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German U-Boat Invades Texas

In the summer of 1918, a few months before the end of World War I, the German submarine UB-88 prowled the eastern coast of England, terrorizing steamers that passed through the region.

About a year later, the submarine entered the Port of Houston, not as a combatant, but as a seafaring exhibit available for tours.

It's an interesting event in Houston's history that doesn't get too much attention. A reader once mentioned a German U-boat entering the Ship Channel, but without a date, it's hard to track such things down. I only managed to find these pictures while looking through our photo file on the Port of Houston.

Online, there's a little bit out there on UB-88. With a few exceptions, the submarine, capable of carrying 10 torpedoes, was not particularly superior to its American counterpart.

After sinking more than a dozen steamers near the English Channel and Scotland, the submarine went back to Germany in early October. A few weeks after the armistice was signed between the Allies and Germany, effectively ending fighting along the Western Front, UB-88 surrendered in Harwich, England.

At that point, UB-88 was in poor shape, according a history of the ship prepared by the Navy and available on this Web site.

Food had been left aboard after she had surrendered. The remnants of the last meals had been thrown in the bilges. The stench from the galley was unbearable. Rust covered all the piping. The engines were one mass of corrosion. The torpedoes had been pulled from the tubes and thrown on the torpedo room deck. The air flasks and afterbodies were coated with rust and badly pitted. The storage battery was almost run down, not having had a charge for over four months. The bilges were full of oil and water. Many parts of the boat had been taken by souvenir hunters while she lay moored in Harwich.

In March of 1919, the sub and a few other U-boats were turned



Photo by Allen : Chronicle file

Visitors and crew of UB-88 at the Port of Houston, July 1919. It is believed the commanding officer of UB-88, Lieutenant Commander J.L. Nielson, is on the left.

over to the United States. UB-88 was assigned to tour ports along the East Coast and the Gulf Coast before continuing through the Panama Canal and heading to the West Coast.

After spending a couple of days in Galveston, the UB-88, escorted by the U.S.S. Comanche, docked at the Port of Houston's city wharf No. 1 on July 27, 1919.

Much like the concept of flight and airplanes I mentioned last week, German subs were something that many had probably read about, but few had ever seen.

According to that day's Houston Chronicle:

"While the arrival of this atom of Prussian devilishness marks the first entry into the local

harbor of enemy craft, she comes with every appearance of friendliness, manned by a victorious American crew who feel a pride in sailing her."

Leave it to the Houston Press to have a first-person, front-page account of the sub's four-hour journey from Galveston to the Port of Houston. Amusements editor Julien Elfenbein noted "enjoying the channel scenery to both sides that spread out in a way to have made Maxfield Parrish hunger for his easel."

Interest in the submarine wasn't limited to men, according to the July 30, 1919, edition of the Houston Post.

"More women have inspected the boat here than in any other town, according to Warrant Officer (J.W.) Raymond. He said that in other towns there had been hesitation on the part of the women to make the awkward climb down and up the small hatches, but in Houston the women expressed an eagerness to see the 'inners' of the boat."

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From the President:

Bill Brinkman

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Dues

Currently, we have 211 Life Members and 32 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** ships patch.

The Association continues Life Membership status for your widow.

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, it's 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, fill out the form in this newsletter from Gatherings Plus and send it to them. Remember that you do not need to pay at this time. (Form also is on our website).

Currently, we have 58 people signed up for what promises to be a great and memorable Reunion.

Newsletter Changes

Jack Merrill will still produce our quarterly newsletter, but not print the copies and mail them. Instead he will mail a print ready disk to a Printer in Connecticut who can then run off the copies. Bill Dukacz will then mail them to you.

Because of the change to a printing company, our costs per issue have gone up to over \$2.50 an issue which is significant as that's the amount of money your dues cover.

So, I ask those of you that have computers, or access to them to view and/or print your own newsletter off of our website : <http://www.seapoacher.com>

Please let me know that you want to get your newsletter off the computer and to be taken off the mailing list for the newsletter to save the USS Sea Poacher Association over \$10 a year. We'll use the savings for our other activities instead!

Then four times a year, I'll e-mail you to inform you that the latest newsletter is on the website for you to view and/or print.



On Saturday March 12, 2010 a Welcome Home Party was held in Milton Freewater, Oregon in honor of Nels Hadden. Nels was severely injured when he stopped to assist another motorist who had crashed on I84 east of Portland Oregon on January 26 2009. Nels served aboard the USS Nevada (SSBN-733) and is now a member of the Inland Empire Base, USSVI.

Commander Steve Wilson, Jake Jacobsen and USS Sea Poacher shipmate, Ben Sheldon (EN 56-58) (on left) was present to wish a fellow shipmate the best and thank him for his courage and commitment to help others.



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German U-Boat

The climax of the visit came when the chamber of commerce presented a miniature bale of cotton to Raymond to give to film star Mary Pickford in Los Angeles. The bale was to be auctioned off with the proceeds going to charity.

Newspaper reports say that was the first bale of cotton to be shipped to the West Coast from the Houston Ship Channel.

In all, an estimated 13,000 people made a careful inspection of the craft over the course of its three-day visit to Houston. About 50,000 people are believed to have seen UB-88 from a distance. Demand was so great, in fact, that an extra day was added to its stay here.

From Houston, UB-88 charted a course to the West Coast. Its exhibition cruise, which attracted 400,000 people across the U.S., ended on Nov. 7.

On Jan. 3, 1921, UB-88 was sunk in a live-fire exercise off the Southern California coast. A few years ago, dive teams recently found the remains of the sub, but its exact location remains a secret.



From the Treasurer:

Hubert Jackson
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Treasury Report - March 13, 2010

December 1, 2009 Beginning balance in the following funds was:

Memorial fund -	520.00
Humanitarian fund -	1240.00
General fund -	25161.50
Bank balance (General+Hum+Mem) =	26921.50

December, 2009 debit activity:

Check# 170 for news letter expenses -	300.00
Check# 172 included 40.00 from memorial fund for plaque and 42.00 from general fund for cards and postage -	82.00
Total debits -	405.00

December, 2009 deposit activity:

December 21 to general fund -	116.60
This included 109.50 in ships store sales and 7.10 in addendum CD sales.	
Total deposits	116.60

Ending balance as of December 3, 2009 in the following funds was:

Memorial fund -	480.00
Humanitarian fund -	1240.00
General fund -	24913.10
Bank balance (General+Hum+Mem) =	26633.10

January, 2010 debit activity:

There was not any debit activity during the month of January.

January, 2010 deposit activity:

January 27 to memorial fund from James Cooney -	250.00
Also from regular dues, life membership and ships stores -	257.00
Total deposits -	507.00

Ending balance as of January 30, 2010 in the following funds was:

Memorial fund -	730.00
Humanitarian fund -	1240.00
General fund -	25170.10
Bank balance (General+Hum+Mem) =	27140.10

There was not any debit or deposit activity during the month of February, 2010 so the ending balance has remained unchanged through 03/13/2010.



On January 2, 2010, Eileen Vierow and Arnold Johnson (EM 63) exchanged wedding vows in their Minnesota home. Standing in the background is one of Arnie's sons. Our congratulations to you both, may you have a long and happy marriage.



From the Web Guru:

Jon K. Nagle
MM 62-63

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I have good news. My services as VP have not been needed since that rascal Bill Brinkman (as of this writing) is still alive and kicking. So, with time on my hands I spruced up the web page. It is now less cluttered, more user friendly, and the pages load faster. Visit "[www: seapoacher.com](http://www.seapoacher.com)" and tell me what you think. As always, every suggestion and comment will get my attention.

See you in Branson!!

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".



Recognize this shipmate. . .

Leo Carr EN 49-51 qualified on the USS Ling (SS-297) in 1949. At that time there were no metal dolphins for enlisted personnel. The Submarine insignia was an embroidered cloth dolphin patch sewn on the right sleeve of the jumper just above the wrist.

Golf Outing at the Branson 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.

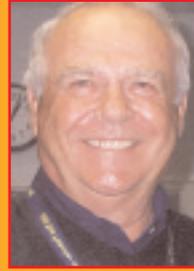
The Hospitality Room opens at noon, so that will allow time to get there early.

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.



Special Projects Officer

Lanny Yeske

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With Bills Brinkman and Dukacz, we have put together a short note on the Special Veterans Benefit and see if you qualify. Most will not, but there is always a chance for some assisted living support. (See Page Ten).

The November Branson Reunion promises to be as good as any we have had. Bill Brinkman has prepared a slide show of our travel to Peruin March 2009 which you will enjoy. I am also bringing a good supply of PISCO, the Peruvian national brandy drink, which is potent and certain to keep the show lively. One of our non-Sea Poacher travelers to Peru, Dr. Terry Kopansky of Nashville, Tennessee, became very close to us on this travel. He is donating to the Association an old and extremely large set of wooden carved dolphins that will also be on display at the Reunion in Branson. Those of you who have not signed up for this November event should consider doing so.

As your Special Projects Officer I am here to try and help and assist with your needs related to Sea Poacher service. Contact me on email via doctoryeske@yahoo.com, phone 434-385-7117, or mail at Lanny Yeske, 1063 MacArthur Place, Forest, VA 24551.



Sea Poacher Book CD's

Now Available!!!!

To order books please contact either Bill Brinkman or Lanny Yeske



Photos by Ron Godwin (ST 58-61/Ens 66)

On a recent excursion to the balmy climes of Hawaii, Ron Godwin (ST 58-61/Ens 66) met up with shipmate John Love (ET 58-61) and his lovely bride Sharon for a short vacation away from the freezing weather in Florida. At right is the Sea Poacher Battle Banner hanging in the Bowfin Museum in Honolulu. The banner, painted by Jack Merrill and presented to the museum by J.J. Lynch is prominently displayed.



Bob Henry, (EM 60-61) stands with his "girls" at his ranch in California. Bob must be doing something right, they look very contented. They also have a beautiful view.

Then and Now!

Then - If you smoked, you had an ashtray on your desk.

Now - If you smoke, you get sent outside and treated like a leper, if your lucky.

Then - Mail took weeks to come to the ship.

Now - Every time you get near land, there's a mob top-side to see if their cell phones work.

Then - If you left the ship it was in Blues or Whites, even in home port.

Now - The only time you wear Blues or Whites is for ceremonies.

Then - You wore bell bottoms everywhere on the ship.

Now - Bell bottoms are gone and 14 year-old girls wear them everywhere.

Then - You wore a Dixie cup all day, with every uniform.

Now - It's not required and you have a choice of different hats.

Then - If you said "damn," people knew you were annoyed and avoided you.

Now - If you say "damn" you'd better be talking about a hydroelectric plant.



Marty Stokes, (EN 54-57) presents the Sea Poacher Association Memorial Plaque to Martha Dalhouse Easley, widow of Jack Easley (SC 45-46). Also attending is their son, James W. Easley.

Jack Wayne Easley

Jack Wayne Easley, age 84, died at home on Tuesday evening on January 19, 2010, after a brief illness. Born in Eldorado, Oklahoma, and moved to DeLeon, Texas in early childhood, where he lived until he joined the Navy.

He served aboard the submarine USS Sea Poacher (SS-406) in the Pacific Theater during WWII. He was a lifetime member of the U.S. Submarine Veterans WWII and the Sea Poacher Association, enjoying his last Subvet National Convention in Green Bay, Wisconsin in September 2009.

He worked as a drilling superintendent in oil fields in the United States, South America, the Middle East and Africa for more than fifty years, then worked as a consultant until 2008.

A resident of New Orleans and Patterson for many years, he was a member and deacon of Faith Baptist Church. He was known as a quiet and good man. He was also a member of the BALL Club of Faith Church.

He deeply loved his family, remaining close to siblings, nieces and nephews, always returning to DeLoan for the annual Easley family reunion. During the past few years he enjoyed being called "PaPa Jack" to Martha's grandchildren.

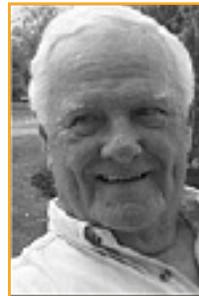
A funeral was held in New Orleans with Dr. Argile Smith officiating, and the burial was in DeLeon, Texas, with Military and Masonic Rites at the graveside.

Edward E. Montz Sr.

Edward E. Montz, Sr. at Metairie, LA on Monday, February 15, 2010 at 7:35 PM. Beloved husband of the late Blanche Hoffstadt Montz. Father of Edward E. Jr., Larry and Rick Montz and the late Jeanne Myers and Sandi Montz. Brother of Helen Lockhart, Betty M. Exnicios and the late Henry Montz. Also survived by 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Mr. Montz was a WWII submarine veteran U.S. Navy and owner of General Transmission Service and Montz Contractors.



William V. Brown, Jr.



William V. Brown, Jr., 81, of Williamstown, NJ, passed away peacefully at his residence on Saturday, March 6, 2010.

He was a retired insurance salesman for Prudential Inc. Co., Woodbury. Mr. Brown served his country honorably during WW II in the U.S. Navy, serving on the submarine USS Sea Poacher (SS-406) and was very proud to be on submarine duty.

He was a member of the America Legion, Williamstown Post and a docent on the USS New Jersey docked in Camden. Besides an insurance salesman, he was very skillful with his hands as a handyman, he did many construction work building homes and remodeling. Most of all he enjoyed and loved to be with his family, especially being proud of his grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife Grace (nee Bruno); three daughters, Wanda Brown, Collings Lakes, Wendy Hutchinson (John III), Sewell, Dianne Holland (Robert), Mullica Hill; two sons, William V. III, Collings Lake, Daniel (Fiance' Christine), Turnersville; a sister, MaeBelle Bowes, Tulsa, Okla; two brothers, James (Myrtle), Ocala, Fl. and John (Josephine), Arrington, Va.; also four grandchildren, John IV (Gosia) and Brittany Hutchinson, Max and Sarah Holland.

My Good Comrade

*I once had a comrade,
you won't find a better one.
The drum was rolling for battle,
he was marching at my side
in the same pace and stride.*

A bullet flew towards us

*for him or meant for me?
It did tear him away,
he lies beneath my feet
like it was a piece of me.*

*He wants to reach his hand to me,
while I reload my gun.*

*"Can't give you my hand for now,
you rest in eternal life
My good comrade!"*

Written by: Ludwig Uhland (1809)

SurFor stresses electrical safety after deaths

(EDITORS NOTE: This is for all you Electrician's Mates out there)

By GIDGET FUENTES

SAN DIEGO — Three weeks after a carrier-based chief petty officer suffered a fatal electric shock, the commander of the Navy's surface fleet ordered all ships to review training and reinforce safety measures for all shipboard electrical systems.

In his safety advisory issued Monday, Vice Adm. D.C. Curtis warned the fleet to follow safety procedures and safe practices and not take dangerous shortcuts that can risk injury.

"Given the recent number of electrical related incidents, we must exponentially raise our awareness forcewide to the hazards associated with what has incorrectly become considered routine or everyday work," Curtis, Naval Surface Forces commander in Coronado, Calif., said in the message. "Adhering to electrical safety standards is not routine and should not be considered everyday work."

Curtis ordered that all ships do a thorough review of all electrical safety-related documents and manuals and ensure compliance of those procedures; hold all-hands training on electrical safety and tag-out procedures; and ensure that sufficient electrical safety personal protective equipment and materials, such as insulated tools, test equipment and rubber gloves, are on hand.

Ships must complete their reviews and report to their class squadrons by March 26.

The electrical safety advisory came a week after San Diego-based 3rd Fleet directed a wider electrical safety stand-down for all ships and shore commands and safety reviews completed by March 26. The directive by Vice Adm. Richard Hunt came on the heels of two fatal accidents in recent months.

Chief Electrician's Mate (SS/DV) John G. Conyers, 36, died Feb.

19 after he was electrocuted while working in an auxiliaries space aboard the carrier Ronald Reagan, which is undergoing a maintenance availability at North Island Naval Air Station in Coronado. On Nov. 28, Engineman 3rd Class David Mudge, 22, died aboard the frigate Rentz after he was shocked while working in an auxiliary machinery space while the ship was berthed in Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates.

Officials have not yet provided details about what happened in each case. Both incidents are being investigated.

After the Rentz incident, Naval Sea Systems Command issued several advisories about shock hazards that reiterated existing shipboard safety and electrical procedures and advised the fleet to inspect all shipboard electrical enclosures for rust and corrosion, especially high-humidity areas that have higher risk of corrosion.

The recent incident involved the installation of a breaker into a 450-volt load center during the maintenance availability, but, according to a NavSea safety advisory, power sources were not secured, and the load center wasn't de-energized and tagged.

NavSea's commander, Vice Adm. Kevin McCoy, in the March 1 safety advisory, urged "strict adherence" of safety procedures for shipboard electrical systems. McCoy also sought to dispel misconceptions about safety measures, and he warned against complacency.

"The misconception that exists in some parts of the fleet that racking in or out a breaker in energized switchgear is routine and low risk must be eradicated," he wrote. "Beyond electrical shock, such work poses a significant risk of arc flash if technical manual guidance is not strictly followed."

"Every job must be approached with a focus on what could go wrong and careful consideration of the worst case risk inherent in what is being planned," he added. "No electrical work, no matter how frequently performed, should be considered routine; steps should always be taken to remove dangers and keep people safe."

Va. House, Senate adopt flag for fallen

RICHMOND, Va. (WAVY) - The Virginia General Assembly has voted to officially adopt the Honor and Remember Flag as an official state symbol, making Virginia the first state in the nation to do so.



Delegate John Cosgrove's HJ137 bill passed the House of Delegates on Jan. 21. It was passed by the Senate on Tuesday. It now goes to Gov. Bob McDonnell. He has seven days to sign, veto, or offer amendments to the bill. If the Governor does not act in seven days, the bill becomes law without his signature.

Under the bill, the Honor and Remember Flag would be "des-

ignated as the Commonwealth's emblem of service and sacrifice by the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have given their lives in the line of duty."

"This is very important step toward bringing awareness to the country about our national effort to publicly recognize the men and women who gave their lives in military service to our country," said George Lutz, founder and executive director of Honor and Remember, Inc., a non-profit organization established to promote the Honor and Remember Flag. "America does not currently have a tangible national symbol that is specifically dedicated to express respect and gratitude for the lives lost in defense of our freedoms. The Honor and Remember Flag fills that void."

Sea Poacher Reunion Registration Form

November 8-12, 2010

(To be filled out and mailed in)

Name: _____ Spouse./Guest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please register me for the following:

Host Hotel: Lodge of the Ozarks

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

___ Smoking ___ Non-Smoking ___ Handicap Accessible

Special Requests and/or Additional Guests _____

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

___ # of rooms ___ # of nights

Reunion Acitivity Package:\$228.00 per person

___ # of activity packages

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

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

Questions?? Call us at 417-338-4048

Register by phone or mail:

GATHERINGS PLUS

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

417-338-4048

Sea Poacher Ships' Store



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



Service Certificate

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.



ONLY 4 LEFT

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



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

ITEMS	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
Keychain	—	\$3.00	—
Ships' Patch	—	\$5.50	—
Ballcap	—	\$14.00	—
Plastic Mugs	—	\$12.00	—
Golf Shirts - Sizes M, L, XL & 2XL (w/o pockets)	—	\$22.00	—
Golf Shirt with pockets	—	\$25.00	—
Etched Glass Tankard	—	\$20.00	—
Framed Service Certificate	—	\$35.00	—
Unframed Service Certificate	—	\$10.00	—
Sea Poacher Ship's Plaque	—	\$25.00	—
Gerald Levey Painting	—	\$35.00	—
Stainglass Sea Poacher	—	\$110.00	—
Challenge Coin	—	\$8.50	—
Dolphin Vest chains, gold or silver	—	\$25.00	—
TOTAL			—

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

Who is eligible?

Generally, you may be eligible if:

- you were discharged from service under conditions other than dishonorable,

AND

- you served at least 90 days of active military service 1 day of which was during a war time period. If you entered active duty after September 7, 1980, generally you must have served at least 24 months or the full period for which called or ordered to active duty (There are exceptions to this rule),

AND

- your countable family income is below a yearly limit set by law (The yearly limit on income is set by Congress),

AND

- you are age 65 or older, OR, you are permanently and totally disabled, not due to your own willful misconduct.

War Time Period

§3.2 Periods of war.

This section sets forth the beginning and ending dates of each war period beginning with the Indian wars. Note that the term "period of war" in reference to pension entitlement under 38 U.S.C. 1521, 1541 and 1542 means all of the war periods listed in this section except the Indian wars and the Spanish-American War. See §3.3(a)(3) and (b)(4)(i).

(a) Indian wars. January 1, 1817, through December 31, 1898, inclusive. Service must have been rendered with the United States military forces against Indian tribes or nations.

(b) Spanish-American War. April 21, 1898, through July 4, 1902, inclusive. If the veteran served with the United States military forces engaged in hostilities in the Moro Province, the ending date is July 15, 1903. The Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Rebellion are included.

(c) World War I. April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918, inclusive. If the veteran served with the United States military forces in Russia, the ending date is April 1, 1920. Service after November 11, 1918 and before July 2, 1921 is considered World War I service if the veteran served in the active military, naval, or air service after April 5, 1917 and before November 12, 1918.

(d) World War II. December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946, inclusive. If the veteran was in service on December 31, 1946, continuous service before July 26, 1947, is considered World War II service.

(e) Korean conflict. June 27, 1950, through January 31, 1955, inclusive.

(f) Vietnam era. The period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on May 7, 1975, inclusive, in the case of a veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period. The period beginning on August 5, 1964, and ending on May 7, 1975, inclusive, in all other cases. (Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101(29))

(g) Future dates. The period beginning on the date of any future declaration of war by the Congress and ending on a date prescribed by Presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the Congress. (Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101)

(h) Mexican border period. May 9, 1916, through April 5, 1917, in

the case of a veteran who during such period served in Mexico, on the borders thereof, or in the waters adjacent thereto. (Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101(30))

(i) Persian Gulf War. August 2, 1990, through date to be prescribed by Presidential proclamation or law. (Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101(33))

Limit on Income

If you are a veteran. Your yearly income must be less than:

Without Spouse or Child \$11,830

To be deducted, medical expenses must exceed 5% of MAPR, or, \$ 591

With One Dependent \$15,493

To be deducted, medical expenses must exceed 5% of MAPR, or, \$ 774

Housebound Without Dependents \$14,457

Housebound With One Dependent \$18,120

A&A Without Dependents \$19,736

A&A With One Dependent \$23,396

Two Vets Married to Each Other \$15,493

Add for Early War Veteran (Mexican Border Period or WW1) to any category above \$2,686

Add for Each Additional Child to any category above \$2,020

There are lots of other specifications and 9 states do you accept this. For details go to:

<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/pension/vetpen.htm#1> or call your local VA office for details. If you believe you qualify apply at the following VA web site:

<http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp> .



A GIFT TO THE SEA POACHER ASSOCIATION FROM DR. TERRY KOPANSKY OF NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. Terry was with us on our travel to Peru in March 2009 and while not a submariner, was in many of our activities, became part of our group, and is planning to be at our Reunion in Branson in November for all the events. He has owned these hand carved dolphins for many years. These are huge dolphins and measure 32 inches by 9 inches, and Terry is giving these dolphins to the Sea Poacher Association in honor of all the men who served on her. This is a wonderful gift that will be on display in Branson. Thanks again Dr. Terry.

Membership Roll

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

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Robert Abbott	Jack Easley	Gail LeBlanc	John Saeli
Bob Acor	Daniel Eberhardt	Frank Lederer	John Savory
Charles Ahler	Fred Edwards	Ted Lee	Herman Scallan
Dewey Akins	Leon Eggleston	Jim Lemerman	Bob Schindhelm
Paul Allers	Dick Elliott	George Lockwood	Karl Schipper
Peter Amunrud	David Elmore	John Love	Ron Schnars
Dave Andres	Jack Ensminger	Jerry Loveless	Russell Schondorf
Ted Anthony	Garl Eubank	Nathan Lundy	Donald Schwartz
Charles Auclair	Frank Evans	Bill Luttrell	William Sharp
George Axford	Buster Flaskas	J.J. Lynch	Harry Sherman
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"Look, I don't know what kind of bleeding-heart pansy crap they're teaching sailors in boot camp these days, but I don't call anyone by his first name," the chief scowled. "It breeds familiarity, and that leads to a breakdown in authority. I refer to my sailors by their last names only; Smith, Jones, Baker, whatever. And you are to refer to me as 'Chief'. Do I make myself clear?" "Aye, Aye Chief!"

"Now that we've got that straight, what's your last name?" The seaman sighed. "Darling, My name is John Darling, Chief." "Okay, John, here's what I want you to do ..."



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