

# Sea Poacher Association



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



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**From the  
President:**

**Bill Brinkman**

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## 2008 Reunion

We just concluded our 4th National Reunion in Jacksonville, Florida with a new record of 158 Attendees.

Everyone that went had a great time at the many events that our Hosts, JJ & Sonja Lynch set up.

Be sure to "Thank" JJ Lynch for all that he did for us (J2bubba2@earthlink.net).

We also had four Submarine Skippers at our Reunion:

Ed Clausner USS Tirante

Dick Fox USS Sea Poacher CO 63-64

Luke Riley USS Bonefish

Marvin Schenker USS Quillback, USS Lafayette, USS Nathan Greene

We also had Carl Davis, son of the late Carl Davis USS Sea Poacher CO 58-59.

Of course, many others pitched in to insure that the Reunion was a success. Here's (Hope I didn't forget any-one) my list of Helpers:



Reunion attendees standing in the missile display area at King's Bay Naval Submarine Base. They experienced a wonderful visit to the Training Facility and lunch at the Base Galley.

Hand Made Bags: Sonja Lynch

Registration: Sandra Merrill, Joan Bishop and Lin Brinkman

Auction: Jack & Sandra Merrill, Jan Lawson and April Adams

Raffle: Jack and Sandra Merrill, April Adams, Jan Lawson, and selling tickets for the special raffle was Lynne Thompson, daughter of Tommy Thompson, IC 55-56.

Ships' Stores: James & Roseann Halbert

Pictures: Bill Law (Troy's son). All the photos of the reunion are available for viewing on the Sea Poacher web site [www.seapoacher.com](http://www.seapoacher.com).

50:50 Raffle: Cal Cochrane

Memorial DVD: Karen Riner (Jack Merrill's daughter)

Hospitality Room: Doug Bishop & Dewey Reed

Invocations: David Crenshaw

Bell Ringer: Jimmy Wilkinson (Don's Son)

A brief re-cap of the Events for those of you who didn't make the Reunion is in order. We want to see you at our next NATIONAL REUNION in Branson in November 2010!!

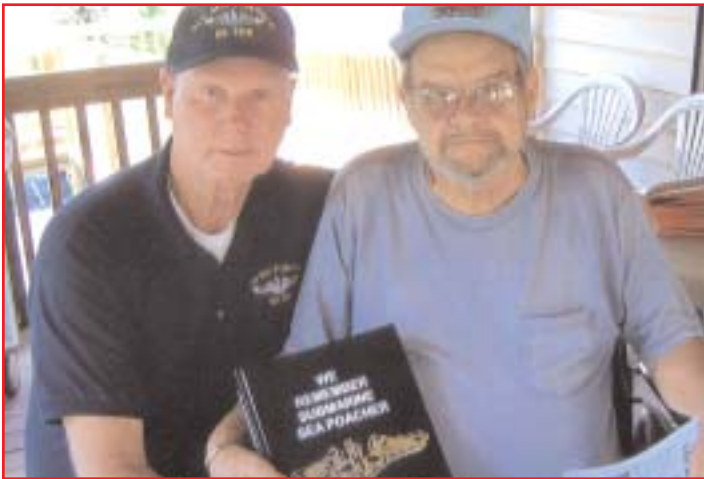
## King's Bay Tour May 22.

JJ Lynch had 3 buses to transport 140 of us from the Hotel Lobby to the Submarine Base at King's Bay, Georgia. We were greeted by sailors who guided us in separate groups through the Trident Training facilities which consisted of classrooms, trainers, and instructors for all of the



After a very informative visit at Kings Bay we then traveled to the incredible Submarine Museum in St. Marys. John Krause, the Museum Director was on hand to greet everyone.

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One shipmate who could not attend this years reunion was Gerry Coutu, TM 55-59 who is recuperating from having his right leg amputated is shown here with Cal Cochrne, MM 55-56 delivering Gerry's copy of "We Remember Submarine Sea Poacher" We missed you, shipmate!

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equipment found on Fleet Ballistic Submarines. Some lucky Sea Poacher sailors got to control the Trident sub on the simulator.

We also had lunch at the base galley (for \$4.00) and then we went to the Submarine Museum in St. Mary, Georgia.

## River cruise, May 23

We walked a short distance from the hotel to the River Boat to take our cruise of the St. Johns River in Jacksonville. After a short ride, we stopped next to the "Lone Sailor" monument and the association officers (Jack Merrill, Carroll Lawson, Jon Nagle and myself) did the "Tolling of the Bells" for the 52 subs lost in WWII and also for the USS Thresher and USS Scorpin. Jimmy Wilkerson was our Bell Ringer again as he was at the Virginia Beach Reunion in 2006.

We were then served lunch and continued with the river cruise.

## Business meeting May 23

During the Meeting (all attendees are desired, wives, guests, etc) we saw a wonderful DVD memorial to our 300 departed shipmates. This DVD was prepared by Karen Riner (Jack Merrill's daughter) and had music, and pictures of many of our shipmates. After the DVD was shown, there were many attendees with tears in their eyes.

We recognized our many special guests in attendance including US Army Sgt. Ernesto Barreras (Hubert Jackson's son-in-law) who served a term in Iraq. The entire USS Sea Poacher crew was called to attention, faced Sgt. Barreras and saluted him.

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## Membership Roll

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

### LIFETIME MEMBERS

Robert Abbott	Daniel Eberhardt	Robert Ritz
Bob Acor	Fred Edwards	John Romeo
Charles Ahler	Leon Eggleston	Salvatore Rosina
Dewey Akins	Dick Elliott	Robert Roth
Paul Allers	David Elmore	Martin Ruth
Peter Amunrud	Jack Ensminger	Marcel Rull
Dave Andres	Garl Eubank	John Savory
Ted Anthony	Frank Evans	Herman Scallan
Charles Auclair	Buster Flaskas	Bob Schindhelm
George Axford	Dante Fortini	Karl Schipper
Vernon Barnett	Richard Fox	Ron Schnars
Robert Beers	Ron Fraley	Russell Schondorf
Harvey Benson	Harold Gall	Donald Schwartz
Carol Bergs	Larry Garrett	William Sharp
Truman Bernhard	Arthur Geddes	Harry Sherman
Doug Bishop	Jack Gentry	Rick Smock
Jim Blackmon	Ed Gibbon	John Snook
Kenneth Bonnell	Ron Godwin	Fred Socha
Bob Bradley	Billy Gorsuch	Bill Sololoski
Bill Brinkman	Dave Green	Richard Stickney
Jim Burgett	Eugene Guibault	Marty Stokes
Russ Burrows	Paul Gusler	Chuck Strand
Frank Calderone	Tom Haire	David Strunk
Alice Calvert	Jim Halbert	Tom Sugden
Dick Carney	Carl Hale	Robert Sumner
Leo Carr	John Hallam	Terry Tague
Kent Carroll	Dave Harms	Chester Taylor
John Chaich	Frances Heckroth	Ed Thompson
Richard Clubb	Bill Hellmer	Ron Thompson
Ralph Cobb	Robert Henry	T. Thompson
Cal Cochrane	Marjorie Hickman	Richard Trench
Lawrence Colwell	Lucy Higley	James Tryon
Bill Cook	Dick Holtz	John Tulodeski
Robert Cooley	Robert Horne	Al Turbeville
James Cooney	Jerry Houchens	Tony Tuttobene
Gerry Coutu	Harry Huggins	Ed Urban
Bill Crismon	Carol Humphries	Don Waldrop
Jolene Darnold	Rod Ihrig	Arne Weinfurter
Richard Dempsey	Hubert Jackson	Larry Weinfurter
Tom Deuley	Richard Jennison	Ray Wengrzyn
Betty Dickey	Aronld Johnson	James Weston
William Dietrich	Gerald Joseph	Don Wilkinson
William Donnelan	Ivan Joslin	Olin Williams
Charles Donnelly	Mike Kassinger	George Wyse
Merlyn Dorrheim	Allen Katen	Lanny Yeske
Bill Dukacz	David Keffeler	Hope Young
Daniel Dybala	Ken Kile	Jerry Young
Richard Earl	Terry Kleinweber	Robert Young
Jack Easley	Richard Laake	
	Troy Law	
	Robert Lawrence	
	Carroll Lawson	
	Gail LeBlanc	
	Frank Lederer	
	Ted Lee	
	Jim Lemerman	
	George Lockwood	
	John Love	
	Jerry Loveless	
	Nathan Lundy	
	Bill Luttrell	
	J.J. Lynch	
	John Mach	
	John Majzun	
	Ken Manion	
	Mark Markham	
	Robert Matheny	
	Jim McClanahan	
	David McCollum	
	T. McCommas	
	Carl McCutcheon	
	Jack Merrill	
	Ty Merritt	
	Eddie Montz	
	Joe Murdoch	
	William Murphy	
	Lester Murray	
	Joe Musgrave	
	Gary Nagle	
	Jon Nagle	
	John Nicholoy	
	Jack Nims	
	Charles O'Baker	
	James Ochs	
	Paul Ogg	
	Ron Patterson	
	Tom Polen	
	Jim Powers	
	John Rabuse	
	Charles Rager	
	Dewey Reed	
	Larry Reich	
	David Richter	
	Mark Richwine	
	Luke Riley	
	David Ringland	



### MEMBERS

Russ Bauer	Walter Culp	William (Jess) Lee	John Saeli
Richard Bernotiet	James Deming	Jerry Loveless	Bennie Sheldon
Ray Binns	Ray Dicare	Peter McCormack	Delvin Smith
Donald Blomquist	William Docekal	Dan McLaren	John Sohl
Fred Brattain	William Dougherty	Jim McSorley	Gary Stark
Dierdre Bridewell	John Dubbs	Mark Mordecai	Glen Suttle
Bill Buckley	Richard Ferris	Julius O'Bannon	Jim Thompson
Warren Burkett	Lyle Gillette	Charles Owen	Fred Vavra
Richard Carlson	Carl Headland	Bill Parhamenko	Andrew Viers
Frank Caulfield	Wayne Holmgren	Walter Patrick	Ed Voloka
George Childs	Gerald Keffer	Dale Peterson	Richard Whitmire
Don Cipra	Jim Keir	Henry Primeaux	Billy Williams
Ron Coe	Roy Kindleberger	Roy Randall	Lee Yonts
Dennison Compton	Ray Krivascy	Clyde Rigger	

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





Hospitality Room . . .

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We also presented Jack Merrill with a free round of golf for his work in preparing our Book "We Remember Submarine Sea Poacher by her Crew 1944-Present".

Then we presented Lanny Yeske with a free round of golf for his work on the book. We also presented Fran & Lanny Yeske with a certificate for "An intimate Dinner for 2" which incidently was at our banquet May 24. So Lanny & Fran had 150 of their closest friends at their intimate dinner for 2.

We amended the By Laws to have a 5th Association officer, the "Special Projects officer". Lanny Yeske was elected to this position based upon all the special projects he has headed up in the past (Humanitarian Fund, Search for Sea Poacher, and the Book).

Lanny now is checking with shipmates that may be affected by natural disasters such as flooding, fires, tornadoes, etc.

So, if you are damaged by any natural disasters please

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It was a dreary, overcast and sometimes raining morning but the cruise on the St. John River, in Jacksonville was very enjoyable.



Bill Brinkman, Jon Nagle, Carrol Lawson and Jack Merrill were ably assisted by Jimmy Wilkinson , son of Don Wilkinson, conducting the Memorial Service aboard the Lady St. Jaohn cruise.



**From the  
Web Guru:  
Jon K. Nagle**  
[jondryvac@aol.com](mailto:jondryvac@aol.com)

What a wonderful reunion!! Hats off to JJ for doing a superb job. Bravo Zulu

Had a number of visits to answer questions about the web page and computers in general. If you have looked at the web site "seapoacher.com" you will have found that all the reunion pictures are posted for your enjoyment, download, printing, whatever. Many thanks to Bill Law for taking all the pictures and delivering them to me. If anyone has any problems accessing them, just e-mail me at jondryvac@aol.com. Also, if you are not computer wise, just call me at 843-991-0641 and I can download what you want for mailing.

I have also received more old photos that will go on the web site shortly so keep those cards and letters coming.

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Also on the cruise, a first for them, are Jack and Sandra Merrill's twin granddaughters, Olivia and Grace, daughters of Valerie. They were royally spoiled with affection from all.



Lanny Yeske, LTjg 61-63, accompanied by wife, Frances receive a thank you gift from his shipmate for all the work he did in getting the Sea Poacher Book published. WELL DONE!



Every year there seems to be someone who drops by for a visit but can't stay for the entire reunion. Last time it was Bob Bradley, TM 59-63. This year's surprise visitor was Chief of the Boat Vernon Barnett, EN 60-64, pictured here with Ivan Joslin LT 59-63 and Jerry Sullivan LT 59-62.



The great success of this years Sea Poacher Reunion is the result of the efforts of Sonja and JJ Lynch, CS 59-62. A lot of effort goes into hosting a reunion and the Lynch's continued the great tradition of past hosts. A big THANK YOU for your work.



After the business meeting there was opportunity to get your Sea Poacher Book autographed by the authors.

All reunion photos appearing in this newsletter were taken by Bill Law, son of Troy Law, FN 52



Bill and Lin Brinkman display the plaque Bill received for his dedication and hard work for Sea Poacher Association.





Marjorie Joslin was the lucky door prize winner.

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contact Lanny or any other Association officer to see if we can help.

At the 2008 Business meeting ,we decided to have our 5th National Reunion in Branson, Missouri during the week of Veterans Day November 11, 2010 as we will march and ride in Branson's Famous Veterans Day Parade.

Joe & Stella Murdoch will be our Hosts and will give us more details as they develop. Needless to say, Branson's Shows will be on the Agenda !!

## St. Augustine Trip May 24

JJ Lynch had the 3 buses take us to St. Augustine for a great tour of this city, the oldest in the USA (1565). We had lunch there, shopped, and saw many old buildings and the Fort..

## Banquet May 24

Our Banquet speaker was Sherry Sontag, one of the authors of "Blind Man's Bluff". Sherry gave us a very interesting talk about the book and why the book. There were many good questions and answers after her presentation, and Sherry autographed our copies of " Blind Man's Bluff". At one point she received a standing ovation from the audience.

Next Jack Merrill conducted the auction and raffle.

After that, we had the DJ play music and we had dancing.

Throughout the whole Reunion, JJ and Dewy Reed and Doug Bishop kept the Hospitality Room well stocked with snacks, soda, beer, wine and spirits. Also, James & Roseann Halbert did a great job of selling ship's stores in the Hospitality room.

## New Address Lists

I have developed a data base which will give the mailing address and telephone numbers (or e-mail address) for



Many wonderful donated items were auctioned. Thank you all for your generous participation.

shipmates by year(s) served on board USS Sea Poacher.

For privacy reasons, we do not list mailing addresses or telephone numbers on our webpage (we do show e-mail addresses).

So, either write me or e-mail me your request for the mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the shipmates that served with you during your years on the USS Sea Poacher.

I've all ready sent out a list of 1952-1956 addresses as a 52-56 shipmate is sending pictures to them.

Remember that I also can send you a "Shipmate Report" which shows shipmates from all the years 1944-1969 that live within so many miles of you.

We suggest that you get together with them during the year for "Mini-reunions" (golf, lunch,dinner,etc). No need to wait until November 2010 to have great times!



## 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 as it appears on Page 6&7. It also indicates the years the individual served aboard. We 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".

# 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 shipmates 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 2000  
 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  
 Robert N. Beers, LT 68-69 — September 2007  
 Robert A. Bergs, XO 57-58 — February 2007  
 Joseph Beuchler, TM 59-61 — September 1975  
 Reynold A. Binder, MoMM 46-47 — June 1993  
 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. Boscarelli, 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. Brengleman, 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  
 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 — April 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  
 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 Darnold, RM 50-51 — December 2007  
 Jerome A. Davi, XO 60-61 — February 2003  
 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  
 Maurice L. Demers, HM 48-50 — November 1990  
 Robert Demonge, TM 55-57 — August, 1996  
 Kenneth H. Deramus, TM 57-63 — November 1989  
 Alfred Despang, EM 59, 61-63  
 Alfred Dickey, SA 45 — December 2007  
 John H. Dittmer, MoMM 47-48  
 Gary Dorn, ET 55-57 — September 2006  
 Jere W. Driver, RM 63 — March 1998  
 Francis J. Drosch, EN 59 — 1978  
 William G. Eason, TM 63 — February 2000  
 Edward Englert, GM 45 — November 1962  
 John H. Epps, LTjg 47  
 Alois Ertl, EN 60-63 — February 1988  
 John B. Estes, IC 61-64 — February 2005  
 George F. Everaert, TM 49-52 — July 1996  
 Morris E. Ezell Jr., QM 46 — June 2004  
 Joseph M. Farnsworth, RM 48-49 — June 1985  
 Dale N. Fate, CS 54-59 — January 1999  
 Jess W. Favors, EM 59-60 — February 2003  
 George Fender, EN 52—July 2003  
 William J. Fitzgerald, EN 51-52 — November 1996  
 Ernest W. Flintoff, FA 48-49 — January 1998  
 Ellwood H. Forni, SO 58 — USS Thresher  
 James N. Forrester, EN 50-54  
 Taylor L. Fox, TM 46 — November 1997  
 Charles H. Foy, GM 45-46 — May 1974  
 Ralph E. French, CS 59-60 — October 2007  
 John L. from Jr., LT 51 — March 2004  
 John Fulmer, MM 45 — May 2008  
 Roy H. Gallemore, LT 44-47 — February 2005  
 Frank M. Gambacorta, CO 44 — December 2000  
 Warden Gaskins, XO 45  
 Robert C. Gaunt, TM 44 — 1953  
 John E. Gerenser, SN 46-49 — 2000  
 Raymond J. Gillin, ET 58-59 — March 2005  
 William H. Goold, EN 58-60 — June 2002  
 John A. Goordman, ET 54-55 — January 1990  
 Richard M. Gorton, CS 54 — May 1993  
 John H. Goss, MM 46-49 — December 2001  
 Robert Gouge, EN 59-60 — November 1993  
 Ira Grayboff, MM 44-45 — February 2004  
 Henry Guthrie, EN 63-66 — 2001  
 Bobbie Joe Hammac, FA 58-62 — May 1995  
 James Harbin, QM 52 — February 2006

- Otto D. Harrod, MoMM 45-47 – January 1984  
 John E. Harvey, CS 59-63 – November 2004  
 Lee R. Harvey, SN 48-49 – January 2006  
 Raymond J. Heckroth, QM 49-52 – July 2007  
 Michael C. Hehmann ET 68-69 – 1993  
 Joe Hemphill, EM 44-45  
 Pat H. Henard, Sr., TM 45-47 – December 1997  
 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 – December 2003  
 William F. Higley, SO 60-61 – October 2005  
 Donald E. Holley, TM 63-64 – May 2001  
 Dale D. Holtzclaw, EN 60-61 – June 1994  
 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  
 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 Lofland, 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  
 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  
 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  
 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  
 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. Sanfillipo, 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 – December 1982  
 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. Sirici, EN 63-67  
 Norman Skiles, RM 58-59 – October 2003  
 Rudolph V. Skocylas, RM 49 – January 1996  
 Frederick S. Smith CP 44-46 – 1961  
 James L. Smith, TM 63-64 – November 1991  
 Ebrue G. Smojcic, 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  
 Yaber Staggs, EM 67-68 – September 1989  
 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  
 Frank J. Taggart, FT 56-59  
 Joseph Tasillo, FA 52 – March 1993  
 Arnett B. Taylor, XO 53-57 – October 2002  
 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. Wildey, HM 61-62 – November 1999  
 Jesse Wiles, RM 61 – November 1999  
 Robert K. R. Worthington, XO 44 – February 1996  
 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 Znuj, MM 44-46 – September 2000





Jim Halbert, MM 62-64 presents the Sea Poacher Memorial Placque to Hope Young, wife of Bruce Young, LT 45-46.



Cal Cochrane, MM 55-56 presents the Sea Poacher Memorial Placque to Susan Stephens, daughter-in-law of Wes Stephens, EM 57-59.



## Special Projects Officer

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First, of all thank you for electing me to the SEA POACHER Association Board as a fifth member called SPECIAL PROJECTS at the Jacksonville Reunion. The Reunion was not great - IT WAS INCREDIBLE. Thanks to everyone especially JJ Lynch who did a marvelous job, and your Board. I cannot wait for Branson in 2010.

Second, as the SEA POACHER book editor and compiler, let me say that all of the 457 books printed are gone. And this happened the last day of the Reunion. A second printing is possible but we would need at least 100 copies to order and the cost will be high and the quality not like our initial printing. We could give it out on disk if desired. Right now it exists in seven separate files on my computer including the photos. Those could be sent out at a very low cost, but if you wanted a hard copy you would have to print it and you can guess at least \$25 to \$30 per copy for 629 pages and no hard cover. But it could be put into a nice three ring notebook binder and would look good. Just a thought. If anyone is interested in this, contact me at [doctoryeske@yahoo.com](mailto:doctoryeske@yahoo.com) or 1063 MacArthur Place, Forest,

VA 24551 or call me at 434-385-7117.

Third, I am your point of contact for disasters that affect our shipmates. These things seem to be happening all the time and are hard to keep up with. I will be sending out emails or phone calls to areas where we might have shipmates affected and act on those accordingly. However, if you know of anyone affected, please let me know directly.

Fourth, I already have eight shipmates and wives expressing major interest in a trip to PERU. I may have missed some names at the Reunion. The major objective would be to get to the Callao Naval Base, observe what Sea Poacher equipment was salvaged, and see what we could buy from them. Right now I am not certain we can even get on the base or if they will relinquish anything. If not, then this trip makes no sense. But I do have some high level contacts there including the base commander. If I can get some assurance from them that we can do what we want to, then we can proceed. If that happens, I would suggest the major effort of two or three days in Lima/Callao with side trips to Cuzco and Maccho Pichu. At least a week tour. All of this is at least a year off. If this has your interest, please contact me, especially those I might have missed at the Reunion.

Fifth, I was asked at the Reunion to consider a grandchild scholarship fund for some of our kids. We already have the Humanitarian or Brotherhood type of fund, plus the Memorial Fund, and this is not a bad idea, but there may be other thoughts. My first blush at this is that maybe we should keep the funds in house for Humanitarian and Brotherhood purposes where our needs, IF WE continue to age, may grow. I do not think there is any big hurry on this, but please let me know your thoughts.



## Raffle Winners



Jerry Houchens ET 60-62 holds the painting by Gerald Levey, donated by CO 59-61 Larry Stalh's family

The year's major raffle was very successful. Thank you for participating so generously. As usually Sea Poacher shipmates help keep the association going and help support the Memorial Fund and the Humanitarian Fund.



Dick Fox, CO 63-64 receives the Sea Poacher model from April Adams, Jack Merrill's granddaughter.

## It's Law . . .

Public Law 110-181, section 594 incorporated both the Senate and House resolutions on the subject of saluting the flag. This law was approved by the President on January 28, 2008. The relevant words are below:

**SEC. 594. CONDUCT BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS OUT OF UNIFORM DURING HOISTING, LOWERING, OR PASSING OF UNITED STATES FLAG.**

Section 9 of title 4, United States Code, is amended by striking "all persons present" and all that follows through the end of the section and inserting the following: "all persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries present should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes."



**From the  
2008  
Reunion Host:  
JJ Lynch**  
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Shipmates,

With the reunion well astern of us we can reflect. Yes lots of work by many shipmates to many to name. I can safely say we all had a hand in something. With all the help in the Hospitality room to unloading the trucks bringing items to the reunion hotel. In retrospect keeping the cost as low as possible with something for the Ladies to do other than listen to the same old Sea Stories again and again was the challenge. I think we reached our goals. The next challenge is delivering the Battle Flag reproduction and our book to the museum in Pearl Harbor. I hope we can have many shipmates represented at the presentation. Lookouts to the bridge is the next order keeping a lookout for Branson. I know you will support Joe Murdoch, so steer a heading 270 true. Thanks JJ, Duty Cook



# Generational Differences



## A Subsailor's Life

Bob "Dex" Armstrong

We speak of generational differences between the old boats and the new. Each generation Each crew forges its memories, recollections, loyalty and love of the force based on the sum total of their experiences. It has always been that way Most likely, always will.

We are linked Each generation to each preceding and each following generation by the twin fish, silver and gold we wear or once wore over the pride in our hearts. We earned a designation that forever sets us apart We are U.S. Submariners.

I have my memories And each of you has yours. Collectively, they are our history The human history of the boats we rode, the squadrons we served in and the force we represented.

Submarines have evolved into giant technological wonders that roam the ocean depths at a range below the surface that many of us, the older coots, find damn near beyond comprehension.

As I sit here, I wonder what memories a modern day boat sailor will have. Will he hear the gentle slap, slap, slap of signal light shutters in his dreams? Will he remember the sound of chipping hammers and paint scrapers battling ever-present rust? The pride a young kid had in repainting the hull numbers of the boat he loved? Is there a modern day equivalent of the first night in battery charge? Does the crew stay up half the night playing hearts, watching movies, sorting laundry, telling lies and running hot coffee to Enginemen and Electricians?

Do COBs still cuss like creatures formed in the womb of Hell and then take time to come see if you are okay in sickbay?

Do they still want to know if you can stand a little closer to your razor as their way of telling you that you look like shit and need a shave?

Do they still meet the boats with fresh milk, mail sacks and guard mail?

Do barmaids still know your names and what boat you are off of? Does cheap perfume still hang in a pea coat and dress canvas long enough to get you in trouble with your true love? Does your neckerchief still dangle in a bowl of chili, your soup or your beer glass? Do you still own thirteen button blues and a jumper so damn tight it takes two of your mates to pull it on you? Do boat sailors still procure clean white hats from unsuspecting spark-shufflers who live in surface craft radio shacks?

Can you still get great scrambled eggs, bacon and hot toast at 0600 on the rescue vessel for a couple of boxes of fresh doughnuts and a worn out, dog-eared copy of last months Playboy ?

What benefit did Hyman and his boys, trade you for hijacking your sunsets Sunrises, coffee on the bridge Watching sea birds, passing merchant ships, riding heavy seas in lousy weather and filling your

lungs with diesel exhaust?

What has the world economy, inflation and the change in sensitivity done to the commercial affection market? It can't still be two tens and a five and you pay for the room, can it?

What has the force substituted for junior officers taking morning sextant observations to figure out where in the hell you are?

Do guys still hang around the galley like vultures waiting for the night baker to pull a load of whatever you've been smelling for the last hour, out of his magic oven? Is ragging the cooks still the cheapest 'best game in town'? Is a smiling, big mouth messcook still the best thing you've ever seen in the morning?

Can you still calculate how long you've been out by the diameter of the salt stains in the armpits of your last dungaree shirt and whether your socks stick when you throw them at the door of the medical locker?

Do they still produce independent duty Corpsman that can fix anything, cure anything, identify small crotch critters from every exotic location, make tight stitches in a state five sea and clean your clock playing Gin Rummy?

Do skippers still wear steaming hats that look like Noah sent them to the lucky bag? Is green cap brass and a torn visor still a mark of distinction? Do cats still try to cover up deck force foul weather jackets?

Are there still mail buoy watches and goofy Non-Quals roaming around trying to locate the main engine ignition key?

Do topside watches still pee on the screw guards on the 12 to 4? Does the geedunk truck hit the pier around 2200? The Krispie-Creme truck at 0400? The laundry truck at 0800? And the skipper five minutes before morning quarters?

Do boats still maintain illegal slush funds and hold non-reg anchor pools?

Are E-3s still the lads who know everything about every subject ever discussed, except their qual cards?

Do the boys from the forward nest still rob the tender slugs, blind? Can you still hijack anything that will fit in a mailbag?

Do folks in any squadron outside of Norfolk yell 'Oh God, no!' when they see a boat come sliding into the slip with a SUBRON SIX pennant flying aft of the sail?

Can you still buy 'Sly Fox' wine? What in the hell does it cost now? Are Beer Nuts, Slim Jims, pickled hard-boiled eggs and pool queue dust in your beer still the 'Breakfast of Champions'?

Do barmaids still let you pin a set of Dolphins on the seat of their panties the night you qualify?

Do you still have to drink for your Dolphins?

Memories Collect them... Remember Remember the little things. They will form the composite of your old man's memories. They will connect you with whatever comes after you.

One day, you will be parked in your old easy chair saying

'These gahdam sailors today have no idea how damn tough we had it. In the old days we had to haul all those neutrons and protons in buckets and pour the damn things into our hydro super nuke-a-lator and polish all those gahdam magic wands Stack the pixie dust And rewind the Stairmasters Jeezus, we sure had it rough.'

But most of all, be sure to visit the old folk's home and help old smoke-boat sailors find their gahdam teeth.



# 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.



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 placque 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	—
Coffee Cup	—	\$14.00	—
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 Placque	—	\$50.00	—
Gerald Levey Painting	—	\$35.00	—
Stainglass Sea Poacher	—	\$110.00	—
Challenge Coin	—	\$8.50	—
<b>TOTAL</b>			—

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

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The members of USSVI Austin Base, Austin Texas, which our President is Vice Commander, recently created this beautiful Submarine Veterans Memorial. If anyone knows where the new USSVI Sea Poacher Base, in Bartow, FL, might obtain one of these torpedoes please contact Jack Merrill, Vice Commander at [sebagojack@hotmail.com](mailto:sebagojack@hotmail.com). One of the goals of the new base is to create such a monument in Bartow, FL in the memory of one of Sea Poacher's plankowners, who was a Bartow native, Roy H. Gallamore, LT 44-47.