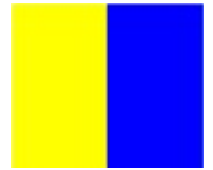
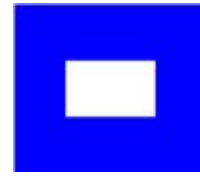
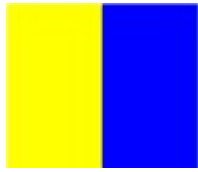
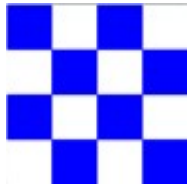


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1. Thanks to Karl Schipper QM 58-60 for the *Miami News* February 5 , 1953 article on Page 4.
2. We're not having an official National Reunion this year , but ship-mates and friends are invited to Joe Murdoch's 29th Branson Reunion..details in # 3 next:

## **3.Branson Reunion November 8-12 , 2023**

Register with Gatherings Plus at [www.gatheringsplus.com](http://www.gatheringsplus.com) as follows:

A.Go to [www.gatheringsplus.com](http://www.gatheringsplus.com)

B.Click on “**My Event**”

C.Click on “ **USS Sea Poacher and Friends**”.

D. Enter the Password=**SPF 23**

E. **Complete the Itinerary and registration forms...sending a check will be less then charging with a credit card.**

**Note that you can also purchase trip Cancellation insurance.**

F. Note that the Saturday 6 PM Banquet is not part of the Gatherings Plus package. Please send \$ 33 per person to Joe Murdoch ( 11179 Phoenix Way ,Naples,FL 34119 ) before June 1 as Joe needs to pay by June 15. Call Joe at 239-322-2019 for any questions and to let him know if you're signing up for the Banquet.

G. Make your own reservations at the Thousand Hills Resort ( 417-690-4021 )

## **Itinerary November 8-12, 2023**

### **Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

4:00pm Hospitality Room opens

6:30pm Meet & Greet

### **Thursday, November 9, 2023**

10:00am Hughes Brother Christmas Show

12:15pm Lunch at Pickin' Porch Grille

2:00pm #1 Hits of the 60's Show

### **Friday, November 10, 2023**

10:00am Down Home Country

12:15pm Lunch at Grand Country Buffet

2:00pm Clay Cooper Country Express

7:30pm Queen Esther at Sight & Sound Theatre

### **Saturday, November 11, 2023**

9:00am Veterans Parade

1:00pm Lunch at Chateau Grille

**6:00pm Banquet Dinner – not part of reunion package, pay Joe Murdoch.**

**This is a Mexican Buffett , suggested dress is casualMexican , serapes , sombrero , burros,etc!**

Joe Musgrave SN 68– 69 Joins his ship-  
mate Hubert Jackson EM 66-69 after 54  
Years !



Pictured Left to Right : Hubert Jackson , Joe Musgrave and  
Bill Brinkman EM 60-62 at the January 2023 Central Texas  
SubVets Base Meeting in Georgetown , Texas.



# Sea Poacher Returns From Mediterranean

**Miami Daily News Bureau**

Key West, Feb. 5 — The USS Sea Poacher, one of the Navy's better-known submarines, returned here yesterday from a three-month tour of duty with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean area.

The vessel's profile was flashed upon movie screens across the nation during the showing of the movie, "Frog Men."

The Sea Poacher also participated in the rescue of a Navy "blimp" which had become disabled at sea near here. During the salvage operations, the Sea Poacher towed the disabled aircraft into shallow water where a rescue boat took of the job of getting it back to land.

A large group of friends and relatives of the near-100 man crew were on hand to greet them upon their return.

The Sea Poacher is normally attached to Submarine Squadron Four here and will again take up normal training operations.

## Rotary Club Hears Talk

**Special To The Miami Daily News**

Lake Worth, Feb. 5 — Lake Worth Rotarians and 100 visitors and guests heard Hicks Cable, Rotary International director, from Denver, Colo., give an inspiring talk on timely matters dealing with the organization, at the weekly meeting at the South Ocean club Wednesday noon.

Cable urged full acceptance and cooperation with foreign born citizens and their children.



Key West, Feb. 5 — "Home from the wars," this needle-nosed scourge of the seas, the USS Sea Poacher, sends mooring lines ashore upon her return from a three-month tour of duty with the Sixth Fleet. With happy families waiting to greet them, the crew "made fast" in record time.— Photo by Hank Day.

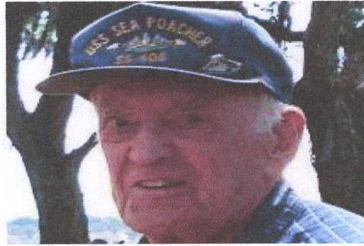
# Eternal Patrol

## Edward M. Thompson EN 1953-1955

( From the March 2023 USS Sea Poacher Base Newsletter )

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It is with a heavy heart I report the loss of United States Submarine Veteran, Edwin W. Thompson



Edwin W. Thompson was born the youngest of three in August 1931 in Springfield, Massachusetts to Edwin Sr. & Una Thompson and was preceded in death by his devoted wife of 50 years, Catherine Thompson.

Having grown up primarily in Gadsden, Alabama, he was a Sea Scout and attained the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

Before retiring, he worked many years as a Senior Safety Engineer and Loss Control Engineer for several local insurance agencies and national insurance companies, having earned a reputation for being a go-to authority for anything occupational health, fire safety, loss prevention, and risk management.

He was involved for many years with the Tampa Area Safety Council (TASC), as well as the American Society of Safety. He was involved for many years with the Tampa Area Safety Council (TASC), as well as the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) and held certification as a Certified Safety Professional (CSP).

Edwin was a military veteran having served honorably in the United States Navy Submarine Service. Qualified in submarines on the USS Sea Poacher (SS-406) in 1954 and was an Engineman when he left the Navy. Edwin was a Life Member of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI), USS Tang, and USS Sea Poacher bases where he was active.

Edwin is survived by his son David and his wife Raynell and two adult step grandchildren, Holly & Charles of Lutz, FL, and grandson Cameron and his wife Meghan and three great grandchildren of Virginia Beach, VA. He was a humble, unassuming man asking nothing more than to be remembered in his death as he would be remembered in his life.