our 4th national reunion a truly memorable one. Our last two Reunions (Charleston 2004 and Virginia Beach 2006) had 140 attendees. Let's have even more as we only have these reunions every 2 years.

The reunion starts the first day off at 0800 Thursday 22 May 2008 so you need to arrive Wednesday the 21st.

We will depart for Kings Bay, Georgia, for a tour of the Submarine Base and the Trident Training Facility. We will also be touring a FBM (that is if they aren't loading missiles). \*\*\*

We will have lunch at the base and return to the Hotel around 1630. We'll need to be on buses ( \$15 each ) in order to get on the base.

You will have enough time to clean up and go to dinner on your own. I usually just grab other shipmates and wives and find a suitable restaurant.

There is a great steak house and several other fine establishments within 1000 yards of the hotel.

Our Hospitality Room (5th FLOOR) over looks the city of Jacksonville.

Friday at 1030 May 23 we will migrate to the dock just a few hundred yards from the front door with an underway time of 1100.

Yes I said underway for a luncheon cruise tour of Jacksonville from the water and our "Tolling of the Bells" memorial ceremony to honor our departed shipmates and the 54 submarines lost in WWII and since WWII. Cruise/lunch is \$ 30 each.

1530 will be our Business Meeting on the first floor in the meeting room. The main order of business is to decide on where and when our 2010 National Reunion will be held. I request that individual/groups contact me before the reunion if you have concrete proposals to present as to the location of the 2010 Reunion.

There are water taxis at the dock to take you over to the river walk and other exciting places that is called LIBERTY.

Saturday morning, May 24 the busses will depart for St. Augustine at 0830. Now this is a tour you don't want to miss. You will eat lunch in St. Augustine and return about 1600. Cost \$25 each.

The Banquet will be Saturday evening with the guest speaker Ms. Sherry Sontag one of the authors of "Blinds Man Bluff". Cost \$40 each.

At the banquet we'll have the raffle, 50:50, auction and a great time.

The Hospitality room will be open whenever there is someone with a sea story to tell.

\*\*\*There is a security form that is required by the SubBase for all that will be touring the base and boat.

You will have to have it in to JJ Lynch no later that 60 days before the reunion but I am requesting that you don't put it off.

Should your memory be as short as mine, by the time you finish this article you will have forgotten what you where suppose to do.

Just print it out and mail it to JJ Lynch, at Reunion Headquarters Det. Jacksonville, 13137 Harborton Dr., Jacksonville, Fl., 32224. I suggest you enlarge it to 8 1/2x11.

The Wyndham Riverwalk Hotel is standing by for reservations and we need your help with making them. JJ Lynch has reserved many rooms and had to sign a contract for them so I requested a low number. They will increase that number as reservations come in.

Help me by making your reservations now, at 1-866-845-8862 worldwide reservations or directly with Wyndham Riverwalk at 904-396-5100 .Make sure you say USS Sea Poacher Reunion.

The hotel has extended the room price for us both early arrival and late stay should you request it.

Also, we're requesting that you indicate whether or not you have your lanyards from the 2006 Reunion. We request those that have them, wear them at the 2008 reunion and save us some money!

## November 3-8 , 2007 Cruise

Note this cruise is from Jacksonville and is designed to allow shipmates to attend the WWII SubVets Memorial in King's Bay, GA November 1-2 and then take this Cruise.

Besides members of the crews of the USS Sea Owl and USS Medergal who are taking the 5 night cruise on the Carnival Celebration, we currently have eight USS Sea Poacher shipmates and wives and friends booked for this cruise (Bob & Carol Acor, Bill Brinkman, Walt & Jean Brinkman, Richard & Nancy Clubb, Carroll & Jan Lawson, Jack & Sandra Merrill, Jon & Gay Nagle, Larry Reiche, and Ed Thompson with Mary Lorenz).

Inside cabins are \$355 each (double occupancy) and ocean view cabins are \$405 each.

Contact Kayla Davidson, of Cruises Only, at 800-244-7447 EXT 38225 or at [Adavidson@nig.com](mailto:Adavidson@nig.com)

Tell her you're with the USS Sea Owl Group 15722117. Check out "5 Nights Bahamas" on <http://www.cruisesonly.com> for detailed information of the cruise on the Carnival Celebration (stops in Key West and Nassau).

Security Department United States Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia 31547			
Consent Form			
I hereby authorize SUBASE Security Department to receive any criminal history record information pertaining to me, which may be in the files of any federal, state or local criminal justice agencies. <b>YOUR CREDIT OR WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IN A FUTURE MANNER</b>			
Full Name: (Print)	Last	First	Middle Name
SSN: _____	RACE: _____	DOB: _____	SEX: _____
Place of Birth, city, _____			STATE: _____
Contractor Name, PHONE AND JOB: <u>Base Tour - USS Sea Poacher (SS406) - Reunion</u>			
Work location on base: <u>Base Tour - 3rd Term 22 May 2008</u>			
Signature of Applicant _____		Date _____	
Witness <u>Point (SSM) and John Lynch</u>		Date <u>904-535-3661</u>	
Note: In the event that an adverse decision is made adverse to a person whose record was obtained pursuant to Code section, (39-1-4) the person will be informed by the business, agency, or person making the adverse decision of all information that a record was obtained from the Navy Security Department Kings Bay, Georgia, the specific contents of the record, and the effect the record had upon the decision. Failure to provide all such information to the person subject to the adverse decision shall be a misdemeanor.			
***UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION***			
FIRST ENDORSEMENT			
From: Terminal Agency Coordinator, Naval Submarine Base To:			
1. _____ Crime Information Center checks were performed on the above named individual. Federal/State Criminal History Repositories (SCHR) results have been reviewed and did/did not reveal any adverse or derogatory information.			



## Membership Roll

The following is a list of paid-up members. Are you on this list? If not, why not?

### LIFETIME MEMBERS

Robert Abbott	Jack Easley	Troy Law	Robert Ritz
Bob Acor	Daniel Eberhardt	Carroll Lawson	Salvatore Rosina
Charles Ahler	Fred Edwards	Frank Lederer	Martin Ruch
Dewey Akins	Leon Eggleston	Ted Lee	John Savory
Paul Allers	Dick Elliott	Jim Lemerman	Herman Scallan
Peter Amunrud	David Elmore	John Love	Bob Schindhelm
Dave Andres	Jack Ensminger	Nathan Lundy	Karl Schipper
Ted Anthony	Garl Eubank	Bill Luttrell	Ron Schnars
Charles Auclair	Frank Evans	J.J. Lynch	Russell Schondorf
George Axford	Buster Flaskas	John Mach	Donald Schwartz
Vernon Barnett	Dante Fortini	John Majzun	William Sharp
Robert Beers	Richard Fox	Ken Marion	Harry Sherman
Harvey Benson	Ron Fraley	Mark Markham	Rick Smock
Truman Bernhard	Harold Gail	Robert Matheny	John Snook
Doug Bishop	Larry Garrett	Jim McClanahan	Fred Socha
Kenneth Bonnell	Arthur Geddes	David McCollum	Richard Stickney
Bob Bradley	Ron Godwin	Tilden McCommas	Marty Stokes
Bill Brinkman	Billy Gorsuch	Carl McCutcheon	Chuck Strand
Jim Burgett	Dave Green	Jack Merrill	David Strunk
Russ Burrows	Eugene Guibault	Ty Merritt	Tom Sugden
Frank Calderone	Paul Gusler	Eddie Montz	Robert Sumner
Bobbie Calvert	Carl Hale	Joe Murdoch	Chester Taylor
Dick Carney	John Hallum	William Murphy	Ed Thompson
Leo Carr	Dave Harms	Lester Murray	Ron Thompson
Kent Carroll	Frances Heckroth	Gary Nagle	Tommy Thompson
John Chaich	Bill Hellmer	Jon Nagle	James Tryon
Richard Clubb	Robert Henry	John Nicholoy	John Tulodeski
Ralph Cobb	Darrell Hickman	Jack Nims	Al Turbeville
Cal Cochran	Dick Holtz	Charles O'Baker	Tony Tuttobene
Lawrence Colwell	Robert Horne	James Ochs	Ed Urban
Bill Cook	Harry Huggins	Paul Ogg	Don Waldrop
Robert Cooley	Carol Humphries	Walt Patrick	Arne Weinfurter
James Cooney	Hubert Jackson	Ron Patterson	Larry Weinfurter
Gerry Coufu	Richard Jennison	Tom Polen	Ray Wengrzyn
Bill Crismon	Gerald Joseph	Jim Powers	James Weston
Alfred Dickey	Ivan Joslin	John Rabuse	Olin Williams
William Dietrich	Mike Kassinger	Charles Rager	George Wyse
William Donnellan	Allen Katen	Dewey Reed	Lanny Yeske
Merlyn Dorrheim	David Keffeler	Larry Relche	Hope Young
Bill Dukacz	Ken Kile	David Richter	Jerome Young
Daniel Dybala	Terry Kleinweber	Luke Riley	Robert Young
Richard Earl	Richard Laake	David Ringland	



### MEMBERS

Russell Bauer	Richard Ferris	Henry Primeaux
Rodney Benefield	Ralph French	Roy Randall
Richard Bernotiet	Jack Gentry	Mark Richwine
Alton Bertshinger	Lyle Gillette	Dick Riggar
Ray Binns	Max Harrell	Robert Roth
Stanley Bissen	Mike Heberling	Martin Ruch
Donald Blomquist	Jimmie E. Hickman	John Saelli
Fredrick Brattain	Wayne Holmgren	Bennie Sheldon
Diedre Bridewell	Jerry Houchens	Delvin Smith
William Buckley	Gerald Keffer	John Soh Jr.
Warren Burkett	Phillip Kinney	Ron Spooner
Neil Cabe	Ray Krivacy	Harold Stanley
Rick Carlson	George Lockwood	Gary Stark
Frank Caulfield	Jerry Loveless	Glen Suttle
George Childs	Peter McCormack	Harold Swan
Don Cipra	Daniel McLaren	Terry Tagus
Dennison Compton	Jim McSorley	James Thompson
Harold Cook	Mark Mordecai	Fred Vavra
Walter Culp	Joe Musgrave	Andrew Viers
James Deming	Thomas Nein	Ed Voloka
Ray Dicaire	Julius O'Bannon	John Walton
William Docekal	Charles Owen	Richard Whitmire
Charles Donnelly	Roy Palmer	Don Wilkinson
William Dougherty	William Parhamenko	Billy Williams
William Douthit	Walter Patrick	Lee Yonts
John Dubbs	Dale Peterson	

If your name does not appear here... Why not??? Please help support your association!!! Dues are \$10 per year or \$100 for a life membership. Please make check payable to "Sea Poacher Association" and Mail to: Bill Brinkman, 4500 Tiffany Nicole St., Round Rock, TX 78664-9466

## Reunion 08 Registration Form

May 22-24, 2008  
Jacksonville, Florida

Shipmate \_\_\_\_\_

1st Mate \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number Totals \_\_\_\_\_

SubBase Tour May 22 @ \$15 ea= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

River Cruise May 23 @ \$30 ea= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

St. Augustine Trip May 24 @ \$25 ea= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet May 24 @ \$40 ea= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check to "USS Sea Poacher" and mail to:

Bill Brinkman  
4500 Tiffany Nicole ST  
Round Rock, TX 78665-9466

**REMINDER:** If you wish to tour SubBase you must have submitted a security form which is available either from the Sea Poacher Web Site or from the April issue of this newsletter, or by calling JJ Lynch at 904-223-8872.



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

The Sea Poacher Web Page "seapoacher.com" has a new update that is a must see. It is a link the USS Grunion (SS216) and the final search. Very informative and the pictures are really something to look at for all you old smoke boat sailors.

As usual, we keep finding new (old) shipmates via the web page due to our links with just about anything to do with Naval history from W.W.II to the Cuban missile crisis and beyond. If you have any "war" stories, pictures, memorabilia, or anything you want on your web site, please contact me.



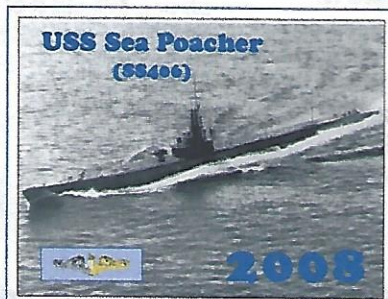


Eddie Montz, YN 53-54 presents the Sea Poacher Association Memorial Plaque to the widow of Ken LeBlanc, ET 60, Gail LeBlanc. Ken and Gail's daughter Karen Brooks is at right. Ken entered his Final Patrol on May 13, 2007.



Sea Poacher 2007 West Coast Reunion, Chehalis, Washington From left to right: Donna and Bob Sumner, BT 60-63; Gene and Shirley Dempsey, LTjg 60-62

Our latest fund raising effort. This nice looking 2008 calendar is made up of three sections: 40's, 50's & 60's. The selling price is \$10.00 plus shipping for a total of: \$12.00, \$5 of which go to support the Ken LeBlanc Humanitarian Fund.



## A submariner's final request

By BILL DUCKACZ  
IC, 66-68



It was my honor and privilege to present USS Sea Poacher Memorial Plaque to Mrs. Grayce Levin in honor of her husband Burt Levin.

On July 3, 2007, my wife Diane and I made our way from our home in New Hartford to the Levin family residence in New London. We pulled into the drive way and were greeted by Burt' son. His eyes lit up as he talked

about his dad and his submarine stories. Stories he told over and over to his children and grand children .

Mrs. Levin then greeted us and brought us to the back yard. We were introduced to her two daughters, daughter in-law and their children. John Duddy who served on the USS Tirante SS-420 with Burt and long time friend was there with his wife.

Mrs. Levin begin telling us of their first meeting in 1958 and how they had known each other for only two weekends when the young Lieutenant asked for her hand in marriage. They hastily put together a wedding just before Burt was transferred to Hawaii. The result was a loving marriage that lasted through the years.

We all gathered together, I did the presentation of the plaque to Mrs. Levin. It was a very special moment... for all of us.

Later on, Burt's son told me about his father's final request.

After Burt had passed, the family took a boat out to the mouth of the Thames River about three miles south of the sub base at Groton. At a spot in the channel, they let his ashes sink to the bottom. Grayce can see that spot by taking a very short walk from the house down to end of the street.

The next day, two Los Angeles class boats passed over Burt's spot. Somehow those men must have known... that they were on patrol... with one of the best.

If you are having any kind of get together with your Sea Poacher shipmates and would like to share it, please forward the information and any pictures to Jack Merrill, 916 W. Pearl St., Bartow, FL 33830 or email to: [sebagojack@hotmail.com](mailto:sebagojack@hotmail.com)

## 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 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".



Eduardo L. Abans, SD 68-69 -- January 2000  
 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 -- 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 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 Bomowski, 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 40-50 -- 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  
 Richard Byom, QM 51 -- April 1976  
 Louis Cafone SN 44-45 -- June 1981  
 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 -- April 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 1988  
 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

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  
 Jerome A. Davi, XO 60-61 -- February 2003  
 Carl Davis, CO 57-59  
 Fred Davis, TM 49-53 -- February 2000  
 William H. Davis, MoMM 44-48  
 Floyd Day Jr., EN 60 -- April 2003  
 Maurice L. Demers, HM 48-50 -- November 1990  
 Robert Demonge, TM 55-57 -- August, 1996  
 Kenneth H. Deramus, TM 57-63 -- November 1989  
 Alfred Despang, EM 59, 61-63  
 John H. Dittmer, MoMM 47-48  
 Jere W. Driver, RM 63 -- March 1998  
 Francis J. Droesch, EN 59 -- 1978  
 William G. Eason, TM 63 February 2000  
 Edward Englert, GM 45 -- November 1962  
 John H. Epps, LTJg 47  
 Alois Ertl, EN 60-63 -- February 1988  
 John B. Estes, IC 61-64 -- February 2005  
 Morris E. Ezell Jr., QM 46 -- June 2004  
 Joseph M. Farnsworth, RM 48-49 -- June 1985  
 Dale N. Fate, CS 54-59 -- January 1999  
 Jess W. Favors, EM 59-60 -- February 2003  
 George Fender, EN 52--July 2003  
 William J. Fitzgerald, EN 51-52 -- November 1996  
 Ernest W. Flintoff, FA 48-49 -- January 1998  
 Elwood H. Forni, SO 58 -- USS Thresher  
 James N. Forrester, EN 50-54  
 Taylor L. Fox, TM 46 -- November 1999  
 Charles H. Foy, GM 45-46 -- May 1974  
 Roy H. Gallemore, LT 44-47 -- February 2005  
 Frank M. Gambacorta, CO 44 -- December 2000  
 Warden Gaskins, XO 45  
 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  
 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  
 James High, 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 1984  
 Scott E. Horton Jr., QM 44-47  
 Ira R. Houston, RM 44-49

# FINAL

*I have one consolation that lives  
 That God is near to them, in life  
 So, God in all Your mercy, keep  
 Of every Submariner, still on  
 Lord, these departed shipmates  
 are part of an outfit known  
 Make them welcome and take  
 You'll find without a doubt, it  
 So, heavenly Father add their  
 ed shipmates still on patrol  
 Let them know that we who  
 memories alive.*

## Sailors Rest

Jerry Hucks, LTJg 63-66 -- June 2001  
 William Hurt, MM 44-45  
 Jack H. Johns, QM 48-50 -- 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 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. Klarmann, IC 54 -- May 2003  
 Leonard R. Kojm, CO 61-63 -- September 2004  
 Leonard Kroll, TM 52-55  
 Harry Kumanski, TM 45 -- July 1993  
 Stephen Kurkjian, EN 51 -- November 1977

Paul Lacouture, LT 4  
 Thomas L. Lampley,  
 Clayton LaPlante, EN  
 Wallace R. Larson, E  
 Johnny Lazo, SO 61-  
 Robert LeBel, FN 44-  
 Kenneth L. LeBlanc,  
 Neal D. Ledford, EN  
 Charles F. Leigh, CO  
 Andrew Leslie, RM 5  
 Herman J. LeVaur, M  
 Burt L. Levin, LT 57-  
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... own special way.  
... near Thyself the soul,  
... final patrol.  
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John Minett, YN 45 - June 1989  
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Owen Perry, TM 46 - March 1996  
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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  
Raymond H. Renner CS 50 - March 1995  
Allen K. Rhodes, TM 49-52 - February 2004  
James A. Rhodes, TM 52 - July 2000  
Burton E. Rider, EN 51-53 - March 2003  
John W. Rindy, MoMM 46-47 - February 1975  
Henry Robertson, EN 48-50 - 1950  
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  
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  
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  
Herman Schoenberger, TM 57-59 - December 1995  
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 - September 1982  
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  
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Wesley Stephens, EM 57-59 - December 2003  
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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  
Frank J. Taggart, FT 56-59  
Joseph Tasillo, FA 52 - March 1993  
Amett B. Taylor, XO 53-57 - October 2002

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  
Warren Vanderwerker, EM 57-63  
Robert E. Van Meter Jr., EM 60-62 - August 2000  
Peter Wallin, QM 56-59 - March 1991  
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Ross Wesner, LTJg, 62-65 - August 2006  
Richard B. Wharton, CS 60-61 - September 1984  
Carl Wheat, ET 46-48 - March 1992  
Roy C. Wheelus, QM 46-47 - June 1985  
Ellis N. White, LT 44 - June 2004  
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Wayne White, EN 61-62 - April 1962  
James R. Wilder, HM 61-62 - November 1999  
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Robert K. R. Worthington, XO 44 - February 1996  
Fred Yarborough, TN 48-50 - 1990  
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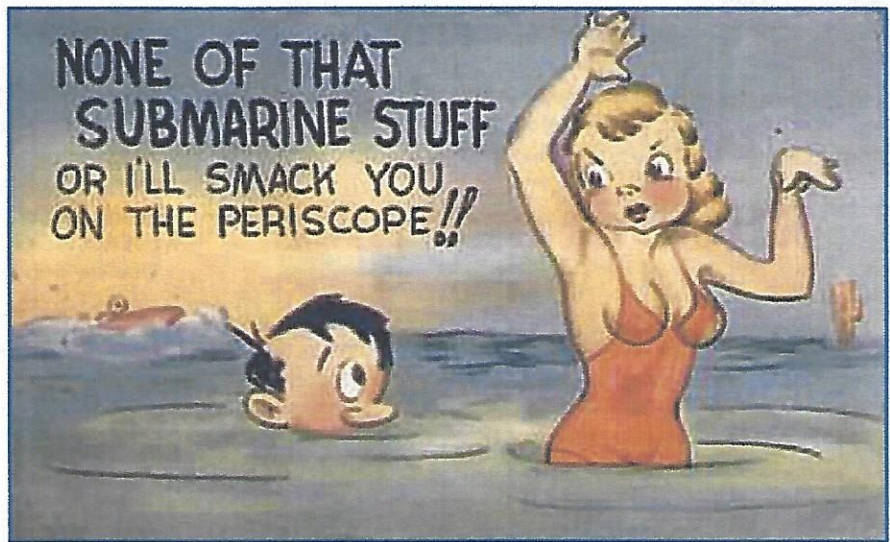
# Never Tease a Torpedoman

The Submarine Research Center recently conducted a straw pole of submarine rates to determine which rate was the most troublesome and which the most amiable. The rate coming in first on the amiability list was that of radioman. Those behind the closed door of the radio shack were judged to be quiet, efficient and amenable to the routine of the wardroom. At the other end of the spectrum were the torpedo men who were regarded as cantankerous, clandestine and, at times, devious. Those contributing to this survey were unable to give a reason for this phenomenon of human behavior, other to say that it seemed to be a tradition.

Poking fun at fellow enlisted men was the daily diet of torpedo men who were often to be found drinking coffee in the crews mess. This mundane diversion was punctuated from time to time by pranks played on officers. Of course, the captain and XO were out-of-bounds as were the ops officer and engineer. These were senior lieutenants who wore gold dolphins and thereby commanded a respect that even torpedo man honored. Occasionally, the submarine might carry midshipmen and these poor souls had overflowing plates of curiosity and admiration for every submariner, even torpedoman. These also were immune from the torpedoman's skullduggery. This left the junior officers who resided in boys' town in the starboard side of the forward battery. Without dolphins nor any knowledge beyond basic submarine school, they were fair game for the inventive minds of torpedo men.

Three examples will be sufficient to make the point. On Sir ago (SS-485) a torpedoman striker had been assigned to chip and paint the sail. The young man knew his weekend was shot and so dawdled at chipping rust spots and red-leading the exposed spots. For reasons that escaped his fellow crew members he painted a giant red-lead swastika on the outboard side of the sail. Another crew member with considerable authority saw the Nazi emblem and immediately put the man on report. The swastika was obliterated and the seaman went before the captain who restricted the man to the boat for a month. But that wasn't the end of the affair, because the torpedoman striker vowed to get even. When the senior petty officer who had put him on report came aboard drunk the following Sunday the seaman had the topside watch. The petty officer left with a case of frozen steaks and was picked up by marines at the gate. No one knew who had tipped off the marines, and no one waved to the petty officer as he left the boat for the last time, accompanied by a marine guard.

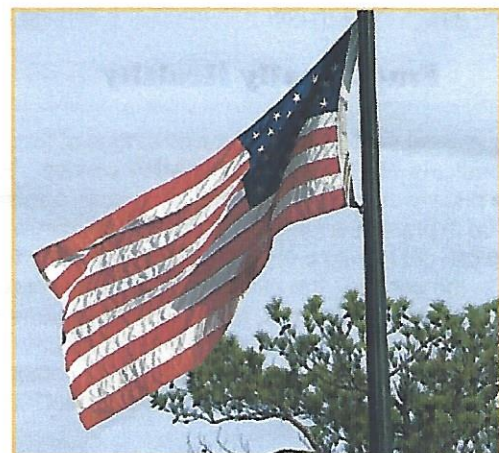
On Wahoo (SS-565) boys' town had a lieutenant, a j.g. and an ensign. The lieutenant was qualified, but the ensign and j.g. were fair game. As it turned out, the ensign was so dumb, tricks and pranks sank into him like forks in mush. On the other hand the j.g., being full of starch from his academy days was prime meat for the torpedomen. When the j.g. relieved the OD on the bridge for the mid-watch his bunk was removed and placed in the freeze locker. Five minutes before the officer turned into his bunk at 0400 it was replaced. This required a good deal of stealth and the dumb ensign in the lower bunk slept through the maneuver. The j.g.'s fingers stuck to the frozen bunk rail and the sheets were as solid as wood.



He cursed and spent the morning hours stretched out in the wardroom until awakened by stewards. Nothing was said of the incident. For the officer it was humiliating and for the suspected torpedomen it was too delicious to speak of in public.

A torpedoman who served aboard an early nuclear powered submarine said that the favorite target of pranks was a j.g. named Jimmy Carter. This officer spent all his time peering into every nook and cranny as he learned the details of his submarine for the qualification process. He hardly spoke to fellow officers and never stooped to converse with torpedomen who respected his brilliance, but detested his arrogance. Try as they might, the officer side-stepped every planned piece of skullduggery cooked up by the most innovative of the torpedomen. At last the torpedomen gave up and turned their attention on someone else.

The j.g. on Wahoo not only qualified in submarines, but went on to become a vice admiral. The Wahoo torpedomen like to think they had something to do with teaching the young officer about life, namely, that respect is earned, in part, from humility. To this day that officer is regarded with warm affection as a regular guy by every veteran Wahoo torpedoman. Of course, the nuclear powered officer went on to become president and this may also have been due in part to the lessons learned in out-maneuvering the wily torpedomen.







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## The Submariner

by Dr. Joyce Brothers

The tragic loss of the submarine Thresher and 129 men had a special kind of impact on the nation....a special kind of sadness, mixed with universal admiration for the men who choose this type of work. One could not mention the Thresher without observing, in the same breath how utterly final and alone the end is when a ship dies at the bottom of the sea.....and what a remarkable specimen of man it must be who accepts such a risk. Most of us might be moved to conclude, too, that a tragedy of this kind would have a damaging effect on the morale of the other men in the submarine service and tend to discourage future enlistment.

Actually, there is not evidence that this is so. What is it then, that lures men to careers in which they spend so much of their time in cramped quarters, under great psychological stress, with danger lurking all about them?

### Bond Among Them

Togetheriness is an overworked term, but in no other branch of our

military service is it given such full meaning as in the so called "silent service." In an undersea craft, each man is totally dependent upon the skill of every other man in the crew, not only for top performance but for actual survival. Each knows that his life depends on the others and because this is so, there is a bond among them that both challenges and comforts them. All of this gives the submariner a special feeling of pride, because he is indeed a member of an elite corps. The risks, then, are an inspiration rather than a deterrent.

The challenge of masculinity is another factor which attracts men to serve on submarines. It certainly is a test of a man's prowess and power to know he can qualify for this highly selective service.

However, it should be emphasized that this desire to prove masculinity is not pathological, as it might be in certain daredevil pursuits, such as driving a motorcycle through a flaming hoop.

### Emotionally Healthy

There is nothing daredevil's about motivations of the man who decides to dedicate his life to the submarine service. He does, indeed, take pride in demonstrating that he is quite a man, but he does not do so to practice a form of foolhardy brinkmanship, to see how close he can get to failure and still snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. On the contrary, the aim in the submarine service is to battle danger, to minimize the risk, to take every measure to make certain that safety rather danger, is maintained at all times. Are the men in the submarine service braver than those in other pursuits where the possibility of sudden tragedy is constant? The glib answer would be to say they are.

It is more accurate, from a psychological point of view, to say they are not necessarily braver, but that they are men who have a little more insight into themselves and their capabilities. They know themselves a little better than the next man. This has to be so with men who have a healthy reason to volunteer for a risk. They are generally a cut healthier emotionally than others of the similar age and background because of their willingness to push themselves a little bit farther and not settle for an easier kind of existence. We all have tremendous capabilities but are rarely straining at the upper level of what we can do, these men are. The country can be proud and grateful that so many of its sound, young, eager men care enough about their own stature in life and the welfare of their country to pool their skills and match them collectively against the power of the sea.

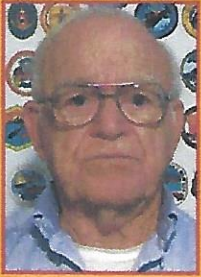


Presenting the Sea Poacher Memorial Plaque to the family of Harold R. Baumgartner, SK 63-64 is from left to right: Tom Sugden, EN 54; Harold's widow Judy; Ron Coe, ET 63-65 and Harold Gall, EN 59-61.

## Thru the scope . . .







## From My Perspective

Ken Bonnell, RM 57-58

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Let's see, where did I leave off last week with this God story? Oh, yes, I had just told Him about my money problem, that it had no solution that I could see, and He should take care of it for me; and then I fell asleep.

Mid-morning the next day, aboard my submarine, I had a phone call. It was one of the owners of the store where I'd bought my Chief Petty Officer uniforms months and months ago. He asked if I would mind stopping by the store on my way home from the submarine base. Curious as to what in the world he wanted from me after all this time, I drove to the store right after the ship's noon meal.

When I arrived, the owners greeted me warmly, shaking hands and asking did I recall letting their teenage nephew wait on me for my new uniforms. I said I sure did and what a nice a job the youngster had done. "Did something happen to him," I asked? They quickly assured me he was fine, that it was something else they wanted to discuss with me.

Then they explained in great detail, often interrupting each other, their system of double-checking all sales slips before they were filed. No matter which of them waited on a customer, before the sales slip was filed upstairs in its shoe box (there was a separate box for every month of the year), the other would always double check it for errors.

As for my sales slip, it had been checked three times; first by the nephew, then by both his uncles. So, I'm wondering to myself, why did these guys ask me to come over here, what was going on?

They told me.

That very morning (the one after I'd given God the problem), one uncle had gone upstairs to get something and accidentally knocked over a shoe box full of a month's sales slips. As it hit the floor the top flew off and one sales slip fell out. When he picked it up he noticed it was the one their nephew from New York City had written for my order.

He was trying to put it back into the shoe box in the proper order and, more from habit than anything else, ran a casual eye over the figures. Something wasn't right. He checked them again, then rushed downstairs and asked his brother to also check them.

The brother did, shook his head a couple times and checked them again. A \$40 dollar mistake had been made; made in MY favor!

They apologized and hoped I wouldn't be angry or upset. Angry? Upset? From stone broke to all of a quick having forty dol-

lars? Who's angry? Who's upset?

They couldn't get over how curious a thing it was that even with three people involved, such a mistake got by; how curious it was that just one shoe box fell out of its pile; how curious it was that only one sales slip fell out.

I said it was not curious at all, and told them about my having talked to God just the night before about my money problem and how I asked Him to take care of it. As they counted out the money, they looked at each other and then at me as if to say, "Such a child, such an innocent!"

Back aboard my submarine, I excitedly told my shipmate the wonderful news. He was happy for me and quite amused by my surprise.

"Ken," he said with a confident smile, "God never breaks a promise and you must never break one to Him."

Fortunate coincidence? Something without explanation? Just another happy little anecdote of life? Or did God actually hear, and take care of, my problem?

Whatever your opinion, I'm sure you can guess mine.



**Ron Coe, ET 63-65 showing his family the diving stand in the control room of the USS Requin (SS291) at the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.**

**If you are having any kind of get together with your Sea Poacher shipmates and would like to share it, please forward the information and any pictures to Jack Merrill, 916 W. Pearl St., Bartow, FL 33830 or email to: [sebagojack@hotmail.com](mailto:sebagojack@hotmail.com)**



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## A Poem

I chanced upon a sailor once with an emblem on his chest. It appeared to be two angry sharks on a trash can for a rest. His white hat was wrinkled and dirty; his neckerchief tied too tight and he had only one eye open as he staggered through the night. He was young and scrawny and wiry; with knuckles cracked and oozing. I could tell from the way he looked and smelled he'd spent the night whorin' and boozin'.

But as he pulled abreast, he squared his hat and said "Sir, do you have a light? I'm due back aboard by quarter to four, or the COB will be settin' me right."

As I fumbled around for my lighter he pulled some smokes from his sock "and I'll be damned lucky to make it," he muttered 'Cause I'm steamin' against the clock."

Through the flame of my well-worn Zippo I could see a smile on his face. "But, you know -- it was damn well worth it. That 'Bell's' is a helluva place."

He sucked the smoke deep down in his lungs and blew smoke rings up towards the moon. Then he rolled up his cuffs, pushed his hat to the back and said "maybe there'll be a cab soon."

In spite of the time he was losing. He was wanting to shoot the breeze. So we sat on the curb, like two birds on a perch as he talked of his life on the seas.

I asked about the thing on his chest and he looked at me with a grin. Then he squared his hat, snubbed out his smoke and said "I'm a Brother of the Phin."

"I'm one of the boys who go under the sea where the lights from above don't shine; Where mermaids play and Neptune is king and life and death intertwine.

Life on a boat goes deep in your blood and nothing on earth can compare to the feeling inside as she commences a dive going deep on a hope and a prayer.

I've sailed some fearsome waters down below the raging main and I've

heard that old boat creak and groan like the wheels of a railroad train. It's the one place on earth where there ain't no slack where you don't have more than you need;

Where each man is prince of his own little space and each lives by the submarine creed.

There ain't much I've done in this fickle life that would cause other men to take note, But I've walked in the steps of some mighty fine men who helped keep this country afloat.

They slipped silently through the layers down below that raging main while up above enemy men-o'-war laid claim to the same domain.

Brave sailors were they in their sleek boats of steel. Silently stalking their prey and closing in for the kill.

They died as they lived unafraid, proud and free. Putting all on the line to secure liberty.

Their bones now rest in glory down in Neptune's hallowed ground. But their souls stand tall at the right hand of God awaiting the claxon's next sound.

So, it's more than a "thing" that I wear on my chest It's a badge of the brave, proud and true.

It's a tribute to those who have gone here before riding boats that are still overdue"

It's the "Dolphins" of a submariner worn proudly by the few who've qualified at every watch and touched every bolt and screw.

They know the boat on which they sail like they know their very soul and through the fires of hell or the pearly gates they're ready for each patrol.

But when in port they take great sport standing out from all the rest. For deep inside they burn with pride for the dolphins on their chest."

Then he stood erect, squared his hat and pulled his neckerchief down to the "v" He rolled down his cuffs, put his smokes in his sock and squinted back towards the sea.

"I can hear them diesels calling So I'd best be on my way. We'll be punchin' holes in the ocean when the sun peeks over the bay."

As I watched him turn and walk away I felt honored to know such men. for they bring life to Duty, Honor, Country these "Brothers of the Phin."

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by Larry Dunn July 2003

