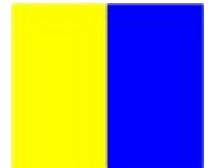
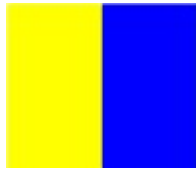


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Dedicated to those who served on this incredible Submarine

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1. Thanks to Karl Schipper QM 58-60 for the five articles on Pages 3-7.
2. We're not having an official National Reunion this year , but ship-mates and friends are invited to Joe Murdoch's 29th Branson

Reunion..details in # 3 next:

3. Branson Reunion November 8-12 , 2023

Register with Gatherings Plus at www.gatheringsplus.com as follows:

A. Go to www.gatheringsplus.com

B. Click on “**My Event**”

C. Click on “ **USS Sea Poacher and Friends**”.

D. Enter the Password=**SPF 23**

E. **Complete the Itinerary and registration forms...sending a check will be less then charging with a credit card.**

Note that you can also purchase trip Cancellation insurance.

F. Note that the Saturday 6 PM Banquet is not part of the Gatherings Plus package. Please send \$ 33 per person to Joe Murdoch (11179 Phoenix Way ,Naples,FL 34119) before June 1 as Joe needs to pay by June 15. Call Joe at 239-322-2019 for any questions and to let him know if you're signing up for the Banquet.

G. Make your own reservations at the Thousand Hills Resort (417-690-4021)

Itinerary November 8-12, 2023

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

4:00pm Hospitality Room opens

6:30pm Meet & Greet

Thursday, November 9, 2023

10:00am Hughes Brother Christmas Show

12:15pm Lunch at Pickin' Porch Grille

2:00pm #1 Hits of the 60's Show

Friday, November 10, 2023

10:00am Down Home Country

12:15pm Lunch at Grand Country Buffet

2:00pm Clay Cooper Country Express

7:30pm Queen Esther at Sight & Sound Theatre

Saturday, November 11, 2023

9:00am Veterans Parade

1:00pm Lunch at Chateau Grille

6:00pm Banquet Dinner – not part of reunion package, pay Joe Murdoch.

This is a Mexican Buffett , suggested dress is casualMexican , serapes , sombrero , burros,etc!

Insignia of 56 Subs On Duty Here During War Are Displayed

Insignia of the submarines that have guarded Hawaii during the war are on display this week and next at the Library of Hawaii.

They are the official designs of Walt Disney and submarine crew members, collected and drawn to scale by Bob Pearson, electrician's mate third class. They designate the 56 submarines that have been stationed here since Pearl Harbor.

The insignia are used on the flag when coming into port, on stationery and other property of the submarine.

Subs on duty here during the war include the Parche, Sealion, Pogy, Sennet, Raton, Tunny, Gurnard, Pollack, Guamia, Macabi, Hake, Argonaut, Orion, Sargo, Stickleback, Gudgeon, Queenfish, Tinosa, Archerfish, Rock, Sea Dog.

Redfin, Plaice, Sea Poacher, Batfish, Pelias, Burfish, Atule, Sea Wolf, The Tenacious Tench, Runner, Cutlass, Puffer, Thornback, Gabilan, Skate, Bream, Spadefish, Bang.

Picuda, Euryale, Seal, Hankbill, Sea Robin, Haddo, Pintado, Pilotfish, Loggerhead, Seahorse, Thesher, Sea Owl, Lamprey, Segundo, Barb, Finback and Piranha.

Of these, the Gudgeon was reported missing in May of 1944.

The presidential unit citation was awarded the Parche, Sealion, Queenfish, Tinosa, Archerfish, Spadefish, Pintado, Seahorse and Barb.

Sea Poacher's C. O. Advanced To Commander

William Ross Gibson, Commander, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross A. Gibson of R. R. No. 6, Longport, Indiana was recently promoted to his present rank of Commander. Commander Gibson is the Commanding Officer of the submarine USS Sea Poacher (SS-406) with the Atlantic Fleet.

The Sea Poacher crew upon learning of his promotion carried out the tradition of submariners by tossing him over the side. This action is taken when any officer or enlisted man is promoted or advanced in rating.

Prior to Commander Gibson's as-

suming command of the USS Sea Poacher, on August 27, 1951, he graduated from the U. S. Naval Post Graduate School at Annapolis, Maryland. He was commissioned as Ensign in 1941 after attending Perdue University.

The USS Sea Poacher is Commander Gibson's first command although he has served on several other submarines during World War II. While serving on the submarine USS Hammerhead he received the Silver Star and the Navy Unit Citation.

Commander Gibson is married to the former Peggy Knauf, 1211 N. Sixth Street, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. His wife and two children now reside at 2438 Fogarty avenue.

Navy's New Schnorkel Sub To Be Viewed by Tampans

The public will have an opportunity to see the U. S. S. Sea Poacher, one of the Navy's widely discussed "Guppy" Schnorkel-type submarines, scheduled to berth today at the Luckenbach Gulf Steamship docks, foot of Franklin St. The sleek newly-converted sub will participate in Tampa's observance of Armed Forces Day tomorrow.



GIBSON

Certain portions of the highly-secret underwater craft will be open for public inspection there today and tomorrow. Late tomorrow the sub will be transferred to Municipal Docks on 13th St. for public inspection through Sunday.

The Guppy-type sub, equipped with Schnorkel, differs from her Fleet sisters in that her hull length has been shortened for greater maneuverability and the old-type conning tower with its maze of projecting railings, clearing wires, and radar gear is gone. In its place is a smoothly streamlined tower, internally housing all the complicated machinery of underwater warfare.

The Schnorkel, widely discussed in national magazines, is a U. S. improvement of an underwater air-intake, seized from the Nazis who in turn took it from the Dutch during World

War II. The huge pipe which rises from the tower, takes in air for diesel engines while the sub runs submerged just under the surface of the water. An automatic baffle closes when needed to keep waves from pouring down into the sub's interior during rough weather.

Addition of the new air intake enables the sub to cruise underwater on her diesel engines, saving her electric battery powered underwater engines for emergencies. Submarines can now recharge their batteries without surfacing, thanks to the Schnorkel.

The Sea Poacher was originally laid down as an "S" type Fleet Submarine at the Portsmouth (N. H.) Naval Shipyard in 1944. She entered the Pacific forward area in December, 1944, and participated in four combat patrols in Japanese waters.

On March 6, 1951, the Sea Poacher was dry-docked in the Charleston (S. C.) Naval Shipyard. During this operation, she was stripped of her conventional conning tower and superstructure, which was replaced with the sleek Guppy-type tower.

From her home base in Key West, the Sea Poacher now participates in extensive training operations with other submarines and surface units of the Atlantic Fleet.

Complement of the Sea Poacher includes eight officers and 71 enlisted men. Commanding officer is Commander W. R. Gibson, Logansport, Ind.

He Helped Commission Sub in '44

Training Aboard Sea Poacher

A 'Homecoming' for Reservist

Herald Bureau

KEY WEST — A two week training cruise for reservist Cmdr. James A. Brink was just like a "homecoming" this year.

Brink, now a lawyer in Boston, took his brushup training recently on a submarine he helped commission in 1944.

He was a member of the original crew of the Sea Poacher. An ensign when commissioned, he later served as the first lieutenant.

During Brink's duty on the Sea Poacher, she covered the East China Sea and Formosa Straits in four extended war patrols. Brink saw her sink nine Japanese ships and later



James Brink
... 'charter member'

destroy a Japanese radio station with gunfire.

Brink left the Navy after the war and returned to Harvard law school.

He was recalled to active duty during the Korean conflict, and taught at the submarine school in New London, Conn.

One of his students, Lt. Cmdr. J. A. Davi, is now the executive officer on the Sea Poacher.

Brink now serves as the commanding officer of the Naval Reserve submarine division in Portsmouth, N.H.

His wife is a native of Switzerland and they have three children.

The Miami Herald March 31, 1961

Above And Beyond

The United States Navy has a big job to do in defense of this country, and it has strict military regulations that are necessary for the proper and efficient conduct of that job — but the Navy also has a heart.

A seriously-ill mother in Good Samaritan Hospital here has a better chance for life because of that fact — and because of 70 unsung heroes on the USS Sea Poacher, a submarine now somewhere at sea.

The Sea Poacher made an unscheduled call at the Port of Palm Beach last weekend after it was learned that the mother of one of its crew members, Petty Officer John E. Harvey, was seriously ill and in need of multiple transfusions.

All the crew members wanted to help but things like that have to go through channels. They did — all the way to Washington. And Friday morning after the Sea Poacher docked, 70 of its complement of 96 proceeded to the Palm Beach County Blood Bank and left 70 pints of blood credited to Mrs. Violet Harvey.

It's quite unusual for a U.S. Navy vessel to take time out from its regular operations for a mercy mission of this kind, but we doubt if Americans generally will be greatly concerned that their defense has thereby been weakened, even momentarily. On the contrary, they probably will feel, as we do, that the Navy has demonstrated an inner strength that can only enhance confidence in its ability to carry out its primary functions.

To the Navy, to the Sea Poacher, and to every one of its crewmen, we extend our thanks and very best wishes.