

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



Sea Poacher Association

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Happy New Year, Shipmates



From the President:

Bill Brinkman

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Dues

Currently, we have 207 Life Members and 31 Regular members. If you're a Life Member or have paid your 2010 Dues, thank you.

If not, then just a reminder to either pay \$ 10 for your 2010 Dues, or to become a Life Member for \$ 100.

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

You'll never again get these annoying letters from me or our Treasurer Hubert Jackson.

You receive a Free patch.

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 Sea Poacher Plankowner and made all 4 war patrols. He became our 205th Life Member in 2009.

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

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 42 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.

Association Officer Changes

USS Sea Poacher Association Vice President changes as of January 1, 2010:

Jack Merrill tendered his resignation so that he can free up more time for his many activities.

On behalf of the USS Sea Poacher Association, I thank Jack for his six years of service as our Vice President. Jack will continue to write up the Quarterly newsletters.

Jon Nagle has agreed to become our 2d Vice President and will pass on the Secretary job to someone new as of Jan 1, 2010. Jon has agreed to continue as our Web guru.

Dill Dukacz, IC 67-68 has agreed to take the Secretary's position and will be responsible for the printing and mailing of our quarterly newsletter among other duties. Welcome aboard, Bill.

REMINDER!

If you pay your dues by the year. It's time to renew your membership with the Sea Poacher Association.

Sea Poacher Shipmates

Meet the Oak Ridge Boys

On Saturday, November 8 three Sea Poacher Base members, Base Commander Jack Merrill; Richard Clubb, who is also Vice Commander of Central Florida Base; and Bob Acor, also a member of Central Florida Base, began a journey to Branson, Missouri to attend the Veteran's Day celebration there. They met up with another Sea Poacher Base member, Joe Murdoch and his wife Stella who flew in from Ft. Myers, Florida.

All four of these guys served on the USS Sea Poacher (SS-406). Jack, Rich and Joe all served together and Bob a year earlier.

The real purpose of the trip was to check out Branson in preparation to the Sea Poacher Association Reunion in 2010 during Veteran's Day week.

The group was invited to ride on Ozark Runner Base float during the Veteran's Day Parade. There were over 3500 people attending the parade and their response to their float was tremendous, in fact, at one point there was this elderly lady, who was seated in a lawn chair, who when spotting the group burst into tears. She obviously had some connection to submarines.

The guys also attended several shows: The Brett Family Singers, The Hughes Brothers, SIX, Tony Orlando and the Lennon Sisters and last but not least the Oak Ridge Boys.

Prior to going to Branson, Jack had received a link to a video of the



From left to right: Joe Murdoch, William Lee Golden, Jack Merrill, Joe Bonsall, Duane Allen, Richard Clubb, Bob Acor and Richard Sterban meet backstage before the Oak Ridge Boys Concert.

Oak Ridge Boys performing a song which Joe Bonsall wrote about his mother and father called "GI Joe and Lillie". This video can be viewed at oakridgeboys.com.

It is a very emotional tribute to Joe's Dad who was wounded during WWII and to his mother who was a Army nurse and took care of Joe, Sr. After watching the video Jack wanted to use it at a Sea Poacher Base meeting but could not find it for sale anywhere. So, he decided to email Joe and ask him where he could obtain a copy. He told his wife, Sandra, "I may not hear back from him but it won't hurt to ask."

The next day came a reply. Joe was delighted to hear from Jack and over several more emails Jack discovered that the Oak Ridge Boys would be in Branson and Joe said that there would be five tickets at the box office with Jack's name on them for the Veterans Day evening show. When Jack opened the envelope there was also an invi-

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Ozark Runner Base float loaded with submariners for the Veteran's Day Parade in Branson, Missouri.



The Oak Ridge Boys performing to a full house.

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The Oak Ridge Boys



From left to right: Bob Acor; Richard Clubb; Museum Director, Rick Dennis; Jack Merrill and Carroll Lawson.

tation to "Meet and Greet" the Boys backstage.

The group was greeted warmly by the Oak Ridge Boys and spent 15 or 20 minutes with them where they presented each Oak Ridge Boy a Sea Poacher challenge coin. Jack also presented Joe Bonsall with a copy of the latest American Submariner and a copy of the Sea Poacher Base Newsletter. They then watched what for them was the highlight of their trip to Branson.

Jack, Rich and Bob left Branson on Thursday morning for

Muskogee, Oklahoma where they met up with another Sea Poacher sailor, Carrol Lawson who drove over from his home in Perry, Oklahoma. The purpose of the trip was to volunteer some time to the USS Batfish (SS-310).

On Friday, the gang went to work. Bob stripped and waxed the entire deck in the museum building while Jack and Rich went to work replacing decking on the submarine. Well, they quickly realized that they are not 19 anymore and the next day were so sore that just moving was a problem. Another volunteer crew came in on Saturday who had been working on the deck and since they had their own system of doing things the Sea Poacher group spent the day conducting tours of the boat, which was appreciated by the Museum Director, Rick Dennis.

The Batfish has been in Muskogee for over 30 years and really needs some attention. Rick is fully aware of all that needs to be done, but money is tight and almost everything is being done by volunteers. They certainly could use some donations (time or money).

The group left Muskogee early Sunday morning and on the way back stopped off at the USS Drum (SS-218), in Mobile, Alabama, for a visit. They were welcomed by the Drum's number one volunteer, former 1st class Machinist Mate Tom Bowser (Tom's is also a member of Mobile Bay Base USSVI), and his assistant Lesley Waters. Together, they have done a marvelous job of restoring this boat. The inside is in great shape and they have the starboard side of the outside hull completed and it also look great.

This museum and the Flight Museum in Pensacola took an almost direct hit from Hurricane Katrina but you would not know it now.



USS Drum (SS-228) is part of BattleShip Park in Mobile, Alabama.



The United State flag flying from the stern of the USS Drum (SS-228) in Mobile, Alabama.

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".



Does anyone remember this incident?

This photo was supplied by Carroll Lawson, QM 61-63. On the left is Roy Riley LTjg 61-63 and Dan Ramirez, SO 61-62. We need identification of the sailors on the right and more information on the incident. Please forward to your editor at sebagojack@hotmail.com, or to Jack Merrill, 916 W Pearl St., Bartow, FL 33830, or by phone at 863-393-2138.

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

To order books please contact either Bill Brinkman or Lanny Yeske

Golf Outing in Branson at the Reunion

Bob Acor has agreed to organize a golf game for Monday at Thousand Hills Golf Course, in Branson.

The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$40.00 per person. He will contact the course and obtain an accurate figure and also discuss the tee times available. He will try for a tee time around 0900, which should put us at a completion time of 1230 hrs.

The Hospitality Room opens at noon, so that will allow time to get there early.

Please contact Bob directly if you are interested in this golf outing:

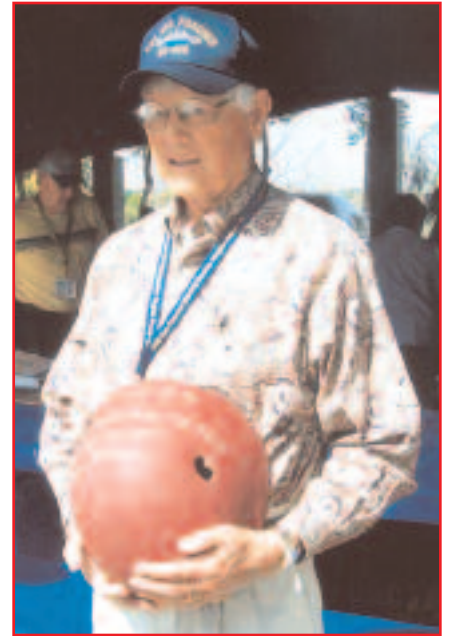
E-mail address: acornuts111@bellsouth.net

Home phone: (386) 985-5550

If no answer answer just leave a name and number and he'll return your call. He may be out playing golf.



Carolyn Cooley, surrounded by her family, accept the Sea Poacher Memorial Plaque in honor of her husband Bob Cooley who entered his final patrol on November 15, 2009. Presenting the plaque are Jack Merrill, TM 61-63 and Richard Clubb, QM 62-63.



Bob Cooley shown here giving a talk at a recent Sea Poacher Association picnic in Bartow, FL about his ordeal aboard the USS Sea Poacher (SS-406).

Robert Heald Cooley

COOLEY, Robert Heald, 84, passed away at home November 15, 2009, surrounded by his loving family. He was born June 6, 1925, in Milford, N.H. He graduated from Glen Ridge High School in New Jersey in 1943, as class president, All-State basketball player, and captain of his basketball team.

He attended Cornell University before serving in the Submarine Service on the USS Sea Poacher (SS-406) during World War II. He was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received during a surface battle.

Following service to his country, he graduated from Baylor University in 1951. After his marriage to Carolyn Lindley of Tulia, Texas, the couple moved to Tampa in 1955. He worked at Pendola's Men's Store before joining Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., where he was an agent for 48 years. He was a leader in the Tampa Agency and a consistent member of the Million Dollar Round Table. He was a member of Tampa Life Underwriters, serving as its president in 1972.

An avid sports fan throughout his life, he particularly enjoyed playing golf. He also found great pleasure in spectator sports and in coaching his son Craig's Little League and Pony League teams. During his son's football years, he was active in the Plant High Dad's Club, was its president in 1980, and was the "Voice of the Panthers" from 1978 to 1982. In 1985, he completed the development of Salty

Acres condos on Longboat Key, which he and his family and friends enjoyed for 21 years.

Other than sports, his hobbies were cooking and gardening. He enjoyed traveling with his family and especially spending falls in New England.

He was a member of Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church for 48 years, often serving as an elder. Through his grandfather's trust, he donated the Casavant pipe organ for Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church and provided the funds for building and equipping a clinic in Uganda for children with HIV and AIDS.

He will always be remembered for his warmth, positive attitude, unwavering thoughtfulness, and unselfish ways toward his family and friends. He lived a Christian life, and his integrity and character were evident in all that he did.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Carolyn; his daughter, Laurie C. Bentley (Jack); his son, R. Craig Cooley (Jeanne); and his grandson, Brett C. Bentley.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Village Partners International for The Robert H. Cooley Pediatric Clinic in Papoli, Uganda, 217 S. Matanzas Ave., Tampa, FL 33609, or to LifePath Hospice, 12973 N. Telecom Parkway, Temple Terrace, FL 33637.

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 2001
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
Milt Beard, EM 57 – September 2007
Robert N. Beers, LT 68-69 – September 2007
Ed Belden, EM 44-46
Robert A. Bergs, XO 57-58 – February 2007
Joseph Beuchler, TM 59-61 – September 1975
Reynold A. Binder, MoMM 46-47 – June 1993
Ray Binns, FN 52-53 – January 2009
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. Boscarella, 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. Bregleman, 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
Randolph Buzzerd, SN 68-68 – February 2007
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 – October 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
Robert H. Cooley, SM 44-45 – November 2009
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 Darno
Jerome A. Dav
Carl Davis, CO
Fred Davis, TM
William H. Dav
Floyd Day Jr.
Maurice L. Dem
Robert Demon
Kenneth H. De
Alfred Despan
Alfred Dickey,
John H. Dittme
G. Carol Dods
Gary Dorn, ET
Jere W. Driver,
Francis J. Dro
William G. Eas
Edward Engler
John H. Epps,
Alois Ertl, EN 6
John B. Estes,
George F. Ever
Morris E. Ezell
Joseph M. Farr
Dale N. Fate, C
Jess W. Favors
George Fender
William J. Fitz
Ernest W. Flint
Ellwood H. For
James N. Forre
Taylor L. Fox,
Charles H. Foy
Ralph E. Fren
John L. From
John Fulmer, M
Roy H. Galleme
Frank M. Gamb
Warden Gaskin
Robert C. Gaur
Arthur Geddes
John E. Gerens
Raymond J. Gi
William H. Goo
John A. Goord
Richard M. Go
John H. Goss,
Robert Gouge,
Ira Grayboff, M
Henry Guthrie,
Carl Hale, EM 3
Bobbie Joe Ha
James Harbin,
Otto D. Harrod
John E. Harvey
Lee R. Harvey.
Raymond J. He
Michael C. Heh
Joe Hemphill,
Pat H. Henard.
William Henry,
Jere W. Hense

- 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
 John Hollins, EN 53 – February 2007
 Dale D. Holtzclaw, EN 60-61 – June 1994
 Robert B. Horne, EN 60-61 – July 2009
 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
 William H. Jahns, IC 56-57 – April 2009
 John L. Jensen Jr., LT 55-57 – December 2007
 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 Loffland, 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
 Daniel W. McGowan, TM 45-46 – November 2007
 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
 William Murphy, YN 66-67 – December 2008
 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
 John Rabuse, EN 47-51 – November 2008
 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
 Russell M. Ross, SN 45 – May 2008
 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 – July 2007
 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. Sireci, EN 63-67
 Rudolph V. Skocylas, RM 49 – January 1996
 Frederick S. Smith CP 44-46 – 1961
 James L. Smith, TM 63-64 – November 1991
 Ebrue G. Smojicie, 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
 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
 David W. Strunk, TM 44-45 – July 2007
 William F. Sullivan, Jr., RM 45-47 – January 2007
 Harold F. Swan, MM 56-57 – November 2007
 Ezra R. Swartz, MoMM 46-47 – August 2001
 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
 Francis J. Taggart, FT 56-59
 Joseph Tasillo, FA 52 – March 1993
 Arnett B. Taylor, XO 53-57 – October 2002
 Donald Tetschlag, TM 67-68 – September 2008
 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
 Charlie N. Wentz, YN 56-58 – June 1999
 Ross Wesner, LTjg, 62-65 – August 2006
 Richard B. Wharton, CS 60-61 – September 1984
 Carl Wheat, ET 46-49 – March 1992
 Roy C. Wheelus, QM 46-47 – June 1985
 Ellis N. White, LT 44 – June 2004
 Frank P. White, TM 44-46 – July 2006
 Wayne White, EN 61-62 – April 1962
 James R. Wilder, HM 61-62 – November 1999
 Jesse Wiles, RM 61 – November 1999
 Robert K. R. Worthington, XO 44 – February 1996
 George Wyse EN 48-53 – November 1998
 Fred Yarborough, TN 48-50 – 1990
 Keith L. York, LT 51 – May 2002
 Bruce C. Young, LT 44-46 – March 2006
 Lester Young, EN 60-62 – February 2000
 Walter E. Zaremba, EN 61 – June 1997
 George Zelina, TM 44-46
 Melvin A. Zimmerman, GM 60 – September 2000
 Theodore Znui, MM 44-46 – September 2000

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 Activity 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 processed 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

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	—
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Challenge Coin	—	\$8.50	—
Dolphin Vest chains, gold or silver	—	\$25.00	—
TOTAL			—

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Never Doubt Your Influence on Others

By RICHARD CLUBB

On our way home from a wonderful trip to Branson, Missouri, after several days of volunteer work on the USS Batfish (SS-310) in Muskogee, Oklahoma, Bob Acor, Jack Merrill and I spent the night in Meridian, Mississippi at the Sleep Inn Motel.

At the registration desk, we were met by a very nice 17 year old. His name was Muhammad, and he was the motel owners' son. Muhammad was a sharp young 11th grader and held his own as we chatted and kidded around with him. Come to find out his family had immigrated from Pakistan seeking a better future.

Muhammad was kind enough to give us a good rate for our rooms and endured our bantering back and forth. On the way to our rooms, Jack suggested we give him a Sea Poacher Challenge Coin.

While attempting to give him the coin, which he refused several times, stating he would not accept any gratuity for helping us. We explained what the Challenge Coin was about and the reason we wanted to give it to him. He was taken aback but graciously accepted and thanked us for our kindness and told us it meant a great deal to him.

As we left him, he told Bob something would be waiting for us in the morning and to make sure to pick it up. What we learned, as Muhammad did that evening, is that one never knows what influence

they might have on others and it reminds us, never take one another for granted.

On checking out the next morning the following letter was waiting for us:

First, off, I would like to thank all of you for brightening up my boring night. However, more importantly, I would like to thank you deeply for not only the life-changing experience but also the Challenge Coin. You three may not have realized it but you three changed my life. I have such a different outlook on life now. And I proudly carry that coin as a symbol of your greatest gratitude, honor and wisdom. People like you don't come around a lot, and we need more of you.

signed:

*The boy who gave up hope,
but regained it thanks to you.
Muhammad H. Javed*

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If you want either of these make your check payable to 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

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From the Treasurer:
Hubert Jackson
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Treasury Report - November 30, 2009
 September 1, 2009 Beginning balance in the following funds was:
 Memorial fund - 520.00
 Humanitarian fund - 1240.00
 General fund - 25528.06
 Bank balance (General+Hum+Mem) = 27288.06
September/2009 debit activity:
 Check# 166 for newsletter expenses - 250.00
 Total Debits - 250.00
September/2009 deposit activity:
 September 14 to general fund - 262.00
 This included 160.00 in ships stores sales and 62.00 in book addendum sales, also 40.00 in yearly membership dues.
 Total Deposits - 262.00
 Ending balance as of September 30, 2009 in the following funds was:
 Memorial fund - 520.00
 Humanitarian fund - 1240.00
 General fund - 25540.06
 Bank balance (General+Hum+Mem) = 27300.06
October/2009 debit activity:
 Check# 167 yearly fee for web domain name - 107.00
 Check# 168 for addendum mailing expenses - 14.36
 Check# 169 for ships stores stock and postage - 570.30
 Total debits - 691.66
October/2009 deposit activity:
 October 5 to general fund - 94.00
 This included 10.00 in dues and 84.00 in ships stores sales.
 October 19 to general fund - 112.00
 This was all from addendum sales.
 Total deposits - 206.00
 Ending balance as of October 31, 2009 in the following funds was:
 Memorial fund - 520.00
 Humanitarian fund - 1240.00
 General fund - 25054.40
 Bank balance (General+Hum+Mem) = 26814.40
November/2009 debit activity:
 There was not any debit activity during the month of November.
November/2009 deposit activity:
 November 9 to general fund - 107.10
 This included 100.00 in ships stores sales and 7.10 in book addendum sales.
 Total deposits - 107.10
 Ending balance as of November 30, 2009 in the following funds was:
 Memorial fund - 520.00
 Humanitarian fund - 1240.00
 General fund - 25161.50
 Bank balance (General+Hum+Mem) = 26921.50

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