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Merry Christmas and **Happy New Year 2022**

Normally, we do the “**Tolling of the Bells**” for the Lost Submarines and our Shipmates at our National Reunion. Since we didn’t have a reunion in 2021 , I’m including the Tolling of the Bells list of shipmates that have died since our last Tolling in the January 2021 Newsletter. ( See page 17 ).

Page 16 has our **Ship’s Stores** . Right now, our overall stock is low, so some orders might take a few weeks to fill ( making shirts for example).

My thanks to **Karl Schipper** , QM 58-60 for finding and researching the information we have on our Eternal Patrol shipmates . Also, Karl ‘s research sometimes finds a living shipmate and then I contact him to invite him to join our USS Sea Poacher Association.

## **2022 National Reunion ( Memphis ,TN )**

Several of us were trying to set up a National reunion in May 2022 at Groton ,CT.

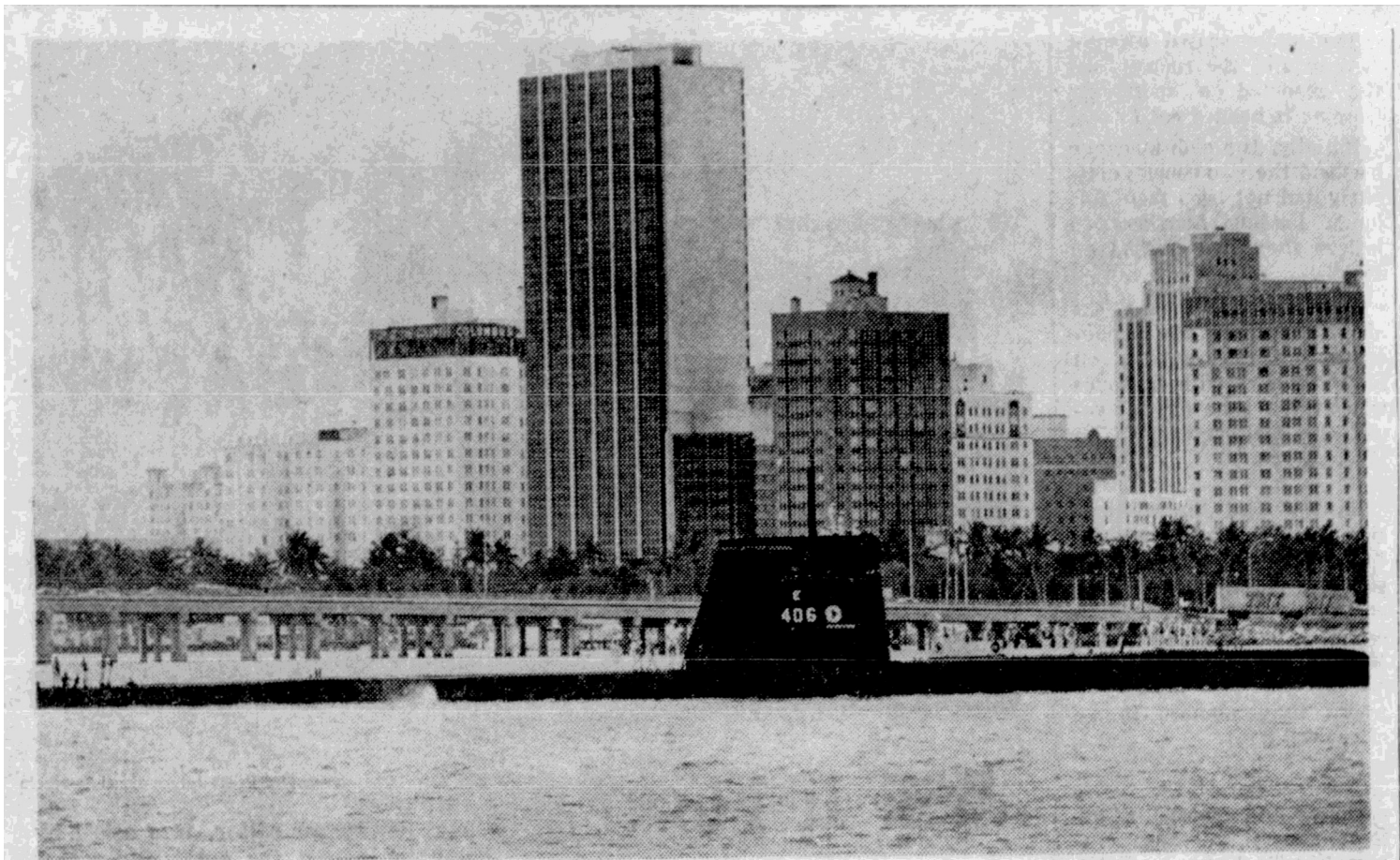
The idea was to have it before Memorial Day as the hotel rates go up then.

But, I found that most the local hotels didn’t have restuarants. Those that did required \$ 200-\$ 300 nightly room rates. Also most hotels are already booked then , and I couldn’t find one with 20-30 empty rooms ( probably due to the two nearby Casinos.)

Also the USS Nautilus has been towed to Electric Boat for a 6 month overhaul, and with delays, might not be returned for tours by Mid-May 2022. In addition , the Sub Base is closed due to Covid 19, and I was wanting to arrange a tour of the Base, perhaps a tour of an active Submarine and attending a Submarine School graduation.

**For all of the above problems, I’ve contacted Gatherings Plus to work on a National reunion in the Fall of 2022 in Memphis .TN.**

**It will take a few weeks to work out the details ( dates, events, hotel ,etc ) so I’ll send out further information then to you.**



—Herald Staff Photo by EAMON KENNEDY

## A Stranger in Port

The Sea Poacher, a sleek black phantom of the deep, glides into port at Miami, her crew blinking at the

sun as they crowd the deck. The submarine spent a day taking Army National Guardsmen out to sea for an orientation session. It will be open to the public today from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at City pier 4.

From the *Miami Herald Sun* January 22 , 1967

## **Eternal Patrol Leo B Gum EN1 58-59**



Leo Bradley Gum was born in Mill Creek, Randolph, West Virginia on May 7, 1933. In 1940 he lived in Dailey, Randolph, West Virginia. He would have enlisted in the Navy about 1951. As an EN1, he reported on board the Sea Poacher on November 6, 1958, from Sub School New London, Connecticut. He made a 3 month Med Tour in 1959. On December 15, 1959, he was transferred to US Nuclear Power School Mare Island Naval Shipyard for basic Nuclear Power Engineering courses. He was then transferred to Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit in Falls, Idaho. On January 15, 1962, he married Mary Louise McCardell in

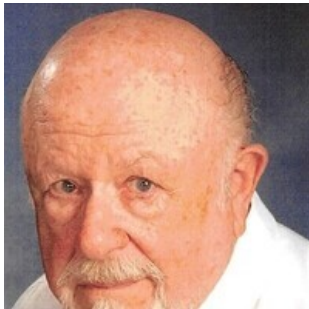
Pocatello, Idaho.

He retired from the Navy in January 1973 and lived in the San Diego, California area. Leo entered Eternal Patrol on 24 November 2004.

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## **Eternal Patrol Ronald E Spooner QMSN 53/55**

December 19, 1933 - October 20, 2021



Ronald E. Spooner, 87 of Addison, formerly of Chicago. Significant other of Adele Jeschke. Dear brother of Linda (the late Bill) Wawrczeniak and the late Norman (the late Mildred) Spooner. Dearest uncle of the late Kathy Spooner, Jan Spooner and Bill (Anita) and Bob (Sara) Wawrczeniak. Great uncle of Alex, Norman, Josh, Mathew and Tania and Ian. Ronald was received on board the Sea Poacher on 29 July 1953. On March 30, 1954, he received his dolphins. Ronald was transferred to the Separation Center Key West Florida on 9 February 1955. He served briefly on the USS Odax SS 484 in 1953.

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## Honor Flights

All of us who served in the US Navy before 1975 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 went August 27-28 ,2021 from Austin and met up with Roy Purtell at the Pentagon Sheraton Hotel. See this video for more details: <https://honorflightaustin.org/>



## Eternal Patrol Arnold (n) Daniel F1c 44-45

Arnold Daniel was born March 7, 1921, in Jackson County, Alabama. In 1940 he lived in Pine Cove, Alabama and was a truck driver. On July 30, 1942, he enlisted in the Navy in Birmingham, Alabama. The first submarine he was on was the USS Pike SS173. On July 31, 1944, he reported for duty on the Sea Poacher as a F1c and became a plank holder. He was on board for the first two war patrols. Effective April 1, 1945, he was transferred to a relief crew. He went on the serve on the USS Queenfish SS 393, the USS Razorback SS 394. USS Greenlet ARS10, and USS Sperry AS12. His last berth was on the USS Coucal, ASR8. He was discharged September 16, 1949, as an EN2 in Hawaii. Around September 9, 1948, he married.

Arnold lived in Hawaii until the 1958/59-time frame. He entered eternal patrol on September 7, 1971, in Kemp, Texas. His death was a result of suffocation and burns from a fire while in a mobile home. He is interned Grove Hill Memorial Park in Dallas, Texas.

# Larry Weinfurter and Richard Bernotiet's Narrow Escape from this head on collision August 1962

Larry's crash extra words:

I and Richard went to Big Pine Key to swim in a gravel pit. On the way back , a 1956 Olds 98 passed us and had a head on collision with another 98 Olds. I immediately slammed on brakes , and when I stopped , my car was within a foot of the two mashed cars. The windshield of one of the cars laid behind my car. From the point of impact , the Police figured the two came towards me about 75 ft.

I did not get a scratch on my car. The highway was completely closed off for more than 3 hours.

Larry October 12, 2021

## Report on Crash Survivors

MARATHON — A woman, who with her 13-year old son, survived a headon crash on Big Pine Key Sunday, is still in critical condition at Monroe General Hospital.

The parents of Mrs. Betty Dennison of St. Petersburg and two Miami fishermen died in the wreckage of the early afternoon crash.

Mrs. Claudia, Hazen, 53, and two Miami men, Charlie L. Rowe, 38, and John D. Whitfield, 46, died instantly. Hazen 60, a St. Petersburg attorney, died en route to the hospital.

Mrs. Dennison's son, Donald, was listed in fair condition. They were riding in the back back seat of the Hazen car at time of the mishap.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Hazen were both secured to their seats by safety belts, the high-speed impact shoved the front of their vehicle in on them. Workmen were some 20 minutes in freeing Mrs. Hazen body from the twisted car.

Dr. Edward Gonzales said Mrs. Dennison had possible internal injuries, a broken jaw and concussion. Her teenage son is suffering from a broken leg and concussion.

Another son, it was learned, is on his way to be with his mother and brother.

An eye-witness to the crash, Laurence Weinfurter, said the Miami men came off the bridge at Big Pine Key and into a somewhat sharp curve on the wrong side of the highway. The combined speed of the two cars was estimated in excess of 100 miles an hour.

Weinfurter, stationed at the Navy base on the submarine Sea Poacher, skidded several hundred feet before stopping just short of the demolished cars.

**Upper Keys**

## ETERNAL PATROL

John Joseph Archbold jr. RM2 52-53

**John Archbold**

John J. Archbold, 57, of 11201 128th St. E., Puyallup, died Friday.

Mr. Archbold was born in Kent and had lived in the Tacoma-Puyallup area the past 16 years. He was retired from the U.S. Navy.

He was a member of the U.S. Navy Fleet Reserve in Tacoma and of the Submarine Veterans of World War II in Seattle.

Mr. Archbold was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille; a brother, Francis of Seattle; three sisters, Agatha Leedom and Ida Gismervig, both of Tacoma, and Rita Thrall of Puyallup.

Powers Funeral Home in Puyallup is in charge.



John was born on September 16 , 1924 in Kent , WA. He died July 16 , 1982 in Tacoma , WA. John also served on the Howard Gilmore AS 16, USS Harder SS 257, USS Sea Leopard SS 483, USS Paddle SS 263, USS Odax SS484, USS Blackfin SS 322, USS Grouper SS 214 and the USS Spinax SS 489.

## **Eternal Patrol Richard Carl Anderson MM1 45**

Richard Carl Anderson was born July 15, 1924, in Chicago, Illinois. He enlisted in the Navy September 17, 1942, in Des Moines, Illinois. Richard reported on board August 31, 1944 and would have been part of the Sea Poacher first war patrol. He was transferred to Sub Div 101 Relief Crew for duty on January 1, 1945. He was discharged on September 15, 1948. He also served on the PC 1130 (plank owner), CSD 101, CSD 44, and CSD 46. Richard entered Eternal Patrol on May 2, 1985, in Solana, California.

## **William W Arvidson CS 52-53**

William was born on 13 September 1930 and died 16 September 1997 in Venice ,FL and he is buried in the Venice Memorial Gardens.

Karl Schipper contacted his wife Shirley on 5/18/18 . She said that her husband William did serve as a cook on submarines and that the Sea Poacher name sounded familiar. William went to the USS Thornback after the Sea Poacher.

## **Jimmie W Beard ETCS 68/69**

James was born 17 January 1929 in Cleveland , OH to Alonzo V. Beard and Evelyn J. Barton.

He enlisted in the US Navy on 12 Feb 1946.

Jimmie was on USS Sea Poacher from 1968 to 1969 and he was discharged 9 Jan 1971.

He died on 21 September 1988 in Portsmouth ,VA.

## **Howard Evans Brooks, RM3 46**

Howard was born in Philadelphia ,PA on October 19 , 1924. Howard died on May 22 , 2020 at age 95.

He served on the SS 87 (R10), AS 18 USS Orion, SS 297 USS Ling and USS Sea Poacher

## Ronald Lee Collinson RM 58/62

Ronald was born on 22 August 1940. He enlisted in the US Navy on 22 August 1957.

He died on 17 February 2002.

**RONALD LEE COLLINSON**, 61, Glen Drive, New Smyrna Beach, died Sunday, Feb. 17. Mr. Collinson was the former owner and operator of two Chevron stations in South Daytona and New Smyrna Beach, Ron's Marina, New Smyrna Beach, and was real estate agent. Born in Galesburg, Ill., he moved to Central Florida in 1976. He was Protestant. He was a member of the Corvair Collectors Club of America and Gold Wing Motorcycle Club. Survivors: wife, Shirley; daughters, Ronda Beeby, Polk City, Sherry Kosky, Holly Hill. Alavon Direct Cremation Service, South Daytona.

Ronald reported for duty on the Sea Poacher as a SA from NL Sub School on March 1, 1958. He reenlisted on May 24, 1961 and was transferred to the USS Threadfin SS 410 on January 26, 1962 for temporary duty and further transfer to Service School Command, National Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland. He was a RM2 at date of transfer. Ronald retired from the Navy as RMC on January 6, 1976.



## Eternal Patrol Dallas Divelbiss XO 63-64

### Commander Dallas Divelbiss (Ret.)

**LEICESTER** - After a long battle with dementia and heart disease, we lost a loving, kind spirit. Commander Dallas Divelbiss (Ret.), 87, passed away Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the John F. Keever Solace Center. Even near the end, his quick wit and smile blessed those around him.

Dallas was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Louise. We would like to wish a very special Thank You to his daughter, Carol Karn and husband Gilbert for putting their life on hold to care for Dad over the last four years in their home in Leicester, NC. He also leaves behind daughters Linda Theiss of Chesapeake Beach, MD, and Debi Linehan of Virginia Beach, VA; and son, Dallas (Rick) Divelbiss of Gloucester, VA; seven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and two great, great-grandchildren.

He retired from the US Navy following 21 years of service, working his way from sailor to Commander in the Submarine units. His service included time during the Korean Conflict, as well as two tours of duty in Vietnam as Commander of a Mobile Riverine Patrol.

Dallas graduated from William Jewel College with a BS in Business Administration, from the University of Washington with a BS in Oceanography, and obtained his Masters in International Affairs from George Washington University. He was a Deacon of Thalia Lynn Baptist Church, and had received many awards for service as a member of the Wards Corner Lion's Club, where he served in numerous capacities, including Past President.

A Celebration of Life service will take place at 6:00 PM Sunday, April 7, 2019 at Thalia Lynn Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, VA. The family will be at the church one hour prior to the service, as well as receive friends following the service at the church.

The family will also be at the Karn residence in Leicester, NC accepting visitors at various times.

The family would like to offer their sincere appreciation to the staff and caregivers of the VA In Home Care, CarePartners In Home Care and at the Solace Center. They would also like to offer a heartfelt Thank You to India Dombach of Home Care Free for the love and attention she showed Dallas as his caregiver.

Anders-Rice Funeral Home is assisting Mr. Divelbiss' family.

To sign Mr. Divelbiss' guestbook online, please go to "Memorials" at [www.andersrice.com](http://www.andersrice.com).



Dallas Divelbiss reported aboard the USS Sea Poacher on 1 April 1963. He became XO 3 June 1963. His rank was changed to LTCD on 1 July 1963. He was XO until December 1964. He enlisted in 1954. He became a commander on 1 August 1967. Dallas retired in 1975.

## Eternal Patrol Robert Clark Edwards HM 52

**U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca.1775-2006:**

**Interment Date 14 Jun 1989 Interment Place Florida, USA**

**Cemetery Address Naval Air Station, 80 Hovey Road Pensacola,  
FL 32508 Cemetery Barrancas National Cemetery Plot Section**

**36 Site 2949**

**Notes HMC (SS) US Navy World War II, Korea**

Robert Clark Edwards was born on January 15, 1918, in Nash, North Carolina. He enlisted in the Navy March 19, 1940 and retired as HMC April 20, 1961. He reported for duty on the Sea Poacher June 25, 1952 and was transferred for duty to the USS Ballao SS 285 on July 2 1962. He had served on the USS Carbonero SS 337, USS Sawfish SS 267, USS Redfin SS 272 and USS Sirago SS 485. Robert entered eternal patrol on June 11, 1989, in Florida.

## Eternal Patrol Richard Frank Fuxjager TM1 46/47



Richard Fuxjager went on eternal patrol on August 25, 2019, age 94. He lived in Morgan Hill, California. He was born February 10, 1925, in New York and graduated from Newton Agricultural High School in Flushing New York in 1942.

Richard enlisted in the Navy on February 4, 1943, in New York. He served on the R4 (SS 81) and was transferred to the USS Croaker SS 246 on February 10, 1944. He was a plank owner and completed 6 war patrols in the Pacific.

On September 30, 1946, Richard was received for duty on the Sea Poacher. The Sea Poacher was operating out of Balboa, Panama Canal Zone at the time. On November 29, 1947, he was transferred to the USS President Harding for transport to the East Coast.

Richard married Marion Elizabeth Gilbert on November 13, 1948, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. They had 3 children. Richard was employed by IBM. The family moved to California in the early 1960's. Marion died on February 14, 2007.

## Eternal Patrol Robert E Farrell F1 45/46

Robert was an F1 in 1945/46. He was born on 31 January, 1926 to Daniel and Helen Downs Farrell. His muster sheets showed he reported for duty 6/5/45 to the Sea Poacher and was transferred off on 4/17/1946. A gravestone was located for Robert Farrell that showed him as a F1 US Navy WWII. His discharge date was on 4/18/46 ..



**FARRELL, Robert E. Sr.**—Of Englewood, FL, formerly of Waltham and Wells, ME, January 6, 2003. Husband of Marion A. (Noke) (Bertrand). Father of Colleen Bertrand of Waltham, Robert Farrell, Jr. of Warner, NH, John Farrell of Norwood, and David Farrell, Robin Barbato and Diane Crescitelli all of Watertown. Stepfather of Al Bertrand, Gail Drakos both of Waltham, Dianne Cornaro, Stephen Bertrand, and Peter Bertrand all of Billerica. Brother of Joanne Farrell of Lakewood, WA, Barbara Cummings of Waltham, Mary Cutter of Nashua, NH, and John "Jack" Farrell of Holliston. Also survived by 21 grandchildren, 6 greatgrandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral at 9 AM Friday from The Joyce Funeral Home, 245 Main Street (Rte. 20), WALTHAM followed by a Funeral Mass in Saint Mary's Church 133 School Street, Waltham at 10 AM. Burial will be in Mount Feake Cemetery, Waltham. Visiting hours Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 PM. Late U.S. Navy Veteran, WW II.

## Eternal Patrol John Murray EN 48-50

John was born August 22 , 1926 and died May 11 , 2017 in Alamogordo ,NM.  
Below find his own interesting story about his experiences with submarines.



**Alamogordo Daily News (NM)**

July 4, 2007

Section: Features

### **Twenty years beneath the sea**

Author: *Alamogordo Daily News &By; Karl Anderson, Staff Writer*

Article Text:

John Murray had many brushes with death during his career beneath the sea, and while he was aware of some, he was certainly never in a position to have seen others. One thing is for certain, however had he met his end far below the waves, he never would have seen it coming.

John Thomas Murray was born on Aug. 25, 1926, in Wadena, Iowa.

"I was still in high school when this older guy suggested I get on submarines if I joined the Navy," said Murray. "He said the pay was a lot better and that subs had the best food in the Navy."

He entered the Navy on Aug. 24, 1943, at the age of 16, one day before his 17th birthday.

"When I went in, I didn't have a birth certificate," said Murray. "They just entered a birth date on the paperwork that made it legal for me to get in."

The young sailor spent six weeks at boot camp in Farragut, Idaho. He then spent a combined three months in diesel engine school and submarine school in New London, Conn.

The best thing about that time, according to Murray, was the quality of the food on the school boats.

"It was a thousand times better than I expected," said Murray. "It was as good as home-cooking, maybe better."

In submarine school, there were three different swimming tanks in training: 12 feet, 50 feet and 100 feet. Each was filled with water. In order to pass the training, each sailor had to leave a pressurized chamber at the bottom and ascend to the top, exhaling as they went to avoid a lung embolism. According to Murray, everyone had to ascend from the 12-foot and 50-foot tanks, but not the 100-foot tank.

"I was one of the few that has to do the 100-foot tank," Murray said. "I don't think they wanted to keep me. I only looked 12 years old."

"I was then assigned to the USS Aegir, AS-23, a sub tender, in Hawaii. I was in a relief crew out of Pearl Harbor. Usually about 10 percent of each sub crew was relieved by members of the relief crew."

The first submarine that Murray went on was the S-28, along with 7 other sailors, that operated out of Hawaii in unison with destroyers.

"In the motor room on the S-28, next to the engine room, there was a stanchion and at a 100-foot depth the hull would come in about an inch," said Murray. "You know, when it came to subs, the Japanese subs were built better than ours. The German U-boats leaked like sieves. They were only made for one thing: sinking ships."

Murray and the other seven members of the relief crew were on the S-28 for a month. "I remember the eight of us got off on a Friday," Murray said. "On the following Monday, the S-28 sank, taking 49 men with her, in water too deep for any hope of a rescue. Word got around the base pretty fast. No one ever found out exactly why she sank."

A few days later, Murray and a fellow sailor, Frank Maney, were told that one of them was needed on another sub. "We decided to flip a coin," said Murray. "Maney won the toss, so he got to go on the sub. It was the USS Snook. She went down in April of 1945, taking Maney and 83 other men with her. I was only alive at that point because of the flip of a coin."

After five runs on subs, sailors in the U.S. Navy were given the choice of getting off submarine duty if they wanted to, according to Murray.

"With the Germans, when you were assigned to a U-boat, you stayed with the same sub until you died," said Murray. "That was the difference. And a lot of guys died on German U-boats. I got to go on a German U-boat during the war, and they were not much more than death traps. The most realistic submarine movie I have ever seen was the one that first came out in German called 'Das Boot' later redone as 'The Boat.' That is really how it was for those guys on U-Boats.

"The USS Rock was my next sub. She came in for a refit and we went on her. One of our runs was to take 15 Army and Marine scouts into the Philippines before the invasion ever took place."

Murray was on the USS Rock from October 1944 until January 1946, and said he was depth-charged more times than he could count.

"One time a Japanese destroyer forced us down over 200 feet deep," said Murray. "Another time we were driven down for over 70 hours. By then the air was getting pretty bad. I couldn't even light a cigarette because there was not enough air for the lighter to light."

Murray saw the most action on the USS Rock.

"We sank five or six Japanese merchant ships during that time," Murray said. "We ended up sinking 57 percent of their merchant fleet with subs, and we sank 55 percent of all Japanese shipping with subs. But it was costly. We ended up losing 52 of our subs and crews during the war."

In 1946, Murray also qualified as a Navy hardhat diver with a certification to 90 feet.

"I remember I was cleaning a sound (sonar) head on the USS **Sea Poacher** while she was docked in Key West," said Murray. "I got the feeling that something was watching me. I turned around and there was a Goliath Grouper (formerly called the Jewfish, it is the largest member of the grouper family, with a weight up to 680 pounds, and it has swallowed divers feet first up their waste and then spit them out) looking at me. I got back up, grabbed a spear gun, went back down, and shot him. He ended up weighing 350 pounds, so we all ate fish for some time."

But since Murray was not allowed to draw diver pay and sub pay simultaneously, he stopped diving for the Navy. From 1946 until 1956, Murray served on the USS Bang, USS Diablo, USS **Sea Poacher**, USS Torsk, and the USS Sablefish.

"I didn't like the Torsk at all," said Murray. "If I could have gotten off that one the day I went on, I would have. I didn't like the crew or anything about that sub."

In June 1956, Murray went back on the USS Bang, which had been converted to a "snorkel boat" since he had last been on it, 10 years earlier.

"Snorkel boats were subs that had a long retractable mast that drew in air for the engines," said Murray. "You could be 59-feet deep and still draw air through the mast. There were electrodes that would sense any water near the top of the mast and would quickly shut off a valve so water could not run down the mast into the engine room. "But the guys on the bridge could override it from the control room. When one of these guys did that, the head valve would come open. The engineers would piss and moan about water in the engine room, and since it was under a vacuum, lots of guys would get nosebleeds and earaches. But it was better than having your brains sucked out." Murray's runs on the USS Bang included three trips into the Barents Sea during the Cold War.

Murray spoke of emergency swimming ascents that had been made by his fellow submariners during wartime.

"I had a good friend who was on the crew of the USS Tang," Murray said. "They were pretty close to the surface when they fired two torpedoes at the Japanese fleet and one of their own torpedoes made a circular run and hit them just aft of the conning tower. Seven members of the crew were on or close to the bridge and got off before she started to sink. "She was going down fast, and she was 186 feet deep when two more guys got away from her and made free ascents to the surface. So a total of nine men made it. The rest of the crew went down with her and were lost. One of the two guys that made it from 186 feet was a friend of mine."

In June 1959, Murray attended nuclear power school and was then assigned to the USS George Washington, the first Polaris class nuclear submarine.

"There was a big difference between the submarines that I had been on before and this one," said Murray. "The older fleet subs normally carried 60 to 70 men. The Washington carried a crew of 125. "And crew size wasn't the only difference. ... The older subs averaged eight knots underwater. The Washington could do 35 knots underwater. The older subs normally stayed at 100 to 200-foot depth. The Washington did 1000-foot depth with no problem. That depth would have easily crushed the older subs."

In all Murray made a total of three runs into the Barents Sea during the Cold War and ended up serving on the USS George Washington until retiring with an honorable discharge on Aug. 24, 1963, after 20 years of service. Following his retirement, Murray became a millwright and worked all over the United States for 44 years. Over this time, he never failed to attend annual reunions with the surviving submariners he had served with in the past.

"There was a German U-boat captain that came to our reunions for several years," said Murray. "I asked him why he always kept coming and he said the stories we told were always so much more exciting than the ones his own crews had told."

In the fall of 2006, Murray attended a reunion for all the crewmen that had ever served on the USS Bang. There were 85 of them.

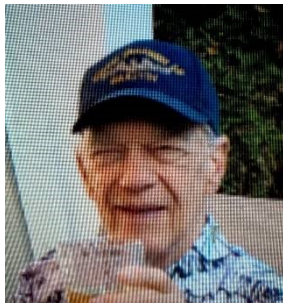
"There were six of us that had been on the USS Bang back in 1945 and 1946," Murray said.

At the reunion he attended in 1994, the first skipper of the USS Rock attended the event.

"He looked at me for several minutes," said Murray. "Then he said "I remember you. You were that 12-year-old kid in the forward engine room." In March, Murray was working on a job as a millwright in Farmington and told his employer that this was his last job.

"They said they had heard that before and that I would be back," said Murray. "I ended that job on March 10 and my wife, Mary, passed away on March 16. That was my last job for sure. Now I plan to do some traveling."

## Eternal Patrol Raymond T Krivacsy TM1 53



Raymond T. Krivacsy of Northport, on July 10, 2017, 86 years of age. Beloved husband of Julia. Loving father of Patricia Rome and her husband Frank, and Stephen Krivacsy and his wife Janet. Cherished grandfather of Jacquelin & Tanya Rome, and Lauren & Sara Krivacsy. Fond brother of the late Edward. In Ray's memory donations can be made to; American Heart Association / American Stroke Association PO Box 3049 Syracuse, NY 13220-3049 or online at: [donatenow.heart.org/](http://donatenow.heart.org/). Raymond served on the USS Bumper SS 333 and USS Hawkbill SS 366 before reporting on the Sea Poacher May 1 1953. He was transferred for discharge on October

7, 1953. He joined the Navy in early 1948.

**Editor's Note:** Ray made the painting of the USS Sea Poacher at the pier in 1953 which he made for Captain William Gibson's Change of Command Ceremony..see the Ship's Stores Page in this newsletter.

## Eternal Patrol Lorin Greer Price MOMM1 44

Lorin Greer Price was born on December 3, 1915. in Montgomery, Alabama. He went on eternal patrol December 25, 1994, in Krung Thep, Krung Thep, Thailand. On December 14, 1940, he enlisted in the Navy in Birmingham, Alabama. He served on the USS Louisville CA 28, and USS Gato SS 212 until he reported aboard the Sea Poacher on July 31, 1944. He is on the commissioning sailing list and therefore a plank owner. On September 19, 1944, he was transferred to Submarine base New London for treatment. He reported for duty on the USS Cutlass SS 478 on March 17, 1945, and was transferred to Albama Naval Hospital, Jamaica, New York for treatment on November 11, 1945. He is discharged from the Navy and reenlists on April 2, 1948. On April 29, 1948, he reported for duty on the USS Greenfish SS 351.

Lorin married Gladys Reynolds on August 4, 1954, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. At this time, he was assigned to the Naval Air Station in South Weymouth, Massachusetts. He was discharged on June 20, 1961.

## Albin Polonyi EM 45-46

**POLONYI, Albin Stephen**, 94, of Marana, AZ, died Tuesday, August 31, 2021. Albin was born in Chicago, IL on July 20, 1926, the son of Thomas Stephen Polonyi and Genofeva (Luprich) Polonyi, immigrants from Hungary. A World War II veteran, **Al left high school after his junior year to enlist in the US Navy shortly before his seventeenth birthday. He served as a submariner in the Pacific, aboard **USS Croaker (SS-246)** and **USS Sea Poacher (SS-406)**. He qualified in submarines in Croaker in 1945 and was F1c(EM/SS) when released from active duty in March 1946.** Unwavering in his patriotism, Al was anchored by his love for his country. After the war, Al earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Illinois, Champagne/Urbana. He later completed his MBA from Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Missouri. Throughout his career he served in various capacities with the Pillsbury Company, Louis Dreyfus Company and the Peavey Company. He became a director at the National Grain Trade Council, served as president of the Kansas City Clearing Corporation and as Chairman of the Kansas City Board of Trade, where he was a pit broker. He later formed his own company, the A.S. Polonyi Company, Inc. Al served as that firm's CEO until his retirement from the Board of Trade. Affectionately known as "Big Al," for his big heart and his warm smile, Al was a friend and mentor to many. He had an eager mind, always learning and ready for adventure. Many of those adventures he shared with his children. A Chiefs fan from the days before Arrowhead, he was also an avid golfer and an early member of the Wolf Creek Golf Club. The cabin he shared with his wife Frances, on Star Island, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, was his special place. After his retirement, he was able to spend every summer there and through the years, many wonderful memories were shared with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by them all. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Mary (Polonyi) Schurzmann, his former wife, Wilma (Smits) Polonyi and his daughter Barbara (Polonyi) Tenuta. He is survived by his wife, Frances (Ide) Polonyi, his daughters, Cathy Polonyi King (Randy), Janet Polonyi Hall (Jim), his son, Albin Stephen Polonyi, seven grandchildren, and sixteen great-grandchildren. Interment was in Creston, Iowa. Published by Kansas City Star on Sep. 19, 2021.



# SEA POACHER SHIP'S STORE

Our normal items include Marine Artist Richard DeRossett's painting depicting Sea Poacher in a 1945 WWII gun battle with the Japanese. There are also two other paintings showing Sea Poacher with the Step Sail and during the Cuban Missile episode with the North Atlantic Sail. Ray Krivascy TM 1952-53 has painted Sea Poacher at the pier in 1952 which he gave to Captain William Gibson at his change of command in 1953. We have prints and high quality canvas copies of each one. They come unframed and prices include shipping. There is also a very nice hand crafted stained glass piece of Sea Poacher created by Annette Snook, wife of John Snook QM 59-62. To order, fill in the below form with your items (specify shirt size), make a check payable to Bill Brinkman, and mail to him with a copy of this form to 3042 Alton Place, Round Rock, TX 78665. Check out the other items also available from our Ship's Store. This page was last revised on 23 August 2018.

DeRossett - WWII 1945 Surface Action 18" X 44"

DeRossett-Step Sail 10" X 23" Print or 12" X 28" Canvas



DeRossett-N.

Atl. Sail 10" X 23" Print or 12" X 28

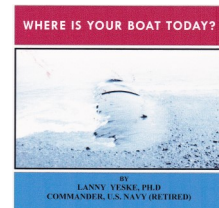
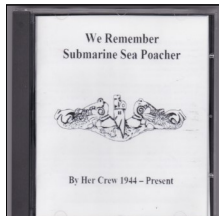
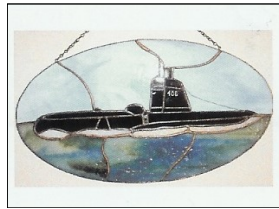
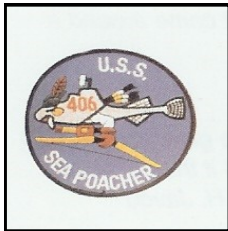
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Krivascy-Step Sail 15" X 18.5" Print or 18" X 21



Annette Snook Stained Glass 10.5 "

X 17"



Items	Quantity	Price	Total
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Painting DeRossett 10x23 print Step Sail	_____	25.00	_____
Painting DeRossett 12x28 canvas Step Sail	_____	40.00	_____
Painting DeRossett 10x23 print N. Atl. Sail/Cuba	_____	25.00	_____
Painting DeRossett 12x28 canvas N. Atl. Sail/Cuba	_____	40.00	_____
Painting Krivascy 15x18 print Step Sail	_____	25.00	_____
Painting Krivascy 18x21.5 canvas Step Sail	_____	45.00	_____
Ship Patch	_____	5.50	_____
Stained Glass Sea Poacher	_____	110.00	_____
Golf Shirt Sizes M, L, XL & 2XL (no pockets)	_____	22.00	_____
Golf Shirt Sizes M, L, XL & 2XL (with pockets)	_____	25.00	_____
Ball Cap	_____	14.00	_____
CD-We Remember Sea Poacher Book with Addendum	_____	15.00	_____
Dolphin Vest chain, gold or silver	_____	25.00	_____
DVD Where is Your Boat Today?	_____	20.00	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>			_____



## Eternal Patrol Leo J Cashin SN 52

Leo J Cashin entered Eternal Patrol on July 30, 2021, in Bluffton, South Carolina. He was born January 1, 1932, in New York. He is survived by his wife Joyce. He was an editor for GQ Magazine. His interests included sky diving and motor car racing. He also wrote and published a local magazine named Dare that covered sporting events such as sky diving, auto racing, hiking, etc. He served on the USS Sea Robin until the end of 1951. Leo reported for duty to the Sea Poacher on February 7, 1952, from Underwater Demolition Team Two. He was transferred to the Howard Gilmore AS 16 on August 15, 1952.

### Tolling of the Bells 2021

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| 1944: Richard Anderson ,MM<br>Arnold Daniel , MoMM<br>Lorin Price ,MM | 1953: David Arvidson , CS<br>Vernon Torrey , SN<br>Raymond Krivascy ,TM<br>Ron Spooner ,QM |
| 1945: Robert Ferrell , MM<br>Albin Polonyl ,EM                        | 1954: Marty Stokes, EN   |
| 1946: Howard Brooks ,RM<br>Marlow Cook , SN<br>Richard Fuxjager, TM   | 1955: Ted Anthony ,SO  |
| 1947: James Demming , Ens<br>Richard Quellette ,TM                    | 1956:<br>1957: Charles Ahler , EM<br>Olin Williams , RM                                    |
| 1948: John Murray ,EN   | 1958: Leo Gum , EN<br>David Howard ,HM   |
| 1949: Richard Brown ,ET<br>John Cronk ,QM                             | 1960: Bob Henry , EM<br>1961: Walter Patrick , RM  |
| 1950: Samuel Langley ,TM<br>James McConnell ,TM                       | 1962:<br>1963: Dave Divebliss , XO<br>Clarence Westney , RM                                |
| 1951:   | 1964: Ron Fraley , TM<br>1965: Ron Thompson , ET   |
| 1952: Leo Cashin ,SN<br>Robert Edward ,HM<br>Julian Maynard ,YN       | 1966:<br>1967:<br>1968: Jimmie Beard ,ET<br>Harry Huggins ,CO<br>1969: Neil Cabe , TM      |

# ***Rites Today For David Howard, Retired Navyman***

David Howard 41, a resident of 1821 Esquire, passed away Friday in local hospital.

He was a native of Winfield, and had lived in Grand Prairie for the past year.

Mr. Howard was a retired Navy veteran, employed as a sales representative for the Hobart Manufacturing Co. of Dallas.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was a Mason.

Surviving are his wife Juna Howard, a son, David Eugene Howard, and a daughter, Miss Vicki Howard, all of Grand Prairie; his mother, Mrs. Clara Howard of Winfield; and a brother, Dan A. Howard of Santa Fe, N. Mex.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today in the Fairview Baptist Church.

Chief Howard was born on April 10, 1925, in Mansfield, Texas. On December 28, 1942, he enlisted in the Navy. His first berth was aboard the USS Dixie AD14, a destroyer tender. He reported aboard on October 31, 1943, as a S1cHA. The Dixie operated in the West Pacific. On May 12, 1944, he reported aboard the USS Schroeder DD 501. The Schroeder paroled in the Guadalcanal Area and saw action in the Mariana Island, Guam, and Netherlands East Indies theaters.

He held several berths and was received on the Sea Poacher January 2, 1958, as a HM1 from Sub School New London Conn.. Soon there after he was promoted to Chief. He was transferred to the USS Barracuda SST3 on January 20, 1961. He left the Barracuda on October 31, 1961, for duty in New York, New York. He retired on April 30, 1962.

Chief Howard entered Eternal Patrol on May 20, 1966 in Grand Prairie, TX.

## Walter Patrick , RM 61-63



Walter A. Patrick, Jr. passed away on June 9, 2021 at Hartford Hospital. He was born on June 5, 1938, in Islip, New York. He was predeceased by his parents, Walter Patrick and Mary Margaret Rennie Patrick, his first wife Mary Anne Carlin, two sisters, Dolores Royals and Angela Wallace, and his beloved wife, Kristie Fredrickson Patrick. Upon her death he longed to be with her. He leaves behind his daughter, Kathleen Dean (Glenn) of Waterford, and his son, Sean Patrick (Kerrie) of Ridgecrest California, his grandchildren, Cara Schneiderman (Andy), Jamie Riebschlagher (Ryan), Peter Castagna and Sloan Patrick. He had five great-grandchildren, Chloe and Hannah Schneiderman and Braden, Owen and Emily Riebschlagher. He also leaves behind, three sisters, a brother, nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends. Walter served in the United States Navy from 1955-1977. He loved the sea and all of the travel and education he received. Walter was a proud member of the Holland Club. He graduated from LaVerne College in 1973 and completed his Master's program in 1991 at the University of New Haven. Upon his retirement from the Navy, he worked for Analysis and Technology, where he met his wife, Kristie. Upon his second retirement he began teaching at several local state colleges and Mitchell College. He loved to teach business courses, where he could share his life experiences and encourage students to have good work ethic and be successful in business ventures.

Walter's love of the sea was fully realized as he had several boats that he loved to scrub and polish. You could often find him at the Groton Townhouse with his dearest friend Ray. For many years they would head to the marina to work on their boats. Walter loved to pick up a mooring off Fishers Island. He was at peace when on the water and loved the moon shadow. He also found genuine peace at his meetings and recently celebrated thirty-one years of sobriety. Again, he loved to share his life experiences and gave hope to many. He loved his sponsor and sponsees and the entire program that taught him how to live life fully. He was a faithful servant, a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 13 of Norwich and participated in nocturnal adoration at St. Patrick Cathedral for over thirty years. His faith gave him strength especially through Kris' illness and his last eleven months without her. He yearned to join her for eternity. His legacy will live on

## Martin D Stokes , EN 1954-1957

DECEMBER 18, 1934 – SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

Martin D. Stokes, a U.S. Navy veteran, passed away at the age of 86 on September 17, 2021. He was born on December 18, 1934 in New Orleans. He worked as an instrument mechanic with the John H. Carter Company for over 40 years and held membership with United States Submarine



Veterans. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also loved sports and was a great LSU Fan. He is preceded in death by: his parents, Frances Case and Otis Stokes; his sister, Doris Stokes; and his brothers, James Stokes and Mel Stokes. He is survived by: his wife of 65 years Enola Murray Stokes; his daughter, Lisa Stokes Montgomery; his son, Dale Stokes; and his grandchildren, Ross Montgomery, Max Stokes, and Alexis Stokes. He will be remembered as a devoted husband and father who was blessed by lifelong friendships. He will be

greatly missed by all who knew him.

## Commander Samuel David Dealey

( Submitted by Karl Schipper QM 58-60 )



Commander Samuel D Dealey (1906-1944) was “a submariners submariner”. He was awarded four Navy Crosses, the Army Distinguished Service Cross, and the Silver Star during his lifetime and was posthumously awarded the Metal of Honor. He was the only skipper the USS Harder SS-237 ever had. The Harder and her crew are on eternal patrol having never returned from their 6<sup>th</sup> war patrol.

Samuel Dealey was born on 13 September 1906 in Dallas, Texas. He was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy from that same state and graduated in June 1930. On June 17, 1930, he married Helen Vawter in Los Angeles, California, and reported for sea duty as Ensign on board the battleship USS *Nevada* BB 36.

The Nevada had completed a 2 1/2-year modernization and would operate with the Pacific Fleet. Ensign Dealey was promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade in 1933. In the summer of 1934, he reported for submarine training at the Submarine School, New London, Connecticut. After completing submarine school, he served on board the submarines USS S-34, USS S-24, USS *Nautilus* SS-168, and USS Bass SS-164.

He was assigned as Aide to the Executive Officer at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida in May 1937 and promoted to Lieutenant in June of 1938. In the Summer of 1939, he was the Executive Officer on board the USS Reuben James DD-245. In April 1941, he reported aboard the submarine USS S-20 as commanding officer. which he commanded when the United States entered World War II. In June 1942, he was temporarily promoted to Lieutenant Commander. After additional training at the Prospective Submarine Commanding Officers School at Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut, he reported to help fit out and then command the USS Harder in December.

The Harder’s first war patrol commenced June 7, 1943, out of Pearl Harbor. Her first 3 war patrols were plagued with problems with the Hooven-Owen-Rentschler diesel engines. They were replaced by Detroit Diesel engines before she left for the fourth patrol. After the 4<sup>th</sup> war patrol, the Harder was assigned to Fremantle, Australia.

The Harder left Fremantle on August 5, 1944, for the sixth war patrol as part of a 3 sub wolf pack to attack Japanese shipping off the coast of the Philippines. Last contact with the Harder was on August 24, 1944.

The Harder was credited with sinking 16 ships totaling 54,002 tons. Of these 16, 5 were destroyers and 1 was a sea plane tender. (Another site showed 4 destroyers and 2 frigates). Captain Dealey was ranked number 5 based on tonnage sunk and number of war patrols compared to other top submarine commanders.

Commander Dealey was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on November 15, 1945, at the White House by President Truman. His wife was presented the award. The citation for the award read:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. Harder during her 5th War Patrol in Japanese-controlled waters. Floodlit by a bright moon and disclosed to an enemy destroyer escort which bore down with intent to attack, Comdr. Dealey quickly dived to periscope depth and waited for the pursuer to close range, then opened fire, sending the target and all aboard down in flames with his third torpedo. Plunging deep to avoid fierce depth charges, he again surfaced and, within 9 minutes after sighting another destroyer, had sent the enemy down tail first with a hit directly amidship. Evading detection, he penetrated the confined waters off Tawi Tawi with the Japanese Fleet base 6 miles away and scored death blows on 2 patrolling destroyers in quick succession. With his ship heeled over by concussion from the first exploding target and the second vessel nose-diving in a blinding detonation, he cleared the area at high speed. Sighted by a large hostile fleet force on the following day, he swung his bow toward the lead destroyer for another "down-the-throat" shot, fired 3 bow tubes and promptly crash-dived to be terrifically rocked seconds later by the exploding ship as the Harder passed beneath. This remarkable record of 5 vital Japanese destroyers sunk in 5 short-range torpedo attacks attests the valiant fighting spirit of Comdr. Dealey and his indomitable command”

The war patrol report for the 5<sup>th</sup> war patrol can be found at [U.S. Submarine War Patrol Report, USS HARDER, 5th War Patrol, June 9, 1944. \(archives.gov\)](#)

Commander Dealey is memorialized at [Manila American Cemetery](#) on the tablets of the missing. He also has a memorial marker at [Texas State Cemetery](#) in Austin, TX at Monument Hill Section, H1, Row B, Number 10. The destroyer escort DE-1006 is named after him.

Sources for this article were: [www.ancestry.com](#), [CDR Samuel D. Dealey \(1944\) - Naval Submarine League \(navalsubleague.org\)](#), [Pacific Wrecks - Commander Samuel David Dealey](#), [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel\\_David\\_Dealey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel_David_Dealey), [Samuel David Dealey | World War II | U.S. Navy | Medal of Honor Recipient \(cmohs.org\)](#)