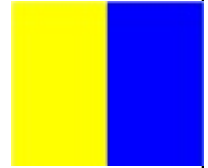
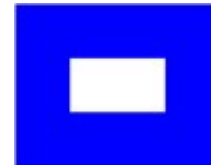
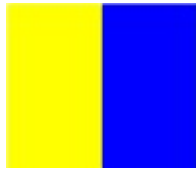


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OUR OUTSTANDING NORFOLK REUNION

Our 25-29 April 2017 Sea Poacher/Sea Owl attendees (in registration order) included Lanny Yeske and Fran Zimmerman, Bill and Lin Brinkman, Deirdre Bridewell, Chuck and Bobbie Killgore, Dewey and Dottie Reed, Joe Murdoch, Merlyn and Shirley Dorrheim, Richard Carney, Richard and Shirley Fox, Ivan and Marjorie Joslin with daughter Lessie Crosson, Ron Godwin, Larry and Arlene Weinfurter, Cecelia Thomas and Dennis Marshall, Roy Purtell and Lisa Bereta, Jackie Wengrzyn and daughters Ranee Grady and Lyndsay Wengrzyn, Cal Cochrane and Grandson Paul Sottile, Arnold Johnson, Jon and Gazie Nagle, Michael and Marjorie Kassinger, Ken and Jean Manion, Richard and Karel Earl, Byron and Margaret Lennox, Bob and Martha Schindhelm, Hubert and Linda Jackson, and Frederick and Sharon Socha. There were last minute cancellations due to family emergencies by Karl Schipper and Joan Carpenter, and John and Sonja Lynch. Also several special guests are introduced later.

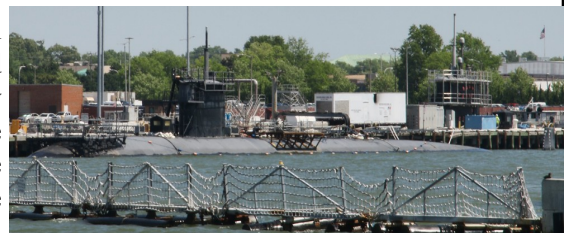
Our initial meeting on the 25th at the Holiday Inn Norfolk/Virginia Beach started with Cal again providing complimentary Sea Poacher Challenge Coins made specially for this event, as he has done for the past several reunions. This was followed by dinner at the Hotel. The next morning we began with a bus tour of the City including the 1737 church fired upon by the British and then toured Nauticus and the Battleship Wisconsin (BB-64) including below decks. Following that event, we journeyed to the Navy Breezy Point Officer's Club for lunch which was followed by a tour of the Naval Base including the Aircraft Carriers Ford, Washington, and Eisenhower, destroyer and cruisers, as well as piers where both Los Angeles and Virginia Class submarines were moored. No photos were allowed and base security was extremely tight.



On the 27th, our day began with a two hour cruise and lunch aboard the Victory Rover which included the Norfolk harbor and the world's largest Naval Base and many photos were taken including the Ford and two submarines shown here. There was too much activity for a submarine tour. As if we had not eaten enough, our next stop was at Doumar's, home of the world's first ice cream cone machine made in 1905 (and still in operation). This included a presentation by the owner and complimentary ice cream. We also had an opportunity to view Granby Street which has changed considerably from the days of tattoo parlors, bars, and other places for those of us who remember being stationed here.



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This day was not even close to being over. This was followed by a tour of the very impressive Douglas MacArthur Memorial, entombment, and museum where we finally managed a group photo. So much to see and so little time, but definitely worth a return visit. And then we returned to the Holiday Inn Hospitality Room and had special visitors



David Lewis CS2 who served on Grouper (SS-214) from 1951-59 and was accompanied by his daughter RN Valinda Lewis. David is a young 85, lives in Williamsburg, and has six children. Valinda said he never

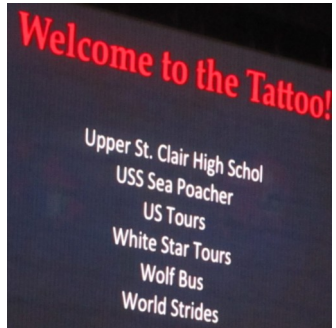


cooked after Grouper and became a book salesman.

We were still not done yet for the day as after a brief return stop at the Holiday Inn we were again in downtown Norfolk for a "Taste of Tattoo" southern buffet dinner, before attending the main event "The Virginia International Tattoo" at the Scope Arena.



With excellent seats in this 12,000 capacity site, we were enthralled/mesmorized with over two hours of intense military precision/music and no intermission for what is rated the #1 attraction in North America. The theme was the 100th anniversary of our participation in WWI and the Norfolk Navy Base. Included were over 1,000 performers from seven countries including military bands, drill teams, bagpipers, drummers, Celtic dancers, massed bands, soloists, and choirs. Truly an event not to be missed and one difficult to keep a dry eye on.



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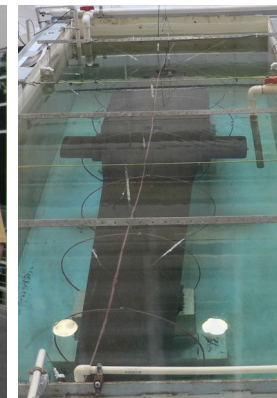
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The next day was even busier if possible. The early departure was to Newport News



and the Mariner's Museum, the site of the USS Monitor exhibit and preservation, Lord Nelson, and an impressive submarine display from WWII and later. Another hidden jewel in the Norfolk area. This included two hours of guided touring mainly on the ironclad battle between the Monitor and the CSS Virginia (aka Merrimack). Here we are on the full scale replica of Monitor and with the original 11 inch gun in preservation for the past 15 years with a



good 10 plus years needed before displaying. This also applies to the turret and the engines which were seen but murky, much like the Hunley in Charleston.

We were then back on the bus to view the Newport News Shipyard complex where both submarines and aircraft carriers were under construction before arriving at the Shipyard Victory Arch for our Tolling of the Bells Ceremony. Here



the names of all lost submarines and the 76 shipmates (26 since the last reunion in Branson) who had departed for



Eternal Patrol. Captain Richard Fox and Meryl Dorrheim also made a Memorial Plaque presentation to the family of Ray Wengrzyn (wife Jackie and daughters Ranee and Lyndsay) who attended the entire reunion. Paul Sottile played TAPS on the trumpet



as he also did for our 2014 Charleston reunion while on active duty. It was a very moving ceremony and tears were shed by most all of us.



We viewed the French Mirage Air Force Aerobatic Jet Team up close at the Naval Base, and Gazie captured this photo of them later in the day. All three bus drivers and our two Gathering's Plus tour guides were substantially rewarded by passing of the hat among the attendees. We then returned to the Hotel and at 1500 had our Business Meeting. There was considerable discussion on where to hold the next reunion with 10 sites offered including cruise options which Joe Murdoch presented in detail. Following several rounds of voting, Pensacola-Florida (with an excursion to Mobile-Alabama to visit Submarine Drum and Battleship Alabama) during the first week in November 2018 (to coincide with a local Blue Angels air show) was selected by the attendees. New Orleans also received substantial votes for a second place finish A Treasury report was also given by President Bill Brinkman. Details on the next reunion will be in a later newsletter once they are better defined later this year. The Silent Auction bidding closed and nearly all of the 15+ donated items were sold with \$256 placed into our Treasury.

We then had a two hour breathing time before the formal banquet in the Shenandoah Room of the Hotel. Hubert Jackson had five special guests that included E8 CTR Melvin Castro (on active duty with the SEAL Team Base at Damneck) and wife Kristine with children Olivia, Katherine, and Ernie who at age 14 is Hubert's step-grandson. Cal Cochrane, who from all appearances participated in the Monitor-Virginia ironclad battle, also had guests from his days on Triton (SSN-586) to include Hairol Weston and his friend Mona. Ivan Joslin gave the blessing as he did for all of the preceding events including a wonderful prayer at the Tolling of the Bells. Following dinner, your Editor gave the 30 minute keynote address which was a presentation on the 1986 Shuttle Challenger



Search and Recovery for which he was one of the Project Managers. It seemed to be well received. Lanny did not know that

Dick Carney was actually at the Challenger launch site on 28 Jan 1986 and viewed the disaster until the program was over or would have called on him for some interesting comments.

Then there was the 50-50 lottery run by Cal Cochrane which took in \$320 with half to the Memorial Fund and the other half won by Fran Zimmerman Yeske (thank you very much). President Bill then presented eight cash awards: (1) to Cal for serving the earliest on Sea Poacher in 1955, (2) to Ivan for serving the longest on Sea Poacher for six years, (3) and (4) to Dewey and Dottie Reed and Dick Carney for traveling the further to the reunion from Arizona, (5) to your Editor for giving the keynote address, and (6) - (8) to the attending widows Jackie Wengrzyn, Cecelia Thomas, and Dierdre Bridewell. The Peru SAPO Game winners were Ken Manion, Merlyn Dorrheim, and Cal.

Then there was the heads-tails auction for the bronze no longer being made Navy Crackerjack statue generously donated by our Honorary Submariner Terry Kopansky in Nashville and the 55 year old brass Seth Thomas Helmsman bell ringing ship's clock also nicely donated by Leo and Helen Carr (EN 49-51) in Gautier, Mississippi. All three are veteran reunion attendees and constant auction contributors. This yielded \$410 to the Memorial Fund with Chuck Killgore winning the clock and guest active duty Senior Chief Melvin Castro winning the statue which also sported dolphins and a patrol pin. Both were well pleased.

Our final banquet event was the taking of photographs of the attendees with the pretty ones first. Doing a Sea Poacher reunion without them would be very difficult. For the most part, all had to ride herd on their 406 spouses,



and keep everything moving on schedule. It went extremely well and our bus trips departed always on time and for the most part were generally 10 minutes ahead of schedule. Then there were other photo shots of the guys who had served with Captain Dick Fox, those who were aboard Sea Poacher during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and Sea Owl Hooters as shown below and the next page. Special thanks to Gazie Nagle for being the Official Unofficial Photographer at all events, to Rick Socha and Dick Carney for leading the charge to fill the hospitality room from the Virginia ABC Stores, Bill

and Lin Brinkman for the organization and liaison, and all the rest of you for all your efforts. Everyone was a contributor. When we said some good-byes in the Hospitality Room it was clear that very substantial "medicinal supplies" remained even after all our attendees were instructed to take a bottle home with them. There were quite a few active duty Navy guys getting ready to deploy on carriers, other ships, and heading to sea at the Holiday Inn bar that evening paying for drinks. Roy Purtell and Lin Brinkman suggested they join us at no cost to alleviate our over stocked problem. All were invited

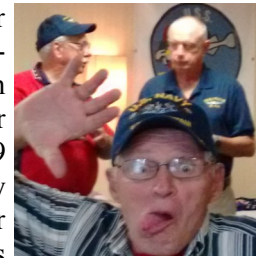


and over a dozen were most appreciative before I left, and they all had a wonderful sail off. They even took that awful non-alcoholic molasses-based Chief Hatuey beer, that our guys would not touch, with them. God bless them all with fair winds and following seas until we meet again.





It was truly a fantastic reunion and the smaller group size of 50 allowed for much more interaction and bonding than has probably occurred in the past. Some of us handled the reunion better than others as evidenced by an unnamed E-9 Chief-of-the-Boat who hopefully returned safely to Wisconsin. On April 29, the optional bus tour to Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown was

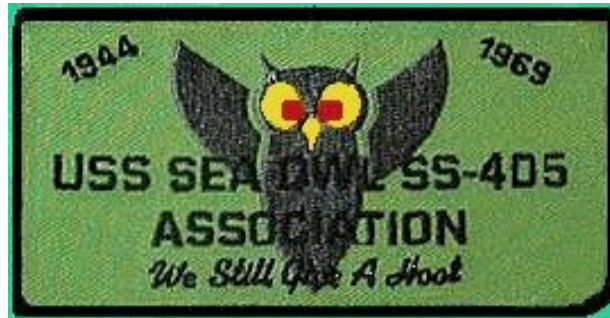


cancelled, however, three carloads made the 50 mile journey on their own. I understand it was a grand time.

OUR SISTER SHIP - SEA OWL

It does not get any closer to the 406 than to have the 405 as our sister ship. We had our first reunion, courtesy of the Hooters, in 2003 in Mobile. Since then we have been at several reunions together including a cruise out of Jacksonville in 2007 and we had Roy Purtell TM66-69 Sea Owl President with Lisa Bereta, and Cecelia Thomas widow of Bob Thomas EMC65-67 escorted by submariner Dennis Marshall full time in Norfolk with Bill Slater MM63-65 and Bill Hawk TM57-60 showing up for particular events. I should have bought more than five of their very nice illuminated pens.

Let us make Pensacola/Mobile 2018 another great joint reunion just like the first with the Hooters.



THE SUBMARINE OF LIFE

At birth we started a patrol and met our parents, and we believed they will always be there in spirit and on our side. However, at some duty station our parents departed, leaving us on the journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the boat; and they will be significant. Many will depart and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their bunk. This patrol will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, and farewells.

Success consists of have a good relationship with all shipmates requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery to everyone is we do not know at which duty station we ourselves will step down.

So we must live in the best way, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important because when the time comes for us to leave our bunk empty we should leave behind good memories for those who will continue on.

I wish you a joyful journey. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey.

Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers with me and part of this patrol.

Adapted from: The Train of Life, Author and Date Unknown

TREASURY REPORT - HUBERT JACKSON

BEGINNING BALANCE ON 1 NOVEMBER 2016

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Memorial Fund..... | \$1,657.86 |
| Humanitarian Fund..... | \$1,503.00 |
| General Fund..... | \$13,840.62 |
| Bank Balance..... | \$17,001.48 |

| <u>Debit Activity</u> | <u>Check#</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Purpose</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---|
| December 2016 | 400 | \$522.31 | Memorial Plaques \$79.15/Newsletter expenses \$443.16 |
| April 2017 | 401 | 100.00 | Reunion Award |
| | 402 | 50.00 | Reunion Award |
| | 403 | Cancelled | |
| | 404 | 50.00 | Reunion Award |
| | 405 | 50.00 | Reunion Award |
| | 406 | 50.00 | Reunion Award |
| | 407 | 50.00 | Reunion Award |
| | 408 | 50.00 | Reunion Award |

| <u>Deposit Activity</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>From/To</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| December 2016 | 7 | 40.00 | Dues General Fund 10.00/Donation Memorial Fund 30.00 |
| | 21 | 100.00 | Donation Memorial Fund |
| January 2017 | 19 | 39.00 | Ship Stores Sales to General Fund |
| February 2017 | 24 | 65.00 | Dues & Ship Stores Sales to General Fund 40.00 Donation Memorial Fund 25.00 |
| May 2017 | 1 | 246.00 | Reunion Proceeds to General Fund |
| | 8 | 1,351.80 | Reunion Proceeds to General Fund |

ENDING BALANCE ON 8 MAY 2017

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Memorial Fund..... | \$1,733.71 |
| Humanitarian Fund..... | \$1,503.00 |
| General Fund..... | \$14,684.26 |
| Bank Balance..... | \$17,920.97 |

WOULD YOU BELIEVE?

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought the master, Captain John Phillips, the result. The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0° 31' N and LON 179 30' W. The date was 31 December 1899.

"Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line". Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime. He called his navigators to the bridge to check & double check the ships position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed. The calm weather and clear night worked in his favor.

At midnight the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line!

The consequences of this bizarre position were many: The bow of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere and in the middle of summer. The stern was in the Northern Hemisphere and in the middle of winter. The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899. In the bow part it was 1 January 1900. This ship was therefore not only in: Two different days, Two different months, Two different years, Two different seasons and in Two different centuries - all at the same time.

To bring this to the present time, USS Topeka (SSN-754) did the same thing at the turn of the century from 1999 to 2000 but did it at a depth of 400 feet. Thanks to Larry Weinfurter for this information.

MEMBERSHIP JULY 2017

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| Robert Abbott | June Cooney | Carl Headland | Carl McCutcheon | Donald Schwartz |
| Robert Acor | Billy Cowart | Frances Heckroth | Daniel McLaren | William Sharp |
| Charles Ahler | Jolene Darnold | Bill Hellmer | James McNerney | Ben Sheldon |
| Dewey Akins | James Demming | Bob Henry | Jack Merrill | Harry Sherman |
| Paul Allers | Shirley Dempsey | Dick Holtz | Ty Merritt | Delvin Smith |
| Joey Amposta | Tom Deuley | Billy Howerton | Mark Mordecai | Ellen Smith |
| Peter Amunrud | Floyd Dickerson | Jerry Houchens | Joe Murdoch | Rick Smock |
| David Andres | William Dietrich | Harry Huggins | Lester Murray | John Snook |
| Ted Anthony | William Donnelan | C.R. Humphries | Joe Musgrave | Fred Socha |
| Ed Ashedon | Charles Donnelly | Rodney Ihrig | Gary Nagle | John Sohl |
| Charles Auclair | Merlyn Dorrheim | William H. Jackson | Jon Nagle | Bill Sokoloski |
| Les Axford | Jack Dubbs | Mary Jennison | Jack Nims | Vincent Sottile |
| Russell Bauer | Bill Dukacz | Arnold Johnson | Charles O'Baker | Richard Stickney |
| Amelia Beers | Dan Dybala | Gerald Joseph | Julius O'Bannon | Marty Stokes |
| Harvey Benson | Richard Earl | Ivan Joslin | James Ochs | Chuck Strand |
| Carol Bergs | Martha D. Easley | Mike Kassinger | Paul Ogg | Evelyn Strunk |
| Truman Bernhard | Daniel Eberhardt | Allen Katen | William Parhamenko | Tom Sugden |
| Richard Bernoteit | Fred Edwards | David Keffeler | Ron Patterson | Robert Sumner |
| Charles M. Birck | Leon Eggleston | Gerald Keffer | Charles Pepler | Karen Suttle |
| Douglas Bishop | Richard Elliott | Kenneth Kile | Dale Petersen | Terry Tague |
| Stanley Bissen | David Elmore | Chuck Kilgore | Tom Polen | Chester Taylor |
| James Blackmon | Jack Enslinger | Terry Kleineweber | James Powers | Ed Thompson |
| Kenneth Bonnell | Francis Evans | Terry Kopansky | Henry Primeaux | Ron Thompson |
| Bob Bradley | Buster Flaskas | Ray Krivascy | Jeanne Rabuse | James Thompson |
| Fred Brattain | Robert Ford | Richard Laake | Dewey Reed | Thomas Thompson |
| John Brill | Dante Fortini | Earline Law | Michael Regner | Richard Trench |
| Deidre Bridewell | Richard Fox | Robert Lawrence | Gloria Reiche | James Tryon |
| Bill Brinkman | Ron Fraley | Carroll Lawson | Zelda Richwine | John Tulodeski |
| Leroy Broadbent | Dorothy Gall | Gail LeBlanc | David Richter | Albert Turbeville |
| William Buckley | Larry Garrett | Frank Lederer | Dick Riggat | Tony Tuttobene |
| James Burgett | Barbara Geddes | James Lemmerman | Linda Riley | Ed Urban |
| Warren Burkett | Louise Gentry | Byron Lennox | David Ringland | Fred Vavra |
| Russell Burrows | Ed Gibbons | John Love | Robert Ritz | Edward Voloka |
| Joyce Calderone | William Gibson | Jerry Loveless | Nick Romano | Don Waldrop |
| Richard Carlson | Kathy Gillette | Betty Lundy | Agnes Romeo | John Walton |
| Dick Carney | Ron Godwin | Bill Luttrell | Salvatore Rosina | Arne Weinfurter |
| Leo Carr | Billy Gorsuch | JJ Lynch | Robert Roth | Larry Weinfurter |
| Kent Carroll | Jack Graham | Anita Mach | Martin Ruch | Jacque Wengrzyn |
| James Clark | John Greenville | Ken Manion | Marcelle Rull | Linda Weston |
| Norm Clark | Lillian Guilbault | Mark Markham | Kathy Saeli | Richard Whitmire |
| Richard Clubb | Tom Haire | Ann Matheny | John Savory | Olin Williams |
| Joyce Cobb | James Halbert | Earl Mathews | Mary Scallan | Lanny Yeske |
| Cal Cochrane | Carol Hale | John Mazjun | Bob Schindhelm | Hope Young |
| Ron Coe | John Hallam | Doris McClanahan | Karl Schipper | Jerry Young |
| Joyce Colwell | Dave Harms | Buster McCollum | Ron Schnars | Robert Young |
| William Cook | Patricia Hayes | Karen McCommas | Russell Schondorf | |

MEMORIAL PLAQUE



THOMAS M. BOYLE, JR., LTJG 1962-63. At age 80 entered Eternal Patrol on 27 March 2017 in Williamsburg, VA. Tom was a graduate of Villanova and proud of his service on Sea Poacher during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and where he received his dolphins in Guantanamo Bay. He continued in the Naval Reserve until 1974 while working for IBM, UNIVAC, and Siemens before founding his own software

company. Tom was active in the Kingsmill Golf Club, an artist member Century Art Gallery, and St. Bede's Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife Karen, two children, and grandkids. Tom is interred in the church cemetery.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT-BILL BRINKMAN

1. Dues. We have 204 Life and 25 Regular members (including 39 widows). If you're a Life Member or have paid your 2017 dues, thank you. If not, please pay \$10 for each year or become a Life Member for \$100. Life Members no longer get annoying letters from me or our Treasurer Hubert Jackson, receive a free patch, and we continue Life Membership status for your widow. Make checks payable to Sea Poacher Association and mail to me at 3042 Alton Place, Round Rock, TX 78665-2119 or email me at seapoacher@att.net with any questions you may have.

2. Address and e-mail changes: Please send us changes. Remember, we do not show your mailing address and telephone number on our newsletters or our website. When shipmates request them, we do put them in touch with you.

3. Sea Poacher Memorial Fund: When a shipmate passes on, we present to the next of kin a Memorial Plaque. The framed and matted picture of Sea Poacher underway at sunset includes a Final Prayer and service years. Funding for this stands alone, so we appreciate check contributions made out to Sea Poacher Association and mailed to me. Please indicate "Memorial Fund" on your check.

4. New Secretary of the Navy: From Lanny. Philip Bilden declined consideration on 27 Feb 2017 due to existing business attachments that might not meet government ethics requirements. The Acting SECNAV is Sean Stackley, a former Assistant SECNAV (R&D) for eight years, 1979 Naval Academy Graduate, holder of an Masters Degree from MIT, and a Registered Professional Engineer. Why not keep him?

5. A B-29 Superfortress Takes Off: From Ron Godwin. Probably the last one restored from a California graveyard and still flying. For a tear jerker check out montefontainevillage.pagesperso-orange.fr/marcbrecy/b29.html

6. World War II Air Photos From Life Magazine: From Jack Ensminger. Some very interesting photos at www.mission4today.com/index.php?name=forumspro&file=viewtopic&t=14428&finish=15&start=0

7. Take Her Down: From Jack Ensminger again. Twelve minutes of 1954 nostalgia at www.facebook.com/torpedoman/videos/1817664975162523/. Jack remembers K1 and Lanny the Funny Tunny.

8. In The Dark: From Jon Nagle. Here is a 57 minute very inspiring video edited by Jon. The story of Barb (SS-220) Neal Sever, who was awarded the Silver Star for the train destruction. Jon is thinking about doing something similar for the Cuban Missile Crisis where Sea Poacher was the only submarine involved. Check it out at www.utube.com/watch?v=zNOMgovPzmA&feature=em-share_video-user

9. Phantom: From Lanny. Pretty decent Netflix movie on a cold war Soviet diesel submarine with a really good cast. Plausible and may have happened, but who knows.

10. 1965 Submarine Training School at New London: From Bill Buckley. Thirty minutes of exceptional memory here from The Undersea University. Check it out at www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvottjksmfs&feature=youtube

11. Sea Poacher Promotion as the Lead Boat: From John Savory. Check out all sorts of items for sale by www.designed4submarines.com at o3q3.r.ca.d.sendibm2.com/299etst5jtjf.html

12. Norfolk 2017 Reunion Financial Report: When all was said and done, we actually made a profit of \$370 to our General Fund. Thanks to all of our attendees who contributed to the auctions, hospitality room, and everything else.

13. Lost in the 1950's Tonight: From Jack Ensminger. Pretty good memories at <https://safeshare.tv/x/FEDEwZHZxu>

SEA POACHER SHIP'S STORE

In addition to our normal items, Marine Artist Richard DeRosset has paintings 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. Our Ray Krivascy TM 1952-53 has also 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 these. All come unframed and prices include shipping. There is also a nicely made stained glass piece of Sea Poacher (10.5 by 17 inches) created by Annette Snook, wife of John Snook QM 59-62. This will be crafted by her as requests are received. 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.

DeRossett –WWII 1945 Surface Action 18” X 44”



DeRosset-Step Sail 10” X 23” Print or 15” X 28” Canvas



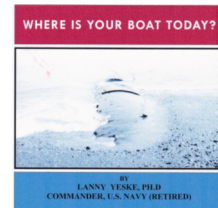
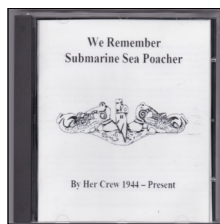
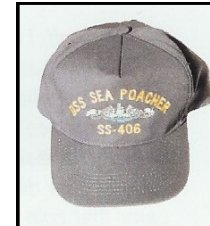
DeRossett-N. Atl. Sail 10” X 23” Print or 15” X 28 “Canvas



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



Annette Snook Stained Glass



Items

| | Quantity | Price | Total |
|---|----------|--------|-------|
| Painting DeRossett 18x44 canvas WWII 1945 | _____ | 50.00 | _____ |
| Painting DeRossett 10x23 print Step Sail | _____ | 20.00 | _____ |
| Painting DeRossett 15x28 canvas Step Sail | _____ | 30.00 | _____ |
| Painting DeRossett 10x23 print N. Atl. Sail/Cuba | _____ | 20.00 | _____ |
| Painting DeRossett 15x28 canvas N. Atl. Sail/Cuba | _____ | 30.00 | _____ |
| Painting Krivascy 15x18 print Step Sail | _____ | 20.00 | _____ |
| Painting Krivascy 18x21.5 canvas Step Sail | _____ | 35.00 | _____ |
| Stained Glass Sea Poacher | _____ | 110.00 | _____ |
| Ship Patch | _____ | 5.50 | _____ |
| 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 | _____ | 15.00 | _____ |
| Dolphin Vest chain, gold or silver | _____ | 25.00 | _____ |
| DVD Where is Your Boat Today? | _____ | 20.00 | _____ |
| TOTAL | | | _____ |

ONLY IN TEXAS?

Here's Bill Brinkman manning the float and the diving alarm (hidden in mailbox) for the Texas Independence Day Parade in Austin on March 4. The Texas (SSN-775) was made from an Air Force gas tank and its banner reads

"IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE ON ETERNAL PATROL."



HOMESICK - AFTER BATTERY?

From Jack Ensminger. There is at least one thing radically and totally wrong with this photo. Do you see it?

AND WHAT IS THAT BLACK BOX LOOKING THING IN THE PASSAGEWAY?



OUR SEA POACHER BROTHERS



Yes, we Sea Poacher's consider ourselves a Band of Brothers and we are. However, we actually had two brothers aboard at the same time and related at birth to Rudy and Dorothy Weinfurter in rural Wisconsin. One was son Larry who joined the Navy in 1957 and became a Machinists Mate aboard Tang (SS-563) and Lizardfish (SS-373) before being discharged in 1962 as an MM2. He married Arlene shortly thereafter, decided to reenlist and was assigned to Sea Poacher in 1962. Promoted to MM1, he was transferred to the "A" Gang and then unexpectedly was told by the COB that his brother Arne was coming on board and asked if he wanted him in the "A" Gang as well. The answer was a resounding yes.

Arne was three years younger, enlisted in the Navy in 1960, and saw duty as an Engineman in Alaska, USS Mount Moffit, and the Aircraft Carrier Ranger. In 1964, he extended his reenlistment for submarine duty and applied for brother duty on Sea Poacher but not expecting it to be approved. However, approval did come, and he joined Larry on the "A" Gang where he served for over three years until discharged in 1967 as an MM2. Arne then married Emley and became the father of twins and continued in the Naval Reserves before joining the Army Reserves. Arne then worked at Plastic Engineering in Sheboygan, Wisconsin for another 35



years before retirement in 2002. His son Todd was also in the same Army Reserve Unit, and he and Arne deployed in 1990 for Operation Desert Shield for a 12 month tour of duty. Arne finally retired from the Army Reserves in 2001 as a Staff Sergeant. He then married Evonne

McCoy in 2009 after working together for two years on a golf course and attended all reunions except the last in Norfolk. There are many grandchildren and great grandchildren, and they continue to stay active with golf, bowling, and dancing every weekend. The boys and family live about three hours driving distance in Wisconsin, but still get together a couple of times a year where over 100 family members reunite.



Larry was astounded that Arne's dream sheet for assignment to Sea Poacher was approved as he did not think the Navy allowed brothers on the same ship. So what was it like on Sea Poacher? They are three years apart with nine other brothers and sisters. Early in Wisconsin they worked together on the family dairy farm doing such things as cleaning up the cow living quarters, but not much interaction took place. Both had jobs to do, and they did them. On Sea Poacher, EM3 Arne worked for MM1 Larry and it was much the same. Each had jobs to do, and they did them with little fan fare and normal communication. They did not go on liberty together but once in a while bachelor Arne would visit Larry and Arlene at their home on South Street in Key West. There were never any problems between the two on the 406.



After Sea Poacher, Larry had three years of shore duty with the NATO International Motor Pool in Naples, Italy. Arne was still on the 406 and with liberty in Naples they did get together. Larry then had another three years at the Navy recruiting office in Madison, Wisconsin, before being assigned to Flasher (SSN-613). There he was promoted to Master Chief and served as COB, and subsequently retired from the Navy in 1977. He retired again 20 years later from Consolidated Papers, and then was the sole employee or a wastewater treatment plan for the towns of Sherry and Milladore until 2010. He and Arlene have five children, and both made the 2009 406 trek to Peru. If you look closely at the key you can see they were the VIP guests in our Lima Hotel Embajadores Room 406.

There is a ton of Weinfurter military history including Uncle Weston Nabor in the Army Air Corps shot down over Germany in WWII, a cousin who was an RM2 in WWII, brother Carl who was an MM2 in the surface Navy, brother Bob who was a TM3(SS) on Bashaw (SS-241), brother Dave who was an Army Sergeant, and Larry's son Gregory who served as an HM(SS) on Houston (SSN-713).

Both brothers contributed to our "We Remember Submarine Sea Poacher" book where you can find other details including Arne, as our designated diver, made the famous dive/repair into the partially operative After Battery Sanitary Tank that lasted for hours and required a breathing mask. He was later hosed off by his sh**mates, and given two days off to allow his body odor to go away. There are more interesting stories from these boys but you have to grill them to find out!



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SUBMARINE LIKES AND DISLIKES

I liked the darkness with the Control Room rigged for red.

I liked the alarm sound of “aahooogah, aahooogah... Dive! Dive!”

I liked coffee and sticky buns when coming off the mid-watch at 0400.

I liked my rack, even though it was warm from the shipmate who had just left it.

I liked the noise of diesels and the ear popping when equalizing to atmospheric pressure.

I liked loading stores, from pier to boat, and lowering them through the After Battery Hatch.

I liked my brothers, whether they had dolphins of gold or silver, and regardless of rank or rate.

I liked the adrenaline rush of endless drills, and that my dolphin wearing brothers were cross-trained.

I liked the sounds of “biologics” from sonar and the controlled chaos from the Conning Tower.

I liked the unknown excitement of “Man Battle Stations Torpedo or Missile” on the 1MC.

I liked being very young and entrusted with the world’s most advanced equipment.

I liked the nice sound of “Green Board” and “Make your depth 200 feet!”

I liked visiting many foreign countries and seeing the world.

I liked the traditions of the Silent Service.

I liked being a Submariner.

Now decades have come and gone since I last went to sea with the years dimming things somewhat.

I went on to a Navy or another retirement... separately... however... part of me... will always be... underway... somewhere... in the dark... in the deep... on patrol... and making a hole in the ocean.

DISLIKES: “RIG SHIP FOR DIVE” ON DAILY OPERATIONS!