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The Ancient Submariner Earns His Dolphins

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EUSTIS Florida — Sitting in his chair in the backroom of the Crazy Gator restaurant and bar in Eustis, John Sohl couldn't see the storm clouds blowing across the lake in the big windows. He's pretty much lost his vision and depends on Telly, the black Labrador who was not there.

And he didn't really understand all the voices around him. His wife, Audrey, had brought him to the ramshackle seafood joint to celebrate 61 years of marriage. He thought it was going to be a quiet afternoon.

Audrey is something else too, and has been since she stole him from a girl John called Pink Lightning because of the lipstick she wore back at Plant High. She won him over at the soda fountain at what used to be Dukett's drugstore on MacDill Avenue.

But the voices were also from another time. They were from the men of a World War II submarine called the Sea Poacher. And they had something for their old crewmate.

Johnny Sohl was barely 17 in 1944 and it had been with more than a little reluctance when his mother signed the papers saying he could join the military.

After graduating from radio school ... "Well, they gave me a choice," he said. "I could put a radio on my back and probably head off



Photo by Sandra Merrill
John Sohl, III proudly pins a set of silver dolphins on to his father's chest.

for the invasion of Japan or they were looking for volunteers for submarine duty. I didn't like walking, so I went to submarines."

U.S.S. Sea Poacher

The next thing he knew he was on a new submarine called the Sea Poacher. After Pearl Harbor the Navy had rushed to get more submarines into the water and Sea Poacher had been completed in a record 173 days.

The submarines of those days were a different animal from the massive nuclear-powered machines of today. With a crew of six officers and 60 enlisted men it was a challenge just to survive the daily routine in those tight and stifling quarters.

The Sea Poacher immediately transited the Panama Canal and went on patrol from its base at Pearl Harbor.

One of the remarkable things about the vessel was that it not only survived its missions in the Pacific, but after the war it was moved to the Canal Zone and years later to Key West. It was still on duty during the Cuban missile crisis in the '60s, and in fact took fire from a Cuban patrol boat in those anxious days when we were on the verge of nuclear war.

The Sea Poacher remained in service until 1969. It was sold to

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Photo by Sandra Merrill

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Ty Merritt MM (65-68); Doug Bishop IC (63-66); Rodney Benefield QM (61-62) and J.J. Lynch CS (59-62). **FRONT ROW:** Ed Thompson EN (53-55); Jack Merrill TM (61-63); John Sohl RM (44); Richard Clubb QM (62-63); Bob Acor QM (59-60) and Johnie Davidson EN (63).

the Peru Navy in 1974 and served an additional 20 years.

Day of the dolphin

There are more than a few veterans of that remarkable vessel still around. Nine of them showed up at the Crazy Gator on Saturday. It seems that John Sohl had left the vessel back in 1946 without getting his dolphin insignia, designating that he was fully qualified on submarines.



Photo by Sandra Merrill

John's wife Audrey received a miniature set of dolphins as well.

To make up for that the veterans not only managed to get their former mate those silver dolphins, it would be John Sohl's son, the former captain of the nuclear submarine Houston, who came down from Washington to pin them on.

Of course there are traditions and in order for Sohl to get his dolphins, the 82-year-old had to down a mug of beer in one (OK, two or three) gulp to find the dolphins at the bottom of the glass.



Photo by Sandra Merrill

Rich Clubb assists John in the time honored tradition of "Diving For Your Dolphins". John did an outstanding job. It's too bad that there wasn't an ocean handy or we would have thrown him over the side, also.



From the President:

Bill Brinkman

seapoacher@austin.rr.com

Dues

Currently, we have 207 Life Members and 31 Regular members. If you're a Life Member or have paid your 2009 Dues, thank you.

If not, then just a reminder to either pay \$ 10 for your 2009 Dues, or to become a Life Member for \$100.

There are several good reasons for becoming a Life Member of the Association:

1. You'll never again get these annoying letters from me or our Treasurer Hubert Jackson.
2. You receive a Free patch.
3. The Association continues Life Membership status for your widow

Also, for those of you who think you're too old to become a Life Member and won't last another 10 years, I issue this challenge:

George (Kriker) Boyajian EM 44-49, is a Plankowner and made all 4 War patrols on the USS Sea Poacher. He became our 205th Life Member.

Send your check (made out to USS Sea Poacher Association) to me:

Bill Brinkman
4500 Tiffany Nicole St.
Round Rock, TX 78665-9466

Address and e-mail changes:

Please be sure to send us your latest mailing and e-mail addresses. Remember, its our Association policy to not show your mailing address and telephone number on our newsletters or on our website.

When shipmates request them, we do put them in touch with you.

Branson 2010 Reunion:

If you're signed up for our November 2010 Reunion, thank you.

If not, go to our website and download the registration form from Gatherings Plus and send it to them. Remember that you do not need to pay at this time.

Now, if you can't access a computer, send me a request, or call

me (512-255-0285) , and I'll send the registration form to you.

Currently, we have 38 people signed up for what promises to be a great and memorable reunion.

Book Addendum:

Lanny Yeske and Jack Merrill made a book Addendum which has the write-up of our trip to Peru and the results of our search for USS Sea Poacher. The addendum is a great read and has the pictures following along with the stories.

This addendum belongs in the back of your "WE REMEMBER SUBMARINE SEA POACHER" book, so be sure to place your orders with Lanny.

A Letter from John Sohl

1 August 2009

Bill Brinkman, EM
President, USS Sea Poacher Association
4500 Tiffany Nichole Street
Round Rock, TX 78665

Dear Bill:

As I sit down to write this letter, I am still filled with the same emotions I felt on Saturday the 18th of July, when I received my dolphins.

Not until Jack Merrill took me to the center of the room to tell my Sea Poacher story, then re read your letter, and the designation was red, did I realize what was happening.

To have my son, Cmdr. John H. Sohl, III Ret., CO USS Houston (SSN-713), pin the dolphins on me, to have so many of the crew and their wives there, and to have my four children as well as other family members and friends was something I'll never forget.

I am enclosing a copy of an article that appeared in the Tampa Tribune on July 24th. It was written by my nephew Steve Otto, who attended the cremation and is a columnist for the Tribune.

Thank you for the honor, I'm proud to be part of such a wonderful group of shipmates.

Sincerely yours,

John H. Sohs, Jr., RM2(SS)

**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. It also indicates the years the shipmate served aboard. The association 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".



From the Treasurer:

Hubert Jackson
EM 67-69

hubert78611@yahoo.com

This treasury report is complete through the month of August and reflects all activity since May 31, 2009. Since our last bank statement we have already had one deposit of \$262.00 for the month of September to the General fund. That deposit will be detailed and included in my next quarterly report.

As you all know, we have lost several Shipmates since our last reunion. If anyone can and would like to donate any amount to our Memorial Fund, I am sure it would be appreciated by all and prevent us from falling short of Memorial Funds, should the need arise. I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of the Sea Poacher Association. Hope to see you in Branson in 2010.

Treasury Report

September 16, 2009

June 1, 2009 Beginning Balance in the Following Funds was:

Memorial Fund	800.00
Humanitarian Fund -	1240.00
General Fund -	24999.96
Bank Balance - (General+Hum+Mem) =	27039.96

June/2009 Debit Activity:

Check# 160 for vest chain set -	23.00
Check# 161 for news letter expenses -	250.00
Total Debits -	273.00

June/2009 Deposit Activity:

June 11 to General Fund -	271.50
This included 200.00 from life memberships and 30.00 from regular yearly memberships. Also, 41.50 in ships stores sales.	
June 22 to General Fund -	180.00
This deposit was all from dues (life @ yearly)	
Total Deposits =	451.50

Ending Balance as of June 30, 2009 in the following funds was:

Memorial Fund -	800.00
Humanitarian Fund -	1240.00
General Fund -	25178.46
Bank Balance - (General+Hum+Mem) =	27218.46

July/2009 Debit Activity:

Check# 162 for Addendum materials -	500.00
Check# 163 for vest chain sets -	66.00
Total Debits -	566.00

July/2009 Deposit Activity:

July 20 to General Fund -	145.50
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This included 140.00 in life and yearly memberships and 5.50 in ships stores sales.

July 31 to General Fund -	602.00
This included 532.00 in Book Addendum sales, 20.00 in Book CD sales and 50.00 in ships store sales (silver vestchain sets).	
Total Deposits -	747.50

Ending Balance as of July 31, 2009 in the following funds was:

Memorial Fund -	800.00
Humanitarian Fund -	1240.00
General Fund -	25359.96
Bank Balance (General+Hum+Mem) =	27399.96

August/2009 Debit Activity:

Check# 164 for -	355.00
This included 280.00 drawn from the Memorial Fund for Plaques and 75.00 from General Fund for Cards.	

Check# 165 for -	31.18
This was from General Fund and was for Addendum mailing expenses.	
Total Debits -	386.18

August/2009 Deposit Activity:

August 24 to General Fund -	274.28
This included 184.28 rebate in addendum expenses and 90.00 in life membership dues.	
Total Deposits -	274.28

Ending Balance as of August 31, 2009 in the following funds was:

Memorial Fund -	520.00
Humanitarian Fund -	1240.00
General Fund -	25528.06
Bank Balance (General+Hum+Mem) =	27288.06



Special Projects Officer

Lanny Yeske
LT 61-63

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I greatly appreciate the Association response to our recent book publications. The hard cover 2008 WE REMEMBER SUBMARINE SEA POACHER book is a total sell out and no copies are available. There will not be a second printing. However, two dozen copies of the complete book are still available on a CD for \$10 each including shipping.

And the recently published 2009 Addendum to the book is also nearly sold out, and we are down to the last dozen available at \$9 per copy including shipping. If you want either of these act soon by making your check payable to the Sea Poacher Association, and mail to Lanny Yeske, 1063 MacArthur Place, Forest, VA 24551. When these are gone that's it. Any questions call 434-385-7117 or email doctoryeske@yahoo.com.

Sea Poacher Reunion Registration Form

November 8-12, 2010

(To be filled out and mailed in)

Name: _____ Spouse./Guest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please register me for the following:

Host Hotel: Lodge of the Ozarks

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

___ Smoking ___ Non-Smoking ___ Handicap Accessible

Special Requests and/or Additional Guests _____

Reunion Rate: \$99.00 per room per night including tax and hospitality room

___ # of rooms ___ # of nights

Reunion Acitivity Package:\$228.00 per person

___ # of activity packages

TOTAL DUE: \$_____

A 50% deposit is required by September 8, 2010 with final payment due by October 8, 2010. There will be a 10% cancellation fee if reservation is cancelled by October 1, 2010. No refund can be made after October 1, 2010. Cancellations must be made by phone and authorized by a representative of Gatherings Plus. All refunds will be precessed within 30 days of cancellation.

Questions?? Call us at 417-338-4048

Register by phone or mail:

GATHERINGS PLUS

P.O. Box 1023, Branson West, MO 65737

417-338-4048

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 plaque 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	—
Plastic Mugs	—	\$12.00	—
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 Plaque	—	\$25.00	—
Gerald Levey Painting	—	\$35.00	—
Stainglass Sea Poacher	—	\$110.00	—
Challenge Coin	—	\$8.50	—
Dolphin Vest chains, gold or silver	—	\$25.00	—
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,

Carl Lary Hale, EM 59-61

On Final Patrol — July 20, 2009
Sailor Rest Your Oar



Carl Hale, Age 74, of Louisville, Ohio passed away Monday, July 20, 2009. He was born in Sikeston, MO on September, 4, 1934 to the late Merle and Viola (Anderson) Hale. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Carol (Wartman) Hale, whom he met and married in Minerva, OH in 1961. He is also survived by sons, Gerald Bradley (Sandy) Hale and Terry (Julie) Myers; grandchildren, Carl, Arielle, Dannille

and Amanda Hale, Marla and Christopher Myers and Dylan Myers; great-grandchildren, Waylon, Tyler, Trevor and Trent Hale, Cheyenne Myers. He was preceded in death by brothers, Merle, Allen and Laurie Hale; a sister, Virgie (Hale) Allen; a son, Todd Hale and a stepson, Rodney Myers.

Carl served with the USS Navy for 20 years, retiring in 1971 as a Senior Chief Petty Officer. He served during the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. Most of his duty was served aboard submarines. After retiring from the Navy, he went to work as Maintenance Engineer for C.A. Spalding Co. in Philadelphia, PA, retiring from there in 1999. He and his family resided in Burlington, N.J. for 35 years before moving to Louisville, Ohio in 2005. He is a life member of the USSVI, the US Sub Veterans of South Jersey, The Holland Club, for members with 50 years of qualified submarine service. Member of Louisville Eagles #2374, Life Member of the VFW #120 in Minerva, OH. The American Legion #548 of Louisville, The AC Club of Beverly, N.J. and was a past member and president of the Victor Emmanuel Club of Burlington, N.J.



Robert B. Horne, EN 60-61

On Final Patrol — July 31, 2009
Sailor Rest Your Oar



Elaine Perritte (Roberts daughter) and Tim Horne (his son) receiving the Sea Poacher Association Memorial Plaque from Jon Nagle. MM 62-63

Robert Baker Horne, 78, of Walterboro, South Carolina, widower of Evelyn Jane Horne, died Friday, July 31, 2009 at his residence.

Mr. Horne was born March 10, 1931 in Fort Blackmore, Virginia to the late Hurston F. Horne and Phoebe Somaria Kiser Horne. He attended schools in St. Paul, Virginia. He served in the United States Navy for 20 years and fought in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He retired from the Charleston Naval Shipyard as an engineering technician.

He is survived by two sons: Steve Horne of Altavista, Virginia and Tim Horne (Joye) of Walterboro, South Carolina; one daughter, Elaine Perritte (Larry) of Walterboro, South Carolina; five granddaughters and three grandsons: Dani Ahrens of Summerville, South Carolina, Larry Perritte, Jr. of Walterboro, South Carolina, Brandee Cromer of Walterboro, South Carolina, Kristina Hanley of Summerville, South Carolina, Larae Horne of Walterboro, South Carolina, Katie Johns, Ryan Horne and Rob Horne of Virginia and nine great grandchildren.

Due to space limitation we will print the entire list of shipmates on Final Patrol only once a year, in the January edition, which goes out to ALL Sea Poacher shipmates whether they are members or not.

A Search for George Boyajian



George Boyajian EM 44-49 along side Matthew Horton, LT, grandson of George's shipmate Scott Horton, QM 44-47

Earlier this year Eddie Horton, son of Scott Horton, QM 44-47, initiated a search for one of Scott's buddies, George Boyajian, EM 44-49.

Scott's grandson, Matthew, a '02 graduate of the Naval Academy and currently a LT on the USS Newport News (SSBN-750) and want-



Scott Horton

ed to meet Bojo Boyajian. That happened in July.

George "Bojo" Boyajian is living in Mansfield, Massachusetts and still working for the new England Patriots.



George Boyajian

The following is a correspondence with Bill Brinkman:

Thanks for Mr Boyajain's number (Bojo as Dad called him) I met him once about 15-20 years ago. Mr Boyajain and my Dad were best of friends and often visited each other when they reconnected in the 60's (we lived in Louisiana and Mr Boyajain lived around Boston) My son is an '02 USNA graduate and is now a Lt in the Navy. He is submarine qualified and is getting ready for his second boat, the Newport News. His first was the Los Angeles. Following in his Grandfather's footsteps, Dad would be proud. As you can imagine, I am immensely proud of both my Dad and my son. Matthew is in Groton currently till the end of July and since he is in the area he wants to find Mr. Boyajain who is probably one of the last surviving members of the 406 in WW2.. He also discovered that Gus Constantine's restaurant in Niantic (the Niantic Bar and Grill) has been sold just in the past year. He was going to introduce himself to the family. Gus was the cook on the 406 during

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Arne Weinfurter MM, 64-67 and Evonne McCoy were wed in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin on June 13th. A reception- was held following the nuptials.



From the Web Guru:

Jon K. Nagle

MM 62-63

jondryvac@aol.com

I had the distinct honor and pleasure to deliver the memorial plaque and letter to the family of Robert Horne, EN, 60-61. Both his daughter, Elaine Perritt and his son, Tim Horne were present in addition to their spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Robert was a life member of our organization and often regaled his family with sea stories about his tour on the Sea Poacher.

If you ever have the opportunity to make a similar presentation, jump on it. It makes you feel good inside, not only making the presentation but also knowing you are a part of a great organization.

On our web page we have a new article by Bill Gibson, CO, 53-55, a new link to the Peruvian Navy web page and a new submarine history video.

As usual, all your recollections, pictures, what have you would continue to make your web page outstanding.

Membership Roll

The following is a list of paid-up members. Are you on this list? If not, why not?

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Robert Abbott	Jack Easley	Gail LeBlanc	John Savory
Bob Acor	Daniel Eberhardt	Ted Lee	Herman Scallan
Charles Ahler	Fred Edwards	Jim Lerner	Bob Schindhelm
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Vernon Barnett	Dante Fortini	Tony Madsen	Rick Smock
Amelia Beers	Richard Fox	John Majzun	John Snook
Harvey Benson	Ron Fraley	Ken Manion	Fred Socha
Carol Berge	Harold Gall	Mark Markham	John Sohl
Truman Bernhard	Larry Garrett	Robert Matheny	Bill Sololoski
Doug Bishop	Barbara Geddes	Earl Matthews	Vincent Sottile
Jim Blackmon	Jack Gentry	Jim McClanahan	Richard Stickney
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George Boyargian	Ron Godwin	T. McCommas	Chuck Strand
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Bill Brinkman	Jackie Graham	Jim McNeerney	Tom Sugden
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Russ Burrows	Paul Gusler	Joe Murdoch	Ed Thompson
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Richard Clubb	Bill Hellmer	Jack Nims	Tony Tuttobene
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Carroll Davidson	Richard Jennison	Dewey Reed	Don Wilkinson
Richard Dempsey	Aronld Johnson	Larry Reiche	Olin Williams
Tom Deuley	Gerald Joseph	David Richter	June Wyse
Floyd Dickerson	Ivan Joslin	Mark Richwine	Lanny Yeske
Betty Dickey	Mike Kassinger	Luke Riley	Hope Young
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William Donnelan	David Keffeler	Robert Ritz	Robert Young
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Merlyn Dorrheim	Terry Kleinweber	Salvatore Rosina	
John Dubbs	Richard Laake	Robert Roth	
Bill Dukacz	Troy Law	Martin Ruch	
Daniel Dybala	Robert Lawrence	Marcel Rull	
Richard Earl	Carroll Lawson	John Saeli	

MEMBERS

Ed Ashenden	Frank Caulfield	William Gibson	Dale Peterson
Robert Atkins	George Childs	Lyle Gillette	Clyde Riggat
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Russ Bauer	Billie Cowart	Wayne Holmgren	Delvin Smith
Richard Bernotiet	Walt Culp	Jim Keir	Charles Summitt
Mike Birc	James Deming	Peter McCormack	Glen Suttle
Stanley Bissen	Ray Dicare	Jim McSorley	Jim Thompson
Clyde Boley	William Dougherty	Mark Mordecai	Fred Vavra
Bill Buckley	Elwood Erickson	Julius O'Bannon	Lee Yonts
Fred Brattain	Richard Ferris	John O'Grady	
John Brill	Ernest Fontes	Bill Paramenko	
Richard Carlson	Robert Ford	Charles Peppler	

If your name does not appear here . . . Why not??? Please help support your association!!!! Dues are \$10 per year or \$100 for a life membership. Please make check payable to "Sea Poacher Association" and Mail to: Bill Brinkman, 4500 Tiffany Nicole St., Round Rock, TX 78664-9466



From the
2010
Reunion Host:
Joe Murdoch
jmurdoch13@aol.com

Suggest you make your plans for the 2010 Branson Reunion now. Branson is an exciting destination at any time. However, they go out of their way to honor and celebrate all Veterans during Veterans Day. You may look at this years events posted on www.bransonveterans.com, then 2009 Veterans Homecoming Week. This will be fun and offers a wonderful setting.

Sea Poacher has reserved three DUKS (Amphibious Landing Vehicles) for you to ride in the Veteran's Day parade. Three is all we could rent. Each vechile holds 36 people and the first DUK is already full. We may be able to get more DUKS but only if we have reservations to support the increase.

The USS Pollack has booked three DUKS also. They will be staying at the same hotel and the Pollack has challenged Sea Poacher to a best decorated float contest. This was accepted on the terms that "We Win, They Lose". Seriously, does anyone think a few of us could gather without some challenge being issued? Your decorating ideas are being gathered by Jim Halbert. He can be reached at: 951-204-0063. Please consider that he lives in California when calling.

November is the start of the Christmas shows and everyone will include a patriotic session honoring and recognizing all servicemen.

Branson opened its new airport last May and at this time is served by Air Tran only.

You may go to www.seapoacher.com and print the form to register to attend the reunion. (Also included on Page Five of this issue). No money is necessary now. Incidentally, there will be multiple drawings for free rooms based on the earliest registered people receiving extra chances. Mark your calenders and register. If you have any questions call Joe Murdoch at 239-495-1373 between 8 am and 8 pm (EST).

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Boyajian

the war years and held the 406 reunions in the late 60's and early 70's in his grill.

Dad told me a lot about his submarine service. He was on the S-27 when it sank in Alaska off Kamchika Island, on the 35 (or was it the 34) when it burned in the Aleutians. The whole crew was topside while it burned for two days. I didn't appreciate the story about how the waves broke over the dead boat and crew till I started watching episodes of "The Deadliest Catch". Mom died in the the 70's when I was a young man and Dad and I became best friends. We toured every submarine we could get on for years. Dad passed away in August '95.

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