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Sea Poacher Crew Goes to Peru



Special Projects Officer

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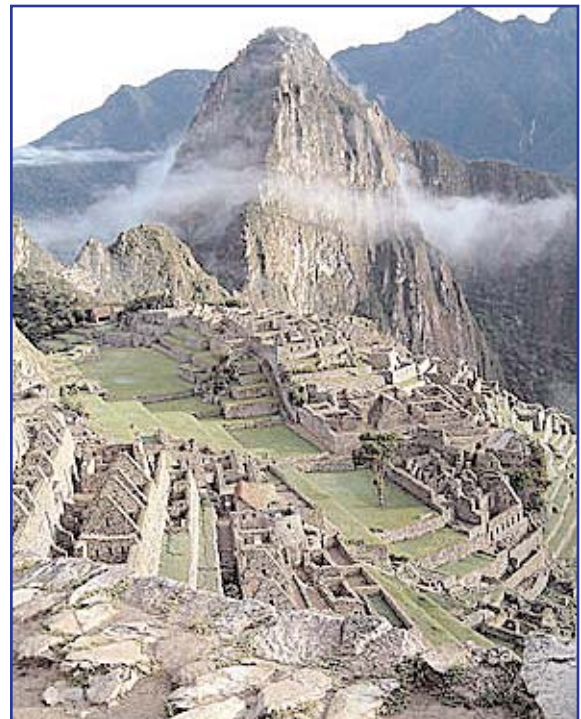
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Joe Murdoch found a reasonable trip to Peru with Gate 1 Travel and 13 of us have already signed up to go: Bill Brinkman, John and Nancy Clubb, Arnold Johnson, Ivan Joslin, John and Sharon Love, Jack and Sandra Merrill, Joe and Stella Murdoch, and Lanny and Fran Yeske.

We travel March 4, 2009 and spend one night in Lima, then three days in Cuzco, two more days back in Lima, and depart on March 10. The main purpose is to find out what we can about Sea Poacher/La Pedrera as to status and what equipment was salvaged. We are working with the highest levels in the Peruvian Navy and have already been granted formal clearance to visit the Callao Naval Base and Submarine Force on March 9. We have requested a meeting with the Peruvian Chief of Naval Operations, a visit to the Submarine Museum, a stop at the Pub Snorkel where some Sea Poacher equipment is apparently on display, a tour on an active duty Peruvian submarine, and lunch at the Commissioned Officer's Club. We would also hope to meet with some shipmates from La Pedrera. Our final schedule for this is still being set up by the guys in Peru so we are not exactly sure what will happen that day but it should be very interesting. At each event we will be giving a book, plaque, ball caps, dolphins, or something. Bill Brinkman has already designed a new Sea Poacher/La Pedrera embroidered patch for our vests and hats. There could be some publicity for this trip as well, and we are in contact with the U.S. State Department and our Embassy in Lima.

As part of the tour, we also will be flying in country 400 miles to Cuzco over the 21,000 foot Andes Mountains, and the next day taking a three hour vistadome train ride to Machu Picchu (one of the seven new wonders of the world) for a full day visit. I have heard directly from others who have been there, that it leaves one in total awe. There will

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Machu Picchu is a pre-Columbian Inca site located 2,400 meters (7,875 ft) above sea level. It is situated on a mountain ridge above the Urubamba Valley in Peru, which is 80 km (50 mi) northwest of Cusco and through which the Urubamba River flows. The river is a partially navigable headwater of the Amazon River. Often referred to as "The Lost City of the Incas", Machu Picchu probably is the most familiar symbol of the Inca Empire. It is also one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.

It was built around the year 1460, but abandoned as an official site for the Inca rulers a hundred years later, at the time of the Spanish conquest of the Inca Empire. Although known locally, it was said to have been forgotten for centuries when the site was brought to worldwide attention in 1911 by Hiram Bingham, an American historian. Since then, Machu Picchu has become an important tourist attraction.

Machu Picchu was declared a Peruvian Historical Sanctuary in 1981 and a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983. Since it was not plundered by the Spanish when they conquered the Incas, it is especially important as a cultural site and it is considered a sacred place.

Letter to the Editor:

During my 80 years I've seen a number of presidential campaigns, but this one has more lies, more viciousness, more money spent and more blatant hypocrisy, not to mention being the longest in our nation's history.

Also during those years I've written letters to members of congress and presidents. Basically a waste of time, because they're preoccupied with profits or their reelection, not with the affairs of the nation...at least that's my opinion. But I tried.

Trouble with letters is that they must go through an Anthrax inspection which may delay delivery as much as two weeks. Then I got clever (blush!) Letters cost 42 cents, a postcard only 27. The small writing space doesn't allow for a lot of useless ranting and raving, and makes me stick to one subject, not rant and rave

Regardless of who sits in the White House, congress will still work only two and a half days a week, will still give away public funds to pet private interests (that's called buying votes, by the way), will still take several vacations (whether we're at war or not) and Republicans and Democrats will still refuse to work together. Nothing will change unless lots of us demand it. Lots of us means lots of votes, and politicians will do most anything for votes...even get honest and hardworking!

It takes but a few minutes to put a short note on a postcard. My last one to Senator Obama (asking why he stopped wearing his American Flag lapel pin) had 65 printed words. Anyone who can't say what's on their mind (on a single subject) in that many word or less is wasting everyone's time, including their own.

Sometimes only two words are needed: "STOP EARMARKS!" Or three, "LOWER GASOLINE PRICES!" Or four, "GET OUT OF IRAQ!"

The point is, whatever your opinion, make it heard...often.

Your crusading relative and friend.

Ken Bonnell, RM 57-58

The Proposal

"I love you with a love that will last,"
He proposed, bended knee on the grass.
"Will you," he shyly started,
Suddenly died, departed.
And the poor dear spent her life half asked.

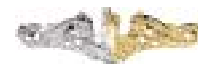
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A Salute to "The C.O.B."



By DICK FOX, CO 63-34

As did many members of the Sea Poacher Association, I had the privilege of serving a number of years in several boats, including the 406. In all of this service I was always singularly impressed with how the Submariners stepped up to accomplish any tasks which needed attention, whether or not the incident was associated with their rate, assignment or experience. The reasoning was simple – if it needed doing, let's do it now without any further discussion on ways and means.

At the reunion in JAX, a situation arose wherein this characteristic of a Submariner came into play.

Most of us know Chief Vernon Barnett, who was C.O.B. on the 406 for a number of years. He was certainly there when I was on board 1963-1964. For the last forty-four years I have always wanted to see him and thank him again for his outstanding services to the boat. Chief Barnett was not able to attend the reunions in 2004 and 2006, but we hoped he would be able to make it in 2008.

A number of us talked to Chief Barnett by cell phone early in the reunion, but it was not clear if he could make it



Photo by Jack Merrill, TM 61-63

Tiny Kleinweber EM 61-66 and "The COB" assist in loading anewly retrieved torpedo off Key West during the 61-63 period.

up from his home in Keystone Heights, some 45 miles from JAX. This problem was no problem. While most of us were taking the tour to San Augustine on Saturday, a group of men had determined the Chief should come up at least for the afternoon. Carroll and Jan Lawson had come to JAX by air and so he was without an auto, but Bill Brinkman did have one. Carroll borrowed Bill's auto, drove down to Keystone Heights by himself, picked up the Chief and had him in the Hospitality Room when we got back from St. Augustine.

What a pleasure it was for all of us to see the Chief, together with his usual cigar, and have a few Coronas together. For me it was one of the very high points of the gathering. I was able, after all these years, to tell him again how much I appreciated the opportunity to serve with him and how he was the classic example of an outstanding Chief of the Boat, and I really meant it.

The Chief had to return home in the late afternoon, so Carroll drove him back. By the time Carroll returned to JAX, he had missed most of the banquet.

In a later contact with Carroll, he told me that he and Bill were the chief instigators of the trip, but that many others had encouraged them and would have participated if given the opportunity. And of course, this was so.

I am sure the C.O.B. will never forget this tribute paid to him. Nor should we. When we Submariners see an opportunity help a Shipmate, let's do it before an opportunity slips by.



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Memorial Plaque Presentations . . .



From left to right: Janine Buzzerd, wife of Randolph Buzzerd, SN 68-69; Randolph's nephew, Joshua Buzzerd, Eddie Montz, YN 52-53 and Marty Stokes, EN 54-57 who presented Sea Poacher Assn. Memorial Plaque to the family.



Lula Dodson gratefully accepts a Sea Poacher Memorial Placque in the memory of her husband Carol Gene Dodson, TM 60-62. A group of shipmates met at Kobe Steakhouse in Orlando, Florida and had a great meal with some story sharing.

From left to right are: Bob Acor, QM 59-60 and his wife Carolyn; Tommy Thompson, IC 55-56; Richard Clubb, QM 62-63; Jack Merrill, TM 61-63, his wife Sandra; Lula and her daughter Denise. In front, back too is Gene's granddaughter Stephanie, oops I mean Jessica, who put on a gymnastics performance for our entertainment while we figured out how to take a picture with a cell phone as everyone forgot to bring a camera.



Ann Kyber accepts a Sea Poacher Memorial Placque in the memory of her husband Fred Kyber, CS 52. From left to right are: Fred's daughter Katherine and her husband Charles; Fred's wife Ann; son John and Carlton Griggs, LT 67-69 who made the presentation.



JJ Lynch, CS 59-62 presents a replica of the Sea Poacher Battle Banner and a copy of our book to Nancy Richards, Curator of the USS Bowfin Museum in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He is assisted by members of Bowfin Base, USSVI.

On a recent visit to the museum by Jack Merrill, TM 61-63 and his wife Sandra, they discovered that this beautiful museum had many of the boats banners that were stationed in Pearl during the war, but alas not Sea Poacher. So after a conversation with Nancy he promised to paint one for display. If you go to Hawaii this is one place you must visit.



Photo by Cal Cochrane, MM 55-56

On 28 July, 2008 Jon Nagle MM 62-63, Bill Luttrell YN 55-57 and Cal Cochrane MM 55-56 presented a check from the Sea Poacher's Ken LeBlanc Humanitarian Fund to Gerry Coutu TM 55-59 who recently lost a leg to diabetes. The money was used to purchase a wheelchair carrier for his vehicle.



On 7/30/2008 Bill Dukacz, his wife Diane and grand children Alex 8 and Caitlin 4 1/2 (the half is very important to her) made the 75 mile drive down to the Submarine Force Museum and Library from their home in New Hartford, Conn.

Near exit 73 they decided to take the exit and have a quick lunch at Dunkin' Donuts. As they were eating their sandwiches, there was a gentleman sitting near them having lunch. They got to talking and it turns out he was a former Submarine Commander named Wright who knows former Commander Gerald Levey the artist of our raffle painting. Small world!

The hospitality they received from the SFM&L staff was outstanding. Special thanks to Chief Matthew Acevedo who setup the presentation ceremony.

Sea Poacher Book CD's Now Available!!!!

To order books please contact either Bill Brinkman or Lanny Yeske

Memorial Fund

When a shipmate passes on the USS Sea Poacher Association presents, to their next of kin, a Memorial Plaque to commemorate their service to Sea Poacher. The plaque is a framed and matted picture taken from the bridge of Sea Poacher during the Cuban Crisis and superimposed over it is the Final Prayer as it appears on Page 6&7. It also indicates the years the individual served aboard. We decided that funding for this project should stand alone, so we are accepting contributions which may be made out to Sea Poacher Association and mailed to Association President, Bill Brinkman. Indicate "Memorial Fund".



Sea Poacher Book presentation: From left to right: Enola Stokes, Mary Scallon, Herman Scallon and Marty Stokes. In front is Gail LeBlanc accepting a Sea Poacher book.

FINAL PATROL

*I have one consolation that lives with me today,
That God is near to them, in his own special way.
So, God in all Your mercy, keep near Thyself the soul,
Of every submariner, still on his final patrol.
Lord, these departed shipmates, with dolphins on their chests are part of
an outfit known as the best.
Make them welcome and take them by the hand.
You'll find without a doubt they were the best in all the land.
So, heavenly Father add their names to the roll of our departed ship-
mates still on patrol.
Let them know that we who survive will always keep their memories
alive.*

Sailors Rest Your Oars . . .

Eduardo L. Abans, SD 68-69 — January 2000
Samuel W. Acree, ET 57 — October 2003
Bruce M. Adams, MoMM 44
Horace M. Adams, EN 63-64 — November 1987
Raymond E. Adcock, SN 47 — December 1974
Frank R. Alvis, LCDR, 53 — November 1987
John Austin, EN 69 — 1970's
Willie Austin, EM, 49-56
Robert P. Ayer, EN 60 — 1978
Donald E. Barnes, EM 46-49 — May 2002
Wayne E. Barton, TM 47-48 — July 1997
Raymond Bassett, FT 64 — July 2000
Irwin Battle, MoMM 45-46 — July 2000
Harold R. Baumgartner, SK 63-64 — April 2006
Ray Bayans, EN 49 — November 1983
Richard Baybutt, FN 44-46 — December 2002
Robert N. Beers, LT 68-69 — September 2007
Robert A. Bergs, XO 57-58 — February 2007
Joseph Beuchler, TM 59-61 — September 1975
Reynold A. Binder, MoMM 46-47 — June 1993
Powell Blair, Pritc, 45 — April 1992
Charles Blanco, SD 48-49 — June 1994
Salvatore Blangiardi, EN 61 — June 2002
LuVern Blankenhagan, EM 59-60 — September 1998

Wesley L. Blankenship, TM 49 — October 1998
Jesus R. Blas, SD 49-50 — January 2000
Gerald O. Bludau, MM 61-62 — February 1986
Federick Boczon, EN 48-50 — May 1993
Joseph Bole, ET 50-51 — 1995
John Bornowski, TM/Ens 54-57 — December 1991
Joseph D. Boscarelli, CS 50 — October 2000
W. D. Boulton, 44
John S. Bour, EM 48-49 — July 1974
George Bracey, SD 58-59 — USS Thresher
Norris Bradley, SN 44-45
Norman Breeden, TM 49-50 — November 1993
Henry B. Brengleman, EM 49-54 — September 1968
Charles Breyman, HM 55-58 — November 1993
James Bridewell, ET, 63-67 — 1993
James A. Brink, Ens 44 — September 2003
Josephino F. Bugarin, TN 50-54
Everett N. Burbes, IC 51-52
James Burke, EN 44-46 — 1999
George J. Butkis, EN 62-63 — October 2003
Richard Byom, QM 51 — April 1976
Louis Cafone SN 44-45 — June 1981
Bobbie J. Calvert, FT 55-59 — October 2007
Nicholas G. Camera, EM 47 — July 1993

Olie L. Carden, EN 50-57 — February 1990
J.B. Carson, TM 53, 56-59 — April 1999
Clarence Carter, EM 45 — September 2003
Vinton Carver, QM 55-56 — December 1990
Murry Cherry, TM 48-49 — April 1984
Robert Chestnut, EN 59-62
Edwin Chubb, YN 49-51 — July 2006
Howard A. Coffman, HM 50-56 — 2004
Raymond Conahan, SA 49 — October 2001
Paul M. Conklin, SK 66-68 — August 1998
Harold W. Cook, TM 46-49 — September 2007
Quebert Cormier, EM 69 — March 2000
Arthur J. Cornish, MoMM 45-48 — 2002
Timothy J. Cotter, Sr., EM, 44-46 — July 2005
Donald J. Coughlin, RM 54 — December 1997
Richard H. Coupe, XO 61-63 — May 2003
Mack W. Cowart, ET 52 — August 2006
Kenneth C. Crago, MoMM 46 — March 2008
Raymond J. Cremin, EM 60 — January 2005
Richard Crittenden, EM 58 — January 2004
Enrique B. Cruz, TN, 45-49 — July 2005
Stephen P. Cyganik, FT 45 — February 2002
Wendell Darnold, RM 50-51 — December 2007
Jerome A. Davi, XO 60-61 — February 2003

Carl Davis, CO 57-59
Fred Davis, TM 49-53
William H. Davis, MoMM
Floyd Day Jr., EN 60 -
Maurice L. Demers, H
Robert Demonge, TM
Kenneth H. Deramus,
Alfred Despang, EM 5
Alfred Dickey, SA 45 -
2007
John H. Dittmer, MoMM
Gary Dorn, ET 55-57 -
2006
Jere W. Driver, RM 63 -
1998
Francis J. Droesch, E
William G. Eason, TM
February 2000
Edward Englert, GM 4
November 1962
John H. Epps, LTJg 4
Alois Ertl, EN 60-63 -
1988
John B. Estes, IC 61-
2005
George F. Everaert, T
July 1996
Morris E. Ezell Jr., QM
2004
Joseph M. Farnsworth
June 1985
Dale N. Fate, CS 54-5
1999
Jess W. Favors, EM 5
February 2003
George Fender, EN 5
William J. Fitzgerald,
November 1996
Ernest W. Flintoff, FA
January 1998
Ellwood H. Forni, SO
Thresher
James N. Forrester, E
Taylor L. Fox, TM 46 -
1997
Charles H. Foy, GM 4
1974
Ralph E. French, CS
October 2007
John L. from Jr., LT 5
2004
John Fulmer, MM 45 -
Roy H. Gallemore, LT
February 2005
Frank M. Gambacorta
December 2000
Warden Gaskins, XO
Robert C. Gaunt, TM
John E. Gerenser, SN
Raymond J. Gillin, ET
William H. Goold, EN

- John A. Goordman, ET 54-55 – January 1990
 Richard M. Gorton, CS 54 – May 1993
 John H. Goss, MM 46-49 – December 2001
 Robert Gouge, EN 59-60 – November 1993
 Ira Grayboff, MM 44-45 – February 2004
 Henry Guthrie, EN 63-66 – 2001
 Bobbie Joe Hammac, FA 58-62 – May 1995
 James Harbin, QM 52 – February 2006
 Otto D. Harrod, MoMM 45-47 – January 1984
 John E. Harvey, CS 59-63 – November 2004
 Lee R. Harvey, SN 48-49 – January 2006
 Raymond J. Heckroth, QM 49-52 – July 2007
 Michael C. Hehmann ET 68-69 – 1993
 Joe Hemphill, EM 44-45
 Pat H. Henard, Sr., TM 45-47 – December 1997
 William Henry, LTjg 58-59
 Jere W. Hensel, TM 58
 Darrell J. Hickman, TM 44-45 – May 2008
 James T. High, Jr., LT 57-60 – December 2003
 William F. Higley, SO 60-61 – October 2005
 Donald E. Holley, TM 63-64 – May 2001
 Dale D. Holtzclaw, EN 60-61 – June 1994
 Scott E. Horton Jr., QM 44-47
 Ira R. Houston, RM 44-49
 Jerry Hucks, LTjg 63-66 – June 2001
 William Hurt, MM 44-45
 Jack H. Johns, QM 49-50 – September 2004
 Alfred Jonas, EN 57 – February 2003
 Douglas S. Jordan, LT 59-61 – February 1992
 Matthew H. Jordan, EM 69
 Jerry L. Jorn, IC 51-54 – November 2002
 William H. Judy, EM 49 – December 1990
 John G. Juricek, QM 63 – March 2000
 Donald J. Kamuf, EN 60-61 – June 2006
 Zigmund Kanaszka, EM 52-55 – 1975
 Arthur Keevil, LTjg, 47 – August 1993
 Warren F. Kendall, SN 50-52 – September 1981
 Joseph L. Kentz, MoMM 47 – February 1971
 Carlos S. Killgore, EM 63-65 – February 2003
 Edward Kilosky, EM 63 – 1997
 Edward L. King, LTjg 55-57 – September 2000
 Robert A. H. King, LTjg 53-55 – September 2003
 Gary G. Kirkpatrick, EN 50-52
 Geroge A. Klarmann, IC 54 – May 2003
 Leonard R. Kojm, CO 61-63 – September 2004
 Leonard C. Kroll, TM 52-55
 Harry Kumanski, TM 45 – July 1993
 Stephen Kurkjian, EN 51 – November 1977
 Frederick O. Kyber, CS 52 – November 2006
 Paul Lacouture, LT 44-45
 Thomas L. Lampley, SN, 45-46 – March 2005
 Clayton LaPlante, EN 56-58 – 2000
 Wallace R. Larson, EN 49-52 – February 2007
 Johnny Lazo, SO 61-63 – December 2002
 Robert LeBel, FN 44-46
 Kenneth L. LeBlanc, ET 60 – May 2007
 Neal D. Ledford, EN 49-50 – April 1993
 Charles F. Leigh, CO, 45-46 – January 1954
 Andrew Leslie, RM 55 – January 2000
 Herman J. LeVaur, MM 61 – September 1994
 Burt L. Levin, LT 57-58 – March 2007
- Jim Lofland, CS 58-61 – January 2004
 John Lorrey, MoMM 47 – May 1997
 John P. Macuszonok, EN 49-52
 Robert Madill, EM 49-50 – January 1998
 David B. Maher, CO 55 – February 1992
 Joseph E. Marmaud, EN 53-56 – August 2007
 Stanley C. Martell, FT 69 – March 2006
 Gerald K. Matern, YN 46 – March 1998
 Nelson "Sam" Mattingly, EM 52-56 – October 2006
 Clemens F. Maue Jr., SN 46-48 – October 2005
 Robert E. Mauldin, RM 48-50 – January 2003
 James L. McCombs, TM 49-50 – April 2002
 Donald R. McManis, SA 48-49 – August 2002
 William I. McNeil, SN 47-48 – December 1999
 Thomas A. Meek, ET 50-53 – September 1994
 Alfred W. Miller, SC 47-48 – October 2006
 Calvin G. Miller, LTjg 63-67 – September 2005
 Jack K. Miller, RD 52-53 – May 2007
 Morgan J. Minchey, TM 61-63 – May 2004
 John Minett, YN 45 – June 1989
 Frederick T. Montgomery, TM 59-60 – March 1997
 Frank Murphy, EN 62-65
 Charles E. Napier, QM 50-53
 William Nelson, EM 52-54 – January 2002
 Earl Bobbie Newell, GM 44-46 – 70's
 Arthur G. Newton, XO 49-51 – 2008
 Edgar W. Nies, RM 49 – September 2002
 Bliss Nisonger, TM 44 – November 1997
 Lawrence C. Oetjengerdes, SC 46 – March 2004
 Arthur J. Olsen, EN 54 – June 1964
 Constantine Pappas, SC 44-45
 John Park, CS 63-65
 Nando Passerine, TM 53-54 – July 1980
 Robert G. Pearce, LTjg 62-63 – May 2005
 Dallas R. Pendergraph, ET 51-52 – February 1999
 Elias Peregrino, SD 45-49 – March 1950
 Owen Perry, TM 46 – March 1996
 Donald W. Peterson, EM 54-57 – August 2003
 Arturo Piazza, EN 60-62 – April 2006
 Stanley Piekos, TM 45 – January 1969
 Thomas H. Polk, CO 55-57 – April 1996
 Marshall H. Poole, EM 60-61 – September 2006
 William Porter, EM 44-46
 Rudolph H. Poteet, FT 53 – December 2006
 Tracey Price, EM 44-46
 Paul V. Purkrabek, LTjg 47 – November 2003
 Robert D. Reinheimer, TM 51-52 – 1976
 Raymond H. Renner CS 50 – March 1995
 Allen K. Rhodes, TM 49-52 – February 2004
 James A. Rhodes, TM 52 – July 2000
 Burton E. Rider, EN 51-53 – March 2003
 John W. Rindy, MoMM 46-47 – February 1975
 Henry Robertson, EN 48-50 – 1950
 William F. Robinson, CS 46-47 – February 2001
 Horace Q. Rogers, TM 58-59 – June 1993
 James O. Rogers, LT 53-56 – 2003
 John Ross, SN 44-47
 Bruce Rounds, SN 44-46
 Charles Russell, LT 59-61
 Frank Rutzen, FN 55-57 – November 1999
 Ernest J. Sabol, Jr., LTjg 57 – June 2003
- Ansel E. Sampson, IC 57-58 – November 1975
 Richard Sanders, IC 66-68 – October 2001
 Gaetano A. Sanfillippo, RM 48-49 – February 1982
 Louis V. Sardo, QM 60-61 & 64 – April 2004
 William G. Sargent, EM 63-64
 Laverne V. Schleuning, EN 53-55 – December 1999
 Jacon B. Schmersahl, EN 55-57 – June 2002
 Henry Schmidt, CS 55-57 – November 2000
 Herman Schoenberger, TM 57-59 – December 1995
 Albert R. Schofield Jr., LTjg 52 – June 1986
 Sidney Schorr, SN 45 – March 2003
 Harold R. Schwartz, TM 57-59 – February 2006
 James W. Scott, QM 60
 Phillip C. Sears, TM 57-58 – December 1982
 Walter Seifert, EN 60-62
 Vernon Seiple, SO 61-63 – December 2001
 Edwin W. Sharp, EN 67 – July 2002
 Harold O. Shealy, EM 49 – April 2007
 Edward E. Shook, EM 64-68 – March 1990
 Robert T. Silvis, SC 45-46 – May 1999
 Thomas J. Sirici, EN 63-67
 Norman Skiles, RM 58-59 – October 2003
 Rudolph V. Skocylas, RM 49 – January 1996
 Frederick S. Smith CP 44-46 – 1961
 James L. Smith, TM 63-64 – November 1991
 Ebrue G. Smojcic, EN 44-51
 George R. Sparks, Jr., CP 44-46 – December 1990
 Nolan (Dave) Spence, ET 54-56 – October 2000
 Gordon A. Spring, EM 64-65 – September 2006
 Richard M. Stafford, XO 61 – March 1995
 Yaber Staggs, EM 67-68 – September 1989
 Lawrence E. Stahl, XO 59-61 – April 2000
 Charles Stanley, EM 63-65 – February 2008
 Harold Stanley, RM 58-60 – November 2007
 Peter J. Stea, EN 53 – May 2002
 Wesley Stephens, EM 57-59 – December 2003
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 William F. Sullivan, Jr., RM 45-47 – January 2007
 Harold F. Swan, MM 56-57 – November 2007
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 Wesley A. Sweat LTjg 59 – January 2004
 James Symanek, SA 68-69 – July 1970
 Melvin Syme, TM 44-45
 William N. V. Tackett, EN 51-55 – February 2005
 Frank J. Taggart, FT 56-59
 Joseph Tasillo, FA 52 – March 1993
 Arnett B. Taylor, XO 53-57 – October 2002
 Charlie Thieme, MM 44-47 – 2003
 Felix T. Thomas, TN 58-60 – June 1971
 Richard Todd, SN 45
 Gordon W. Townsend, RM 57 – June 1982
 Peter Urueta, QM 49 – May 1997
 Theodore M. Ustick, CO 49 – May 2000
 Robert E. Van Meter Jr., EM 60-62 – August 2000
 Warren Vanderwerker, EM 57-63
 Peter Wallin, QM 56-59 – March 1991
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Eminent Domain



From My Perspective

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In the lengthy definition of eminent domain in Black's Law Dictionary it is clear that a state has the right to reassert, either temporarily or permanently, its dominion over any portion of the soil of the state on account of public exigency and for the public good." But it does NOT say private property may be taken and handed over to another private entity and when the U.S. Supreme Court condoned just that with some property in New London, CT, it was wrong, terribly wrong. My reaction to that was:

I lived one time in a comfy run down hundred-year-old shack,
For convenience there was a two-seater privy out in the back.
Had some fine eating time, gourmet cooking on an old hot plate,
Life was easy, not much work, went to bed early, often slept late.

Some thought my place a dump, they envied my pleasant days,
And wrote the mayor angry letters, said the place should be razed.
He sent one of his council to look, the man said he was stunned,
And almost shouted, "This place is history, it's an antique, son!"

"Built by one of the town's founders, all with his very own hand.
This house is famous," he said, "as are the woods and the land.
Soon hundreds of folks will be coming from all over the state.
I tell you, sir, as a tourist attraction this place will be great!"

"Now we'll do our best to get you at least a million or two,
And with so much money there's nothing you can't do.
Lots of travel, lots of new clothes and even a new home."
"Sorry, sir, but I ain't sellin'. I just wanna be left alone."

"Oh, no," he drooled, "this place is a historic treasure
And your progressive mayor wants to give folks the pleasure
(For a fee of course), of seeing this house of local history."
I said, "Now you know plans like that will cause me misery."

"No misery, for you, sir," he chuckled, "'cause you won't be here.
You be off traveling, buying fishing boats, drinking premium beer!"
"Look mister, you hard of hearin'? Pay attention to my words!
Don't want lots of folks stompin' round here like buffalo herds!"

"You won't have to worry about people anymore or tornadoes,
You won't have to worry about growing corn and tomatoes.
You won't have to worry 'bout the roof leaking when it rains,

'Cause, mister, we're taking this place by eminent domain."

Four days later the mayor came by in his Dodge Caravan,
And wanted to know if I'd seen that town councilman.
Told him I had indeed and how we had a nice long talk.
Said he loved the woods, would I mind if he went for a walk.

"Well, Mr. Mayor, I fixed a nice supper, kept it warm long as I could,
Expecting any minute to see that man coming back out of the woods.

Finally I just couldn't wait any longer, 'cause I was near starvin'.
Yes, sir, he said that was his name, called himself Mr. Marvin."

"Told me as a historic structure, my house was quite nice,
And that you folks was willing to pay a very high price.
When I told him I didn't care to sell, he just gave me a smile,
Took off for his walk, telling me to think it over for a while."

"No, sir, haven't seen him since that beautiful afternoon.
And he sure surprised me by not coming back soon.
That little sports car he was drivin' is sure some fine machine,
And all this time he's been gone, I been wipin' it clean."

"Did he mention what-o-main? Don't recall nuthin' like that,
But he did take pictures of my toothless one-eyed cat.
Where did he go? Why, just in those woods and over the hill.
And if you like antiques, by the lake there's an old saw mill."

For a long, long time after that, I was still eating supper alone.
Neither gentleman ever came back, never called on the phone.
But I kept checking their cars for them, the oil and the radiators
And I guess I just plumb forgot to mention my pet alligators.

This is the warden. He's in here for life and out of his head.
He didn't obey those men, fed them to his alligators instead.
No remorse has he shown, their passing causes him no pain.
Says alligator meat is what people are who use eminent domain.





**From the
2010
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GOOD NEWS FROM BRANSON MISSOURI

Lin Brinkman, Bill Brinkman, Jack Merrill and Jack's grandson Josh Riner, Stella Murdoch and I attended a Military Reunion Planners Convention in Branson, Missouri in August.

We have reserved rooms at the Lodge of the Ozarks on Monday November 8, 2010 through November 11, 2010. After checking in we will have an indoor picnic with an "Old Fashion Ice Cream Social" preceding an optional show. The hotel will extend our convention rates three days prior and three days after our Reunion if you choose to extend your visit.

TUESDAY: Three different optional shows within walking distance. (For those interested in a golf outing on this day, or Monday, please let Jack Merrill know ASAP).

WEDNESDAY: Buses will take us to Table Rock Lake for Tolling of the Bells, followed by a river boat cruise, lunch and show on the "Branson Bell". Mid afternoon wine tasting at the Branson Bodega. Then on to the Grand Village for Christmas decoration shopping and dinner. After dinner we will enjoy the spectacular Andy Williams Christmas Show and to keep us in the Christmas mood on the way back to our hotel we will see a Christmas Light Show by coach.

THURSDAY: Morning we will be picked up at the hotel by the amphibious vehicles called DUKS, which we will ride in the Veterans Day Parade. We will decorate the DUKS with signs, flags etc. Load our candy for the kids and sail off at 11:00 sharp. We will be preceded by a College of the Ozarks Color Guard and a Sea Poacher banner identifying us.

EACH "DUK", HOLDS 36 PEOPLE - WE HAVE THREE DUKS RESERVED

ONE MORE IS AVAILABLE, BUT EACH OF YOU MUST HELP!

VERY EARLY RESERVATIONS WILL ALLOW ADJUSTMENTS

You may go on line NOW and REGISTER without sending any MONEY at this time.

The web site is: www.reunionproregistration.com/seapoacher.htm

If you register before NOVEMBER 30, 2008 you will receive three tickets for a free hotel night drawing.

If you register before MARCH 31, 2009 you will receive two tickets for a free hotel night drawing.

If you register before JULY 4, 2009 you will receive one ticket for a free hotel night drawing.



Stella Murdoch flirts with Yakov Smirnov, one of the entertainers that greeted the Sea Poacher shipmates that attended a wonderful event put on by the city of Branson, Missouri for military reunion planners.

THESE FREE NIGHTS ARE WORTH \$99.00

THURSDAY AFTERNOON: Business Meeting at hotel, followed by our banquet in the evening which will offer great food, drinks and company. In keeping with the Branson theme we will be entertained at our banquet with a Variety Show featuring a group of young professionals from the ages 9 to 15.

We have retained Branson's #1 Military Reunion Planning Service. The owner is Pam Brown and she has established a website that each of us may use for all our details, from hotel reservations, shows, hospitality suite stocking and buses. This will allow all attendees to enjoy our reunion. More details will follow shortly.

Make your plans early, we are going to have a memorable reunion and each and everyone of you is an important part. IF you register early enough there are rooms with jacuzzi and or refrigerators and microwaves available, but you need to make your reservations EARLY.

Finally we visited the new Branson Airport scheduled to open May 2009. The runways are finished and the pre-fabricated terminal was being erected the last week of August. The construction is four months ahead of schedule. Airlines are being vetted with priority being low cost carriers operating out of Houston, Denver, Chicago and other areas.

After the Reunion, on Friday if the weather permits, it would be great to play gold or if you prefer an outing at Silver City.

HELP -- The Tucson, Arizona Submarine Veterans have a 20 foot submarine model used in parades. Do any of you know of something similar that is closer to Branson???



From the President:

Bill Brinkman

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Hurricanes, Floods, and Fires

Our Special projects Officer Lanny Yeske is now checking with shipmates that may be affected by recent natural disasters such as flooding, fires, tornadoes, etc.

So, if you are damaged by any natural disasters please contact Lanny or any other Association officer to see if we can help.

New Address Lists

Great for Christmas Cards

I've developed a data base which will give the mailing address and telephone numbers (or e-mail address) for shipmates by year(s) served on board USS Sea Poacher.

For privacy reasons, we do not list mailing addresses or telephone numbers on our webpage (we do show e-mail addresses).

So, either write me or e-mail me your request for the mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the shipmates that served with you during your years on the USS Sea Poacher.

Remember that I also can send you a "Shipmate Report" which shows shipmates from all the years 1944-1969 that live within so many miles of you.

We suggest that you get together with them during the year for "Mini-reunions" (golf, lunch, dinner, etc) . No need to wait until November 2010 to have great times!

November 8-12, 2010

Reunion in Branson

In August Joe & Stella Murdoch, Lin & Bill Brinkman, and Jack Merrill and his grandson Josh went to Branson, MO to checkout the hotels, some shows, and plan our 2010 Reunion.

We decided to work through a Reunion Planner based in Branson as their company gets discounts on hotels, shows, and attractions. They in turn quote us rates that are either below posted rates or equal to what we could obtain.

Also, being located in Branson, they can tell us if we need to change plans due to circumstances such as a show being cancelled, a building burns down, etc.

Check out our 2010 Reunion Host Joe Murdoch's article for more details on the 2010 Reunion.

Reunion 2008 Addition

I just found out that Richard Dempsey, LTjg 60-62, was our 5th Submarine Skipper at our 2008 reunion in Jacksonville as Richard was CO of the USS Mackerel from 1972-1973 and of the Navy Submarine Support Facility/Submarine Base, San Diego from 1977 to 1980. Richard is on page 4 of the July Newsletter (identified as LT Jerry Sullivan).

I Am A Veteran

by ANDREA C. BRETT

You may not know me the first time we meet
I'm just another you see on the street
But I am the reason you walk and breath free
I am the reason for your liberty

I am a Veteran

I work in the local factory all day
I own the restaurant just down the way
I sell you insurance, I start your IV
I've got the best-looking grandkids you'll ever see

I'm your grocer, your banker, your child's schoolteacher
I'm your plumber, your barber, your family's preacher
But there's part of me you don't know very well
Just listen a moment, I've a story to tell

I am a Veteran

I joined the service while still in my teens
I traded my prom dress for camouflage greens
I'm the first in my family to do something like this
I followed my father, like he followed his

Defying my fears and hiding my doubt
I married my sweetheart before I shipped out
I missed Christmas, then Easter, the birth of my son
But I knew I was doing what had to be done

I served on the battlefield, I served on the base
I bound the wounded, and begged for God's grace
I gave orders to fire, I followed commands
I marched into conflict in far distant lands

In the jungle, the desert, on mountains and shores
In bunkers, in tents, on dank earthen floors
While I fought on the ground, in the air on the sea
My family and friends were home praying for me

For the land of the free and the home of the brave
I faced my demons in foxholes and caves
Then one dreaded day, without drummer or fife
I lost an arm, my buddy lost his life.

I came home and moved on, but forever was changed
The perils of war in my memory remained
I don't really say much, I don't feel like I can
But I left home a child, and came home a man

There are thousands like me, thousand more who are gone
But their legacy lives as time marches on
White crosses in rows, and names carved in queue
Remind us of what these brave souls had to do

I'm part of a fellowship, a strong mighty band
Of each man and each woman who has served this great
land

And when Old Glory waves, I stand proud, I stand tall
I helped keep her flying over you, over all

I am a Veteran

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Sea Poacher Ships' Store



This copy of the Gerald Levey painting, donated by the Stahl family, is for sale for \$35, shipping and handling included. It is printed on high quality photo paper and measures 13x18 inches. Profits from the sale of this painting will go to the Humanitarian Fund.



Service Certificate includes a picture of the boat in the configuration as you served aboard and also includes a list of all the shipmates with whom you served. Printed on high gloss photo paper. 11x14 frame subject to availability.



This beautifully crafted stainglass piece of Sea Poacher created by Annette Snook, wife of John B. Snook QM 59-62. This piece will be a crafted by Annette as we receive orders, so there will be some delay in delivery. Piece measures 17"x10 1/2".



This nicely painted resin Sea Poacher placque created by Jack Merrill, TM 61-63 is mounted on a handsome piece of exotic hardwood donated by Mark Markham, TM 48-50

ITEMS	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
Keychain	—	\$3.00	—
Ships' Patch	—	\$5.50	—
Ballcap	—	\$14.00	—
Coffee Cup	—	\$14.00	—
Golf Shirts - Sizes M, L, XL & 2XL(w/o pockets)	—	\$22.00	—
Golf Shirt with pockets	—	\$25.00	—
Etched Glass Tankard	—	\$20.00	—
Framed Service Certificate	—	\$35.00	—
Unframed Service Certificate	—	\$10.00	—
Sea Poacher Ship's Placque	—	\$50.00	—
Gerald Levey Painting	—	\$35.00	—
Stainglass Sea Poacher	—	\$110.00	—
Challenge Coin	—	\$8.50	—
TOTAL			—

Please make check payable to Bill Brinkman and mail to: *Bill Brinkman, 4500 Tiffany Nicole St., Round Rock, TX 78664-9466.* Prices includes shipping,

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Sea Poacher Crew Peru Trip

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also be a dinner and show in Cuzco, a Cuzco city tour, and the tour of the Pisac Market and the sacred valley/city of Ollantaytamko. Back in Lima a city tour, show, and dinner are included in the base price. For details on the trip, go to: http://www.gate1travel.com/south-america-travel/peru-tours-7dpeincs09.aspx?utm_source=bookingbuddy&utm_medium=thisjustin&utm_term=061208&utm_campaign=southamerica&advid=a267824d-3797-4ddb-b8b3-879669234585x

We would welcome more Sea Poacher travelers for this, singles or doubles, but space is limited. As of late August there are only two double rooms and one single (to be shared with one of our guys) still available at our Lima hotel. Our hotel rooms are not the Ritz-Carlton, but are three star with private bath and have restaurants and bars. Gate 1 Travel thinks it could get one or two more rooms possibly, but this tour will likely fill up soon as the price is very reasonable. And what is the price? Well, the base price is around \$1,000 which includes round air fare from Miami, all transfers, hotels, in country flights, some shows, and all breakfasts and one dinner. But if you add on the optional tours which we have all signed up for, your add on air fare since the base fare is from Miami, and all the meals, it goes up. For Fran and I, we depart from Washington Dulles, and I would expect our cost to be around \$2,000 each total, which includes most everything. The national drink of Peru is the Pisco Sour (a local

brandy drink) and it will require careful sampling.

If you are interested, please contact me directly before going through Gate 1 Travel as I can answer most of your questions and can put you in touch with our Gate 1 contact who is very familiar with our travel and can easily walk you through the options and additional air fare reservations before signing up. Get to me by email doctoryeske@yahoo.com, phone 434-385-7117, or regular mail 1063 MacArthur Place, Forest, VA 24551. You do need a passport but no visa. Also, Cuzco is at an elevation of 10,800 feet so if you have any respiratory problems, check with your doctor before signing up for this trip. Machu Picchu is still at 8,000 feet. This is going to be a fantastic trip and opportunity to experience Peru and check into Sea Poacher/La Pedrera final status. We would love to have you join us. Especially if your Spanish is better than mine.

Our Sea Poacher Book is Now on CD

We sold out all of our books at the May Reunion and to do a second printing is too expensive. Accordingly, Jon Nagle is putting the book and photos on a CD that is available for \$10 which includes shipping. Contact either Jon or Bill Brinkman if interested.