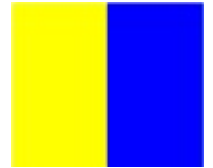
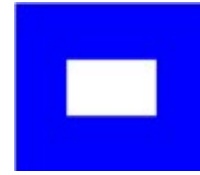
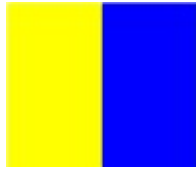


SEA POACHER ASSOCIATION



Dedicated to those who served on this incredible Submarine

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More 2022 Memphis Reunion Information

Hello Shipmates -

We have selected the **DoubleTree by Hilton** as our Host hotel for the November 2-5 , 2022 National reunion, and it has **Shuttle Service** from the Memphis Airport.

The USS Sea Poacher Association is running the reunion and has made commitments to the Hotel as to the number of Booked rooms , Hospitality Room rental and for two meals (Welcome Picnic and the Banquet). Basically, if we Book 20 rooms for 4 nights, and have 40 Attendees at the Welcome Picnic and Banquet, we will be able to pay our Hotel commitments and break even on our major expenses.

So, be sure to **book your Hotel Rooms early** by Either :

1. On-line (you can add nights via **Edit Stay**)

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/memehdt-spa-28f9f984-1431-4f91-9900-3a9f6aa48c3b/>

2. Or you can call Emily Oliver at

901-969-6714 for room reservations and mention you are with the USS Sea Poacher Association. The room rate is \$ 119 per night plus tax . Room rate available for 2 days prior and after the reunion based on availability. Rooms not reserved by **October 5 , 2022** will be dropped from the group block. We have set up the reunion with only the \$ 30 Registration Fee per person as mandatory to cover our Registration expenses and Hospitality room rental for November 2-4.

Note the Memphis Reunion has been set up with 5 Optional events including 2 meals.

See the options and dates on the Itinerary on Page 3.

Also note that our Joint 3 Subs National reunion is from November 2-6, 2022 in Memphis.

Later, you can attend Joe Murdoch's Reunion November 7-12, 2022 in Branson, MO if you wish.

Also note that the Tennessee ABC Laws and Hotel policies prohibit us from supplying either food or Alcohol in the Hospitality Room, and so, we are purchasing snacks, ice tea and lemonade from the Hotel. Folks can purchase drinks from the restaurant bar and bring them back into the Hospitality room. Also, the Association is working on supplying each attendee with [coupons](#) for a few free drinks.

Bill is working on a [Free Tour](#) for November 4, 2022, but hasn't finalized it as of this date.

We plan on using our own cars to take attendees to the Elvis Graceland tour (12 miles from the Hotel), the City Bus Tour (11 Miles) and to the Riverboat Dinner Cruise (11 miles), so [let Bill know](#) if you'll have a car and are volunteering to take a few passengers to the optional Events. Let me know if you are handicapped as both the City Bus Tour and Riverboat have to know your mobility status for them to accommodate you.

Bill has reserved 15 tickets for the City Bus Tour and can get more as registrations come in. It's painless, as there are no cancellation fees up to November 3 for the City Tour.

However, the Riverboat Dinner Cruise is very popular, it only runs on Saturday Nights in November and the Tickets are [Non-refundable](#). So, Bill will get tickets as soon as your registrations are received ([or let me know that you are wanting them](#)). So, please don't delay your choosing the Dinner Riverboat Cruise Option as it will sell out earlier than November 5.

Ok, Shipmates follow these steps:

1. Book your Hotel Room, either a King or two Double Beds
2. Select your Options, fill out the Reunion Registration on page 4, make out your check to USS Sea Poacher Association and mail to Bill Brinkman.
3. Please let Bill know that you've booked your Hotel Room (for how many nights), have a car (with number of seats), if handicapped, want tickets to the Riverboat Dinner Cruise, and any other considerations / questions.

See you in Memphis November 2 !

2022 Sea Poacher/Sea Owl/Sea Robin Reunion

November 2	November 3	November 4	November 5
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Arrival</p> <p>Registration begins 4 PM in Hospitality Room</p> <p>Option 1 Welcome Picnic Party 6:00 PM</p> <p>Hospitality Room 4-11:30 PM</p>	<p>Breakfast at Hotel</p> <p>Option 2 Elvis Graceland Tour Cars leave Hotel 9:00 AM Arrive @ 9:30 AM</p> <p>Cars leave @ 1:30 PM</p> <p>Lunch on your own (@ Graceland or Hotel)</p> <p>Dinner on your own</p> <p>Hospitality Room 8AM-11:30 PM</p>	<p>Breakfast at Hotel</p> <p>(Bill Brinkman is work- ing on a Free Tour for November 4...more information Later</p> <p>Lunch on your own</p> <p>Hospitality Room 8 AM- 4 PM</p> <p>Option 3 Banquet 6:30-11:30pm</p>	<p>Breakfast at Hotel</p> <p>Option 4 City Bus Tour Bus departs Hotel @ 9.00 AM</p> <p>Beale Steet , Sun Studio , Peabody Hotel (Ducks)</p> <p>Lunch on your own</p> <p>Bus returns to Hotel @ 2 PM</p> <p>Option 5 River boat Dinner Cruise Cars depart at 6:00 PM Board Riverboat @ 7 PM</p> <p>Boat docks @ 9 : 30 PM Cars return us to Hotel @ 9 : 45 PM</p> <p>(Hospitality room not booked for November 5)</p>

Hotel is the Doubletree by Hilton 5069 Sanderlin Ave Memphis, TN 38117 Mention **USS Sea Poacher/ Reunion** to get rate.

USS Sea Owl , Sea Poacher , and Sea Robin Joint Reunion

Registration Form

Memphis ,Tennessee November 2-6 , 2022

Name (Include sub , rate , years served)-_____

Spouse /Guest _____ Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Mobile/Cell _____

Email _____

Wheelchair Access? _____ Yes

Host DoubleTree by Hilton 5069 Sanderlin Avenue Memphis, TN 38117

Call 901-969-6714 - for room reservations and mention you are with the Sea Poacher Reunion. The room rate is \$ 119 per night plus tax . Room rate available for 2 days prior and after the reunion based on availability. Rooms not reserved by **October 5 , 2022** will be dropped from the group block.

USS Sea Poacher Registration Fee----- attendees X \$ 30 pp= \$ -----

Reunion Options :

Nov 2 Welcome Picnic _____ attendees X \$ 25 pp= \$ _____

Nov 3 Elvis Graceland Tour____ _____ attendees X \$ 75 pp= \$ _____

Nov 4 Banquet _____ attendees X \$ 50 pp= \$ _____

Nov 4 or Nov 5 City Tour _____ attendees X \$ 65 pp= \$ _____

Nov 5 River Dinner Cruise _____ attendees X \$ 50 pp = \$ _____

Total Due=\$ _____

Banquet Meal choices _____ **Meat** _____ **Chicken** _____ **Fish**

Mail Registration & checks made out to USS Sea Poacher Association @ 3042 Alton Pl

Round Rock , TX 78665-2119 (Telephone # 512-255-0285)

Option # 1 Welcome Picnic Wednesday November 2 , 2022

Included:

Potato Salad, Creamy Coleslaw , Assorted Potato Chips

Grilled Hamburgers , Hot Dogs , Assorted Buns

Grilled Chicken Breast

Garnish Tray : Lettuce ,Tomato ,Red Onion , Pickles and Tomato

Fresh DoubleTree Hotel Cookies and Brownies

Ice Tea and lemonade

Not Included:

A cash bar is near our Hospitality room .

USS Sea Poacher Association will subsidize a few alcoholic drinks per attendee during the Reunion.

OPTION # 2 ELVIS GRACELAND TOUR

Mansion tour, plus explore exhibits showcasing Elvis' career, his automobiles, his wardrobe, his gold records, his custom jets, and much more from the Graceland Archives.

INCLUDES

- Graceland Mansion Audio-Guided Tour with New Orientation Film
- Self-guided tour of Elvis' Custom Jets
- Full Access to all-new Elvis Presley's Memphis Entertainment Complex, which includes:
 - Self-guided tour of Presley Motors Automobile Museum
 - Self-guided tour of Elvis: The Entertainer Career Museum
 - Self-guided tours of Elvis Discovery Exhibits
 - Immersive and Interactive Experiences – NEW!

Average Tour Time: 3.5 – 4 hours

Bill's Notes:

1. Bill will give them a head count before our arrival date..need to have 15 to get the Group Rate . Pay with one check.
2. .We'll use our own cars to travel to Graceland, 12 miles and 18 Minutes.
3. Graceland has several choices for Lunch.



Option # 3 : Banquet Friday November 4 ,2022

Notes: All three Banquet Dinner choices include a house salad , warm baked rolls , Chef choice of dessert and iced tea or lemonade.

We will have a bartender at the Banquet for other drinks.

(Cash bar)

Choice 1 : Breast of Chicken in Natural Au Jus

Grilled Chicken Breast with Choice of sauce-Marsala ,Teriyaki , Wild Mushroom or Lemon Butter sauce.

Potato AuGratin and Vegetable Medley

Choice 2. Petite Filet of Beef

Topped with Sauteed Mushrooms and Red Wine Demi Glaze. Served with Potato Au Gratin and Sauteed Spinach.

Choice 3 Bourbon Glazed Salmon

Served with Rice Pilaf and Grilled Asparagus

[Fill out the registration form indicating your Banquet meal choices , either Chicken , Beef or Fish.](#)

Option # 4 :City Bus Tour

About

Get a comprehensive overview of Memphis and its major attractions on a small-group tour by mini-coach. Pass by iconic landmarks, while your guide provides entertaining commentary on the city's history and culture. See where music legends, such as Elvis Presley and BB King recorded iconic hits on a tour of Sun Studios. Make additional stops at the Peabody Hotel, Beale Street, and Schwab General Store.

Know before you go

- Duration: 4-5 hours
- **Important information**
 - Guided Memphis City Tour
 - Admission to Sun Studio (ages 7+ only)
 - We'll drive 11 miles to the Memphis Welcome Center, be there by 9:15 AM. Bus tour starts at 9:30 AM.
 - Peabody Hotel to see the march of the World Famous Ducks (60 minutes)
 - See top Memphis sights such as Sun Studio (60 minutes), Beale Street (60 minutes)
 - Professional/Local Guide Please note: Our buses are not wheelchair accessible. We can accommodate if they can get out the chair and step on the bus.
 - **Bill has reserved 15 tickets, can get more later.**



Option : Dinner cruise available only on November 5 Saturday

Come enjoy a two-hour cruise on Ol' Man River featuring our Live Entertainment, and a meal. Boarding Location: 45 S. Riverside Drive Memphis, TN 38103.

- Boards at 7 p.m.
- Departs at 7:30 p.m.
- Cruise returns at 9:30 p.m.
- We have a full bar on board for purchase of alcohol. This is NOT included in your ticket price. The bar accepts cash & card.

Menu

- Memphis-style Pulled Pork BBQ, Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast, Baked Beans, Corn, Cole Slaw, Buns and Dessert. Complimentary tea and water. All Dinner & Music Cruises have the same menu. This is a one-trip meal served by our staff behind the food service area due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- **Bill's Notes:** 1. We selected the *Island Queen* as it's set up for handicapped on the 1st floor. 2. There is no dress code but most of our of guests dress casually – semi-formal. 3. The Tickets are non-refundable. If you have to cancel, Bill will try to have another attendee use your ticket.



November 2-6, 2022 (28) Reunion Attendees as of March 19, 2022:

USS Sea Poacher SS 406:

Bill & Lin Brinkman EM 60-62

Dick & Karen Carney EN 64-66

Meryln & Shirley Dorrheim TM 64-67

Ron Godwin SO 58-61 and Ensign 66

Bud & Marcelyn Huber LTjg 69

Hubert & Linda Jackson EM 66-69

Mike & Marjorie Kassinger EN 64-66

Chuck & Bobbie Kilgore EM 63-65

Bryon & Margaret Lennox FN 62-64

John & Sharon Love ET 58-61

Buster & Kaye McCollum and **two** Guests QM 62-64

Joe Murdoch & Linda Machado ET 62-63

Karl Schipper & Joan Carpenter QM 58-60

USS Sea Owl SS 405 :

Roy Purtell , TM 67-69

Eternal Patrol

Lee Harry Sherman EN 57, 60-61



Harry Lee Sherman, 78, of Linville passed away Tuesday, January 8, 2019, peacefully at his home. Lee was born on February 11, 1940, and was the son of the late William "Bill" and Mary Fulk Sherman of Linville.

He retired from the US Navy after 20 years of service as a Senior Chief Petty Officer on multiple nuclear-powered submarines. In addition, he worked in several nuclear power plants in both North and South Carolina. Lee enjoyed camping with friends and family, fishing, restoring classic cars and building hot rods. He also had a love for bluegrass music and often attended music events at the local VFW Post 9660.

He is survived by his 3 children Timothy (Gina) Sherman of Moncks Corner, S.C., Jeffrey (Toni) Sherman of Pinopolis, S.C., Christine (Mark) Woodworth of Tampa, Fla., and 4 granddaughters Chelsea, Allison, Mary Claire, and Layton Sherman of S.C., three brothers Robert "Bobby" (Peggy) Sherman of Harrisonburg, Va., Paul (Vi) Sherman of Linville, Va., John (Vicki) Sherman of Linville, Va., four nephews Billy (Carol) Sherman of Linville, Va., Charlie (Lenna) Sherman of Linville, Va., George (Sherri) Sherman of Linville, Va., Jeremy (Melissa) Sherman of Broadway, Va. and one niece Rita (Steve) Conley of Singers Glen, Va.

Lee will be truly missed by all.

British Army Humor

An innocent typo was made and all parties involved have gotten as much enjoyment as they could out of it. Lt. Colonel Robert Maclaren retired from the British Army in 2001 after a long fulfilling career. On the day that he retired he received a letter from the Personnel Department of the Ministry of Defence setting out details of his pension and, in particular, the tax-free 'lump sum' award, (based upon completed years of service), that he would receive in addition to his monthly pension.

The letter read, "Dear Lt. Colonel Maclaren, We write to confirm that you retired from the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards on 1st March 2001 at the rank of Lt Colonel, having been commissioned into the British Army at Edinburgh Castle as a 2nd Lieutenant on 1st February 1366. Accordingly your lump sum payment, based on years served, has been calculated as £68,500. You will receive a cheque for this amount in due course. Yours sincerely Army Paymaster"

Colonel Maclaren replied; "Dear Paymaster, Thank you for your recent letter confirming that I served as an officer in the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards between 1st February 1366 and 1st March 2001 – a total period of 635 years and 1 month. I note however that you have calculated my lump sum to be £68, 500, which seems to be considerably less than it should be bearing in mind my length of service since I received my commission from King Edward III.

By my calculation, allowing for interest payments and currency fluctuations, my lump sum should actually be £6, 427, 586, 619. 47p. I look forward to receiving a cheque for this amount in due course. Yours sincerely, Robert Maclaren (Lt Col Retd)"

A month passed by and then in early April, a stout manilla envelope from the Ministry of Defence in Edinburgh dropped through Col. Maclaren's letter box, it read:

"Dear Lt Colonel Maclaren, We have reviewed the circumstances of your case as outlined in your recent letter to us dated 8th March . We do indeed confirm that you were commissioned into the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards by King Edward III at Edinburgh Castle on 1st February 1366, and that you served continuously for the following 635 years and 1 month.

We have re-calculated your pension and have pleasure in confirming that the lump sum payment due to you is indeed £6, 427, 586, 619. 47p. However, we also note that according to our records you are the only surviving officer who had command responsibility during the following campaigns and battles; **The Wars of the Roses 1455 -1485 (Including the battles of Bosworth Field, Barnet and Towton) The Civil War 1642 -1651 (Including the battles Edge Hill, Naseby and the conquest of Ireland) The Napoleonic War 1803 – 1815 (including the battle of Waterloo and the Peninsular War) The Crimean War (1853 – 1856) (including the battle of Sevastopol and the Charge of the Light Brigade), The Boer War (1899 -1902) and World War One (1914-1918).** We would therefore wish to know what happened to the following, which **do** not appear to have been returned to Stores by you on completion of operations

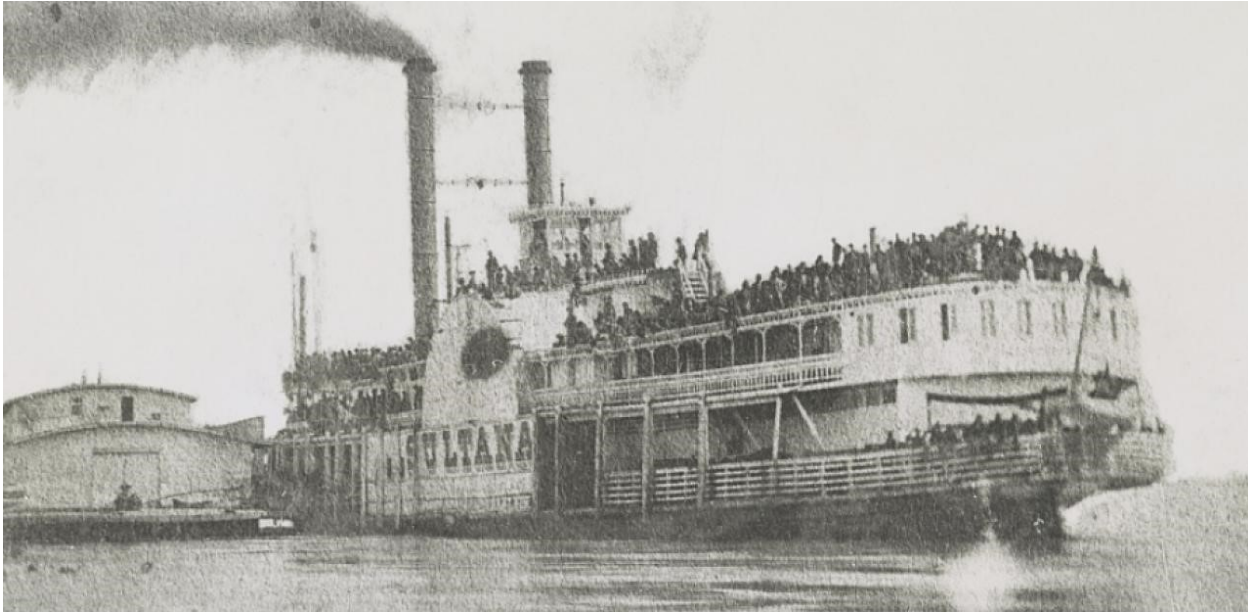
9,765 Cannons ; 26,785 Swords ;12,889 Pikes ; 127,345 Rifles (with bayonets) ; 28,987 horses (fully kitted) Plus three complete marching bands with instruments and banners.

We have calculated the total cost of these items and they amount to £6,427,518.119.47p. We have therefore subtracted this sum from your lump sum, leaving a residual amount of £68,500, for which you will receive a cheque in due course.

Yours sincerely Army Paymaster

The Sultana Disaster, the Greatest Maritime Loss in US History.

April 27, 1865



The Sultana in

1865 Library of Congress

In the early hours of April 27th, 1865, mere days after the end of the Civil War, the *Sultana* burst into flames along the Mississippi River. The *Sultana* was a 260-foot-long wooden steamboat, built in Cincinnati in 1863, which regularly transported passengers and freight between St. Louis and New Orleans on the Mississippi River.

On April 23, 1865, the vessel docked in [Vicksburg](#) to address issues with the boiler during a routine journey from New Orleans. While in port, it was contracted by the U.S. Government to carry former Union prisoners of war from Confederate prisons, such as [Andersonville](#) and Cahaba, back into Northern territory. In order to fulfill the lucrative contract, J. Cass Mason, the *Sultana*'s captain, opted to patch the leaky boiler rather than complete more extensive and time-consuming repairs. Fearing that his colleagues were taking bribes to transport prisoners on other boats, Union Army Captain George Williams, who oversaw the operation, hastily ordered that all former prisoners at the parole camp and hospital at Vicksburg be transported on the *Sultana*. Although it was designed to only hold 376 persons, more than 2,000 Union troops were crowded onto the steamboat - more than five times its legal carrying capacity. Despite concerns of overloading from several officers, Williams refused to divide the men, insisting that they travel on one vessel.

people look, leave of his fellow-citizens of
 field, among whom he had looked for a quiet
 sanctuary. As he stepped upon the platform
 was to bear him away to jail: "I must now
 view as to be parallel to Mr. Lincoln. His thought
 into the great problem of the time did for him, though
 after a quiet fashion, what the attack on Sumner
 only could do for the nation. He did not, like
 will not assist you. You can have no respect with-
 out being yourselves the aggressors. You have an
 oath registered in heaven to destroy the Govern-
 ment, while I shall have the most solemn and in-
 stem leader; and the very nature of his de-
 sired to meet the bitter malice of the Union
 which they had gained the victory. They
 forget the anxiety with which they follow



Explosion of the Steamer "Sultana," April 28 1865 *Harper's Weekly*

The *Sultana* steamed north up the Mississippi, but the severe overcrowding and faster river current caused by the spring thaw put increased pressure on its newly patched boilers. Shortly after leaving **Memphis**, Tennessee on April 27th, the overstrained boilers exploded, blowing apart the center of the boat and starting an uncontrollable fire. Many of those who were not killed immediately perished as they tried to swim to shore. Of the initial survivors, 200 later died from burns sustained during the incident. Records indicate that 1,800 men died, making the *Sultana* incident the deadliest maritime disaster in U.S. history. ¹

EDITOR'S NOTES:

Private William C, Warner of the 9th Indiana Calvary enlisted at age 15 on October 24, 1863 and mustered out July 12, 1865. His unit surrendered at Sulpher Branch, Trestle, Alabama and was sent to Cahaba prison. He was on the upper deck in his flannel pj's when blown off the *Sultana*. He swam to a piece of wood, but a donkey beat him to it. He was a railroad man in Kansas after the war and didn't marry until he was 64. I knew his two sons, William (Austin) and Robert (San Angelo) back in 1998. They are now deceased, however it was great hearing tales of the civil war from real sons of a civil war soldier. The *Sultana* disaster isn't widely known, as President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated on April 14, 1865.

WITH THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER CONSTANTLY CHANGING COURSE, THE *SULTANA* IS NOW IN A FARM IN ARKANSAS.

Soviet Sub to scrapyard From Dan Eberhardt. EN 57-59

Cold War-era Soviet sub towed from S.D., bound for Mexico

The Soviet submarine B-39 was part of the Maritime Museum and is now on its way to a scrapyard. (Charles Ryan)

By Andrew Dyer

SAN DIEGO

A rusty retired Soviet attack submarine that had been on display at San Diego's Maritime Museum since 2005 was towed out of San Diego on February 6, 2022 , presumably on its way to be scrapped in Ensenada.

Video shared on social media showed the sub being towed from San Diego.

The tug towing the 300-foot-long sub, which was launched in 1967, was off the coast of Mexico near Rosarito by Sunday afternoon, according to the website MarineTraffic.com. Its destination was shown as Ensenada.

During its active duty years, the Foxtrot-class diesel-electric sub carried 78 crew members and served in the Soviet Pacific Fleet for 20 years.

After being sold to a Canadian consortium following the collapse of the Soviet Union in the 1990s, the sub eventually made its way to San Diego.

It went on display in 2005.

The vessel, which included an exhibit on the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, was popular with museum visitors. The museum's website described this class of subs as larger and more powerful versions of World War II-era German U-boats: "Low-tech, but lethal."

Although museum officials said the ship's pressure hull remained stable last year, its outer skin was deteriorating. It corroded over the years, with rust and gaping holes appearing near the waterline of the sub.

Cosmetically, the sub didn't quite fit with the other vessels in the museum's collection on the San Diego waterfront, Raymond Ashley, the museum's CEO, told the Union-Tribune in October . He said the sub would be taken to Ensenada to be scrapped and recycled.

The vessel closed to the public in 2020 with the onset of the coronavirus pandemic.

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B-39

One of a fleet of diesel electric submarines the Soviet Navy called "Project 641," B-39 was commissioned in the early 1970s and served on active duty for more than 20 years. 300 feet in length and displacing more than 2000 tons, B-39 is among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. She was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the world's oceans. B-39, assigned to the Soviet Pacific fleet, undoubtedly stalked many of the U.S. Navy's ships home ported in San Diego. Now, less than 20 years after the collapse of the Berlin

Wall signaled the end of the Cold War, she is berthed on San Diego Bay amidst her former adversaries. Soviet Project 641 submarines, classified as “Foxtrot” by NATO, are essentially larger and more powerful versions of German World War II era U-boats. Low-tech but lethal, she carried 24 torpedoes while she was on patrol-some capable of delivering low-yield nuclear warheads. B-39 carried a crew of 78 and could dive to a depth of 985 feet before threatening the integrity of her nickel steel pressure hull. The Soviet and then Russian Federation’s navies deployed these submarines from the mid 1950s through the early 1990s. They played a part in many of the Cold War’s most tense moments including the Cuban Missile Crisis.



B-39 SUBMARINE DIESEL ELECTRIC SUBMARINES THE SOVIET NAVY





December 12 , 2021 **John Snook's 80 TH** Birthday Party (Left to right)
John Snook QM 59-62 , Ivan Joslin LT 60-63 , Jack Merrill TM 61-63,
Richard Clubb QM 62-63



Jack (TM 61) and Carol Ensminger

Perry Como's December 1962 Guantanamo Show Video

Here is a 53 minute UTUBE Video of the Perry Como show. He visited USS Sea Poacher every night after the shows, watched movies on the Pier with us, made his own steak sandwiches, and drank our 10 cent beers.

A very Classy man.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4M3cfW3Fk94>

