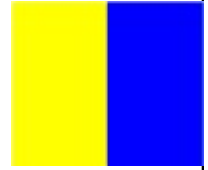
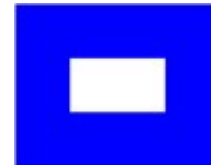
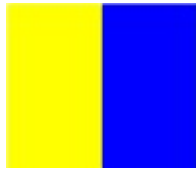


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## **CALLING ALL HANDS FOR REUNION PENSACOLA - MOBILE 31 OCT - 4 NOV 2018**

There is more Navy here than most of us thought. Besides the Blue Angel Air Show, touring the Naval Air Museum, Cubi Bar lunch - there is also the Battleship Alabama (BBG-60) and Submarine Drum (SS-228) awaiting the Sea Poacher - Sea Owl visit. The Drum battle flag indicates three warships and 24 merchants sunk on 13 war patrols. She also hit the Aircraft Carrier Ryuho with two torpedoes before being subjected to extensive depth charging and could not finish it off. The Drum underwent no major post-war conversions so she retains her WWII configuration. Her attack periscope remains pointed at a target, and the only one in view now is the Alabama-another war legend. A South Dakota Class she first had guard duty on the "Murmansk Run" before moving to the Pacific. There she was awarded nine battle stars. She is a #1 attraction, and has been open to public viewing since 1965. Even if you have been here before, there is more to see. And we have not even touched on other activities such as the Tolling of the Bells Ceremony, Pensacola Tour, the IMAX Theater, and Maguire's Irish Pub. Not to mention our business meeting to select our next reunion site with Chicago or Manitowoc already being discussed as possibilities.



The registration is great and appreciated for our needed preparations. It helps much in planning with regards to scheduling events. So far, our 32 attendees include Lanny/Fran Yeske, Chuck/Bobbie Killgore, Joe Murdoch/Linda Machado, Bill/Lin Brinkman, Deirdre Bridewell, Karl Schipper/Joan Carpenter, Hubert/Linda Jackson, Jon/Gazie Nagle, Mike/Marjorie Kassinger, John/Annette Snook, Ivan/Marjorie Joslin and daughters Beverly and Lessie, Merl/Shirley Dorrheim, Byron/Margaret Lennox, Dick Carney, James/Roseann Halbert, and Hooters Roy Purcell/daughter Lisa Bereta. Your Association is providing a complimentary bar with snacks. Rustler Robert Henry EM60-61, and the head of our West Coast Posse, responded with this handsome photo attesting to his keen interest. It is time to get off your kiester form, are in the April Newsletter and our website. We will repeat them in the next issue.



## **AND THEN THERE IS OUR MYSTERY BANQUET SPEAKER?**

Guaranteed to astound you with an unbelievable TOP SECRET Sea Poacher story. This is in book form and close to publication. Your entry means that you agree to what is said there stays there. No exceptions! Only your Editor knows who the speaker is. 90% sure the speaker will relate this with TOP SECRET slides - now declassified.



# MORE BLASTS FROM THE PAST

THANKS AGAIN TO KARL SCHIPPER FOR THESE (FROM 1963 TO 1969) - YOU MAY BE NEXT IN LINE!



**RICHARD B. FORDHAM**

Before leaving the submarine when the task group made a port call in Rota, Spain, the Sea Poacher's commanding officer, Commander H. L. Huggins, presented QM1 Fordham with a picture of the ship and an honorary submariner's card.

Fordham, a 15-year veteran, entered service in Aug. 22, 1954, and received training at Great Lakes Naval Base, Chicago.

He attended Amboy grade schools and Dixon High School before entering service.

He and his wife, Lucille, and their five children reside in Quonset Point, R.I.

## NAVY PROMOTES HERSCHEL B. DAVIS ON SUBMARINE

**USS SEA POACHER (SS-406) (FHTNC), Nov. 29 — Machinist's Mate First Class Herschel B. Davis, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Davis of 1003 Broadway St., Chillicothe, Mo., and husband of the former Miss Nichole J. Schneider of 908 Easton St., Chillicothe, was advanced to his present rate while serving aboard the submarine USS Sea Poacher, operating out of Key West, Fla.**

His promotion was based on time in service and rate, military appearance, performance of duties and passing the Navy-wide test for promotion.

Davis attended St. Joseph Academy, Chillicothe, Mo., and the University of Missouri, Columbia.



**RALPH D. COBB**

## Engineers Book Report On Dow's Operations Here

Stanley A. Bissen, electrician's mate third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bissen, Caledonia Rt. 3, has qualified for submarine duty in the USS Sea Poacher at Key West, Fla., and has been assigned to the Nuclear Power School at Bainbridge, Md.

## DAVIS TO SERVE ON SUBMARINE SEA POACHER

Machinist's Mate Second Class Herschel Benton Davis will report March 23 aboard the submarine USS Sea Poacher (SS 406) at Key West Fla serving with Submarine Squadron 12

Mrs Davis and children will reside in Chillicothe while he is assigned to submarine duty at Key West

The Davises have been in Columbia where Mr Davis who is a member of the U S Navy, has been studying engineering courses at the University of Missouri

## Doris Brown Now Is Bride-Elect of Arne Weinfurter

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Brown, route 2, Marshfield, announce the engagement of their daughter, Doris, to Arne Weinfurter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Weinfurter, route 2, Arpin.

Miss Brown, a 1963 graduate of Marshfield Senior High School, presently is employed as a secretary for the First Presbyterian Church here. Mr. Weinfurter, a 1960 graduate of Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids, is stationed aboard the USS Sea Poacher, Key West, Fla.

Wedding plans are indefinite.

Ralph D. Cobb, production manager of the Williamsburg plant, is expected to discuss production of such synthetic fibers as Zefran, Zefkrome and Lurex. Women's garments made from these fibers will be displayed.

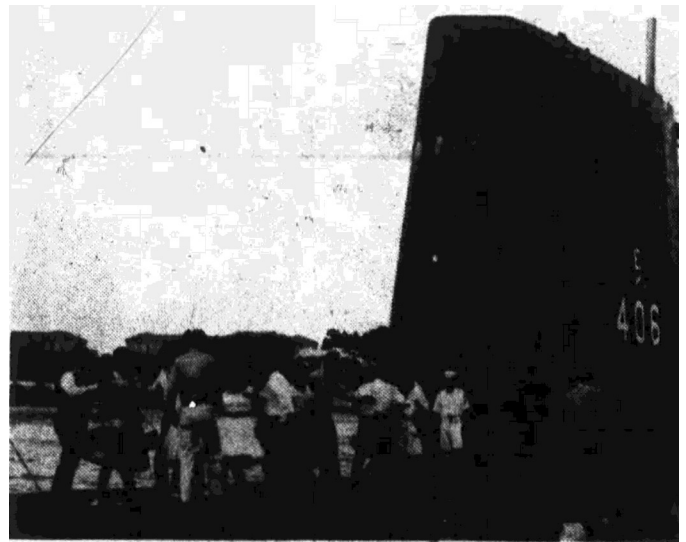
Although the regular "ladies night" meeting will be held later in the year, the Eastern Virginia Section meeting will be open to wives of members due to the nature of the meeting.

Cobb was selected as one of the key men in Dow's plant in 1956, when planning for the James River Division got under way. The plant's initial production of acrylic fibers has been augmented with a metallic yarn known as Lurex.

In addition to discussing the textile operation, Cobb is expected to show how mechanical engineers contribute to the chemical process plant such as Dow's.

Cobb, now a resident of James City County, is a native of Michigan. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1947 with a degree in mechanical engineering.

During World War II he served as engineering and diving officer on the submarine Sea Poacher.



**SQUARES ON SHIP . . . Square dancing on a submarine? Difficult but not impossible, as the "Gitmo Swingers" prove here. The Swingers is a group of square dancing fans at the U. S. Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Sub is the USS Sea Poacher. The Swingers swung without swinging into the drink where they would have had to swim.**

## WWII Submariners Reminisce at Reunion

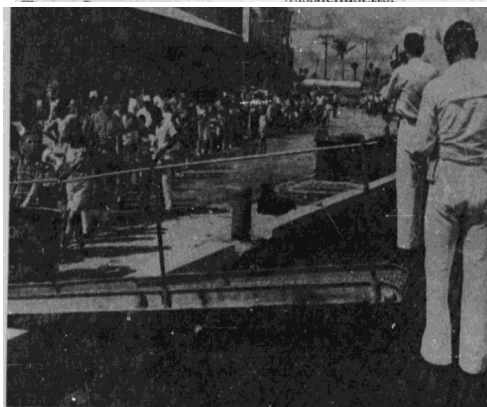
**EAST LYME (Special) —** It "good old days." was a grand reunion for the first time in 25 years as 15 former members of World War II submarine "Sea Poacher" got together at the Niantic Grill from Friday to Sunday to see each other and talk over the

They came from all parts of the country. Scott Horton, former quartermaster, traveled 1,500 miles from Louisiana. Others came from Indiana, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

The first reaction was "how much older" the others looked. Host for the reunion was former "Sea Poacher" cook, Gus Pappas, owner of the Niantic Grill.

The submarine was launched July 21, 1944, at York Beach, Maine. The crew consisted of 80 enlisted men and officers. During the submarine's service in the Pacific, the "Sea Poacher" took part in four war patrols, sinking a destroyer, nine cargo vessels and blew up a radio station in Japan.

As part of the festivities, the 15 men were given a tour of the naval submarine base in Groton. Then it was back to the Grill for the rest of their "business" meeting.



**KIDS' DAY** brought both kids and parents out to the Port of Palm Beach Saturday for a tour of a U.S. Navy minesweeper and submarine. Here an alert crew member of the U.S.S. Sea Poacher takes a snapshot of the landlubbers lined up waiting to fall down the hatches of this Guppy-type submarine



**MARK MALONE, 5,** of North Palm Beach, gives the traditional sailor's salute to the flag on departing the submarine USS Sea Poacher, while his dad, Richard, looks on. Free ice cream and cold drinks augmented the Kiwanis Kid's Day tours of a minesweeper, a submarine and an amphibian tractor at the Port of Palm Beach.



**MEREDITH McKENNA, 8,** gets a helping hand from the USS Sea Poacher's stern escape hatch by EM-3 (SS) Joe Storz. The Sea Poacher, commissioned as a fleet boat in 1944, sank nine Japanese ships before hostilities ended. The diesel-electric sub, longer than a football field, was altered to Guppy-type in 1951.



# Atlantic Fleet To Lose 29 Ships In Major Deactivation Order

NORFOLK (AP) — Norfolk will be hit harder by the deactivation of Navy ships than any other port of the East Coast. It will lose 17 ships whose crews total 5,110 officers and enlisted men.

Only San Diego on the West Coast is losing more—22 ships and 5,597 officers and men.

Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird announced Thursday that 100 navy ships would be mothballed. Seventy-six of these were named Friday by Secretary of the Navy John Chafee.

A spokesman at Atlantic Fleet

fall into the categories of one of those remaining aboard to assist in deactivating two, those reassigned to other ships, three, those sent to schools, and four, those released early from service.

Norfolk ships include:  
 Destroyer leader Norfolk, 18-years-old, with 24 officers and 370 enlisted men.  
 Destroyers Borie, D. H. Fox, and Lwory, each 25-years-old, with 16 officers and 260 enlisted each. Also the radar picket destroyer Putnam, 25-years-old, 11 officers and 144 enlisted.

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Command - communications ship Annapolis, 25-years-old, 37 officers and 727 enlisted.

Hardest hit was the Atlantic Fleet Amphibious Force with nine ships.

These include the attack transports Sandoval and Montrell, each 25-years-old, with a combined loss of 47 officers and 622 enlisted.

The high speed transports

old, each with 20 officers and 242 enlisted.

Also, the fleet tug Samoset, 25-years-old, 4 officers and 33 enlisted, and the fleet oiler Chilaskia, 27-years-old, 15 officers and 220 enlisted.

Ships at other east coast ports include the destroyer leaders W. A. Lee and Wilkinson, at Newport; the destroyers Goodrich and Turner, at Mayport; the fleet tug Stallion, at Charleston; the submarines Becuna, Sea Robin and Tench, at Groton, Conn., the submarines Atule,

Sea Poacher and Sea Lion, at Key West.

Total Atlantic Fleet ships lost: 29, with 451 officers and 6,912 enlisted.

The Pacific Fleet lost 47 ships with a total of 17,278 officers and men.

**USS Boxer  
Among Ships**

## SEA POACHER BASE RHG MEMORIAL

The USSVI Sea Poacher Base has done it. It has been many hard years in the making, but now complete and a wonderful submarine memorial. In the Bartow, Florida grounds of Summerlin Academy it bears the name of native son, Roy Holland Gallemore, who served on Sea Poacher for all WWII war patrols. Around the sail and torpedo, are the 65 plaques for each submarine the United States lost in its history. Flags fly above the plaque during the month the submarine was lost. Roy's Daughter Becky was thrilled to see this and said: "He would be so proud. This monument doesn't just honor him, its for all of those who lost their lives. It honors their brotherhood."



This ETERNAL PATROL project was personally shepherded from inception to final dedication by Sea Poacher Torpedoman First Class Jack Merrill, with assistance from many Base shipmates. Just to even get the torpedo from the Navy in Keyport was years in the making. Your Editor can attest to the hard work Jack put into this.

There were also many financial supporters including the Sea Poacher Association, as well as vital building support from McDonald Construction, Miller Concrete, Haygood Construction, and Bartow Ford. There are more details at [ussvi.org](http://ussvi.org). Thanks to Sea Poacher Quartermaster John Snook for this update.

# THE BAD ANGEL

If you are ever planning to visit the Pima Air and Space Museum near Tucson, AZ, in Hanger #4 you can view a beautifully restored B-29 and other aircraft, and you will also notice nearby a P-51 Mustang with the name BAD ANGEL. When admiring it, note the markings of the kills: seven Nazis, one Italian, one Japanese, AND ONE AMERICAN. Huh? Did a Bad Angel shoot down an American airplane? Yes, it is a true and unbelievable story.

In 1942, U.S. pilot LT Louis Curdes was 22 years old, and shipped off to the Mediterranean to fight Nazis in the air over Southern Europe. Assigned to a P-38 Lightning, in less than a month he had shot down five German Messerschmitt Bf-109 fighters, and was an Ace. Three months later, Louis shot down an Italian Mc.202 fighter and two more Messerschmitts before his luck ran out. A German fighter shot down his plane on 27 August 1943 over Salerno, Italy. Captured, he was sent to a POW camp near Rome. A few months later, the Italians surrendered, and he escaped before the Nazis could take control of the camp. He then volunteered for another combat tour, and was sent to the Philippines where he flew P-51 Mustangs and soon downed a Japanese Mitsubishi recon plane near Formosa. He was one of only three Americans to have kills against all three Axis Powers. Now his story was about to take a twist so bizarre that it seems like the fictional creation of a Hollywood screenwriter. While attacking the Japanese-held island of Bataan, one of his wingmen was shot down and ditched. Circling overhead, Louis could see that he had survived, and he stayed in the area to guide a rescue plane and protect the downed pilot. Then he noticed another airplane, wheels down, preparing to land at the Japanese-held airfield. To his surprise the approaching plane was a Douglas C-47 with American markings. He tried to make radio contact, but no success. He manoeuvred his Mustang in front of the transport several times trying to wave it off. The C-47 kept ahead to its landing target, and the crew didn't realize they were about to land on a Japanese held island, and soon would be captives. Louis decided to stop the landing by lining his plane directly behind the transport, carefully sighted one of his 50 caliber machine guns and knocked out one of its two engines. Still the C-47 continued on toward the airfield. Curdes shifted his aim and knocked out the remaining engine, leaving the baffled pilot no choice but to ditch. The big plane came down in one piece 50 yards from his bobbing wingman. At this point, nightfall and low fuel forced Louis to return to base. The next morning, Louis flew cover for a rescuing PBY that picked up the downed Mustang pilot and 12 passengers and crew, including two female nurses, from the C-47. All survived. He did not know one of the Army nurses aboard was his girl friend Valerie who he had dated the evening before. He was awarded two DFC's, and was the only American aviator to shoot down an American aircraft as well as shoot down his future wife. Louis would retire as a LTCOL in the Air Force and entered Eternal Patrol at age 76 in February 1995 at Fort Wayne, IN.

If you are at Pima, it is worth your time to visit the nearby largest aircraft bone yard in the world where there are several hundred military and commercial aircraft, including Presidential Air Force One's. They are sent there to die and be recycled. It is the only facility of its kind open to touring. Bus tours are on week days and you cannot get off during the tour. Website says "BEWARE OF SNAKES" which may explain staying on the bus.





# DIESEL BOATS FOREVER PIN

Probably few of us know the origin or the significance of the Diesel Boats Forever (DBF) Pin that is worn with pride on most of our Submarine Veterans vests. Thanks to Patrick Meagher, TMC (SS), USN Retired for the following which was contributed by Jon Nagle. The last diesel attack boat built for the Navy was in October 1959. At that time there were five classes of nuke boats. The diesel boat force made up predominately of modernized fleet boats had become the source of pre-commissioning crews for the nuke boats. Admiral Hyman Rickover personally interviewed all officers applying for the nuclear power program as well as many of the senior enlisted submariners. By early 1967 total nuclear submarine crews numbered in excess of one hundred, with the new 37 Sturgeon class nuke boats starting to commission. The diesel boat fleet in contrast numbered slightly over one hundred in commission with most nearing the end of their useful lives. More and more Rickover trained officers were appearing on squadron and force staffs bringing with them Rickover's operational philosophy. It was apparent to all that the diesel board navy were dinosaurs soon to be extinct. Diesel boats were still conducting most of the non-deterrent submarine operations including "special missions." Nuke attack boats were "wowing" many with their performance. The nukes were not without their teething problems however. It was not uncommon for a nuke to be unable to get underway as scheduled due to an "engineering problem." So it was left to the diesel boats to pick up the slack.

This brings us to the DBF Pin. In 1970 Barbel (SS-580) was deployed to WestPac on a "special mission" and the Control Room gang got into one of those nuke boat versus diesel boat discussions. It was pointed out during the discussion that on a number of occasions a diesel boat would have to get underway for a "broke-down" nuke boat again proving the superiority of smoke boats over unreliable nuke boats. Someone suggested there ought to be pin for smoke boat sailors, something like the new Polaris Deterrent Patrol Pin for "boomer" sailors, for the times you had to take a nuke boat commitment because they were broke-down. A contest was commissioned to design the pin. ETR3 (SS) Leon Figurido's winning design was a broadside view of a guppy boat with SS superimposed on the North Atlantic sail. There were two bare breasted mermaids, one on the bow and one on the stern facing in with arms extended. Completing the design was a ribbon underneath the boat with holes for stars, and centered on the ribbon the letters "DBF." As the DBF pin grew in popularity within the diesel boat community it continued to be cast and sold in shops around Yokosuka eventually making its way to Pearl Harbor, San Diego, and on to the east coast. Most "smoke boat" sailors assumed a gold star would be placed in the ribbon for each diesel boat served on. However, it was confirmed to the author years later by Captain John Renard, USN (Retired) and Skipper of Barbel at that time, that a star was to be placed on the ribbon for each time a diesel boat you served on had to get underway for a broke-down nuke. The DBF pin continued to gain in popularity among current and former smokeboat sailors who wore them with pride as either a pin or on a belt buckle, all the while collecting the ire of the senior nuke officer community. As the wholesale decommissioning of the fleet type boats occurred during the early 70s scores of career electricians and enginemen were forced to "surface" as there was no room for them on Rickover's boats. Their designation was changed by BUPERS from SS to SQ indicating they were excess to submarine force manning requirements although they were still allowed to wear their dolphins. Soon they too would be gone along with their collective histories. In 1973 Rickover issued an edict that Midshipmen would no longer go on summer cruises on diesel boats. In the mid 70s the DBF pin went into the display of submarine insignia maintained at the Pacific Submarine Museum then located at the Submarine Base in Pearl Harbor. The caption alluded to an "unofficial" insignia worn by a disappearing breed of submariner nostalgic for the days of diesel boats.

The DBF pin is an unofficial insignia to recognize the diesel boats ability to fill-in on very short notice for broke-down nuke boats, and now resides with pride on the vests of submarine veterans who qualified and served on smokeboats. Today the DBF pin is the unique symbol of the professionalism, discipline, and camaraderie of American smokeboat sailors who sailed on, unloved, unwashed, and underpaid as their era was coming to a close. DBF!



# TREASURY REPORT - HUBERT JACKSON

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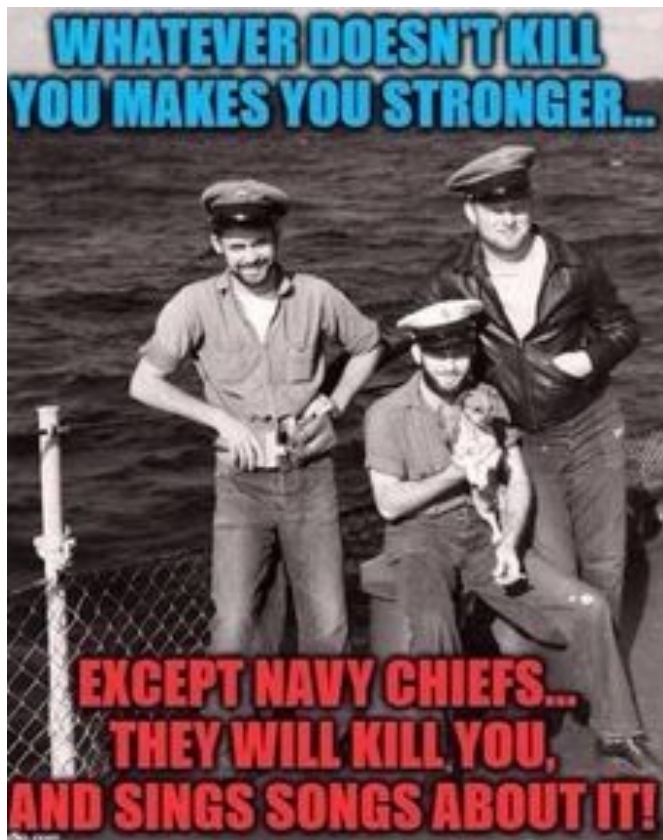
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 General Fund.....\$14,015.77  
 Bank Balance..... \$17,211.03

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January 2018	412	\$389.06	Memorial Plaques \$41.75/Newsletter expenses \$347.31

<u>Deposit Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From/To</u>
December 2017	4	90.00	Dues and Ship Stores to General Fund
February 2018	22	20.00	Dues to General Fund
March 2018	16	100.00	Life Membership Dues to General Fund
	23	44.00	Ship Stores to General Fund
April 2018	3	50.00	Check #408 Never Cashed - Returned to General Fund

## ENDING BALANCE ON 1 MAY 2018

Memorial Fund..... \$1,650.51  
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BLAME OR KEEL HAUL JACK ENSMINGER FOR THE ABOVE!

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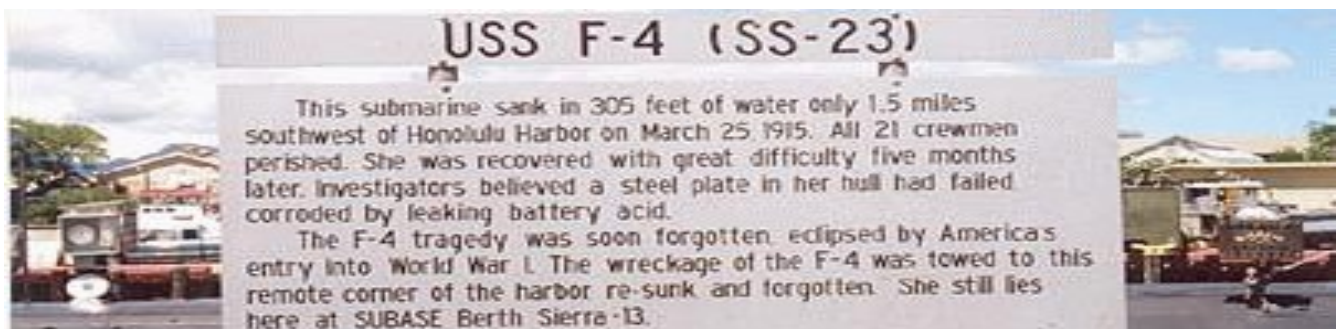
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Billy Cowart

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Dave Harms  
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Bill Hellmer  
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John Walton  
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Linda Weston  
Richard Whitmire  
Olin Williams  
Lanny Yeske  
Hope Young  
Jerry Young  
Robert Young





# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT-BILL BRINKMAN**

**1. Dues.** We have 200 Life and 29 Regular members (including 41 widows). If you're a Life Member or have paid your 2018 dues, thank you. If not, please pay \$10 for each year or become a Life Member for \$100. Life Members no longer get reminder 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](mailto: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. Tricare for Life Price Increase on Express Script Prescriptions:** From Lanny. Generic prescriptions are no longer free and now are \$7 for each. Other prescriptions are higher. Still not a bad deal, but a surprise to many of us. Official Navy information at [www.shiftcolors.navy.mil](http://www.shiftcolors.navy.mil)

**5. Submarine Facts:** From Jack Ensminger. A whole lot of them can be found at <http://usscod.org/fact.html>

**6. Flying the Atlantic in 1930:** From Hubert Jackson. Extremely interesting with outstanding photographs. Nothing like it today. Check <http://deltavan1.wordpress.com/2017/03/31flying-the-atlantic-during-the-30s-and-40s>

**7. Coffee Wisdom and Sparky:** Two items from Jack Ensminger. Well worth a few minutes of your time with the first at <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/161f3b40256fd1d91?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1> and the second <https://mail.goggle.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/161f71637da35c27?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>

**8. Female Retention Rate in Submarines:** From Lanny. According to the Associated Press in March 2018 it is nearly the same as for the men at 26 percent reenlistment. Currently, about 20 percent of the submarine crews are now integrated with the first submarine female Commanding Officer likely to happen in 2026.

**9. Any Information on Kurt Peterson IC 58-60?** We have some relatives looking for any details/photographs on Kurt who entered Eternal Patrol in 1983. Let me know if you have any memories or connections at all.

**10. Tricare Retiree Dental Program:** From Lanny. The program goes away on 31 Dec 2018. In November you must select one of ten providers in the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program. Vision insurance is an optional add on which you also need to check out. Lots of information can be found on the Internet.

**11. Pensacola Reunion, Ship Stores and Mystery Banquet Speaker:** There is too much to bring in my car. Accordingly, I am taking orders for any items you wish (see next page). And because no shipping costs are involved you will get a discount at the Reunion. Such a deal! Regards the banquet speaker, I have received more information from a clam than from Lanny. I do not know except he assures me that it will leave us spell bound.

**12. Home Visitors:** Yes, Lin and I had Larry and Arlene Weinfurter here in April on their return from South Texas to Wisconsin. Also, Dewey and Dotty Reed were also here at an R/V Camp. They attended our Central Texas USSVI Meeting and contributed towards our next local event of sponsoring the 2019 USSVI National Convention in Austin.

**13. Beer and Wine at Commissaries.** From Lanny. As we speak within the last 90 days and now in stock.



# SEA POACHER SHIP'S STORE

In addition to our normal items, we have Richard DeRosset paintings depicting Sea Poacher in a 1945 WWII gun battle with the Japanese. There are also two other paintings showing us with the Step Sail and during the Cuban Missile episode with the North Atlantic Sail. Ray Krivascy TM 1952-53 has also painted the 406 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. Revised March 2018.

DeRossett –WWII 1945 Surface Action 18” X 44”



DeRosset-Step Sail 10” X 23” Print or 12” X 28” Canvas



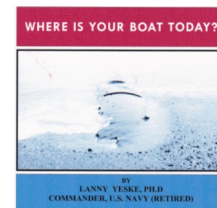
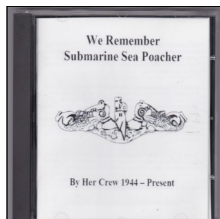
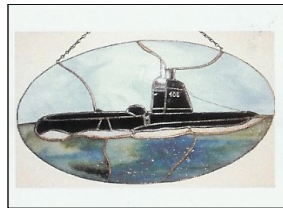
DeRossett-N. Atl. Sail 10” X 23” Print or 12” X 28 “Canvas



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	_____	65.00	_____
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	_____
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	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>			_____

# TODAY'S PUNISHMENT FOR MISSING QUARTERS

FROM JACK ENSMINGER



## IN MALTA 1964 DURING UPKEEP

Here we are with HMS AUSONIA (A153) in Malta in February 1964 courtesy of Richard Mortimer of the UK whose Father took this photo. It is a strange configuration as the submarine inboard with an old fleet bow has either a ramp for missile launching or perhaps it is a hull marking on the AUSONIA. Difficult to determine. As for the tender, Ausonia for 20 years until 1941 was a CUNARD Lines passenger vessel that carried up to 2,000 individuals from Europe to Canada. With the onset of WWII she was converted to a warship with eight six-inch guns and then performed convoy escort duties though out the war. She then became a heavy repair ship for the Med Fleet in Malta. After 44 years, Ausonia was sold to Spain and scrapped in 1965. A sad ending for many exceptional ships.





# RECENT EVENTS IN TEXAS

It begins in mid-May with Treasurer Hubert Jackson receiving his 50 Year Holland Club recognition with President Bill Brinkman, below left. Then Hubert is offered a free flight on a restored P-51 aircraft by owner/pilot Cowden Ward, below right, with Bill who has given Cowden glider lessons, and Bill is invited for a ride as well.



Hubert had followed Bill on Sea Poacher as a EM four years later with the same duties, although he said his main job was to fix everything Bill had broken on the 406. So on May 25, Bill is shown below in the P-51 back seat waving. Cowden had connected the joystick to the back seat and Bill actually flew the P-51. This included instructions to “dive until 250 mph, pull up, do the maneuver, and do not drop below 150 mph.” Bill said he felt the need for speed, logged 30 minutes of flying, and managed to retain his cookies. Of course, Hubert, following in Bill’s footsteps, will fly on a later date. He said it was a wonderful experience just to witness Bill’s ride and that his face spoke volumes of the experience. Bill took movies and, if they turn out but not certain due to the glare of the sun, will appear on his website in the near future.

As if this were not enough of the Texas antics, it seems there was a Veteran’s Military Appreciation event at the Round Rock baseball park. This included free beer with a couple of beer maids showing their appreciation to Bill in the below right photo. There were 20 Central Texas USSVI guys who were recognized at the ole ball game.



## MEMORIAL PLAQUES

**RICHARD BERNOTEIT**, IC 60-63. Entered Eternal Patrol on 17 December 2017 at Waukesha, WI at the age of 77. He was a Life Member of Sea Poacher Association. After the Navy, he worked on nuclear power plants as a construction electrician, and was an avid trap shooter and hunter. Thanks to Karl shipper for finding this shipmate, and the information on our next departure.



**JOEY AMPOSTA**, TN 61-62. Departed for Eternal Patrol at age 79 in Marysville, WA on 23 March 2018. Joey was a Life Member of Sea Poacher Association, served on eight submarines including four nuclear, was a qualified diver, and retired as a CPO Machinist’s Mate after 21 years of service. Joey was also a Chief Instructor for SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape) Training, as well an AARP volunteer driving instructor that included teaching a 100 year old woman. He is survived by his wife Pamela.

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