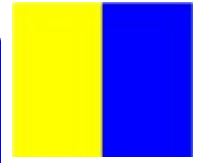
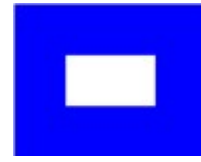
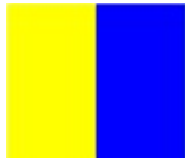


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## **Next UP : OUR Joint Reunion November 4-7, 2020 in Little Rock , Arkansas**

Our next joint reunion for the USS Sea Owl ,USS Sea Poacher and USS Sea Robin will be November 4-7, 2020 in Little Rock , Arkansas hosted by Merlyn and Shirley Dorrheim. We're using the Gatherings Plus Company to coordinate , register and schedule all the events , meals and transportation shown in the attached itinerary.

The basic Activity Package includes the Gathering Plus website ( [www.gatheringsplus.com](http://www.gatheringsplus.com) ) ,Welcome packet, Registration ,Welcome Reception Nov 4 ,Tolling of the Bells ceremony, BBQ Lunch at Whole Hog BBQ Nov 5 , Tour of Clinton Library and USS Razorback Nov 5 ,Tour of the Old Mill ,Lunch at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Nov 6 and the Banquet Nov 6 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Besides the basic Activity Package of \$ 269 per person , we have two other options:

1. Bill Brinkman has arranged with the USS Razorback SS 394 to schedule our own special " Sleep over Night " on Thursday November 5. We will have the sub all to ourselves which means we can show movies in the Crew Mess in the After Battery and spend more time exploring the sub. The sub does have a regular toilet and most important " AC and Heat". We have sleeping available for up to 40 Attendees. We can accommodate 35 in the After Battery ( see the picture of the men and women in the bunks on the cover ). In addition, we have the Chiefs Locker available for 5 bunks in the Forward Battery. Note that we have a tour of the USS Razorback that November 5 morning , so you can check out where you want to sleep later that night, The Razorback folks will supply pillows and sheets.

You should bring your own blankets ( and pillows if you wish ) or sleeping bags , change of clothing ,medicines , personal hygiene items , flashlight , and wear closed toe shoes.

Also the Razorback folks provide a Continental breakfast on the morning of November 6 which includes coffee, tea, juice, donuts. Our Business meeting is at 10 AM November 6 , so the sleepover folks have time to get back to the Crowne Plaza Hotel after the continental breakfast on the sub.

Just in case, Bill is taking your verbal reservations ( 512-255-0285 or [seapoacher @att.net](mailto:seapoacher@att.net) ) in case we get more than 40 folks signing up.

We have 5 signed up so far including 3 Movie Petty Officer Electrician Mates !!  
( Bill Brinkman , Hubert Jackson , Chuck Killgore, Cal Cochrane & Danny McKay )

2. A second Option is the Ladies Tour of the Esse Purse Factory in Little Rock from 1 to 4 PM on November 6. This optional Tour will get you back to the Crowne Plaza Hotel by 4:30 PM in time to get ready for the 6:30 PM Banquet. The USS Sea Poacher Association will pay for the Museum admission and also coordinate the cars needed to transport the Ladies to and from the museum.

So far we have 5 Ladies signed up ! ( Lin Brinkman , Shirley Dorrheim , Linda Jackson , Linda Machado and Deirdre Bridewell. )

See pages 8 and 9 for this reunions Itinerary and registration form. Our code is [sea2020](#).

### [How the Coronavirus 19 might effect our November 4-7, 2020 Reunion](#)

#### [At Little Rock , Arkansas \( by Bill Brinkman \)](#)

Bill Brinkman is working with Gatherings Plus and the Crowne Plaza Hotel to monitor the situation as the Coronavirus might cause us to cancel the reunion.

Gatherings Plus says we need a minimum of 20 attendees to make the reunion happen from their standpoint ( transportation , meals , etc). Right now , we have 8 signed up .

But, I expect we'll have the minimum number of attendees as many have said they plan on coming.

It looks like we'll have to decide weather to cancel by October 4 , 2020 as Gatherings Plus will refund our registrations by then . Also note that for \$ 19.95 each, one can cancel up to October 21 ( 72 business hours before Nov 4 ) and Gatherings Plus will refund you ( but less the \$ 19.95 Cancellation Protection Plan fee.)

The Crowne Plaza Hotel doesn't bill our credit cards until November 3 , so we have until then to cancel our hotel reservations with them.

### **Joe Murdoch's "USS Sea Poacher & Friends " get together**

#### **November 8-12 , 2020.**

Note that right after our Official Three Subs National reunion held November 4-7 , 2020 in Little Rock ,AR , Joe Murdoch and Linda Machado are hosting the

" USS Sea Poacher and Friends " get together November 8-12, 2020 in Branson. Missouri.

The Itinerary for this get together is found on page 15 of this newsletter. You go to the Gatherings Plus website ( [www.gatheringsplus.com](http://www.gatheringsplus.com) ) , go to "Military reunions" and click on this event. The code for seeing more details and the registration forms is [seapoachers2020](#).

## Memorial Plaques



### 1. Fred Brattain EM 1944-1945 Plank Owner

Fred F. Brattain , 97 , was born May 27, 1922 and raised in the small town of Carmel ,IN. Fred passed away on February 22, 2020 “ in his own bed in his own home” per his wishes. Promises kept ! He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years Mary Ellen ( Jessup) ; parents ,Otis and Ina Brattain ;brothers ,Arnold and Vernon ( “peanut “ ) Brattain ; sister Erma Moffitt. Survivors include daughter, Linda McCord ( Paul ) and son Gary Brattain ( Sheila) ; 4 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Fred was a proud WW II Navy veteran and served aboard the submarines Sea Poacher, Skipjack and Atule as a master electrician. His career at Indiana Bell telephone Company started as a lineman right after WW II and ended 42 years later as a Manager in the Yellow Pages.He was a 73 year life member of Carmel Legion Post 155 having served as Post Commander in the 1950’s.He was also a member of the Carmel VFW as well as serving as a volunteer on the Carmel Fire Department with his father during the 1940’s and 1950’s.

Fred was buried March 1 , 2020 in the Carmel Cemetery with the blessing given by his daughter-in-law, Sheila Brattain. Also, US Navy Military Honors were conducted. For more information on Fred , see

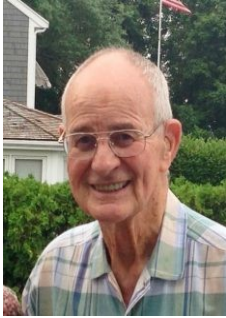
<https://www.bussellfamilyfunerals.com/obituary/FredricFred-Brattain>

## 2. JB Carson TM 1952-1953

JB Carson was born Oct 29, 1920 and died April 28, 1999. He also served on the S-31 (SS136), USS Brill SS 330, USS IceFish SS 367 and the USS Stribling DD867.

## 3. Charles E Cousins SN 1944 Plank Owner

### DUXBURY, MASS.



**Charles Ernest Cousins** passed away on Dec. 24, 2017, from natural causes. His wife of 68 years, Elizabeth Hall Cousins, was by his side. He was 92 years old. He was born and raised in Bar Harbor and graduated from Bar Harbor High School and Colby College. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-1945. At Colby, he met Elizabeth Parker Hall of Canton, Mass. They were married Sept. 10, 1949.

Charlie raised his family in Sudbury and Duxbury, Mass. He leaves his wife, Libby Cousins of Duxbury, and their sons Hoyt, Paul, Glen and Neal, 10 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, his niece Maria Komarek-Kazan and his sister Dorothy Cousins MaGoon of Brooks. He was predeceased by his sister, Leola Marty Cousins Gray of Fairfield. Karl Schipper's Note - He also served on the USS Blackfin SS 221

**From** *Mount Desert Islander* 14 May 2020

## 4. Arthur Dimmings StM2c 1944/45 Plank Owner

Arthur Dimmings was born Sept, 9 1925 in Lapine, Alabama. He enlisted in the Navy September 24 1943. In addition to the Sea Poacher he served on the USS Sperry AS-12, the USS Cockrill DE-398, the R5(SS-81) and the R13(SS-90). He entered eternal patrol Sept.15, 1987 in Cleveland, Ohio. Spouse's name was Florence.

## 5. Buster John Flaskas SN 1944/45 Plank Owner

Born 17 July 1929 in Henrico, Virginia. Buster enlisted in the Navy 7/21/1943. He also served aboard the USS Sperry AS12, the R4(SS81) and the Drum. He married Anastasia Tsarouha in Prince William, Virginia on 21 May 1972. He went on eternal Patrol 5/29/2014. He is interred at Rivera Cemetery in Richmond City, Virginia.

## 6. William Ross Gibson CO 1951-53

Birth: 14 Dec 1919 Logansport, Indiana

Death; 2 Sept 2016 Weems, Virginia

Obituary is from the Currie Funeral Home, Kilmarnock, Va. website ([www.curriefuneralhome.net](http://www.curriefuneralhome.net)), posted September 6, 2016:

William Ross Gibson, 96, left his loving family and friends on September 2, 2016. Bill retired to the Northern Neck 30 years ago and enjoyed active retirement being involved in various charitable, social and faith related activities as well as boating and golf.

He was a WWII veteran serving in submarines. He was awarded, among other citations, the Silver Star and Presidential Unit Commendation. He remained in the Navy after the war, commanding a submarine and a destroyer. After military service, he was employed in management and technical support of NORAD and ASW developments.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy and survived by his sons, Richard, David and Peter; his daughter, Mari, grandchildren, Amy and John David; great grandchildren, Charlie, Jack and Lila and brothers, Robert and Richard.

A celebration of life service was held at St Andrews Presbyterian Church on November 5, 2016.





## 7. Roy B. Harrison TM1 1958

He was born June 5, 1925

Daily Oklahoman, The (Oklahoma City, OK) - Monday, January 15, 1990  
HARRISON

Roy B., U.S.N., ret., 64 year old Village resident went to be with our Lord January 13, 1990, due to complications of a stroke he suffered in November 1979.

He served his country with honor and valor well beyond the call of duty with the Navy during WWII, Korea and Vietnam, and retired with 26 years of submarine service in 1966. He and his wife, Glenna, returned to OKC and founded Harrison Concrete Cutting until illness forced his second retirement in 1979.

Family members include his wife, Glenna J. Harrison of the home; daughter and son-in-law, Ruth Ann and Ed Rose of OKC.

## 8. Joseph Oliver Howell EM 1946

He also served on the USS Nautilus SS-168, USS Springer SS-414, SS0(SS-66), USS Aspro SS-309, USS Rasher SS-269.

From the *Fort Worth Telegraph* July 8 , 1982:

### **Joe Oliver Howell**

...served 20 years in Navy

Joe Oliver Howell , 63 , of 2325 N. Riverside Drive, died Wednesday at a hospital. Graveside services were held at 10 AM Friday at Greenwood Memorial Park.

Howell , a native of Cleburne , had lived in Fort Worth for many years. He graduated from Polytechnic High School and in 1940 joined the Navy , where he served for 20 years. During World War II, he served with the submarine division and fought in the battles of Makin Island and Midway.

After retiring from the Navy, he worked for General Dynamics for several years and then joined the Merchant Marines for a year.

He was a former president of the Retired Navy Submarine Personnel and he was a Methodist.

Survivors include his brother JT Howell of Fort Worth ; two sisters ,Louise Searcy of Fort Worth and P.J. Wright of El Cerrito ,CA; and several nieces and nephews.

## 9. Lester L Murray EM 1944-48 Plank Owner

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### Lake View Funeral Home Obituary

Lester L. Murray, 98, of Swansea, Illinois, born, January 23, 1919, in Doniphan, Missouri, passed away, Saturday, June 24, 2017 at St Paul's Home, in Belleville, Illinois. Lester proudly served his country in the United States Navy, having served for 20 years until his retirement. He was a World War II, Pearl Harbor survivor. He had also worked 20 years for the United States Government at the Goodfellow Blvd facility in St. Louis, after his retirement from the Navy. He was a loving brother, uncle and friend. He will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him. His wife Edythe preceded him on December 11, 2005.

Karl Schipper's note: Lester joined the Navy Dec 10, 1940 and was assigned to the USS Narwhal May 4, 1941. He was on the Narwhal until at least May of 1942. The Narwhal was one of four submarines in overhaul caught by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in the early morning of 7 December 1941. Within minutes of the first enemy bomb explosions on Ford Island, *Narwhal's* gunners were in action to assist in the destruction of two torpedo planes.

## 10. John Anthony Schuyler CSG2 1952

The USSVI Deck Log showed that he also served on the USS Grouper SS 214 and the USS Burrfish S-312.

John Anthony Schuyler, 89, of Annapolis, passed away June 24, 2018 at Anne Arundel Medical Center, after a brief illness, with his loving family at his side.

Born on July 13, 1928 in Evanston, Illinois to the late Stuart Stanford and Martha Stark Schuyler and was brought up in East Orange, New Jersey. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy two weeks before his 17th birthday in 1945 and served on submarines for four years before being released from active duty and entering the University of Maryland in 1949.

While there, he met Constance Alexandra Cook and they married in 1951. He reenlisted in the Navy for one additional tour, after which he returned to the University of Maryland to earn a B.A. in Criminology in 1955. That same year, Jack entered the Officer Candidate program of the United States Marine Corps, proudly serving until his retirement in 1970 with the rank of Major. He was a career tanker who served as a Company Officer at the United States Naval Academy, and on the staff of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. He served in the Viet Nam War, 1st Tank Battalion, from 1967-68. After military retirement, Jack began a new career with the State of Maryland becoming the Assistant Executive Director of Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions, retiring from the Commissions in 1993 as Executive Director. During his tenure, in After 1991, he served as Advisor to the Estonian Police Department by request of the Republic of Estonia to the Governor of Maryland. He also returned to Estonia twice to work at the Estonian National Defense

Academy.

Jack also earned an M.A. in Management from the University of Maryland and graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College and the University of Maryland/Aspen Institute Government Executive Institute.

Jack was a member of St Paul's Anglican Church in Crownsville, a former member and vestry member of All Hallows Parish in Davidsonville, a member of the USMC Vietnam Tankers Association and the University of Maryland Alumni Association.

### Jack Merrill's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party March 14, 2020 at Lakeland,FL

Submitted by Ivan L. Joslin ,CAPT USN Retired Past Base CDR SEA Dragoon Base,The Villages,FL



Seated is CAPT Ivan JOSLIN, USN (Ret), who was Weapons Officer on Sea Poacher during the 1962 Cuban Crisis. His 3 Enlisted Shipmates who also served with him are L to R: TM Jack MERRILL, QM Richard CLUBB, and QM John SNOOK. Joslin is 84, Clubb is 82, "B'Day Boy" Merrill is now 80, and youngster Snook is 78. These 4 "old timer SS 406 Shipmates" and their wives have enjoyed sharing 80th Birthday Parties TOGETHER, and God willing, are planning to share another one in 2022 with John & Annette SNOOK! All four served on USS Sea Poacher when CDR Leonard KOJM was CO, and LCDR Dick STAFFORD was XO. They also stood watches together on the Bridge, in the Conn, or in the Control Room, when LT Joslin was OOD, Conning Officer, or Diving Officer. Their Sea Poacher career overlapped from 1960 through 1965, and all four Retired after full Navy Submarine careers and are now active in the USSVI and USS Sea Poacher Association.





## Marlow Cook US Senator and USS Sea Poacher Seaman

Marlow served in WW II on subs in the Pacific and on the USS Sea Poacher in 1946.

He served as US Senator from Kentucky from December 17, 1968 to December 27, 1974.

One of his aides was Mitch McConnell present Senate Majority Leader.

He died February 4, 2016. For more information on Marlow, see

[En.wikipedia.org/wiki/marlow\\_cook](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/marlow_cook)

# Submarine Battle Game

Bill Brinkman has developed an Excel Spreadsheet Visual Basic Computer Game for a WW II type of Submarine versus Convoys now available by going to our website

<http://www.seapoacher.com/page2.html>

You start off with 10 submarines versus an unknown number of ( 6 to 12 ) convoys containing transports, tankers and troop Ships protected by destroyers, Escort Carriers and Blimps. Every 5 days, a new sub is built for a maximum of 15 subs.

After the convoys go to Oil island, Steel Island and Troop Island they return to deliver their Steel , Oil and Troops to three Convoy Bases ( South ,Center and North base).

With the steel delivered, the convoys can build new ships , and by delivering enough oil can go faster than their initial 15 knots. If enough troops are delivered, the Destroyers are more exempt from being sunk during the submarine attacks.

Conversely , if the submarines sink enough Convoy ships, fewer transports make it back to the Home bases and less replacement convoy ships are built, fewer tankers deliver their oil and then the convoys go slower than 15 knots and if fewer troop ships return , the Destroyers now are more likely to be sunk .

Thus the game is a true long term Battle of Attrition , same as the Battle of the Atlantic and the Pacific War in WW II.

Enjoy the game and let me know how you're doing as Supreme Submarine Commodore !

## Coronavirus Report —Bill Brinkman

Bill Brinkman sent out e-mails in April to find out how our shipmates are doing with the lockdowns and their health. We did find that Nancy Clubb, and Karl Schipper's daughter

Irene and son in law Mario did get the coronavirus and thankfully have recovered.

In May , I was informed that Mike Trombley ,USS Sea Robin sailor ( who was at our Joint Reunion in Manitowoc,WI ) died from the coronavirus after returning from a trip to Mexico. Of course, we don't know where he contracted the virus.

Here's the Report from April 12, 2020:We are now up to hearing from 75 shipmates or widows from 26 states and mostly, every USS Sea Poacher shipmate is doing fine on lockdown.

### State # Responses Shipmates

Florida	18	Ron Godwin , John Snook , Don Schwartz , JJ Lynch , Norm Clark ,Tom Deuley , Joe Storz , Ivan Joslin , Doug Bishop , David Elmore ,Roy Randall , Joe Musgrave , Mike Kissinger,Billy Gorsuch, John Hallum , Ed Thompson , Joe Murdoch , Jim Hickman
S. Carolina	4	Dick Rigger, Jon Nagle , Cal Cochrane,Danny Hicks ( USS Sea Owl )
Tennessee	4	Chuck Killgore, John Love, Albert Turbeville , Gus Hahn
Texas	3	Bill Brinkman , Hubert Jackson , Buster McCollum
Minnesota	3	Dick Holtz , Dave Harms , Arnold Johnson
Georgia	2	Bob Acor , Allen Katen
California	4	Martin Ruch ,John Savory, Bob Henry, Dan Eberhardt
Virgina	4	Larry Garrett , James Wilson , Frank Mills , Lanny Yeske
Arizona	3	Dottie Reed , Dick Carney , Jack Hammitt
Connecticut	1	Russell Schondorf
Delaware	1	Larry Craven
Hawaii	1	William Blain
Illinois	3	Dewey Akins , Rich Earl , Ed Para ( USS Sea Robin )
Iowa	1	Floyd Dickerson

Michigan 2 Karl Schipper , Jim Tryon

Mississippi 1 Ken Bonnell

Missouri 1 Ken Manion

New Hampshire 1 Tom Bovyn

New Mexico 1 George West

New York 2 Bryon Lennox , Paul Roggemann ( USS Sea Robin )

N . Carolina 5 Richard Fox , Rick Smock , Jerome Young , Jim Myers , Richard Clubb

North Dakota 1 Merlyn Dorrheim

Pennsylvania 2 Jack Ensminger , Chuck Donnelly

Rhode Island 1 Dave Ringland

Washington 3 Bennie Sheldon , Paul Ogg , Bob Sumner









Wisconsin 3 Peter Amunrud , Larry Weinfurter , Stanley Bissen

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# USS SEA POACHER/USS SEA OWL/USS SEA ROBIN



\*\*\*Little Rock Reunion\*\*\*2020  
**November 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Wednesday NOV 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday NOV 5 <sup>th</sup>	Friday NOV 6 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday NOV 7 <sup>th</sup>
 <p>Check in at  <b>Crowne Plaza Little Rock</b>                      \$94 per night + tax                      Breakfast Buffet \$7                      Complimentary Airport Shuttle                      Complimentary Parking</p> <p>Hospitality Room Open</p>  <p><b>USS SEA POACHER</b></p>  <p><b>USS SEA OWL</b></p>  <p><b>USS SEA ROBIN</b></p>  <p>5:30 p.m.  <b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b></p>  	 <p><b>Depart Hotel 9:30</b>  <b>Little Rock City Tour</b>  <b>Clinton Library</b></p>  <p>Tour of the  <b>USS Razorback</b></p>  <p><b>Lunch 12:30 PM</b>  <b>Whole Hog BBQ</b></p>   <p><b>Old Mill Stop</b></p>  <p><b>"Tolling of the Bells"</b></p> <p>Memorial</p> <p><b>Return to Hotel</b></p> <p><b>Ship Sleep Over</b></p>	 <p>10:00 am</p>   <p>Noon Lunch at hotel</p>   <p>Hospitality Room Open</p> <p>6:00 p.m.  <b>Group Photo on own</b></p>   <p>6:30 p.m.  <b>FINAL BANQUET DINNER</b></p>    	 <p><b>Depart</b></p> <p><b>ACTIVITY PACKAGE</b>  <b>PRICE: \$269</b>  <b>per person</b></p> <p><b>INCLUDES:</b>                      Website                      Welcome Packet                      Name Badges                      Registration                      Welcome Reception                      Memorial                      BBQ Lunch, Tour Escort                      Thursday Tours                      Friday Lunch at Hotel                      Final Banquet                      Transportation                      All Taxes and Meal &amp; Gratuities</p> <p>Driver Gratuities not included</p>   <p><b>11/5/19</b></p>

Go to [gatheringsplus.com](http://gatheringsplus.com), Events, Military Reunions, Scroll Down till you find USS Sea Poacher/USS Sea Owl/USS Sea Robin Patch click on it, Password: sea2020. Print off and mail in your registration, register online or call us at 417-338-4048!





**USS Sea Poachers, USS Sea Robin, USS Sea Owl  
Reunion Registration Form Little Rock, Arkansas  
November 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Planner: Bill Brinkman Phone: 512-788-4441 email: seapoacher@att.net

Name (on name badge) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Wheelchair Access?  Yes  No Dietary Restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOST HOTEL: The Crowne Plaza Hotel 201 S. Shackelford Road, Little Rock, AR 72211**  
Call 501-223-3000 for room reservations and mention you are with the (USS Sea Poachers, USS Sea Robin & USS Sea Owl) Reunion. The room rate is \$94.00 per room per night plus tax and includes breakfast for two per room. Room rate available 3 days prior and after reunion dates, based on availability. Rooms not reserved by October 1, 2020 will be dropped from the group block. Breakfast Coupons for Full Hot Breakfast Buffet can be purchased at check in for a special rate of \$7 per person. Optional events: Ladies Event & Ship Sleep Over, contact Bill Brinkman.

**REUNION ACTIVITY PACKAGE:  
(Includes everything listed on the Itinerary)**

\_\_\_\_\_ of attendees x \$269.00 pp = \$\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL DUE: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet: Crab Stuffed Tilapia \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Fried Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Smothered Pork Chops \_\_\_\_\_**

A 50% deposit is requested by September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with final payment due October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Refunds on cancellations after Oct 4<sup>th</sup> will be on a case by case basis.

**MAIL REGISTRATION & CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

GATHERINGS PLUS, 155 Industrial Park Drive, Hollister, MO 65672 417-338-4048 events@gatheringsplus.com

**TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD:**

I authorize Gatherings Plus to charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to my credit card. Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*A 4% processing fee will be added to all credit card payments.*

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USS Sea Poacher/USS Sea Owl/USS Sea Robin Patch click on it, Password: sea2020.  
Print off and mail in your registration, register online or call us at 417-338-4048!**



## Status of Women Officers and Enlisted in the US Navy Submarine Force

**History :** The US Navy began on 29 April 2010 the process of integrating women onto submarines. 24 Women Officers were sent to Nuclear Power School in July 2010 from the US Naval Academy , NROTC and OCS. Another 8 women were selected from the Supply Corps to begin training for Submarine duty. Initial billets were on 2 SSBN's and 2 SSGN's in November 2011. On 22 June 2012, LT. Britta Christianson earned her Dolphins as a Supply Corps Officer as a Gold Crew member of the USS Ohio. On 5 December 2012 , 3 Nuclear Power officers earned their dolphins: LTjg Jennifer Noonan and LTjg Amber Cowan on the USS Maine SSBN 741 and LTjg Marquette Leveque on the USS Wyoming SSBN 742. In August 2016 , CPO Dominique Saavedra became the first woman enlisted sailor to earn her Dolphins on the USS Michigan SSGN 727. By February 21 , 2018 the US Navy had 85 women officers and 200 enlisted women serving on US Subs out of the Total force of 3,000 Officers and 20,000 enlisted submariners. By November 11, 2019 , the US Navy was having to turn away female applicants due to a higher demand from them versus available billets. There were 84 woman officers serving on 19 subs and 219 enlisted women serving on 8 subs.

### Future Plans :



The USS Wyoming berthing is being modified to have both Blue and Gold woman quarters by the Fall of 2020. By 2024 ,the US Navy plans on having women officers on 21 subs and enlisted women on 14 subs.

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2018/05/08/navy-boosts-number-women-submarines.html>

Lt CMR Amber Cowan greets her husband February 18 , 2018 at Pearl Harbor after returning from a WestPac Cruise on USS Texas SSN 775.

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The code for entering this Gatherings Plus website is

**seapoachers2020**

**USS SEA POACHER and FRIENDS  
Branson Veterans Week Celebration  
November 8-12, 2020**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p>Check in at THE GRAND PLAZA HOTEL</p>  <p><b>\$89.00 per room per night plus tax including breakfast</b></p> <p>5:00 p.m. <b>WELCOME!</b> (pick up packets with schedules and name badges)</p> <p>Dinner on your own</p>  <p>7:30 p.m. <b>THE CLAY COOPER EVENING SHOW</b></p>	<p>Hot Buffet Breakfast</p>  <p>10:00 a.m. <b>HOT RODS And HIGH HEELS Morning Show</b> (\$18.00 Tickets need to be purchased separately, contact Joe Murdoch)</p> <p><b>LUNCH</b> Followed by <b>VIETNAM ERA REUNION SHOW</b></p>  <p>5:30 p.m. <b>DOLLY PARTON STAMPEDE DINNER AND SHOW</b></p>	<p>Hot Buffet Breakfast</p>  <p>10:00 a.m. <b>THE BRETT FAMILY SHOW</b></p>  <p>12:30 p.m. <b>LUNCH</b> at Keeter Center and <b>TOLLING OF THE BELLS</b></p>  <p>4:00 p.m. <b>YANKEE GIFT SWAP</b> (\$10 gift)</p>  <p>8:00 p.m. <b>LEGENDS IN CONCERT</b></p>	<p>Hot Buffet Breakfast</p>  <p>9:30 a.m. <b>BRANSON VETERANS DAY PARADE</b></p> <p>Lunch on your own</p>  <p>3:30 p.m. <b>"NOAH" The Musical</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m. <b>GROUP PHOTO</b></p>  <p>7:00 p.m. <b>BANQUET DINNER</b> at Hotel</p>	<p>Hot Buffet Breakfast</p> <p>Depart</p> <hr/> <p><b>ACTIVITY PACKAGE: \$505.00 per person</b></p> <p><b>INCLUDES:</b> Clay Cooper Show Dolly Parton Stampede Brett Family Show Keeter Center Lunch Legends in Concert Banquet Dinner Noah the Musical Transportation to Group Activities All tax and most gratuities Hospitality Room Reunion Website</p>

Please contact Joe Murdoch after registration at 239-322-2019



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