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Dedicated to the men who served on this great fighting ship!

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LET'S MESS WITH TEXAS

OUR SAN ANTONIO NATIONAL REUNION

16-20 APRIL 2012



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ON THE RIVERWALK



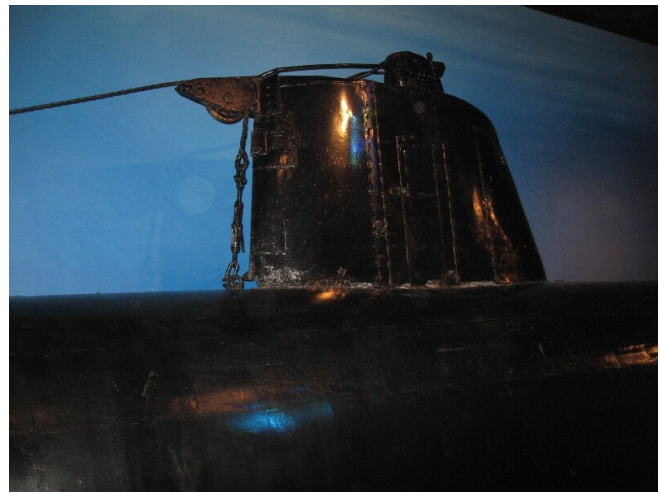
REMEMBER THE ALAMO



SAN ANTONIO NATIONAL CEMETERY



SURFACING SUBMARINE



JAPANESE SUBMARINE

NIMITZ NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PACIFIC WAR AT FREDERICKSBURG



CORPUS CHRISTI / LEXINGTON (CVA16)



AKA THE BLUE GHOST

Our next Reunion is in San Antonio, with side trips to Fredericksburg and Corpus Christi. It will be hosted by Bill/Lin Brinkman and Hubert/ Linda Jackson. Details on the excellent hotel that has been reserved, how to make hotel reservations, and all the events for another outstanding reunion are provided on the next page. Also, fill out that Registration Form, include your check, and mail to Bill for the Activities Package. Our hosts have scheduled a full plate of activities for the week, so plan to arrive on Sunday April 15 if you can with most departing on Friday April 20, although several will be arriving earlier and/or staying on for a few more days. Taxi and shuttle service to the hotel is available from the Airport so you do not need a rental car. The one way Yellow Cab taxi fare today is \$23.64 (not including tip) total for 1 to 6 passengers (depending on luggage) and is the best deal. The shuttle is \$16 per person each way. Joe Murdoch will be coordinating arrival and departure times for those who want to taxi pool.

You really do not want to miss this event which will be our sixth reunion. The first was Mobile in 2003 and was set up by Bill Brinkman and co-hosted with the Submarine Sea Owl Association. The second was Charleston in 2004 and was coordinated by Cal Cochrane, Jerry Coutu, and Bill Luttrell. These were followed by the 2006 in Virginia Beach headed by Ivan and Marjorie Joslin, the 2008 in Jacksonville led by JJ and Sonja Lynch, and the 2010 in Branson coordinated by Joe and Stella Murdoch. You can imagine how much work goes into these reunions by your hosts and coordinators who do a wonderful job on our behalf. Each was fantastic and were an absolute joy to participate in. There is so much to do and to get back in contact with your shipmates is an incredible experience. San Antonio promises to be on the same level as these, and each reunion just seems to get better and better, if that is possible.

If you have never been to a Sea Poacher Reunion, now is the time to sign up. And we are not getting much younger and our ongoing Sea Poacher veteran age is somewhere between 60 and 88 years as we speak. We also know times are tough economically for all of us. If anyone needs a bit of financial support to help make San Antonio contact Bill, Hubert, or myself, and we will see if assistance is available from our Treasury, if approved by the Association Board. No promises on this and all inquiries will be totally confidential.

USS SEA POACHER REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL REUNION SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

April 16-20, 2012

(To be printed and mailed in....not for online registration)

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

A. HOST HOTEL: Holiday Inn Riverwalk, 217 N. St. Mary's Street, San Antonio, TX 78205. Room reservations can be made by calling the Hotel directly at 210-224-2500. Be sure to tell them you're with the Sea Poacher Reunion to get the special rate of \$109.00 (plus tax) per room per night (Single, Double, Triple and Quad rate). This rate is good three days prior and three days after the Reunion. Rooms not reserved by March 17, 2012 will be as space available at the then current selling price. The Hotel is directly on the Riverwalk and only three blocks from the Alamo.

B. YES, REGISTER ME FOR THE FOLLOWING REUNION ACTIVITY PACKAGE at \$225.00 PER PERSON AS DETAILED IN THE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES BELOW:

_____ # of activity packages x \$225.00 per person = Total of \$ _____

Mail registration form and check payable to:

USS Sea Poacher Association

4500 Tiffany Nicole Street

Round Rock, TX 78665-9466

512-255-0285 (Bill Brinkman)

The Activity Package follows in **Bold Black Underlined Type**)

April 16 **Welcome packet with name badges**, walking guides to the Alamo in the morning. Hospitality Room Open 2 – 11:45 PM. **River Boat Cruise** from the Hotel @ 4 PM. **Welcome Picnic Dinner and Show** @ 6 PM.

April 17 **Bus trip to Fredericksburg**. Group Photos to be taken in front of surfacing Submarine at Nimitz Museum of the Pacific War about 10:30 AM. (Purchase your own). **Tour tickets to the Nimitz Museum** (Inside and Outdoor). Shop Fredericksburg and lunch on your own until 4:30 PM. **Buses to German Restaurant** for group dinner (Order/pay on your own). **Return by Bus to San Antonio** at 8 PM. Hospitality Room Open 6 AM-11:45 PM.

April 18 **Bus trip to Corpus Christi**. **Tickets to the USS Lexington (CVA 16)** including tour, exhibits, one film and lunch onboard the Carrier. **Return to San Antonio** about 5:30 PM. Dinner on your own. **Business Meeting** 7 PM. Hospitality Room Open 6 AM-11:45 PM

April 19 **Bus trip tour of San Antonio**. **Memorial Service** at San Antonio National Cemetery. Lunch at Red Barn Restaurant (Order/pay on your own). Visit San Antonio Shoes. Also antique cars, discount prices on shoes and purses, 1950's era snack Café, 10 cent sodas/ pop corn, and optional tour of the Factory. **Final Banquet Dinner** (Formal dress) 6-10 PM auction, raffle, and 50/50. Hospitality Room Open 6 AM-11:45 PM

You will be sent more information on the Reunion and Hotel after we receive your registration form and check. The welcome packet includes touring information on San Antonio and Fredericksburg as you'll have time to visit other attractions especially if you extend your vacation a few days. See <http://www.photoshow.com/members/wbrinkman> **"2012 Reunion San Antonio"** for pictures of activities and sights.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT BILL BRINKMAN

Hello Shipmates,

1. Dues: Currently, we have 217 Life Members and 34 Regular members. If you're a Life Member or have paid your 2011 dues, thank you. If not, then just a reminder to pay \$10 for your 2011 dues, or to become a Life Member for \$100. There are several good reasons for becoming a Life Member:

- a. You'll never again get these annoying letters from me or our Treasurer Hubert Jackson.
- b. You'll receive a free patch.
- c. The Association continues Life Membership status for your widow.

Send your check (made out to Sea Poacher Association) to me at 4500 Tiffany Nicole Street, Round Rock, TX 78665 -9466 or email me at seapoacher@austin.rr.com if you have questions.

2. Address and e-mail changes: Please be sure to send us your latest mailing and e-mail addresses. Remember, it is 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.

3. Newsletter Via E-mail: Please **let me know** at seapoacher@austin.rr.com that you want to get your newsletter off the computer and to be taken off the mailing list to save the Association over \$10 a year. We'll use the savings for other activities instead! Then four times a year, I'll e-mail you to inform you that the latest newsletter is on the Sea Poacher website for you to view and/or print.

4. Branson Get-Together/Mini-Reunion November 2011. Joe Murdoch has set up a mini-reunion in Branson, Missouri during Veterans week for Sea Poacher shipmates. If interested, see the Registration form under the 2011 Branson Mini-Reunion on our website. It promises to be a fun-filled week and has many of the great activities we had there last year. However, note this event is not our official National Reunion, so no business will be conducted.

5. Newsletter Editor. Lanny Yeske continues putting it together. If you are interesting in taking over, contact doctoryeske@yahoo.com or myself. Lanny calls it a fun job and appropriate for a SLJO.

6. Sea Poacher Memorial Fund. When a shipmate passes on, our Association personally presents to their next of kin a Memorial Plaque to commemorate their service to Sea Poacher. This is a framed and matted picture of Sea Poacher with Step-Sail underway at sunset. It includes a Final Prayer and indicates the years the shipmate served aboard. The Association decided that funding for this project should stand alone, so we are accepting contributions made out to Sea Poacher Association and mailed to me. Please indicate "Memorial Fund" on your check.






7. Peru Submarine Force 100th Anniversary. Not certain there was even a ceremony. We have heard nothing about the plaque we mailed. And there is NADA on the Internet on it, except our Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus visited there last January and congratulated them upon the upcoming event which supposedly was on 17 June 2011.

8. La Pedrera Anniversary. This was received from our Peruvian shipmates to commemorate the 1 July 2011 37th Anniversary of Sea Poacher/La Pedrera joining their Navy in 1974. They refer to her as THE ATOMIC which is something internal and known only to them. Here is the translation: "Sirs-On this day so special for our 37 year anniversary, the Commission of the celebration wishes you a happy day.. Let and well we all at home with family and will communicate the date of the anniversary party. Was always our unit, the National defense and security, as international or conflict situations. Conflict to be had with countries, our unity was deployed and exercised its deterrent capability. Even was able to conduct effective operations capable of attack, that is why so many years were with our second house and was therefore love those wild life, one year anniversary worth every more. Then we are all captains and the only difference is in the boat is my treasure that freedom is my God, my law, the strength and the wind, my one Country, the sea to go on the water. Once a submariner...Always a submariner. Atte. Technical Superv. (R) OCHOA RUBEN Luyo and MANCILLA JOSÉ Linares"

9. Admiral Nimitz Memorial Museum. Sea Poacher is now on the Veterans Walk of Honor at this Museum. We will visit this site on April 17 as part of our National Reunion in San Antonio. See the last page of this newsletter.

SEA POACHER SHIP'S STORE

Marine Artist Richard DeRosset has made us two paintings showing Sea Poacher with the Step Sail and during the Cuban Missile Crises with the North Atlantic Sail. We have prints and high quality canvas reproductions. He has also done a third painting of the WWII Version showing a gun battle with the Japanese in 1945. Our own Ray Krivascy TM 1952-1953 has painted Sea Poacher at the pier in 1952 which he gave to Captain William Gibson at his change of command in 1953. We also have prints and canvas copies of it. All come unframed and prices include shipping/postage. Fill in the below form, make a copy, do your check payable to Bill Brinkman, and mail to me at 4500 Tiffany Nicole Street, Round Rock, TX 78665-9466. Check out the other items also available from our Ship's Store.

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|  <p>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".</p> | <p>New Items : 7 Paintings by Richard DeRossett and our own Ray Krivascy.</p> <p>DeRossett , WW II 1945 Surface Action 17" X 39"</p>  <p>DeRossett , Step Sail 10" X 23 " Print DeRossett , Step Sail 15 " X 28 " Canvas</p>  <p>DeRossett , North Atlantic Sail 10" X 23 " Print DeRossett , North Atlantic Sail 15" X 28 " Canvas</p>  <p>Krivascy , Step Sail 18.5 " X 15 " Print Krivascy , Step Sail 21.5 " X 18 " Canvas</p>  |
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| Items | Quantity | Price | Total |
|--|----------|--------|-------|
| Key Chain | _____ | \$3.00 | _____ |
| Ship Patch | _____ | 5.50 | _____ |
| Ball Cap | _____ | 14.00 | _____ |
| Plastic Mugs | _____ | 12.00 | _____ |
| Golf Shirt Sizes M, L, XL & 2XL (w/o pockets) | _____ | 22.00 | _____ |
| Golf Shirt Sizes M, L, XL & 2XL (with pockets) | _____ | 25.00 | _____ |
| Painting DeRossett 10x23 print Step Sail | _____ | 20.00 | _____ |
| Painting DeRossett 15x28 canvas Step Sail | _____ | 30.00 | _____ |
| Painting DeRossett 10x23 print Cuba | _____ | 20.00 | _____ |
| Painting DeRossett 15x28 canvas Cuba | _____ | 30.00 | _____ |
| Painting DeRossett 17x39 canvas WWII | _____ | 40.00 | _____ |
| Painting Krivascy 15x18 print Step Sail | _____ | 20.00 | _____ |
| Painting Krivascy 18x21.5 canvas Step Sail | _____ | 35.00 | _____ |
| Stained Glass Sea Poacher | _____ | 110.00 | _____ |
| Dolphin Vest chains, gold or silver | _____ | 25.00 | _____ |
| We Remember Sea Poacher Book (on CD) | _____ | 10.00 | _____ |
| TOTAL | | | ===== |

MEMORIAL PLAQUES



Arnold Johnson presents the Memorial Plaque at Duluth, MN to Carol Holmgren and Lee Lindholm, widow and daughter of Wayne Holmgren (RM 44-45), who made all four war patrols. Arnie said it was a delightful visit. Carol noted that Wayne was the last person assigned to 406. The next was assigned to a boat that sank.



Cal Cochrane presents Memorial Plaque to Vicki Marie Coutu, daughter of Girard Coutu (TM 55-59), in Summerville, SC.



John Snook presentation to Lillian Guibault, widow of Eugene Guilbault (EN 51-52), in Avon, MA. He found the visit emotional. John said Eugene was a true patriot and served his Country with honor above and beyond the “call.”

LONG AGO

- BY LARRY WEINFURTER -

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Long ago I was a Sailor. I sailed the Ocean blue.
 I knew the bars in Singapore...The coastline of Peru.
 I knew well the sting of salt spray, The taste of Spanish wine.
 The beauty of the Orient...Yes, all these things were mine.
 But I wear a different hat now, Jeans & T-shirts too.
 My sailing days were long ago...With that life I am through.
 But somewhere deep inside of me...The sailor lives there still.
 He longs to go to sea again...But knows he never will.
 My love, my life, is here at home, And I will leave here never.
 Though mind and body stay ashore...My heart's at sea forever.

BORN TO DANCE

It doesn't sound like a submarine movie. Made in 1936 with songs by Cole Porter. Stars a singing/and dancing group of submariners like COB QM James Stewart on Submarine P2, 2nd Class Buddy Ebsen, and others never seen before in these roles. Supposedly on a fleet boat, but it's a mock-up, although some of the views may be of actual submarines. They even have a brig! The women are exceptional: Eleanor Powell is the incredibly adorable smiley one with James Stewart, and also Virginia Bruce, Una Merkel, and Frances Langford. First, search for it on Turner Classic Movies, then set aside two hours, get out the popcorn, and thoroughly enjoy this non-warfare movie.

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