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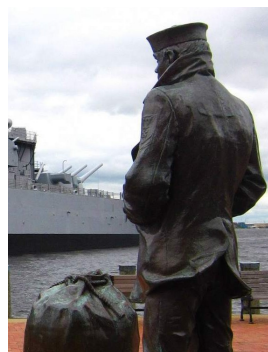
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## **OUR REUNION 25-29 APRIL 2017**

It is now within five months. Both mermaids and sailors are symbols of Norfolk, Virginia, and if you have not yet signed up, the time is at hand. All of the activities, registration form, hotel information, and reunion details were provided in the October and July 2016 Sea Poacher Newsletters (and are on our website), and need not be repeated in this issue. This will be our eighth reunion and it promises to be even more enjoyable than the others if such a thing is possible. It makes it much easier for your planning committee to arrange for buses, tours, dinners, cruises, ceremonies, and meetings if you register early, so please do so now.



VISIT *Norfolk*



# THE ROLE OF THE U.S. NAVY

Our Association President Bill Brinkman in 1956 (as a young lad of 15) inquired as to the mission of the Navy. Here is the response from the Editor of OUR NAVY Magazine. The words are still true 70 plus years later.



## Editorial

### The Navy Under Fire

Editor: OUR NAVY

*My friend and I are having an argument about the Navy. He is an Air Force man, and says as Congressmen Cannon says (Our Navy, Feb. 1, 1956, page 14) that the Navy is obsolete.*

*I try to tell him we need the Navy, and after reading Admiral Burke's answer to him (Our Navy, Feb. 15, page 48), he agreed. But as news of guided missiles keeps coming in, he has a new problem for me to debate.*

*I read where in 1948 or 1949 the Air Force and the Navy had a big fight in Congress. The Air Force claimed that aircraft carriers were obsolete and that all naval planes should be given to them and all ships scrapped. Admiral Burke and other Navy men fought back and we still (thank God!) have a Navy.*

*My question is: What did Admiral Burke and the other Navy men say to Congress which secured a place for the Navy in the Armed Forces?*

BILL BRINKMAN  
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SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

Brooklyn, N. Y.  
April 1, 1956

Dear Bill:

Your thoughtful and interesting letter poses some questions which are apparently troubling many of our citizens. Since a recent Gallup poll showed that our citizens get most of their ideas of the armed forces from men who are serving, or have served, in one of the branches, and since so many of them confessed ignorance of the role played by the Navy, it would seem that some of our own bluejackets are less than completely informed on the matter.

For that reason, I am answering your letter here.

You ask what Admiral (then Captain) Burke said to Congress to convince them of the importance of the Navy in war. Well, Bill, what he and the many other patriotic naval officers who risked their careers by testifying said would fill several large volumes.

In the long run, there was no "triumph" over any other element. It was simply a matter of the Navy telling its story, and letting impartial people finally recognize that wars are not won by any one weapon, but by a combination of them all.

The doctrines the Navy preached are as true today as they were then. These truths are self evident; and you should remember them when discussing the Navy with your friends:

(1) We have only one potential enemy—the Soviet

Union. Russia now is the second largest naval power in the world. Since World War Two she has increased her fleet by at least 13 cruisers, 50 destroyers, hundreds of minelaying vessels and now has an estimated 400 submarines.

Since Russian can obviously feed and supply herself, thus eliminating any possibility of our blockading her, it is plain this fleet is designed to attack and attack again. Only another fleet can stop a fleet.

(2) Of the 77 critical materials the United States needs to build armaments, we can produce only 11. All the rest must come, in large and slow freighters, from overseas. Only by denying the seas to an attacking fleet such as Russia's can we get these materials to our shores.

(3) Our citizens and our elected officials have decided that to protect ourselves we must assist in the defense of 24 nations, and must give aid in some form to 64 others. These commitments are spread over six continents. No other service has the tools and the know-how to keep open the sea lanes to these allies.

(4) The Navy, with its carriers and long range aircraft, swift cruisers and destroyers, powerful submarines, well trained amphibious forces and self-sufficient task forces, is able to operate anywhere in the world, without bases. It can move swiftly to cut off attacks. The very presence of a fleet often puts a damper on hostilities. If war came, the Navy would be ready to retaliate immediately, not only with bombs, but with troops, blockades and attacks on shipping.

You mention guided missiles, Bill, as though some other service has a "corner" on them. Did you know that the Navy has (and is completing another) a fast cruiser which can fire guided missiles to bring down the fastest aircraft, or nearly any other operational enemy guided missile we now know about? We now have several carriers which can launch larger guided missiles for land attacks, and others can be quickly converted, as well as submarines, destroyers and aircraft.

Even though (God forbid it ever happen) an enemy could launch an atomic attack, and even though we retaliated with a counter attack on his cities, he would still have to bring invading or occupying troops via ships. No land based forces ever stopped U. S. amphibious troops in World War Two. The only force which could have stopped them was the Jap navy, and the United States Navy completely routed this force, as we all know.

It is heartening to see a young man giving thought to these factors, Bill. It is important that our people know that, while nuclear warfare is frightening, the Navy has progressed with it, and is more than ever the nation's First Line of Defense—and Attack.

Rob Hurst,  
Editor.



# SEA POACHER MINI-REUNION BRANSON

## 7-12 NOVEMBER 2016

The attendees included Joe and Ron Murdoch, Tuffy and Pat Sheets, Chuck and Bobbie Kilgore, Randy and Dawn Stroesser, Mel and Rosanne White, Byron and Margaret Lennox, Jack and Sandy Merrill, Richard and Karel Earl, Robert and Lisa Zamojski, Linda Machado, and Kate Murdoch.



There were five days of shows starting with the Vietnam Era Veterans, the Lennon Sisters and Osmond Brothers, the Brett Family with Tom wearing his Navy Commander uniform and sporting his Sea Poacher dolphins which he pointed out to the audience, the Hughes Brothers, and the Clay Cooper. The theme for all the shows was half to recognizing and honoring our veterans and half to Christmas. In all cases, one left the shows feeling good!

A wonderful and entertaining Yankee Gift Swap was organized and directed by Karel Earl and Bobbi Kilgore with Dawn and Lisa volunteering for next years trade event at Branson. After the Hughes Show, many of us stayed up to watch the National election returns. Despite the red eyes later in the morning, we toured the student built and maintained College of the Ozarks known also as "Hard Work U". A magnificent luncheon was served by students in honor of our service, followed by a somber, yet respectful, Tolling of the Bells Ceremony.

On Veteran's Day morning, Captain Blue brought his DUCK to our Grand Plaza Hotel. He has driven for us before and when he sees the SEA POACHER listing, he volunteers for us! Chuck and Bobby Kilgore donated two, thirty-foot long banners to kick-off the decoration! The weather was spectacular at almost 70 degrees and with thousands lining the parade route. Despite several cases of Mardi Gras beads and candy for the kids of all ages, we still ran out before the end of the parade.

Following our steak and salmon banquet, the nationally known disk jockey, CK the DJ (AKA Chuck Kilgore masquerading as Marty Robbins) spun the vinyl for us! A special recognition must be rendered to him for gathering and organizing all the music to which we partied! Chuck took it a step further when he made a memorial CD copy for each of us!

We had a marvelous At-the-Hop dance, including period dress with the ladies wowing everyone with their poodle skirts and saddle shoes. There were also several Marty Robins-look a-likes in attendance and even one Elvis imitator without his hair! Prizes were awarded in several categories with our special guests Doug and Karen sweeping the dancing category! Lots of laughs and fun by all!

Many of the attendees are already committed to returning next year and are looking forward to seeing our other Sea Poacher shipmates next April in Norfolk.

# TREASURY REPORT - HUBERT JACKSON

## BEGINNING BALANCE ON 1 MAY 2016

Memorial Fund.....	\$1,619.86
Humanitarian Fund.....	\$1,503.00
General Fund.....	\$13,720.61
Bank Balance.....	\$16,843.47

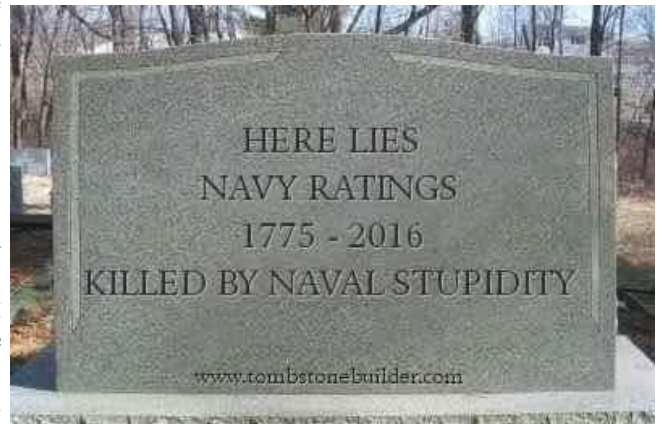
Debit Activity	Check#	Amount	Purpose
July 2016	399	\$16.99	Domain Name Renewal
Deposit Activity	Date	Amount	From/To
April 2016	25	\$75.00	DVD Sales to General Fund
May 2016	11	100.00	Ship's Store Sales to General Fund \$62.00 and \$38.00 Donation to Memorial Fund

## ENDING BALANCE ON 1 NOVEMBER 2016

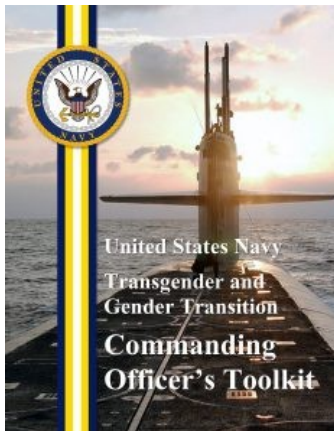
Memorial Fund.....	\$1,657.86
Humanitarian Fund.....	\$1,503.00
General Fund.....	\$13,840.62
Bank Balance.....	\$17,001.48

## REST IN PEACE - NAVY RATINGS

After 241 years all 700 Navy ratings are now being eliminated by the Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus just after he approved the removal of the word "MAN" from 21 occupational titles such as Airman, Fireman, and Hospitalman in a gender neutrality promotion. For some unknown reason, the title Seaman remains but that also could be short lived. And now a sailor's rating will be identified by a four digit Naval Occupational Specialty (NOS) Code such as B400 for Boatswain's Mate, B450 for Quartermaster, B110 for Engineman, and B120 for Electrician's Mate, etc. A petition to reverse this received the needed 100,000 signatures within 30 days, requiring a response from the White House which was turned down by the present Administration. Still, many are hopeful that with a new President and SECNAV, a petition refiling may restore the ratings system. This marker appeared on the Internet and sadly reflects the opinion of many U.S. sailors. What may happen is uncertain, except for other warfare distractions to the Navy as noted below.



## NAVY TRANSGENDER TRANSITION MANUAL



On 7 November 2016, the Navy released its 12 page Manual on Transgender Transition plus a Commanding Officer's Toolkit. It describes in more detail than you want to know how a sailor can complete a gender transition, how transgender sailors can participate in urinalysis tests, when it is appropriate to wear clothing of a preferred gender, guidance on nudity in berthing and shower facilities, physical fitness test criteria, and the dispatching of mobile training teams to all major commands. At least it is shorter than the 71 page document put out by the Department of Defense. One wonders if NWP's (Naval Warfare Publications) are still in the ship bookshelves. One can only hope that President Trump and a new SECNAV will totally void the destruction actions of SECNAV Ray Mabus and the prior administration. There is certainly a place for actions on transgenders and other issues, but the Navy clearly has a warfare mission and distractions like this and multiple others seemingly detract from the real Navy seagoing mission.

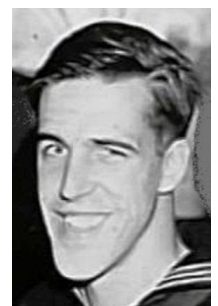
# MEMBERSHIP

# JANUARY

# 2017

Robert Abbott	June Cooney	Carl Headland	Daniel McLaren	William Sharp
Robert Acor	Billy Cowart	Frances Heckroth	James McNerney	Ben Sheldon
Charles Ahler	Jolene Darnold	Bill Hellmer	Jack Merrill	Harry Sherman
Dewey Akins	James Demming	Bob Henry	Ty Merritt	Delvin Smith
Paul Allers	Shirley Dempsey	Dick Holtz	Mark Mordecai	Ellen Smith
Joey Amposta	Tom Deuley	Billy Howerton	Joe Murdoch	Rick Smock
Peter Amunrud	Floyd Dickerson	Jerry Houchens	Lester Murray	John Snook
David Andres	William Dietrich	Harry Huggins	Joe Musgrave	Fred Socha
Ted Anthony	William Donnelan	C.R. Humphries	Gary Nagle	John Sohl
Ed Ashedon	Charles Donnelly	Rodney Ihrig	Jon Nagle	Bill Sokoloski
Charles Auclair	Merlyn Dorrheim	William H. Jackson	Jack Nims	Vincent Sottile
Les Axford	Jack Dubbs	Mary Jennison	Charles O'Baker	Richard Stickney
Vernon Barnett	Bill Dukacz	Arnold Johnson	Julius O'Bannon	Marty Stokes
Russell Bauer	Dan Dybala	Gerald Joseph	James Ochs	Chuck Strand
Amelia Beers	Richard Earl	Ivan Joslin	John O'Grady	Evelyn Strunk
Harvey Benson	Martha D. Easley	Mike Kassinger	Paul Ogg	Tom Sugden
Carol Bergs	Daniel Eberhardt	Allen Katen	William Parhamenko	Robert Sumner
Truman Bernhard	Fred Edwards	David Keffeler	Ron Patterson	Karen Suttle
Richard Bernoteit	Leon Eggleston	Gerald Keffer	Charles Peppler	Terry Tague
Charles M. Birck	Richard Elliott	Kenneth Kile	Dale Petersen	Chester Taylor
Douglas Bishop	David Elmore	Chuck Kilgore	Tom Polen	Ed Thompson
Stanley Bissen	Jack Ensminger	Terry Kleineweber	James Powers	Ron Thompson
James Blackmon	Francis Evans	Terry Kopansky	Henry Primeaux	James Thompson
Kenneth Bonnell	Buster Flaskas	Ray Krivascy	Jeanne Rabuse	Thomas Thompson
Bob Bradley	Robert Ford	Richard Laake	Dewey Reed	Richard Trench
Fred Brattain	Dante Fortini	Earline Law	Michael Regner	James Tryon
John Brill	Richard Fox	Robert Lawrence	Gloria Reiche	John Tulodeski
Deidre Bridewell	Ron Fraley	Carroll Lawson	Zelda Richwine	Albert Turbeville
Bill Brinkman	Dorothy Gall	Gail LeBlanc	David Richter	Tony Tuttobene
Leroy Broadbent	Larry Garrett	Frank Lederer	Dick Riggarr	Ed Urban
William Buckley	Barbara Geddes	James Lemmerman	Linda Riley	Fred Vavra
James Burgett	Louise Gentry	Byron Lennox	David Ringland	Edward Voloka
Warren Burkett	Ed Gibbons	John Love	Robert Ritz	Don Waldrop
Russell Burrows	William Gibson	Jerry Loveless	Nick Romano	John Walton
Joyce Calderone	Lyle Gillette	Betty Lundy	Agnes Romeo	Arne Weinfurter
Richard Carlson	Ron Godwin	Bill Luttrell	Salvatore Rosina	Larry Weinfurter
Dick Carney	Billy Gorsuch	JJ Lynch	Robert Roth	Jacque Wengrzyn
Leo Carr	Jack Graham	Anita Mach	Martin Ruch	Linda Weston
Kent Carroll	David Green	Ken Manion	Marcelle Rull	Richard Whitmire
James Clark	John Greenville	Mark Markham	Kathy Saeli	Olin Williams
Norm Clark	Lillian Guilbault	Ann Matheny	John Savory	Lanny Yeske
Richard Clubb	Tom Haire	Earl Mathews	Mary Scallan	Lee Yonts
Ralph Cobb	James Halbert	John Mazjun	Bob Schindhelm	Hope Young
Cal Cochrane	Carol Hale	Doris McClanahan	Karl Schipper	Jerry Young
Ron Coe	John Hallam	Buster McCollum	Ron Schnars	Robert Young
Joyce Colwell	Dave Harms	Karen McCommas	Russell Schondorf	
William Cook	Patricia Hayes	Carl McCutcheon	Donald Schwartz	

## FROM BLUES TO MOVIES/TV ???





# ETERNAL PATROL

I have one consolation that lives with me today. That god is near to them, in his very own special way.  
So, God in all your mercy, keep near Thyself the soul, of these Sea Poacher shipmates, still on final patrol.  
Lord, these departed shipmates, with dolphins on their chests, are part of an outfit known as the very 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 please add their names to the roll of our departed shipmates still on submarine patrol.  
Let them know that we who still survive will always keep their memories alive.

Eduardo L. Abans, SD 68-69 - Jan 2000  
Samuel W. Acece, ET 57 - October 2003  
Bruce M. Adams, MoMM 44  
Horace M. Adams, EN 63-64 - Nov 1987  
Raymond E. Adcock, SN 47 - Dec 1974  
Frank R. Alvis, LCDR, 53 - Nov 1987  
Charles Amos, ET 63-64 - October 2008  
Bernard Anthony, Jr. TM 59-60 - Oct 2014  
John C. Anz, TM 45-46 - November 2014  
Robert Atkins, TM 41 - April 2014  
Stephen Atkins, QM 55 - August 2005  
John Austin, EN 69 - 1970  
Willie Austin, EM 49-56  
Robert P. Ayer, EN 60 - 1978  
Wilford Bailey, SM 44-46 - 2003  
Frank Bain, RT 45-46 - February 2013  
James W. Bain, LTJG 44-45 - Feb 2008  
Jack Baird, CS 48-49 - March 1976  
Robert L. Baker, ET 60 - 6 Sep 2010  
Quitman Bardwell, FN 60 Sep 1960  
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 Baumgartner, SK 63-64 - Apr 2006  
Ray Bayans, EN 49 - November 1983  
Richard Baybutt, FN 44-46 - Dec 2002  
James Beard, EM 57-58 - Dec 2008  
Ralph C. Beardslee, QM 49 - 2009  
Howard Beers, COB 50-56 - August 1988  
Robert N. Beers, LT 68-69 - Sep 2007  
Edwin Belden, EM 44-46  
Marion Benjamin, RT 45-46 - 1995  
Robert A. Bergs, XO 57-58 - Feb 2007  
Joseph Beuchler, TM 59-61 - Sep 1975  
Reynold Binder, MoMM 46-47 - 1993  
Raymond Binns, FN 52-53 - Jan 2009  
Powell Blair, PRITC 45 - April 1992  
Leroy S. Blanchard, ET 62 - 2015  
Charles Blanco, SD 48-49 - June 1994  
Salvatore Blangiardi, EN 61 - June 2002  
LuVern Blankenhagan, EM 59-60 - 1998  
Wesley L. Blankenship, TM 49 - Oct 1998  
Jesus R. Blas, SD 49-50 - January 2000  
Gerald O. Bludau, MM 61-62 - Feb 1986  
Federick Boczon, EN 48-50 - May 1993  
Joseph Bole, ET 50-51 - 1995  
John Bornowski, TM/Ens 54-57 - 1971  
Joseph D. Boscarelli, CS 50 - Oct 2000  
W. D. Boulton, 44  
John S. Bour, EM 48-49 - July 1974  
George Boyajian, EM 44-49 - 10 Feb 2015  
Kenneth Boyle, FC 48-49  
George Bracey, SD 58-59 - 10 April 1963  
Norris Bradley, SN 44-45  
Henry Brengleman, EM 49-54 - Sep 1968  
Norman Breeden, TM 49-50 - Nov 1993  
Charles Breymann, HM 55-58 - Nov 1993  
James Bridewell, ET 63-67 - 1993  
Halbert H. Brinegar, EN 62-63 Sep 2014  
James A. Brink, ENS 44 - September 2003  
William E. Britt, CS 50-52 - 2012

James Brixey, EN 60-61  
Clyde Brown, EM 57-58  
William V. Brown, YN 47-48 - Mar 2010  
Freeman Buck, SB 44-45  
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  
Rudolph Buzzerd, SN 68-69 - Feb 2007  
Richard Byom, QM 51 - April 1976  
Edward B. Bzullak, YN 45 - July 2003  
Alan S. Cabot, LTJG 58 - Dec 2013  
Louis Cafone SN 44-45 - June 1981  
Frank T. Calderone, GM 46-48 - 2013  
Bobbie J. Calvert, FT 55-59 - Oct 2007  
Nicholas G. Camera, EM 47 - July 1993  
C. L. Cameron, CO 49-51  
William Cantwell, LT 49-52  
Edward Carbullido SD 45-47 - Jan 2011  
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 - Dec 1990  
Howard B. Cary, EM 55 - 2013  
John F. Chaich, EM 56-59 - 2 Jan 2016  
Murry Cherry, TM 48-49 - April 1984  
Robert Chestnut, EN 59-62  
George Childs, TM 45 - March 2011  
Edwin Chubb, YN 49-51 - July 2006  
Donald E. Cipra, COB 64-65-Dec 2011  
Arthur B. Clifton, EM 62-63 - July 1987  
Howard A. Coffman, HM 50-56 - 2004  
Ronald Collinson, RM 58-62 - Feb 2002  
Lawrence Colwell, XO 58-59 - Mar 2014  
Russell P. Combs, LTJG 45 - 1991  
James M. Coogan, RM 48-51 - Nov 2006  
Raymond Conahan, SA 49 - October 2001  
Paul M. Conklin, SK 66-68 - August 1998  
Harold W. Cook, TM 46-49 - Sep 2007  
Robert H. Cooley, SM 44-45  
James E. Cooney, EM 51-55 - 27 Sep 2016  
Donald W. Cooper, QM 63-66-Aug 2013  
Quebert Cormier, EM 69 - March 2000  
Arthur J. Cornish, MoMM 45-48 - 2002  
Timothy Cotter, EM 44-46 - July 2005  
Donald J. Coughlin, RM 54 - 27 Sep 2015  
Richard H. Coupe, XO 61-63 - May 2003  
Girard Edward Coutu, TM 55-59 - 2011  
Mack W. Cowart, ET 52 - August 2006  
Kenneth Crago, MoMM 46 - Mar 2008  
David Craig, EN 55-56 - 1992  
William Crawford XO 45-48 -Oct 2013  
Raymond J. Cremin, EM 60 - Jan 2005  
Bill Diggs Crismon, TM 46-48 - 29 Dec 2014  
Richard Crittenden, EM 58 - Jan 2004  
Reese Energy Cruse, RM 46-51 - 8 Oct 2015  
Enrique B. Cruz, TN, 45-49 - July 2008  
Walter A. Culp, RM 62-67 - 25 Nov 2010  
Stephen P. Cyganik, FT 45 - Feb 2002  
Wendell Darnold, RM 50-51 - Dec 2007  
Jerome A. Davi, XO 60-61 - Feb 2003  
Carroll Davidson, CS 50-51-July 2012  
Carl Davis, CO 57-59 - 1988

Fred Davis, TM 49-53 - February 2000  
William H. Davis, MoMM 44-48  
Floyd Day Jr., EN 60 - April 2003  
John O. Dean, MoMM 47 - March 2002  
Maurice L. Demers, HM 48-50 - Nov 1990  
Robert Demonge, TM 55-57 - August, 1996  
George Denham, TM 45-46 - Dec 2010  
Richard E. Dempsey, LTJG 60-62 - Mar 2015  
Kenneth Deramus, TM 57-63 - Nov 1989  
Alfred Despang, EM 59, 61-63  
Alfred Dickey, SA 45 - December 2007  
John H. Dittmer, MoMM 47-48  
G. Carol Dodson, TM 60-62 - Dec 2007  
Gary Dorn, ET 55-57 - September 2006  
William Dougherty, QM47-48 - Apr 2014  
Jere W. Driver, RM 63 - March 1998  
Francis J. Drosch, EN 59 - 1978  
Glenn Dugger, MM 45-46 - 8 April 2016  
Jack W. Easley, SC 45-46 - January 2010  
William G. Eason, TM 63 - February 2000  
John D. Eaton, LTJG 48-49 - 23 Sep 2015  
Hal R. Ellis, LT 59-62 - 29 December 2014  
James M. Ellis, ET 65-67 - February 1987  
John R. Engels, IC 58-59 - May 2012  
Edward Englert, GM 45 - November 1962  
John H. Epps, LTJG 47  
Elwood Erickson, IC 58-61 - Feb 2014  
Alois Ertl, EN 60-63 - February 1988  
John B. Estes, IC 61-64 - February 2005  
Garl Eubanks, TM 50-51 - October 2015  
George Everaert, TM 49-52 - July 1996  
Morris E. Ezell Jr., QM 46 - June 2004  
Sydney Fall, CS 51-52 - May 2002  
James Farmer, ET 69 - May 1997  
Joseph Farnsworth, RM 48-49 - Jun 1985  
Dale N. Fate, CS 54-59 - January 1999  
Jess W. Favors, EM 59-60 - February 2003  
Michael Fedorko GM 49-50 - June 2006  
George Fender, EN 52-July 2003  
Joseph W. Fennell, LT 67-68 - 7 Dec 2015  
Richard E. Ferris, SS 47-49-Apr 2012  
William Fitzgerald, EN 51-52 - Nov 1996  
Ernest W. Flintoff, FA 48-49 - Jan 1998  
Warren Floto, TM 59-61  
Ernest Fontes, EN 51-52-Jan 2012  
Ellwood H. Forni, SO 58 - 10 Apr 1963  
James N. Forrester, EN 50-54  
Paul Foss, RM 54-55  
Taylor L. Fox, TM 46 - November 1997  
Charles H. Foy, GM 45-46 - May 1974  
Alfred Fredrich, TM 47-48 - October 2005  
Christian Fredrickson, EN 55-57 - Jul 1980  
Amos Freeland, EM 57-58 - March 2011  
Ralph E. French, CS 59-60 - October 2007  
Adrian Fricke, TM 49-51 - March 1980  
John L. From Jr., XO 51 - March 2004  
John Fulmer, MM 45 - May 2008  
Harold E. Gall, EN 59-61 - 7 August 2014  
Roy H. Gallemore, LT 44-47 - Feb 2005  
Frank M. Gambacorta, CO 44 - Dec 2000  
Warden Gaskins, XO 45  
Bruce F. Gaudet, FN 57-58 - 23 Nov 2007  
Robert C. Gaunt, TM 44 - 1953

Arthur Geddes, QM 48-51 - Feb 2009  
James Gentry, TM C 62-63 - Jan 2012  
John E. Gerenser, SN 46-49 - 2000  
Nicholas Giampietro, EM 58-59 - April 2012  
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Earnest Gizoni, TM 48-49 - December 2013  
Sam Glenn, EN 44-45 - September 1977  
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William Gould, EN 57-60 - June 2002  
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Ira Grayboff, MM 44-45 - February 2004  
Bryce K. Greene, SO 60-63 - 2010  
Donald Green, CS 54-57  
Buel Griffin, RM 61-63 - 9 November 2012  
Eugene Guilbault, EN 51-52 - 2011  
Paul Gusler, EM 52 - October 2011  
Henry Guthrie, EN 63-66 - 2001  
Carl L. Hale, EM 59-61 - July 2009  
Bobbie Joe Hammack, FA 58-62 - May 1995  
Ralph Hall, RM 59-62 - June 1992  
Lawrence Hansberry, FT 66 - 5 July 2013  
James Harbin, QM 52 - February 2006  
James Harper, SA 46 - December 1999  
Max Harrell, FC 49-50 - November 2011  
Henry Harris, LT 62-63 - 3 December 2012  
Otto D. Harrod, MoMM 45-47 - Jan 1984  
Charles Haven, EN 67 - July 1995  
John E. Harvey, CS 59-63 - Nov 2004  
Lee R. Harvey, SN 48-49 - Jan 2006  
Robert Hatfield, EN 52-54 - 1985  
Oval Hayes, EM 49-51 - October 1992  
William Hayes, Jr., FN 56-59 - 12 May 2015  
Oscar "Holly" Heape, IC3 51-55 - Nov 2013  
Michael Heberling, MoMM 46-47 - Feb 2015  
Raymond Heckroth, QM 49-52 - 2007  
Michael C. Hehmann ET 68-69 - 1993  
Bruce Heilman, QM 49-50 - Dec 1997  
James Hellieson EN 61 - Mar 1991  
Otho Helm, QM 46 - 6 June 2007  
Joe Hemphill, EM 44-45  
Pat H., Henard. Sr., TM 45-47 - Dec 1997  
Leonard Hendrix, LTJG 51-54 - July 1997  
Thomas Hendrix, FC 45 - 3 February 2001  
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 - Dec 2003  
William F. Higley, SO 60-61 - Oct 2005  
William Hoagland, TM 46-49 - Dec 1995  
Donald E. Holley, TM 63-64 - May 2001  
Leland Hollingsworth, EM 66-68 - Dec 2011  
T. John Hollins, EM 53 - July 2007  
John Holman, EM 50-54 - December 1996  
Wayne Holmgren, RM 44-45 - Nov 2009  
Dale D. Holtzclaw, EN 60-61 - June 1994  
Arthur Holtzhauser, HM 54 - May 1977  
Robert B. Horne, EM 60-61 - July 2009  
Scott E. Horton Jr., QM 44-47  
Ira R. Houston, RM 44-49

Jerry Hucks, LTJG 63-66 - June 2001  
 James C. Hughes, RM 60-61 - 10 May 2015  
 John Huddins, LT 53  
 Walter Hurst, FN 47-49 - 31 May 2009  
 William Hurt, MM 44-45  
 Henry C. Jahnke, TM 58 February 1982  
 William H. Jahns, IC 56-57 - Apr 2009  
 John Jascot, SN 45-46 - November 1988  
 Richard Jennison EM 60-64 - Apr 2013  
 John L. Jensen Jr., LT 55-57 - Dec 2007  
 Joesph A. Jockel, XO 69- October 2013  
 Jack H. Johns, QM 49-50 - Sep 2004  
 Theodore F. Johnson, CDR - Nov 2013  
 Alfred Jonas, EN 57 - February 2003  
 Douglas S. Jordan, LT 59-61 - Feb 1992  
 Matthew H. Jordan, EM 69  
 Jack Jordon, SN57-58-October 2013  
 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  
 James Keir EN 50-52 - May 2012  
 Thomas Kemp, EM 49-53 - January 2002  
 Warren F. Kendall, SN 50-52 - Sep 1981  
 Joseph L. Kentz, MoMM 47 - Feb 1971  
 Edward Kilosky, EM 63 - 1997  
 Edward L. King, LTJg 55-57 - Sep 2000  
 Robert A. H. King, ST 64-66 - Sep 2003  
 Phillip Kinnie, EN 53-56 - May 2011  
 Gary G. Kirkpatrick, EN 50-52  
 Geroge A. Klarman, IC 54 - May 2003  
 Leonard R. Kojm, CO 61-63 - Sep 2004  
 Peter Kollar, TM 65 - July 2008  
 James J. Kondrat, TM 49 - August 2005  
 Joseph J. Koron, EM 46-48 - Feb 1980  
 Walter Kotwitz, EM 48-49 - April 1986  
 Leonard C. Kroll, TM 52-55  
 Harry Kumanski, TM 45 - July 1993  
 Stephen Kurkjian, EN 51 - Nov1977  
 Frederick O. Kyber, CS 52 - Nov 2006  
 Ricardo Lachina, EN 54-55 - February 2013  
 Paul Lacouture, LT 44-45  
 Abelardo Lago, TM 48 - November 2006  
 Harold Lambert, YN 65 - 13 December 2013  
 Thomas Lampley, SN 45-46 - Mar 2005  
 Edward Landis, QM 52-55 & 63 - May 2015  
 Clayton LaPlante, EN 56-58 - 2000  
 Wallace R. Larson, EN 49-52 - Feb 2007  
 James V. Lavelle, LT 48-49 - January 2005  
 Troy A. Law, FN 52-54 - 10 March 2015  
 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  
 Edwin "Ted" Lee, SO 60-62 -28 Aug 2014  
 Lawrence Legros, MM 45-July 2010  
 Charles F. Leigh, CO 45-46 - Jan 1954  
 Andrew Leslie, RM 55 - January 2000  
 Herman J. LeVaur, MM 61 - Sep 1994  
 Burt L. Levin, LT 57-58 - March 2007  
 Alfred C. Lewis, GM 50 - July 1964  
 Carl B. Lewis, EM 53-57 - April 2013  
 William Lilliot, LT 44 -September 2010  
 George Lockwood, TM 69 - Mar 2013  
 Jim Lofland, CS 58-61 - January 2004  
 Edward Lohner, EM 68-69 - 1993  
 Avery Ken Loposer, LT 54-57 - June 2016  
 John Lorrey, MoMM 47 - May 1997  
 Frank Lukens, YN 65-66 - 1994  
 Nathan Lundy, EM 48-53-July 2012  
 Timothy Lynch, TM 52-57 - October 1991  
 Donald MacPherson, MOMM 44-50 - 1988  
 John P. Macuszonok, EN 49-52  
 Robert Madill, EM 49-50 - January 1998  
 Anton Madsen, QM 68-69 - Sep 2012  
 David B. Maher, CO 55 - February 1992  
 Joseph E. Marmaud, EN 53-56 - Aug 2007  
 Stanley C. Martell, FT 69 - March 2006  
 Gerald K. Matern, YN 46 - March 1998  
 Robert Matheny, SO 52-56 - Oct 2012  
 Nelson Mattingly, EM 52-56 - Oct 2006

Clemens F. Maue Jr., SN 46-48 - Oct 2005  
 Robert E. Mauldin, RM 48-50 - Jan 2003  
 Andrew V. Mayberry, QM 49 - May 2004  
 James McAdams, EN 67-68  
 Jim McClanahan, IC/ENS59-63 Aug 2013  
 James L. McCombs, TM 49-50 - Apr 2002  
 Tilden McCommas, EM 63-66 - 2004  
 Richard McCorkle, TM 60 - May 2000  
 Peter McCormack, YN 51 - 2010  
 Lynn A. McCoy, SN 46-48 - 12 Jan 2016  
 Karl P. McDonough, TM 59 - April 1963  
 Daniel McGowan, TM 45-46 - Nov 2007  
 William McKinney, EN 50-51- Jan 2013  
 Wallace McMahon, TM 52 - Nov 2006  
 Donald R. McManis, SA 48-49 - Aug 2002  
 Harold McManus, EN 51 - May 2000  
 Edward McNair, SD 49  
 William I. McNeil, SN 47-48 - Dec 1999  
 Arthur McQuillan, EM 48-49 - July 1978  
 Thomas A. Meek, ET 50-53 - Sep 1994  
 Alfred W. Miller, SC 47-48 - October 2006  
 Calvin G. Miller, LTJG 63-67 - Sep 2005  
 Eugene C. Miller, RD 52-53 - May 2007  
 Jack K. Miller, RD 52-53 - May 2007  
 Nolan L. Miller, CS 48-50 - 1989  
 Morgan J. Minchey, TM 61-63 - May 2004  
 John Minett, YN 45 - June 1989  
 Charles Mininger, EM 49-51  
 Fred Montgomery, TM 59-60 - Mar 1997  
 Edward E. Montz, YN 52-53 -Feb 2010  
 Daniel Moody, TM 50  
 Richard Moore, TM 48-53 - December 1982  
 Robert Mortenson, CS 54-55 - June 1999  
 James Mulholland, FT 51 - 14 May 2008  
 Frank Murphy, EN 62-65  
 Timothy M. Murphy, CS3 67-68 - Mar 2014  
 William Murphy, YN 66-67 -Dec 2008  
 Charles E. Napier, QM 50-53  
 Felix Nelson, ET 52-54  
 William T. Nelson, EM 52-54 - Jan 2002  
 Frank Nettleship, Jr., EMC44-45 - 1953  
 Earl Bobbie Newell, GM 44-46 - 1970's  
 Charles Newman, QM 69 - 20 November 2012  
 Arthur G. Newton, XO 49-51 - 2008  
 John Nicholoy, FN 48 - Nov 2011  
 Edgar W. Nies, RM 49 - September 2002  
 Bliss Nisonger, TM 44 - November 1997  
 Thomas E. Nolan, EM 56-58 - 15 Nov 2015  
 William Norman, CS 49 - February 1983  
 Lawrence Oetjengerdes, SC 46 - Mar 2004  
 Victor Okerblom, QM 49 - 21 July 2014  
 Arthur J. Olsen, EN 54 - June 1964  
 Donald O'Malley, TM 55 - July 2009  
 Charles Owen, TM 55-57  
 Constantine Pappas, SC 44-45  
 John Park, CS 63-65  
 Nando Passerine, TM 53-54 - July 1980  
 Robert G. Pearce, LTJG62-63 - May 2005  
 Dallas Pendergraph, ET 51-52 - Feb 1999  
 Elias Peregrino, SD 45-49 - March 1950  
 William Perrin, RM 60-63 - October 1979  
 Owen Perry, TM 46 - March 1996  
 Donald W. Peterson, EM 54-57 - Aug 2003  
 Arturo Piazza, EN 60-62 - April 2006  
 Stanley Piekos, TM 45 - January 1969  
 Theodore A. Poelking, YN 58 - 2004  
 Thomas H. Polk, CO 55-57 - April 1996  
 Marshall H. Poole, EM 60-61 - Sep 2006  
 William Porter, EM 44-46  
 Rudolph H. Poteet, FT 53 - Dec 2006  
 Tracey Price, EM 44-46  
 William Priutt, EM 60 - September 2012  
 Paul V. Purkrabek, LTJG 47 - Nov2003  
 Eugene Quillen, SC 47 - November 2009  
 John Rabuse, EN 47-51 - November 2008  
 Charles Rager, FT 63-65 - January 2014  
 Richard Rasmussen, TM 45-46 - Dec 1979  
 John Reagan, EM 51 - March 1980  
 Larry F. Reiche, ET67-68 - 23 July 2015  
 David Reid, RM 56-60 - September 1990  
 Robert D. Reinheimer, TM 51-52 - 1976  
 Raymond H. Renner CS 50 - March 1995  
 Hugh Reynolds, SN 56-58 - August 1984

Allen K. Rhodes, TM 49-52 - Feb 2004  
 James A. Rhodes, TM 52 - July 2000  
 Mark H. Richwine, YN 62-63-Dec 2011  
 Burton E. Rider, EN 51-53 - March 2003  
 Marvin Riley, EN 51  
 Roy (Luke) Riley, LTJG 61-62 - 7 Sep 2016  
 John W. Rindy, MoMM 46-47 - Feb 1975  
 Fritz F. Roberts, EN 48-51 - Feb 1986  
 Henry Robertson, EN 48-50 - 1950  
 William F. Robinson, CS 46-47 - Feb 2001  
 James Robson, EN 51-53 - April 1966  
 Horace Q. Rogers, TM 58-59 - June 1993  
 James O. Rogers, LT 53-56 - 2003  
 John Romeo, IC 68-69-May 2012  
 Frederick Roscher, BK 44-48 - Nov 2014  
 Jack Ross, EN 69  
 John Ross, SN 44-47  
 Russell M. Ross, SN 45 - May 2008  
 Bruce Rounds, SN 44-46  
 William Runyon, EM 44-49  
 Charles Russell, LT 59-61  
 Frank Rutzen, FN 55-57 - November 1999  
 Ernest J. Sabol, Jr., LTJG 57 - June 2003  
 John Saeli, EN 65-67-March 2013  
 Ansel E. Sampson, IC 57-58 - Nov 1975  
 Harold Sander, EM 49-50-June 2012  
 Richard Sanders, IC 66-68 - October 2001  
 Gaetano Sanfillipo, RM 48-49 - Feb 1982  
 Louis V. Sardo, QM 60-61/ 64 - Apr 2004  
 William G. Sargent, EM 63-64  
 Herman Scallan, FN 54-56 - 11 July 2014  
 James Schauer, QM 52  
 Laverne Schleuning, EN 53-55 - Dec 1999  
 Jacou Schmiersahl, EN 55-57 - June 2002  
 Henry Schmidt, CS 55-57 - Nov 2000  
 Theodore Schmidt, TM 63  
 Herman Schoenberger, TM 57-59 - 1995  
 Albert R. Schofield., LTJG 52 - June 1986  
 Sidney Schorr, SN 45 - March 2003  
 Harold R. Schwartz, TM 57-59 - Feb 2006  
 Jerry J. Scohier, EM 63-69 - July 2013  
 James W. Scott, QM 60  
 Phillip C. Sears, TM 57-58 - Dec 1982  
 Walter Seifert, EN 60-62  
 Vernon Seiple, SO 61-63 - December 2001  
 Henry Sellers, FCS 51 - October 2010  
 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, RMC 55-59 - 19 Mar 2015  
 Rudolph V. Skocylas, RM 49 - Jan 1996  
 Gilbert Slyter, EM 49 - July 1992  
 Robert Smidutz, TM 45 - January 2011  
 Frederick S. Smith CP 44-46 - 1961  
 Harold D. Smith, GM 46-47 - July 1998  
 Harold Smith, RM 46 - December 1988  
 James L. Smith, TM 63-64 - Nov 1991  
 John Smith, LTJG 55-57 - June 2012  
 Ebrue G. Smojicie, EN 44-51  
 James Soulis, TM 45-47 - July 1997  
 George Sparks, Jr., CP 44-46 - Dec 1990  
 Nolan Spence, ET 54-56 - October 2000  
 Gordon A. Spring, EM 64-65 - Sep 2006  
 Richard M. Stafford, XO 61 - March 1995  
 Yaber Staggs, EM 67-68 - September 1989  
 Lawrence E. Stahl, CO 59-61 - April 2000  
 Charles Stanley, EM 63-65 - Feb 2008  
 Harold Stanley, RM 58-60 - Nov 2007  
 Gary G. Stark, RM 58-59 - 18 May 2014  
 Earl Starr, RM 51-54 - 5 March 2011  
 Peter J. Stea, EN 53 - May 2002  
 Stephen Still, EM 49-55 - July 2005  
 Wesley Stephens, EM 57-59 - Dec 2003  
 Lyman David Stetson, SN 58-59 - Dec 1996  
 Charles P. Stevenson, WWII - 14 Feb 2015  
 Boyce Stom, EN 47-48 - March 1981  
 David W. Strunk, TM 44-45 - July 2007  
 Gerald Sullivan, LT 59-62 - July 2010  
 William F. Sullivan, RM 45-47 - 2007  
 Charles D. Summitt, LTJG 52 - June 2009  
 Glenn E. Suttle, FN 54 - 16 December 2015

Harold F. Swan, MM 56-57 - Nov 2007  
 Ezra R. Swartz, MoMM 46-47 - Aug 2001  
 Wesley A. Sweat LTJg 59 - January 2004  
 James Symanek, SA 68-69 - July 1970  
 Melvin Syme, TM 44-45  
 William Tackett, EN 51-55 - Feb 2005  
 Frank J. Taggert, FT 56-59  
 William M. Talbert, EN3 68-69 - Jan 2012  
 Joseph Tasillo, FA 52 - March 1993  
 Arnett B. Taylor, XO 53-57 - October 2002  
 Donald Tetschlag, TM 67-68 - Sep 2008  
 Charlie Thieme, MM 44-47 - 2003  
 Joesph R. Thies, EM 49  
 Felix T. Thomas, TN 58-60 - June 1971  
 Robert Thompson, MoMM 45-46 - 2008  
 Leroy Tillery, EM 49-51 - May 2008  
 Richard Todd, SN 45  
 Theda Tooma, SM 47-51 -2013  
 Gordon W. Townsend, RM 57 - June 1982  
 John Turner, SK 49-51 - August 1971  
 Peter Urueta, QM 49 - May 1997  
 Theodore M. Ustick, CO 49 - May 2000  
 Robert E. Van Meter, EM 60-62 -2000  
 Warren Vanderwerker, EM 57-63  
 Richard Wagner, EM 57-59 - February 1990  
 Barnard Walker, SN 62-63  
 Peter Wallin, QM 56-59 - March 1991  
 Harold Watson, SO 51-52 - February 1990  
 Richard Ward, IC 59 - September 2013  
 Owen E. Weddle, S1c(TM)1945 - March 1981  
 Eugene Weigant, TM 54 - May 2011  
 Ray Wengryzn, TM 63-65 - 26 October 2016  
 Charlie N. Wentz, YN 56-60 - June 1999  
 Ross Wesner, LTJG 62-65 - August 2006  
 James W. Weston, ET 59 - 26 July 2014  
 Richard B. Wharton, CS 60-61 - Sep 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  
 Gene White, TM 68-69  
 Wayne White, EM 61-62 - April 1962  
 James R. Wildey, HM 61-62 - Nov 1999  
 Jesse Wiles, RM 61 - November 1999  
 Don Wilkinson, TM 55-56 - August 2011  
 Billy Williams, TM 44-45 - Dec 2012  
 James G. Williams, SN 66-67  
 Robert Worthington, XO 44 - Feb 1996  
 Charles Ivey Wrape, Unk - 13 Jan 2014  
 George Wyse, EM 48-53 - November 2008  
 Walter F. Wysocki, GM 50-51 - July 1994  
 Fred Yarbrough, TN 48-50 - 1990  
 Robert Yeager, TN 47-48  
 Keith L. York, LT 51 - May 2002  
 Bruce C. Young, LT 44-46 - March 2006  
 Lester Young, EN 60-62 - February 2000  
 Walter E. Zarembo, EN 61 - June 1997  
 George Zelina, TM 44-46  
 Melvin A. Zimmerman, GM 60 - Sep 2000  
 Theodore Znuj, MM 44-46 - Sep 2000

**SAILORS**  
**REST**  
**YOUR**  
**OARS**



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

- 1. Dues.** We have 208 Life and 25 Regular members (including 37 widows). If you're a Life Member or have paid your 2017 dues, thank you. If not, please pay \$10 for each year or become a Life Member for \$100. Life Members no longer get annoying letters from me or our Treasurer Hubert Jackson, receive a free patch, and we continue Life Membership status for your widow. Make checks payable to Sea Poacher Association and mail to me at 3042 Alton Place, Round Rock, TX 78665-2119 or email me at [seapoacher@att.net](mailto:seapoacher@att.net) with questions.
- 2. Address and e-mail changes:** Please send us changes. Remember, we do not show your mailing address and telephone number on our newsletters or our website. When shipmates request them, we do put them in touch with you.
- 3. Sea Poacher Memorial Fund:** When a shipmate passes on, we present to the next of kin a Memorial Plaque. The framed and matted picture of Sea Poacher underway at sunset includes a Final Prayer and service years. Funding for this stands alone, so we appreciate check contributions made out to Sea Poacher Association and mailed to me. Please indicate "Memorial Fund" on your check.
- 4. Navy Getting Rid of Blueberries Camouflage Working Uniforms:** From Lanny. They will transfer to the standard green, yellow and whatever other uniform on 1 October 2016. The Secretary of the Navy said on the old uniform "the greatest camouflage it gives is if you fall overboard."
- 5. First Female Enlisted Sailor Receives Dolphins:** From Lanny. CPO Culinary Specialist Dominique Saavedra received her dolphins on 3 August 2016 aboard Michigan. To date, 43 female officers also have their dolphins.
- 6. Sky Diver Jumps from 25,000 Feet with No Parachute:** From Lanny. The incredible footage of Luke Aikens jumping into a 100 foot net in Simi Valley, California on 30 July 2016 is at [streamable.com/h6db](http://streamable.com/h6db)
- 7. On 9/11 Bring Down United 93 by Ramming It:** From Jack Ensminger. The amazing true story of Air Force Lt Heather Penney, pilot of an F-16, to destroy United Flight 93. Check it on Internet at Lucky Penney 9/11.
- 8. Submariners Are Much Happier With a 24-Hour Day:** From Jack Ensminger and Lanny. The submarine force in 2014 began a transition from an 18-hour day (6 hours on watch and 12 hours off) to a 24-hour day (8 hours on watch and 16 hours off) and it is working well. Morale, mission execution and alertness have improved. The argument that the body works best on a 24-hour clock seems upheld and the surface force is now thinking the same.
- 9. Veterans Information and Benefits:** From Jack Ensminger. Lots of information at [www.veteransprograms.com](http://www.veteransprograms.com).
- 10. Operation Dominic:** From Jack Ensminger. Detonation of a Polaris nuclear weapon from Ethan Allen (SSBN-608) as filmed by Carbonero (SS-337) in 1962 at <http://youtu.be/01pGDwSPpg>
- 11. 2016 WWII Memorial Service at Kings Bay:** From Jack Ensminger. A couple hundred photos including our own J.J. Lynch and submarine others at [www.flickr.com/photos/121488186@NO6/sets/72157672496304474](http://www.flickr.com/photos/121488186@NO6/sets/72157672496304474)
- 12. The Bad Angel of WWII:** From Hubert Jackson. An interesting story on Lt. Louis Curdes who was the only fighter pilot to shoot down 10 aircraft including seven Nazis, one Italian, one Japanese, and one AMERICAN. Check it out at <http://southernarizonaguide.com/pima-air-space-museum-bad-angel-mysterious-kill-markings>.
- 13. New Military Retirement Options:** From Lanny. For a good video comparison of old and new retirement systems go to [www.military.com/military-report/video-compares-new-retirement-options.html?ESRC=mr1121.nl](http://www.military.com/military-report/video-compares-new-retirement-options.html?ESRC=mr1121.nl)
- 14. Submarine Duty, A Powerful Calling!:** From John Savory. EM Fred Voskuhl, the last WWII crew member left from Tunny (SS-282), relates some interesting encounters at [www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2016/11/13/Duty-was-a-powerful-calling-for-WWII-submarine-veteran/stories/201611130065](http://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2016/11/13/Duty-was-a-powerful-calling-for-WWII-submarine-veteran/stories/201611130065). He is now 93 and doing well in Pittsburgh.
- 15. DOD Releases Plan to Allow Personnel to Carry Firearms on Base:** From Lanny. In light of military shootings and deaths at Fort Hood and Chattanooga, check out [www.military.com/daily-new/2016/11/21/dod-releases-plan-allow-firearms-base.html?ESRC=navy-a\\_161113.nl](http://www.military.com/daily-new/2016/11/21/dod-releases-plan-allow-firearms-base.html?ESRC=navy-a_161113.nl) for the Department of Defense Plan.
- 16. Newsletter Inputs:** We are always looking for sea stories and photographs to include in our newsletters. Why not take a few minutes and go through some of your old storage drawers and containers and see what may be hidden in there? Let us know of any interesting discoveries.



**LIFE IS SHORT!**  
**LIVE IT TO THE FULLEST!**  
**THERE'S AN**  
**EXPIRATION DATE!**

FROM JACK ENSMINGER



**THE BADDEST DIESEL SUBS ON THE PLANET**

Australia recently purchased 12 diesel submarines from the French Company DCNS which are all equipped with Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) systems. These are not small boats but are 4,000 tons submerged and 318 feet in length. They are capable of 90 day patrols, can stay submerged for 21 days, and will carry 34 U.S. manufactured missiles, mines, or torpedoes (compared to the U.S. Virginia Class which is twice the size and carries 39 weapons), and are quieter than nuclears. Future costs are on the order of 25 percent of a Virginia Class. So what is AIP? There are four different configurations but all involve stored liquid oxygen or some variation of it. The Australian boats have Hydrogen Oxygen Fuel Cells and Lithium-Ion Batteries. Some have suggested the U.S. replace one of the planned Virginia with four of these on a periodic basis. Check the Internet for more information on this.

**HANG IN THERE CHIEF OF THE BOAT**

COB Vernon Barnett, EMC 1960-64, recently entered home hospice care with his sister in Raeford, FL, where he was visited on 26 August 2016 by shipmates (L to R) Jack Merrill TM61-63, COB, Ivan Joslin LT60-63, and John Snook QM59-61. They reminisced for several hours and Vernon was found to be as mentally sharp and feisty as he always was including at the 2008 Sea Poacher Reunion in Jacksonville. Ivan noted he is fighting courageously a serious health issue and has refused chemotherapy/surgery alternatives. Do keep him and his family in your prayers.



# SEA POACHER SHIP'S STORE

In addition to our normal items, Marine Artist Richard DeRosset has done a painting depicting Sea Poacher in a 1945 WWII gun battle with the Japanese. There are also two other paintings showing Sea Poacher with the Step Sail and during the Cuban Missile episode with the North Atlantic Sail. Our own Ray Krivascy TM 1952-53 has painted Sea Poacher at the pier in 1952 which he gave to Captain William Gibson at his change of command in 1953. We have prints and high quality canvas copies of all of these. All come unframed and prices include shipping. There is also a beautifully crafted stained glass piece of Sea Poacher created by Annette Snook, wife of John Snook QM 59 -62. This will be crafted by her as requests are received. To order, fill in the below form with your items (specify shirt size), make a check payable to Bill Brinkman, and mail to him with a copy of this form to 3042 Alton Place, Round Rock, TX 78665. Check out the other items also available from our Ship's Store.

**DeRossett –WWII 1945 Surface Action 18" X 44"**



**DeRosset-Step Sail 10" X 23" Print or 15" X 28" Canvas**



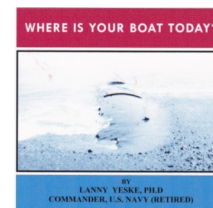
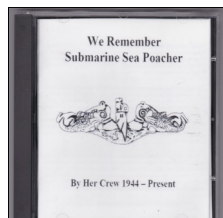
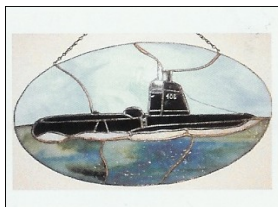
**DeRossett-N. Atl. Sail 10" X 23" Print or 15" X 28 "Canvas**



**Krivascy-Step Sail 15" X 18.5" Print or 18" X 21**



**Annette Snook Stained Glass 10.5 " X 17"**



Items	Quantity	Price	Total
Painting DeRossett 18x44 canvas WWII 1945	_____	50.00	_____
Painting DeRossett 10x23 print Step Sail	_____	20.00	_____
Painting DeRossett 15x28 canvas Step Sail	_____	30.00	_____
Painting DeRossett 10x23 print N. Atl. Sail/Cuba	_____	20.00	_____
Painting DeRossett 15x28 canvas N. Atl. Sail/Cuba	_____	30.00	_____
Painting Krivascy 15x18 print Step Sail	_____	20.00	_____
Painting Krivascy 18x21.5 canvas Step Sail	_____	35.00	_____
Ship Patch	_____	5.50	_____
Stained Glass Sea Poacher	_____	110.00	_____
Golf Shirt Sizes M, L, XL & 2XL (no pockets)	_____	22.00	_____
Golf Shirt Sizes M, L, XL & 2XL (with pockets)	_____	25.00	_____
Ball Cap	_____	14.00	_____
CD-We Remember Sea Poacher Book with Addendum	_____	15.00	_____
Dolphin Vest chain, gold or silver	_____	25.00	_____
DVD Where is Your Boat Today? (NEW)	_____	20.00	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>			_____



# MEMORIAL PLAQUES

**ROY G. (LUKE) RILEY**, LTJG 1961-62. Departed on Eternal Patrol on 7 September 2016 at age 78 in Gold Hill, NC. A Naval Academy graduate, he also served on Nathan Hale, Albacore, XO Wahoo, and CO Bonefish. During his 26 year career, Luke earned a Master's Degree, served on various submarine and intelligence shore staffs, and retired as a Captain on an accelerated promotion list.



He then became a high school substitute teacher, bus driver, and local handyman, but found time to hunt and fish as well as participate in USSVI, American Legion activities, and Sea Poacher reunions. Luke is survived by his wife Linda; children Katrina, Clay, and Lance; six grandchildren; and other family. Following a private memorial service, Luke was buried at sea. Jack Nims EM 1957-63 presented our Memorial Plaque to sons Clay and Lance, and wife Linda in NC.



**RAY J. WENGRZYN**, TM 1963-65. Ray departed for Eternal Patrol at age 75 on 26 October 2016 in North Huntingdon, PA. He was a Vietnam veteran and member of the VFW, Italian Sons and Daughters, and NRA. Following the Navy he was a Plant Engineer for Zokaite Contracting. Ray is survived by his wife Jacqueline of 44 years, two daughters, two grandsons, and other family. He is interred at St. Joseph's Cemetery in North Versailles, PA.



**JAMES E. COONEY**, EM 1951-55. Entered Eternal Patrol on 27 September 2016 at age 84 in Schererville, IN. After Sea Poacher and civil engineering studies at Purdue, Jim first worked for Exxon in New Orleans and Venezuela, and then spent 40 years with Midwest Steel Erectors where his projects included the Soldier Field addition in Chicago. A Life Member of our Association as well as USSVI, he is survived by his wife of 58 years June, a son and daughter, and several grand children. He is at rest at Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens in Schererville.



**REESE ENERGY CRUSE**, RM 1946-51. On 8 October 2015 Reese entered Eternal Patrol in Jacksonville Beach, FL at age 88. He qualified on Sea Poacher, later completed OCS, and retired as a LCDR in 1967. Energy was his actual middle name. He is survived by his wife Mariko. No other information or photo was found.

**CHARLES IVEY WRAPE**. Entered Eternal Patrol at age 80 in Elberta, AL on 13 January 2014. Charles served in Korea and Vietnam and was the Chief Parachute Rigger on the aircraft carrier Shangri-La. He was also an Honorary Sea Poacher sailor, but the reason for this could not be ascertained from his obituary. He later owned and operated Wolf Bay Lodge for 40 years, and is survived by three daughters and seven grandchildren. He is interred in Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola and no photo could be located or additional information found at USSVI.

**TIMOTHY M. MURPHY**, CS3 1967-68. Entered Eternal Patrol on 13 March 2014 at Shawnee on Delaware, PA. He also served on Sea Cat during the 65-66 time period. He claimed Irish as well as U.S. Citizenship. Tim was decorated for service with a Marine Battalion in Danang, Vietnam. Following the Navy he became a Certified Elevator Inspector and owned his own elevator company. He is survived by his wife Sharon, a son and daughter, and seven grandchildren. He is interred in the Shawnee Church Cemetery. No other information was found in the Sea Poacher or in USSVI records.



**OSCAR "HOLLY" HEAPE**, IC3 1951-55. He entered Eternal Patrol in Wareham, CT on 16 November 2013 at age 80. Following the Navy, he graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Electrical Engineering and retired from United Technologies of Norwalk, CT. Holly is survived by two daughters and a grandson, and is at rest in Coweaset Cemetery in Brockton. No other information was located in Sea Poacher or in USSVI records.



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