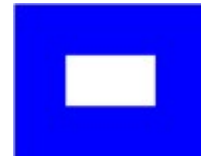
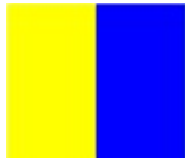


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IS Our NEXT REUNION in Groton , CT in MAY 2022 ???

Your USS Sea Poacher Association Board along with the USS Sea Owl and USS Sea Robin have been exploring having our next reunion in May 2022.

JJ Lynch has hosted the USS Chopper Reunion there and has valuable insights and helpful facts. Also Roy Purtell , SS 405 ,and Paul Roggemann , SS 407 have Groton experience and thoughts.

Also i've been in contact with John Carcioppolo , Retired CPO , and past Commander of the Groton USSVI Base who works on the Sub Base. John's base contacts would normally allow us to schedule a tour of the sub base, perhaps attend a Sub School graduation and also tour a nuclear submarine. JJ says that when they attended a sub school class graduation , the class was named the USS Chopper and coins were made and distributed to the class and to the reunion attendees.

We have been told that the Groton Inn and Suites would be a suitable hotel as its close to the Sub base and the USSVI Building where we would have our Banquet. We would run the reunion and plan on having our cars transport folks to the various events possibly including tours to Mystic Seaport and the USS Nautilus and Submarine Museum.

Right now the Groton Sub Base is closed to visitors including parents of the graduating Sub School classes because of COVID. John said we don't know when the base will reopen to visitors.

So, right now all further preparations for planning and hosting a May 2022 Reunion in Groton are on hold as we feel that the Sub Base activities would be the major draw for attendees to the reunion. We will wait until January 1 , 2022 to see if the Sub base reopens and will keep everyone informed via e-mail if we hear before then.

In the meantime, please e-mail me at seapoacher@att.net to let me know if you would like to attend a May 2022 Reunion in Groton, so that we may get a head count for planning purposes.

Bill Brinkman

Harry Huggins CO 1968-1969



CDR Harry Leard Huggins

January 22 , 1931- July 15 , 2021

CDR Harry Huggins , 90 , of Durham ,NC passed away peacefully in his sleep on July 15 , 2021 with his wife of 63 years ,Dr. Elizabeth A. Huggins by his side. Harry was born in Chester SC to the late Samuel Leard Huggins and Margaret Nelson Beard Huggins. He was one of five brothers , who proceeded him in death-all fellow veterans, Samuel L. Huggins Jr , William Davis Huggins ,Nelson Huggins who was killed in action in 1945 in the European theatre of operations and the younger brother Edward H. Huggins. He was also preceded

in death by Renee Huggins (wife of Samuel L. Huggins Jr) and by his son in law Thomas J. Geyer. Harry graduated from Dreher High School in Columbia SC and then enlisted in the United States Navy where he was one of the four Radar Specialists trained to operate a newly developed radar system. He was immediately deployed to the Korean Theater of Operations aboard the aircraft carrier USS Boxer. After completing his enlisted service, he was awarded an NROTC scholarship to the University of South Carolina, where he graduated with honors from the school of Engineering. Subsequently He was commissioned as an officer in the US Navy. During his career as an officer in the Submarine Service he was assigned many billets and but was most proud of being the Commanding Officer of his beloved **USS Sea Poacher**. After retirement from the US Navy he earned a Master's degree and continued to work in engineering primarily in Charleston SC where he and Elizabeth enjoyed living for many years. Harry was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. His family was his pride and joy. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth Radcliff (All) Huggins; his son Harry L. Huggins Jr, three daughters Margaret Brockinton (Langdon), Anne Geyer and Elizabeth Romach (Andy); 5 granddaughters Elizabeth Geyer, Renee Geyer, Molly Bockinton, Emma Brockinton, Nicole Romach; sisters in law Eleanor Huggins, Lucille Huggins and 10 nieces and nephews and their children.

Jack Hammitt's RM 62-66 E-MAIL to

Bill Brinkman May 18, 2021

Hello Bubblehead!

You will be pleased to learn that several years ago when we moved to Lake Havasu City, AZ (a military retirement haven, due to its proximity to the left coast) I started a group called "Arizona Bubbleheads " by advertising on Craigslist, inviting former Bubbleheads to meet at Legion Post 81. Our first meeting had 7 former submariners. We now, all these years later, have a roster of over 35, and we gather once a month at the Post for a beer or two. We have enough to get a boat underway, either diesel or nuke. All the ranks and rates, a couple LCDR's, and we tell lots of sea stories and "no s**t" tales. We proudly participate in the annual Veterans Day parade, and a few of us even sport our original uniforms.

We held a vote, having some pressure to join USSVI from the Phoenix (Perch) chapter, and unanimously voted to remain independent, as we have no dues, no rules, no bylaws and no "mandatory" meetings. The plan is "show up if you like."

Jack Hammitt SS406 '62-'66. RM2

USARNG '66-02. CW3

Best to you for keeping the 406 alive in our mind and in our hearts.

USS Sea Robin SS 407 helps Usher in the Nuclear Propulsion ERA

In 1950, the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory (KAPL) in Schenectady ,NY became the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Project and they did joint work with the Bettis Atomic Power Lab (Westinghouse) , the Argonne National Lab and others in developing the first nuclear powered submarine , the USS Nautilus on January 1, 1954. In 1952 and 1953 , President Jimmy Carter worked at KAPL as an engineer. See the following for more information on KAPL:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knolls_Atomic_Power_Laboratory

From September 26-28 , 1952 the USS Sea Robin went to Albany , NY so that the engineers at KAPL could visit a submarine to see how they would incorporate a nuclear power plant.

Note that the sailors on the USS Sea Robin were anchored over night on September 25 , 1952 near Kingston , NY and wanted a water taxi to go into town !

U.S.S. Sea Robin Ties Up Near City

**Snorkel Submarine Can't
Attract Water Taxi,
Sailors 'Marooned'**

A lot of sailors remained virtually "at sea" in the Hudson last night when they were unable to get water taxi service from the U.S.S. Sea Robin, a submarine of the Snorkel type which tied up near here for several hours.

Herman Lange, of the U. S. Coast Guard, and keeper of the Rondout light, said the submarine, bearing No. 407 arrived at a point north of the ferry slip on the Rhinecliff side of the river at about 7:20 p. m.

Lange saw the anchor lights, he said, and went over to investigate. He talked to members of the crew who were interested in obtaining launch service to the city, but none could be found.

The submarine was scheduled to arrive in Albany today for a week-end stay during which it is to be inspected by scientists and engineers who are now engaged in the building of an atomic plant for submarines at the Knolls Atomic Plant laboratory near Schenectady.

Officer Walter VanSteenburgh reported to police headquarters at 7:05 a. m., that the submarine was on its way toward Albany.

Atomic Engine Builders To Inspect Submarine

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Sept. 22
(AP)—More than 160 persons building an atomic power plant for submarines will study their problem at first hand this weekend.

The group will inspect the submarine, USS Sea Robin, at the port of Albany.

In the party will be scientists, engineers and employes of the General Electric Company's Knolls atomic power laboratory, and personnel of the Schenectady operations office of the Atomic Energy Commission.

GE operates the Knolls lab for the AEC.

The Sea Robin's stop was arranged to give the workers a chance to see, first-hand, the problems of fitting the power plant into the craft. The Sea Robin has conventional power.

The sub, commanded by Lt. Cmdr. A. F. Betzel, will be tied up from Friday until Sunday.



Aboard submarine "USS Sea Robin" General Electric Company atomic scientist, Dr. Kenneth H. Kingdon, (right) exhibit cube of natural uranium, potential energy of which would be equivalent to that of four capacity loads of diesel fuel for a submarine. Dr. Kingdon is technical manager, and Karl R. Van Tassel, (left) operating general manager of the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory near here, which is building an atomic power plant for submarines. The Sea Robin in Albany from New London, Conn., this weekend so that 1,600 scientist, engineers, and other employees of the laboratory can go aboard and become familiarized with the undersea craft. The laboratory is operated by GE for the Atomic Energy Commission. Examining powerful cube is submarine commander lieut. Commander Albert F. Betzel.

General Electric 1952-09-26

Food Editor Jeanette Coote visits USS Crevalle SS 291

July 4, 1954 Poughkeepsie ,NY

(From the *Poughkeepsie Journal* July 11, 1954)

She easily found the galley via the smell of the coffee pot. One of the three cooks showed her around the galley. She said “ The planners of kitchens for small homes could take lessons from the men who designed submarine galleys. In that galley , meals for the 67 hungary men are prepared three times a day in a space about the size of a pantry. Not one inch is wasted and the cook need not take more than one or two steps all the time he is in the galley. The meals are equivalent to any first class restaurant ashore .”

She obtained the USS Crevalle’s weekly menus as follows:

Breakfasts:

Monday : grilled bacon , fried eggs, dry cereal , chilled juice , chilled fruit , doughnuts, toast & Jam , milk, bread , butter, coffee

Tuesday: French Toast , baked sausage with maple syrup, , fried eggs, dry cereal , chilled juice , chilled fruit , doughnuts, toast & Jam , milk, bread , butter, coffee

Wednesday: Minced Beef , fried potatoes , chilled apricots, coffee cakes

Thursday: Griddle cakes with syrup , fried bacon , coffee

Friday: scrambled eggs with bacon squares , fried potatoes, corn muffins

Saturday: fried eggs, baked beans , grilled bacon

Sunday: (was blank...unknown)

Dinner / Lunch:

Monday: Roast beef , mashed potatoes with brown gravy , creamed peas combination vegetable salad , pie, iced tea, bread, butter, coffee

Tuesday: Swiss steak , pan roasted potatoes with brown vegetable gravy , cabbage & pineapple salad , buttered string beans , iced drink , fruit Jello

Wednesday: Roast spring chicken , mashed potatoes , bread dressing , buttered corn, giblet gravy , Waldorf salad , cranberry sauce, ice cream , pie, chilled Orangeaide

Thursday: grilled Tenderloin steak , French fries, mushroom & onion sauce , boiled tomatoes , string beans , quartered lettuce, Russian dressing , Strawberry Shortcake , iced tea and lemons

Friday: baked mushroom -stuffed Meat Loaf , grilled Fish , creamed potatoes , buttered succotash , Tartar sauce , cabbage slaw , sliced lemons , iced cake , milk

Saturday: baked Virginia Ham , boiled potatoes , fried cabbage , buttered carrots quartered lettuce & dressing , sliced tomatoes , pickles , pie , fresh milk

Sunday: roast Turkey , mashed potatoes, bread dressing , buttered broccoli , giblet gravy , combination salad , cranberry sauce , stuffed olives , ice cream , milk

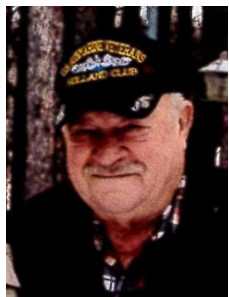


Supper:

Jeanette said that there was no room in her article to detail all the supper days and items. However , she did say that they are high -lighted by Italian spaghetti with meat balls , grilled ham steaks , hot beef sandwiches , American chop suey , franks and beans , macaroni and tuna salad and grilled hamburgers. She said the crew attested that they ate well and had good cooks.

Editor's Note: Hungary Yet ? Then Re-Enlist !

Charles Ahler EM 1957-1959



Charles Ahler, 86, of Kiva, MI passed quietly early Thursday morning, April 22, 2021 at Mission Point of Ishpeming. He was born on June 26 of 1934 to Bernard and Helen (Wolf) Ahler in Burlington, WI. He attended St. Mary's Catholic Schools in Burlington before enlisting in the US Navy in 1953. He served as an Electrician's Mate aboard submarines and was discharged in 1962.

He married Shirley Hankins of Charleston, SC in March of 1963 and returned to Burlington less than a year later. He worked for his brother at Arnold and Bob's Appliances for a number of years before joining the IBEW Local 494 and working for Magaw Electric, New Berlin. He retired from Magaw in 1993.

Charles lost his first wife to chronic kidney failure in 1978. He married Mary (LaChance) in 1982 and, after retirement, the two moved to Kiva, MI. They opened the Schoolhouse Antique store which remained in business until 2005. He and Mary enjoyed travelling and spent several winters in Florida, gathering antiques as they went.

Charles was a union man and a proud veteran and was active in the VFW and the American Legion. He enjoyed rummage sales, "antiquing", fishing and trapshooting. He was active in his church and he and Mary were very devout.

Charles preceded in death by his brothers, Robert and Gerrard, and sisters, Bernadine (Theodore) Nelson and Theresa (Everett) Rossmiller, as well as his wife Shirley and his wife Mary, whom he lost in January of 2021. He is survived by his sister, Monica (Harry) Miller of Milwaukee, his sons, Gregory of Ironwood, MI. and Stephen of Cashton, WI., his stepsons, Stephan Powers of Albertville, AL, and Thomas (Linda) Powers, of Racine, WI, and his stepdaughters, Carla (Gary) Selph, of Waukegan, IL, and Corinne (Rick) Adams of Albertville, AL, as well as 18 grandchildren, many, many great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Honor Flights

All of us who served in the US Navy before 1972 are eligible to participate in the Honor Flights which take Vets to Washington DC to see 8 Memorials .

See <http://www.honorflight.org>

Bill Brinkman will go August 27-28 ,2021 from Austin. Roy Purtell has also gone from NY State. See this video for more details:

<https://honorflightaustin.org/>

Eternal Patrol

(Thanks to Karl Schipper QM 58-61 for these Eternal Patrols)

Richard Ray Brown ET 1949-1950

Richard was born 26 March 1925 in Wichita , KS. He joined the US Navy on 1 Jan 1945 and served until 1 Jan 1965 retiring as a CPO and served in WW II and Korea.

He also served on the USS R-2 (SS 79), USS Quillback SS 424 , USS Grouper SS 214 and USS Cochino SS 345. Richard died September 5 , 2003 at age 78 and is buried at the Quantico National Cemetery in VA.

David Ward Carroll YN 50-51

David was born February 12, 1927 in Grand Ridge, Florida. Enlistment into the Navy was July 28, 1944 in Jacksonville, Florida. He served until November 16, 1965, retiring as a CPO. David died on October 14, 1980 in Bay County, Florida. Among the vessels he served on were the APD 115 Rogers Blood, the SSN 590 USS Sculpin, and the SSBN 624 Woodrow Wilson.

He was a plank owner on the Rogers Blood. David reported on board the Sea Poacher on December 4, 1950 from Sub Base, New London. He was transferred for duty in Washington D. C. on January 7, 1952.



John George Cronk QM2 49/51

John George Cronk, 74, of Portsmouth NH died Jan. 17, 2001, at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover NH. He was born on Jan. 16, 1927, in Syracuse NY to George H. and Maude E. Cronk and married Rose Cronk in 1952. They were married for 49 years.

He served in the Navy for nearly 20 years, was a veteran of World War II, and first served in the Armed Guard in the North Atlantic-European and African campaigns; he was later assigned to the staff of the Commander, U.S. Amphibious Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. He later served in the submarine force and was assigned to the staff of the Commander, Submarine Development Group Two. He retired from the U.S. Navy in March 1962. He worked as a senior field engineer for Philco Ford Corporation and then returned to civil service to work for the Navy at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for Combat Systems and the Nuclear Quality Control office. He retired from the shipyard after 22 years. During the time that he served, he received many commendations and awards. He attended Syracuse University, Rutgers University, and the University of New Hampshire. He volunteered and was a member of the board of directors at Betty's Dream and was known as Pa Pa John by many of the tenants. He also volunteered with the Air Force Sergeants Association at the VA Hospital in Manchester NH. He was a member of the American Legion, Loyal Order of the Moose, Knights of Columbus, Sons of Italy, and the Fleet Reserve. He is survived by his wife, Rose (Napolitan) Cronk; daughter Rosemarie; son John; grandsons, Walter House, Eric House, and John J. Cronk; and granddaughter Katherine Cronk.

John also served on the SS 222 USS Bluefish, SS 482 USS Irex, SS 319 USS Becuma. He changed from a QM to ET rating sometime after he left the Bluefish. He reported aboard the Sea Poacher on October 15, 1949 from Sub Base New London. Transfer to the bluefish occurred December 4, 1951.

Eternal Patrol Samuel D. Langley TM 52-54

Samuel was born 22 March 1932 and died 16 March 1982 in Broward, FL. He served in the US Navy from 3 April 1951 to 4 April 1955. Samuel served on the USS Sea Poacher from March 28, 1952 to June 23, 1954.

Sun Tattler (Hollywood, FL)
16 Feb 1953

Hollywood Gob Is Awarded Sub Dolphin Insignia

Samuel D. Langley, seaman, USN, formerly of 2135 Lincoln St., Hollywood, was awarded his dolphin qualifying insignia aboard the submarine Sea Poacher recently.

To receive the dolphin award, Langley had to take theoretical training at the New London, Conn. Submarine school and then have practical experience aboard the submarine.

Langley entered the naval service in 1951 and received his recruit training at San Diego, Calif. He is a graduate of South Broward High school.

Fort Lauderdale News

18 March 1982

LANGLEY — Samuel D. Langley II, 49, of Marathon, a former Hollywood resident, passed away Tuesday. Mr. Langley was a member of the first graduating class of South Broward High School, a former district commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America, a past president of the Marathon Kiwanis Club, a director of the Organized Fishermen of Florida, a member of the Marathon American Legion Post, Marathon Lodge 323, F. and A. M., the Mahi Temple of Miami, the Marathon Shrine Club, Lodge 2139 B.P.O.E., and Marathon Moose Lodge 1058. He is survived by his wife Betty J., three sons, Samuel D. III, Raynell E., and John M., all of Marathon; his sister, Mrs. Edwina J. Mowell, and his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Langley, both of Paisley.

Robert L. Ritz EM 48-51

Old Bridge - Robert L. Ritz, 91, of Old Bridge, passed away on May 18, 2021 at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ. Born in Highland Park, he was the son to the late Elmer and Erma Ritz. He was a proud veteran of the US Navy during the Korean war. Robert was the President and Fire Chief of the South Old Bridge Volunteer Fire Company District #3. He was a lifetime member with service of 60 years. Robert worked for NJ Bell for 33 years. He was a longtime communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Nancy of 68 years of Old Bridge; Sons Robert Ritz Jr and wife Irene of Blythwood, SC; Timothy Ritz and wife Judy of Crosby, TN; Daughter Virginia Kilduff and husband Denis of Old Bridge, NJ. 4 Grandchildren Erik Ritz and wife Stacy, Corey Ritz, Casey Kilduff and Denis Kilduff Jr. 3 Great Grandchildren Kaelyn, Aiden and Jacklyn Ritz. Brothers Thomas, James, William, Sister Jean Timper, sister-in-law Yolanda and many nieces and nephews.

Richard QUELLETTE TM 1947-1948



Richard was a lifelong resident of Adams, died peacefully on July 18, 2021. Richard was born on May 12, 1928, to the late Lucien and Pauline (Jordan) Ouellette. **Richard graduated from Adams High School in 1946. Two days after graduation he enlisted in the Navy and was stationed on the submarine USS Sea Poacher (SS-406) as a Torpedoman 3rd Class.** Shortly after his return he married the love of his life, Joan, in 1951. Richard and his brother Donald took over their family business, Ouellette Brothers Plumbing, founded in 1923 by Lucien and Joseph Ouellette. He was available morning, noon, and night to help his customers. No job was too big or too small. He semi-retired in 1993, yet continued working well into the 2000's. In addition to his family. Richard's proudest achievement was his service as a volunteer firefighter for the Alert Hose Company No. 1. For over 60 years his dedication to the Alerts was timelessly valuable. He served as a trustee of the Alert Hose Company from January 3, 1961, to August 4, 2020. He was the longest serving member in the history of the Alerts, as well as one of the **longest serving volunteer firefighters in the state.** Richard was a well-known and respected businessman in Adams as well as a longtime member of the Adams Lodge of Elks and will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and community. He was the loving husband of 70 years to Joan (Lahey) Ouellette. Richard leaves his daughter Laura Jeanne and her husband Michael E. Videtta, formerly of Canton MA; his sisters Claire M. Tremblay of Adams and Shirley A. Kosche of West Barnstable MA. He was lovingly known as "Poppy" to his three grandchildren, Jennifer Elizabeth and her husband Nathan Fraser Cannon of Salem NH, Tracy Ann Videtta NP formerly of Canton, MA, Michael Richard Videtta of Allston, MA and his great grandson Henry Fraser Cannon III. Richard was predeceased by his siblings Donald L. Ouellette, Roma I. (Ouellette) Brooks, Robert B. Ouellette, Paula M. Ouellette, Joan F. Ouellette and Gerald A. Ouellette.

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Treasurer's Report Hubert Jackson

August 15 , 2021

Beginning Balance on 1 November 2019

Memorial Fund.....\$1788.05 Humanitarian Fund....\$1503.00

General Fund..... \$ 12, 992.00 Bank Balance.....**\$16283.05**

Debit Activity	Check#	Amount	Purpose
March 2020	469	\$17.99	Replaced Check#426 for Domain Name
April 2020	470	40.00	Reunion refund
April 2020	471	40.00	Reunion refund
April 2020	472	80.00	Reunion refund
April 2020	473	40.00	Reunion refund
July 2020	474	17.99	Domain name renewal
February 2021	475	32.32	Decal supplies
March 2021	476	185.00	Decal supplies
July 2021	477	19.61	Domain name renewal
August 2021	478	312.62	Website renewal

Deposit Activity	Date	Amount	From/To
November 2019	12	100.00	Reunion fee & ships store
December 2019	2	120.00	Reunion fee to general fund
April 2020	8	66.00	Reunion fee & subscription
January 2021	19	38.00	Membership & ships stores
April 2021	6	50.00	Donation to General fund
June 2021	1	10.00	Donation to General fund

Ending Balance on 15 August 2021

Memorial Fund.....\$1788.05

Humanitarian Fund..\$1503.00

General Fund.....\$12608.46

Bank Balance.....**\$15899.51**

From the *Montgomery Advertiser* August 22 , 2016

Maynard, Jr., Julian H.

Julian H. Maynard, Jr, passed peacefully into Heaven from his home on August 9, 2016. Julian was born September 28, 1933, to Julian H. Maynard, Sr. and Alice Wilters Maynard. He graduated from Robertsdale High School in 1951 and, anxious to serve his country, immediately joined the U. S. Navy. He served on the USS Sea Poacher, a submarine, during the Korean War. He then attended API (now Auburn University) and graduated with a B.S. in Economics. Julian spent most of his adult life in Montgomery, where he worked with the March of Dimes until he began a long career as a realtor.

Julian is survived by his wife, Sherry Mills Maynard; a daughter Julia and her son Austin; a son James; and a son Krewe and his wife Staci and their sons Alex, Jonah and Eli. As well as for his dedication to the Lord and to his family, Julian was known and loved for his sweet spirit and for

his warm humor and wit. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, August 13, at Highland Avenue Baptist Church, 1900 Highland Avenue, Montgomery, where he served joyfully and faithfully for many years as a deacon.

Family will greet friends there at 1:00 p.m., with services to follow at 2:00 p.m., Rev. Bobby DuBois and Pastor Clint Harris officiating. Burial is to follow at Montgomery Memorial Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Scott Burbank, Eric Cheek, Oliver Faulkner, Lance Kelly, Greg Lauderdale and William D. "Bill" Smith. For their care and comfort, the family wishes to thank Dr. Ryan McWhorter, Dr. Timothy Morrow, Dr. Hamp Greene, and Amedisys Home Health Care and Hospice. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Julian's memory to Highland Avenue Baptist Church.

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Vernon I. Torrey

March 23, 2021

Vernon I. Torrey, 89, of Nanticoke, passed away Tuesday, March 23, 2021, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, following several years of declining health.



Born and raised in Cullman, Alabama, he was a son of the late George and Verna Creps Torrey. He was a graduate of St.

Bernard University, Cullman. In 1951, Vernon enlisted and proudly served four years in U.S. Navy. He was a submariner aboard the U.S.S. Sea Poacher during the Korean War.

Following his military service, he was a police officer for 10 years in Miami, Fla., before beginning a long career with Bell South. He retired in 2000 as a digital electronic technician following 40 years of service. He also co-owned Gold-N-Stuff, a jewelry business in Pembroke Pines, Fla., for several years.

He and his wife, the former Doreese Lewis, of Nanticoke, resided in Pembroke Pines for 20 years before returning to the area, building their home in Nanticoke. Vernon also enjoyed assisting at Broadway Jewelers in his retirement. He was a member of St. Faustina Kowalska Parish, Nanticoke. He was an avid outdoorsman, and enjoyed hunting and fishing in his earlier years, and belonged to the National Rifle Association.

In addition to his parents



and siblings, he was preceded by his first wife, Arlene, in 1989.

Surviving are his wife of 25 years, Doreese; stepsons, Lee E. Aument (Michelle Kowbel), of Regina, Canada; and Kevin L. Aument (wife, Paula), of Larksville; a grandson, Kevin Lee Aument; sisters and brothers-in-law, Megan and Richard Tennesen; Cheryl Trevethan; and William LaSalle, surviving in-laws: Megan and Richard Tennesen, of Nanticoke; Cheryl Trevethan and William LaSalle, of Ohio; as well as several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Private services are in the care of Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home, 170 E. Broad St., Nanticoke. There will be no public calling hours.

For information or to leave the family a condolence, please visit the funeral home website at www.dinellifuneralhome.com.

Wilsonite, Norman W. Clark Receives "Silver Dolphins" On Submarine

Norman W. Clark, interior communications electrician third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman V. Clark of Wilson, is serving aboard the submarine USS Sea Poacher operating out of Key West, Fla.

He was recently awarded "Silver Dolphins" upon qualifying as a submariner.

The dolphin insignia is worn by enlisted personnel who successfully complete a six month training program on board a submarine. Before receiving the dolphins, each man is examined on submarine systems and operating procedures by his leading petty officers and commissioned officers.

Before entering the Navy in July 1959, Clark was graduated from Wilson High School.

From the *Wilson (OK) Post Democrat Feb 16, 1962*

Thanks to Karl Schipper

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USS Sea Owl heading out to sea 1960