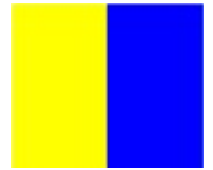
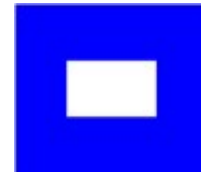
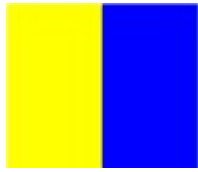
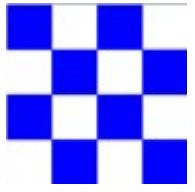


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1. Next USS Sea Poacher National Reunion 2024

We're working with the ST. Mary's Submarine Museum , director Keith Post , to be in ST. Mary's Georgia **October 23 to October 27 , 2024.**

For now, please **put these dates on your calendar and we'll send out more information as soon as we get it , by special E-mail.**

***** For planning purposes, please e-mail or call Bill Brinkman (512-255-0285) to let him know you're planning on attending our National Reunion Oct 23-27.**

Basically, the Sub museum and the US Navy King's Bay have held these events in the past :

October 24 Thursday

CMC/COB Breakfast and evening BBQ on the US Navy Base.

October 25 Friday

WW II Ceremonies

Trident Training Facility Tours

Lunch & Dinner

October 26 Saturday

Submarine Tours

USS Sea Poacher Banquet

July 5 Up-Date:

1. I contacted Keith Post at the ST. Mary's Submarine Museum and he confirmed the **new** dates of October 24 through October 26 (Saturday) for all the activities planned.

But, he said the actual registration forms and activities will not be sent until July or August 2024.

I'm attaching the 2023 Information and registration forms here so you can see last years activities and registration forms to help you plan.

Obviously, don't fill out these forms and / or count on all of these 2023 activities happening in 2024 !



2. Host Hotel

The Sure Stay Best Western Hotel (former Cumberland Hotel) at 912-882-6250 is the Host Hotel for the Weekend activities. I called them and reserved a room (October 24 –October 27) for \$ 82.99 per night with a credit card.

They don't charge the card until you check in.

Note that they have a restaurant and I'll see about having USS Sea Poacher having our Saturday October 26 Banquet there (more later on this detail). Also note that many other hotels are listed on the attached 2023 forms .

Note that in 2023 buses took folks back and forth from the Sure Stay hotel , the Gateway (TVG) hotel and Suites and the Navy Lodge to the US Navy Base for the activities.

NOTE: THE HOTEL HAS CHANGED ANY ORIGINAL RESERVATIONS (October 30-November 3) THAT HAD BEEN MADE TO THE WEEK BEFORE (October 24-27) FOR ATTENDEES TO THE SUBMARINE/ WW II EVENTS. If you made reservations before this newsletter, check with your hotel to be sure they changed the dates for you.

[Eternal Patrol Obits](#)

My Thanks to Karl Schipper QM 58-60 for finding these obituaries of our deceased shipmates on pages 4 through 25.

David Brooker

COLUMBUS: David Brooker, age 82, formerly of Marion, Ohio passed away Friday, February 1, 2013 at Mt.Carmel East Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

He was born June 2, 1930 in Marion, Ohio to the late Harry and Ruby (Hale) Brooker.

In April of 1962 he married Mildred (Woods) Brooker, she preceded him in death in 1968.

David was a U.S. Navy Veteran serving from 1950-1962.

He is survived by his brother, Harry Brooker of Denver, Co., and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothres, Charles, Philip, Plez and Leroy, two sisters, Harriett and Helen.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 1 PM at the Boyd-Born Funeral Home, with the burial to follow at Marion Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be Tuesday, February 5, 2013 from 12 - 1 PM at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.boydbornfuneralhome.com

David also served on the USS Sperry AS 12.

He was a TM3 and reported on board the Sea Poacher on December 3, 1954 from Sub Base New London. On December 7, 1957 he was trasnsferred to shore duty in Key West.

Mathew Joseph Byrnes Jr. EN3 55/56

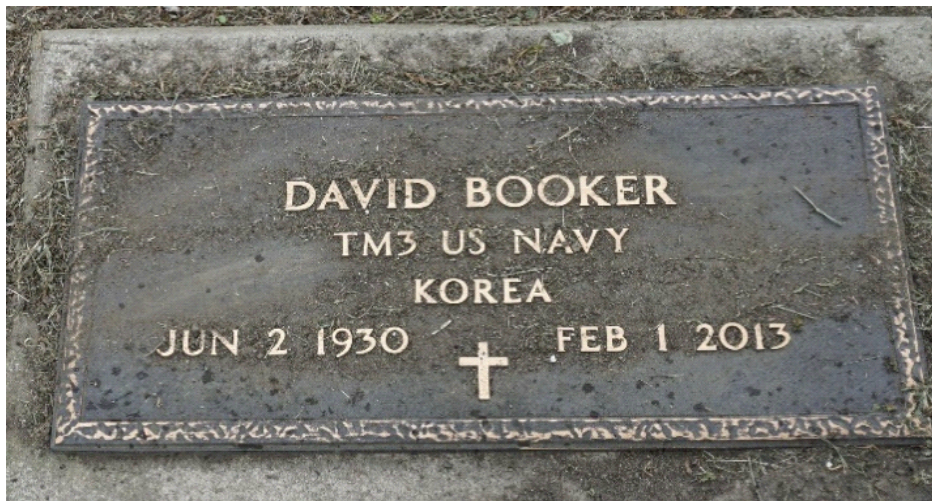


Mathew reported aboard the Sea Poacher from Sub school on 29 December 1955. He became qualified and achieved the rate of EN3(SS) by April 8, 1958, when he was transferred to the SS Batfish SS 310.

The Batfish was decommissioned on August 8, 1958. Mathew was transferred to Subron 8.

On May 11, 1968, while assigned to the USS Sperry, he married Dona Homen.

He retired from the Navy in 1976. The rate shown on the grave marker is NC1 which is a Navy Counselor First Class



John Richard Colwell FC 49/50

JOLIET - At the age of 70, (20 August 1999) John Colwell died at his home in Joliet from a heart attack. John was born Aug. 27, 1929, to Delbert Marcus (Bill) and Margaret (Wood) Colwell in Apollo, Pa. He attended school in Apollo and was very active in the Rifle Club. In 1946, at age 17, John joined the navy and served on a submarine for four years.

After his honorable discharge from the Navy, John was united in marriage to Helen Reefer. He attended Trinidad College and Slippery Rock State College, receiving a bachelors degree in education and industrial arts. John and Helen had three children: Richard of Pendleton, Ore., Linda Chitsey of Dallas, Texas, and Robert of Tulsa, Okla.

John was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved the outdoors.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; his children: Richard, Linda Chitsey, Robert, Darcie, Jacquie, and Meggie.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association or send a book to your local library.

James O. Forcier GM3 51

Providence Journal (RI) - Thursday, February 13, 1992

James O. Forcier, 67, of 196 Atlantic Blvd., a former police officer, and retired security guard, died yesterday at home. He was the husband of Gertrude (Arsenault) Forcier.

Born in Cumberland, a son of the late Joseph F. and Merilda (Belmore) Forcier, he lived in Fall River most of his life.

Mr. Forcier served in the Fall River Police Department from 1959 to 1974 and received seven commendations for his work. He later was a security guard for St. Anne's Hospital, and the Aetna Insurance Co. until retiring. He was a communicant of Blessed Sacrament Church. He was a member of the Massachusetts Police Association. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War, and a member of the VFW in Tiverton.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Rene Forcier; a daughter, Denise Swanson, both of Fall River; three sisters, Theresa Bouchard, Rena Pichette, both of Fall River, Mary Rose Lamarre of Warwick, and five grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. from the Boule Funeral Home, 615 Broadway, Fall River, with a funeral Mass at 10 at Blessed Sacrament Church, South Main Street. The burial will be in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Editor's Note: James reported on board the Sea Poacher on 1 January 1951 from Sub School. He was transferred to the Naval Hospital in Charleston SC on 4 Sept 1951 for treatment.



Commander George Graveson

George Graveson LT 1961

George Lewis Graveson Jr. passed peacefully March 23, 2024 with three of his four children and his loving wife of 68 years at his side. George was born on September 17, 1929 to Gertrude and George Graveson of Amityville, Long Island. During his high school years his Uncle Lonnie Kittle, the science teacher and sports coach, recognized his athletic skills and helped him focus on his future including his wrestling career.

George attended Wyoming Seminary for one year before entering Yale University in 1948 with a NROTC Scholarship. He became a member of the "syrink" singing group, chairman of the undergraduate Board of Deacons, and a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. In his senior year he was selected Captain of the Yale Wrestling Team and named "Outstanding Wrestler" of the Eastern Intercollegiate Championships in 1951. He graduated from Yale in 1952 and was commissioned in the United States Navy. Later, George passed the entrance test to attend submarine school, leading to his Naval Career in submarines.

In December of 1955, George L. Graveson Jr. and Barbara Don Hoeltzel were married on December 28 in Ft Lauderdale, Florida.

George's decorated naval career culminated with his Command of two submarines and the rank of Captain. He was Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic Representative in London, England followed by Chief of Staff to COMSUBMED and Commander Submarine Group Eight in Naples, Italy and his final assignment, Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic Representative - Europe in Brussels, Belgium.

After 31 years in the Navy, George joined CONTELPAGE engineers in northern Virginia, as a program manager. Later George helped found the US Naval Submarine League,

where he remained for over 20 years.

George is survived by his wife Barbara; sister Lilian; and four children George (Sherry) Lewis Graveson III, Deborah (Robert) Wulff, Cynthia (Clarke) Cunningham, and Elizabeth Wright; two step grandchildren Charles Clarke Cunningham IV and Deborah Anne Cunningham; three grandchildren Matthew George Graveson, Timothy Lewis Graveson, and Abigail Ann Graveson.

Garth Stanley Greene FN 1949

Garth Stanley Greene, was born in Webster County, Missouri, on January 21, 1930, and was the 6th child of Lewis E. and Edith M. Greene. He was preceded in death by his wife Joan; his parents; brothers, Chester, Robert, and Kenneth; sisters, Irene, Ruth, Jeanne, Pat-sy, and Victoria; and son-in-law, Jerry Eaton. Stan is survived by his children, Carolyn Eaton, Dixie Garrett, Diana Larimore, Juanita Gonzalez; and son, Stan and wife Debbie Greene. He is also survived by his 7 grandchildren: Sarah Billings and husband Nathan, Daniel Greene and wife Mandy, Rebekah Redwing and husband Kody, Jason Gonzalez, Eric Gonzalez and wife Eva, Tim Gonzalez and wife Sarah, and Heather Price and hus-band Ryan. Stan is also survived by 12 great-grandchildren: Avanell Billings, Allie Billings, William Billings, Parker Greene, Huck Greene, Garth Greene, Dottie Greene, Garrett Price, Grant Price, Sabrina Gonzalez, Timothy Gonzalez, Owen Redwing, and Jackson Redwing.

Stan attended the Fordland School, in the same building for 12 years, and graduated from high school in 1947. He then enlisted in the US Navy, and married his teenage love, Joan Loveland. While Joan remained at home port busy caring for the children, Stan served on 5 submarines - USS Chub SS329, USS Sea Poacher SS405, USS Sea Leopard SS485, USS Runner SS476, and USS Cubera SS346. He also served on the submarine tender USS Ori-on AS18. After Stan was commissioned a Chief Warrant Officer he served on the aircraft carrier USS Wasp CVS18 as electrical division officer. His last Navy duty was at the Bos-ton Naval Shipyard where he served as a ship repair superintendent and de-commissioned the submarine, USS Runner, on which he had served as a crew member 6 years earlier. He also re-commissioned the USS Pusan, a destroyer that was being given to the South Kore-an Navy. While at the Boston shipyard his flagship was the USS Constitution and he stood several inspections on this oldest US Navy ship in commission today.

During Stan's last 6 years of sea duty he served with Task Group Alpha and Task Group Bravo in the Atlantic Fleet. During this time his ship, the USS Wasp, was the primary re-covery ship for several Gemini space capsule shots. On one occasion the Wasp recovered Buzz Aldrin and James Lovell, Jr. from their capsule in the Sargasso Sea.

During his service in the Navy, Stan cruised the Pacific Ocean, the Caribbean, the North and South Atlantic oceans, the Sargasso Sea, the Bermuda Triangle, the Mediterranean, the Aegean Sea, and the Gulf of Mexico. He transited the Panama Canal over a dozen times. After retiring from the Navy in 1969, Stan and his family moved back to St. Louis, where he took a job with the St. Louis City Public Schools teaching at the technical high school. He became involved with the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) and was ap-pointed Assistant VICA Advisor for all St. Louis City high schools. He taught and escorted students around the state to participate in skills contests and he enjoyed the successes achieved by the students. When Stan left the St. Louis Public Schools, he was Department Head and had been advanced to Master Teacher status.

After 10 years of teaching, Stan and Joan bought a farm in Webster County, their childhood home county. They started a beef cattle herd and began raising and selling feeder calves. Stan also took a part-time job with the City of Marshfield as electrical inspector. He introduced the National Electrical Code to building contractors in the area.

This job morphed into Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical and Fire Code Inspector. Stan became a State-Certified fire inspector and a National BOCA code certified inspector for building and plumbing. Upon retiring from this job after 16 years, Stan and Joan moved to Springfield.

Stan was very active in Veterans organizations and Masonic bodies in Webster and Greene counties. He was a Life Member and Past Commander of Webster County Post 4101, Life Member of the Military Officers Association, DAV, and US Submarine Veterans, Inc. He served as President of the Webster County Veterans Association and headed the committee that brought the 105mm gun to the Webster County Memorial on the Marshfield City Square. He also headed the committee that placed the ballistic missile submarine USS Nathaniel Greene Memorial at Springfield's Nathaniel Greene Park.

Stan was a member of Mt. Olive Lodge 439 and served as Master of his lodge in 1993. He was also a member of Scottish Rite, York Rite, White Shrine of Jerusalem, and Eastern Star. He is also a Sir Knight of the York Commandery #20 Knights Templar.

Robert Norman Hanson EN1 53/55

Star Tribune: Newspaper of the Twin Cities (Minneapolis, MN) - Sunday, August 30, 2020

Hanson, Robert Norman We are sad to announce that Robert passed away peacefully at the age of 99 on August 17, 2020, with his son Glen by his side. He was preceded in death by his first beloved wife Marilyn (Hoepner) Hanson, and second beloved wife Margie (Loffhagen) Hanson. He is survived by his son Glen Hanson and daughter Ellen Austin, 3 Grandchildren, Kris Hanson, Jessica Eide, Rob Austin, and many great and great-grandchildren. Robert was born in 1921 on a small farm in Neillsville, Wisconsin. He and his three brothers worked on the farm and went to school in Chipewa Falls where he would meet and marry his high school sweetheart Marilyn Hoepner. **He was a proud and decorated WWII veteran. He and his brother were part of the original crew of SS197, the Seawolf, and they were in Manila Bay in the Philippines when Pearl Harbor was bombed. He was lucky to be transferred to another sub before the Seawolf was sunk with all hands lost. He went on to serve twenty years on subs until his retirement in 1959.**

Robert and his wife Marilyn had two children together Glen and Ellen and served at many naval bases including New London, Connecticut, Key West, Florida and shore duty in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In the 1960's the family made their permanent home in the Bloomington suburb of Minnesota. After retiring from the navy, he continued to proudly serve his country working for the government in the Armed Forces training new personnel. In retirement he loved to regale interested listeners with many exciting and sometimes hysterically funny stories of his life's adventures. He took up wood carving and working on his model T Ford as hobbies. He made and gifted everyone he met with beautiful carvings. He was an exceptionally generous, positive and loving man and he will be missed by many. To honor his memory his remaining family will humbly strive to embrace the grace and gratitude he displayed for all that life has to offer. The family is grateful for

for the almost 30 years of care administered by the staff of Fellowship Square, Mesa Arizona. Memorial and interment will be deferred due to pandemic. Announcement to come.

Editor's note: He also served on the Guitarro SS363, Silversides SS236, and Corsair SS435. He enlisted in the Navy on May 21, 1940. From the Sea Poacher he was transferred on October 26, 1955, for duty to the Taulog SS199, a reserve training sub in Minneapolis Minn. Information on other subs

Marvin E Jennings ENFN 55/56

MARTIN JENNINGS

Springville

Martin Eldon Jennings, 76, of Springville, was called to stand before the Lord Sunday, June 29, 2014, at the Dennis and Donna Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy, Hiawatha. His death came 55 days following the passing of his wife, Darlene. A prayer service will begin at 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, at Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Marion. The family will greet friends following the prayer service until 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Graveside services will be held for Darlene and Martin back home in Ossian at a later date.

Left to honor his memory are his children, Selena (Russ) Coyle of Anamosa, Kim Snitker of Springville and Keaven Jennings of Cedar Rapids; grandchildren, Chad (Kristin) Kryger of Cedar Rapids, James (Sarah) Kryger of Anamosa and Drew and Haley Snitker of Springville; and great-grandchildren, Noah and Isaac Kryger. Also surviving are many cousins, nieces and nephews.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene; his parents, Enos and Nellis Jennings; and siblings, Charlotte Schave, Donna Jones, John Witt Jr., Nelda Weaver and Darlene Haugen.

Martin was born Nov. 17, 1937, in Decorah, Iowa, the son of Enos and Nellie (Thorton) Jennings. After graduation from Ossian High School in 1955, he served for the United States Navy. On May 28, 1960, Martin married Darlene Snitker at Zalmona Presbyterian Church in

Waukon. Martin worked for Rockwell Collins for 30 years. He also was a proud volunteer firefighter and EMT for the Springville Fire Department for 20 years. He drove school bus and worked part time for the City of Springville.

Martin was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan. He loved being outdoors and enjoyed nothing more than trout fishing and a quiet nap in the camper. He loved to play Skip Bo and took the game to a whole new level. Martin was happiest spending time with his grandchildren.

Editor's Notes: Martin joined the Navy in early July 1955 and did boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Station. He reported aboard the Sea Poacher on February 10, 1956, from Sub School. On 4 December 1956 he was transferred to the USS Trutta SS421 as an EN3(SS). He was transferred to Key West Base on 3 November 1958 for discharge as an EN2(SS).

Joseph Johnson QMC 56-59

JOHNSON

DECATUR — Joseph W. Johnson, 76, of Decatur, formerly of Plant City, Fla., died 7:52 a.m. Wednesday (Sept. 3, 1997) in Lincoln Manor Nursing Home, Decatur.

There will be no public services or visitation. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C. Dawson & Wikoff West Wood Street Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Johnson was born in Decatur on June 29, 1921, the son of Joseph W. and Anna M. Miller Johnson. He retired from the Navy in 1959, having served for twenty years. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict. He retired in 1993 from E.R. Jahna Corporation in Lake Wales, Fla. He was a member of the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America.

Surviving are his sister, Mary Doolin of Decatur; brother, William Witt of Bloomington; niece, Theresa Musick of Decatur; nephews, Kevin Doolin of Collinsville; Chris Doolin of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, stepfather, two brothers and one nephew.



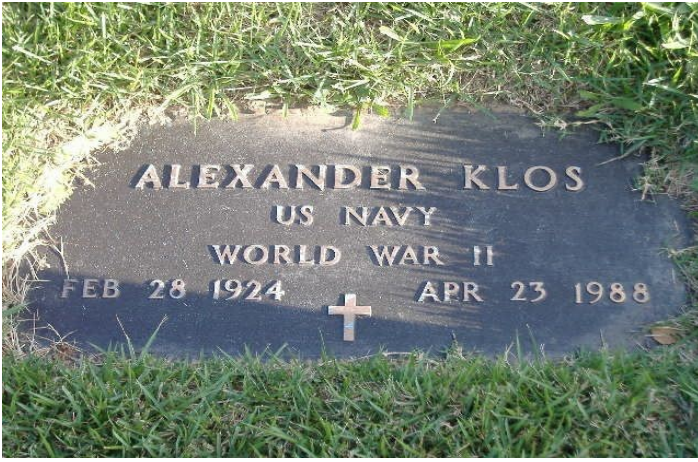
Editors Comments: Joseph Enlisted in the navy on 14 February 1939 and retired 5 March 1959. He spent the World II days on a variety of surface craft including the carrier Lexington and the cruiser Indianapolis. No record could be located to show when he attended sub school. He was transferred to the Amberjack SS 522 on 19 August 1950. He arrived as a QMC(SS) on the Sea Poacher from the Thornback (SS418) on 30 March 1956.

Roy Kindelberger FT 53-54

Roy Dwain Kindelberger, 92, of Grapeville, passed away Saturday, June 10, 2023. He was born May 23, 1931, in Jeannette, a son of the late Clarence E. and Violet Anna Mae (Bushyager) Kindelberger. Roy was a member of Covenant Church East, Greensburg. He was a Navy veteran and served on the Destroyer U.S.S Braine DD630, and the Submarine U.S.S Sea Poacher SS-406. Early in his life, Roy lived in California for seven years, working at North American Aviation, Hughs Aircraft and Litton Industries, and moved back to Jeannette and worked at Capintec Instruments for about 44 years. Roy was a jack-of-all-trades; he built his own home, liked working on cars, and loved playing the accordion. In addition to his parents. Roy was preceded in death by his son, Roy D. Smith; and two brothers, Edwin and Wayne Kindelberger. Roy will be sadly missed by his loving wife, Kristine Iris (Miller) Kindelberger; sons, Dwain R., (Doris) Kindelberger and Roy D. (Samantha) Kindelberger; daughters, Naiomi A. Mowry and Heather D. (Oscar) Oliver; stepson, Bradford G. (Lisa) McCready; and stepdaughter, Tammy R. (Louis) Garzarelli. Roy was a proud grandfather of numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Family and friends will be received from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at the VAIA FUNERAL HOME INC., 463 Athena Drive, Delmont (724-468-1177), followed by a service at noon and a burial at Twin Valley Memorial Park, Delmont. To send online expressions of sympathy, obtain grief support information or directions, please visit www.VaiaFuneralHome.com.

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Alexander Klos SM1 46/47



Alexander enlisted in the Navy on March 11, 1942, in Baltimore Maryland. He was first aboard the YP 351, a Yard Patrol boat. Then to Sub School and assigned to the Redfish SS 395 in early 1944. He was on the Sea Poacher for 1946 and 1947.

His obituary stated that he died in Pennsylvania without providing any other detail. He is buried in Scared Heat of Mary Cemetery in Dundalk, Baltimore, Maryland

Charles John McAtamney Momm 47-48

August 30, 1926 - August 9, 2023

Charles McAtamney passed away peacefully, August 9, 2023, at Sentara Leigh Hospital. He was born August 30, 1926, to Thomas and Elizabeth McAtamney in Harrison, NJ.

Charles enlisted in the navy at age 17 and retired after 20 years. His career was spent onboard submarines, and he was a veteran of WWII and the Korean War. After the military, he worked in the shipbuilding and ship repair industry until retiring. He was a generous man, helping anyone that needed a helping hand.

Charles was predeceased by his wife, Eva, and son, Michael.

He is survived by son, Patrick; daughters: Kathy Riley (Tom) and Sue Conyers (Nick); grandchildren: Tim, Vanessa, and Alex Conyers, Mederise Carter (Justin), and great-granddaughters: Carleigh and Makenna Carter.

Editor's note: Charles served on the Atule SS-403, Toro SS 422, Cutlass SS 478 and the Sea Poacher SS-406

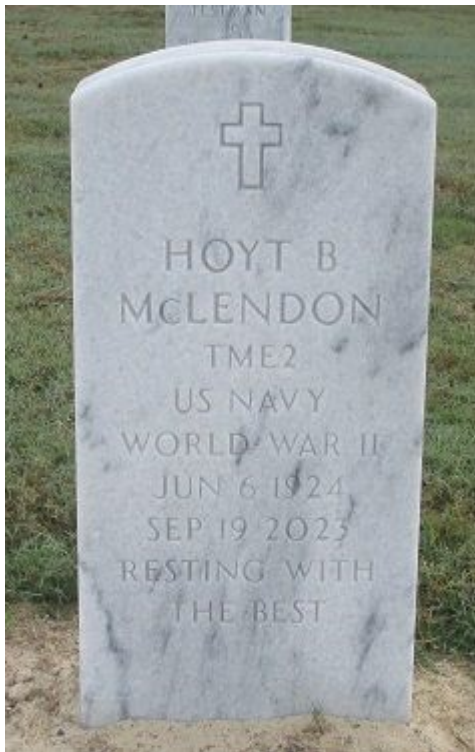


Donald E McCready SA/Sn 1949/50

McCREADY, Donald E. "Don" A Gentleman In The West End Donald E. "Don" McCready of Boston, Massachusetts, Michigan native, veteran of the U.S. Navy, retired executive, advocate for higher education, volunteer for international and local causes and most of all, a true gentleman, died on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at the age of 91. Enlisting in the U.S. Navy following graduation from high school, Don was part of the "Silent Service" assigned to the submarine USS Ronquil. After completing his military obligations, he studied at the University of Michigan, earning both Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Business Administration degrees, each of which he was able to complete using the benefits of the G.I. Bill. Don recognized that his later professional success was due to this education, which would have been unavailable to him without financial assistance. He felt it important to support higher education, particularly for those students who might not otherwise have the means to attend college and in particular, might be the first in the family to do so. Don was a successful business executive in the finance profession, holding various positions with the Procter and Gamble Company in many locations, including, Venezuela, China, Japan and South Africa, as well as its headquarters in Cincinnati. It was a natural next step for him to volunteer with the International Executive Service Corps after he retired, offering his wise and keen advice to small entities in Russia and Ukraine, as well as Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. While volunteering in Vladivostok, Russia, Don became friends with two American priests who were attempting to rebuild a Catholic parish in that area, including an organization working to find homes for orphaned children. Upon Don's return to Boston, he raised funds for this cause, speaking at various Catholic parishes and conferences. The parish and staff of St. Joseph's Church in Boston also were enriched by his efforts. He was an active parishioner, serving on the Finance Council and quietly, assisting an employee with immigration issues. Although Don enjoyed life, traveling to over 40 countries, it would be safe to say that many of his happiest moments came during his later years, after he met his beloved Carol Murphy. She lived in the same building in Boston and as it happened, was also a volunteer for the Vladivostok efforts. She became the light of his life and he of hers, enjoying quiet times together, as well as adventuring far and wide. Carol died in 2017 and Don grieved her loss until his final day. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph's Church, 68 William Cardinal O'Connell Way, Boston, Massachusetts on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

Editors Note: Donald Served on the Sea Poacher from September 1949-May 1950

Hoyt Birch McLendon TM 47



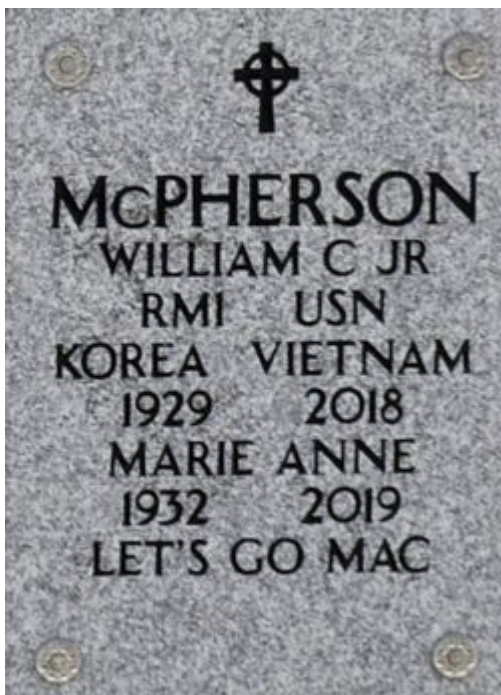
MCLENDON, Hoyt USN 99, of Lake City, died September 19, 2023. Service Sept. 22, 2023 at Fl. Natl. Cemetery.

Editor Notes

He was born 6 June 1924 and died 19 September 2023 at age 99 in Florida.

Hoyt served on the Sea Poacher from March 29, 1946, to November 11 1947. He also served on the Gurnard SS 254, and Mizar AF 12, He was on the Gurnard during World War II.

William C McPherson Jr. RM3 51/52



William reported aboard the Sea Poacher 14 October 1951 from sub school. On 18 February 1952 he was transferred to the USS Odax SS484. On 21 December 1953 he was transferred to the USS Picuda SS 382. No records for 1954 for the Picuda exist. He does not show as being on board the Picuda in 1955.

The only other information that could be located was that he was aboard the USS President Adams APA19 enroute to the Panama Canal Zone on 9 September 1948. His rate was RMSA.

Thomas Harris Payne EN 51-52



Thomas Harris Payne, 90, of Fairway, Kansas, passed away peacefully on the evening of June 19, 2022. Widowed in August 2021 after the passing of his beloved wife of 53 years, Sally, he then also mourned the loss of his 17-year-old dog, Bosco, in October. Born in the beautiful Appalachian area of Job, West Virginia on December 21, 1931, Tom enlisted in the Navy at 16 years old and thoroughly enjoyed his four years of service on submarines while not seeing active combat during the Korean War. His experience led him to earn a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Indiana Technical College and a lifelong career with Cummins Engine Co. Tom met his first wife, Lois, while in college and they had the first three of his five daughters. Cummins gave Tom the opportunity to travel and live all over the world, where he later met his second wife, Sally, in London, England. After completing advanced business management courses at Harvard and working in several cities including Columbus, IN and Memphis, TN, his family then settled into the Kansas City area in 1975. With steadfast dedication to both his work and his employees, Tom rose to become the owner of the Cummins Mid-America distributorship before retiring in 1995. With a true love of all things mechanical, Tom's favorite car was his Shelby Mustang GT, and he restored many others including an MG, VW bus pickup, and a Land Cruiser pickup. He loved to travel, including Australia twice, New Zealand, Ireland, and often visited friends and Sally's family in England. Steamboat Springs, CO reminded Tom of West Virginia, and he built many second homes and formed great friendships there for 25+ years. In their later years, Tom and Sally crossed the U.S. together in a motorhome and wintered in Naples, FL with friends. Tom thoroughly had great fun over his long and fulfilling life, and he was down-to-earth as a true force of nature to contend with. There is no one who knew Tom that doesn't have colorful (if sometimes legal-ish) stories to tell about him with loud laughter. The overarching theme about Tom is that he was "tough, but fair," and he offered substantial generosity to those in need without wanting any recognition.

Payne On Submarine

Thomas Harris Payne, ingin-man 3rd class USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Payne of Middlesboro, now serving aboard the submarine USS Sea Poacher at Key West, Fla., now knows his way around that complicated machine called the submarine. He is a recent graduate of the basic training course at the naval submarine base at New London, Conn.

During the 8-week course the future submariner studied how to become a crew member aboard the underseas craft. There is much to learn about the construction of the boat—ventilation and fuel systems, escape procedure and how to get along with shipmates in cramped quarters for long periods of time.

Ivory Lee Poole STM 45



No obituary could be located for Ivory. Records on Ancestry.com show that he was born 30 May 1926 in Tate Georgia. He joined the Navy on 11 September 1943 in New York, NY. Between 1943 and 1948 he served on the Florikan ASR, S118, Sperry and the LTS 1140 in addition to the Sea Poacher. The last record located was a 1950 census that showed he was stationed at the Naval base in Adak, Alaska. Ivory died on 29 August 2018 and is interred at the Washington Crossing National Cemetery in Newton Pennsylvania

Carl Edward Revert MMFN 63



Carl E. Revert, 73, passed Saturday, October 14, 2017, at Millers Merry Manor in Columbia City. Born in California, he was a son to the late Carl H. and Elizabeth R.

(Schumacher) Revert. Carl proudly served his country in the Navy and was a member of the Speedway 500 Moose Lodge. He retired from Norfolk Southern Railroad after many years of service.

Carl is survived by children, Curtis (Belinda) Revert of South Carolina and Jennifer Revert-Copsey of Massachusetts; sister, Cindy (William) Johnson of Indianapolis; grandchildren, Terry, Jessica, Zachary and

Jeremy; and two great grandchildren, Trent and A.J.

Carl is preceded in death by sisters, Barbara Knepper and Carol Ann Shaw.

He will be laid to rest at Covington Memorial Gardens .

Editor's Comment: Carl reported for duty in late April 1963. His name is no longer on the roster summary for June of 1963. He married Judith Hill in June 1966 when he was stationed at the US Navy Base in New London.

Marvin Schenker Lt 55-57

Marvin L. Schenker, a New York native, was born April 26, 1928, to Jewish immigrant parents. (He died March 18 2021) Appointed to the U S Naval Academy from New York, he became an intercollegiate gymnastic champion for the Navy. Upon graduation in 1950, he served in USS Helena (CA75) in the Korean conflict. .

After submarine school graduation, in 1952, he operated in Atlantic, Mediterranean and Caribbean waters in various diesel submarines. Qualifications achieved included submariner, Navy diver, technical air observer, and submarine commander.

Following a tour as Navigator in 1962 in USS George Washington, the world's first nuclear powered ballistic missile firing submarine, he commanded USS Quillback 1962-1964. Subsequently, after nuclear power training, he commanded Polaris and Poseidon missile submarines USS Lafayette and Nathanael Greene in succession 1966-69.

His efforts in command of the Submarine Training Center, Charleston, S.C., 1969-72 were distinguished by award of the first Navy Meritorious Unit Citation to a training facility.

Next followed a tour as Ass't Chief of Staff to Commander of Pacific Submarine Forces at Pearl Harbor, with responsibilities including coordinating all missile submarine operations in the Pacific. He commanded Naval Station, Mare Island, CA prior to retirement in 1977.

Since retirement, Capt. Schenker has resided in South Florida with his wife, Helene. Involving himself in marine related pursuits, he operated a small fleet of freighters from Miami, served as an assistant to the Director of the Port of Miami, and ran the service function of a large marine electronics firm.

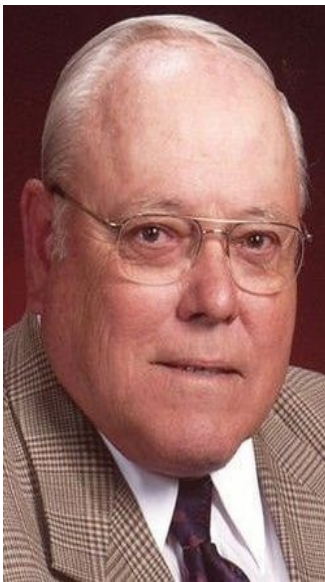
Heavily involved in sailboat racing, he collected silver both as skipper of small yachts and navigator of larger vessels. Also occupying time and energy was his more recent landlubber hobby of growing rare tropical fruits (in a salt air locale). Since 1989, he has considered himself semi-retired while actively engaged in adjusting compasses on ships and yachts worldwide.

He is survived by the former Helene Garth who has been his spouse since May 1954, and their two sons, Harold G. Schenker and Allan L. Schenker.



Marvin Schenker

David A Shelso Lt 60



David A. Shelso died in Fremont, Nebraska, on June 24, 2021. He was 87 years old.

David was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Throughout his childhood, he often spent summers at his maternal grandparents' farm in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He was active in sports, Boy Scouts and played the piano and the trombone. While at Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis he played football and became an Eagle Scout.

In 1952 he was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy by Hubert Humphrey. While at the Naval Academy he played in the drum and bugle corps. From the Naval Academy he reported to the USS Rochester, flagship of the 7th fleet. In 1957 he was sent to submarine school. In 1958 he was assigned to the USS Chivo in Key West.

He served aboard the USS Tecumseh, the first Polaris submarine assigned to the Pacific Fleet. He also served on the USS Carbonero, the USS Merrick and finally the USS Pussumpsic. While on submarines he would be deployed for nine months at a time without any communication home. In 1970 he was sent back to the Naval Academy as a Commander where he taught and then served as the Assistant Dean for Faculty and Finance. He was the officer representative to the golf team. Golf was a passion and he continued to play throughout his life. From Annapolis he was sent to Athens, Greece, to serve as the senior U.S. Representative on the NATO staff.

After 24 years of service to the United States, David retired in 1978 to Fremont. In Nebraska he worked for Peter Kiewit and then Northwestern Mutual Life. He continued to be an avid golfer at the Fremont Golf Club and was active in the Nebraska Golf Association. He was also active at St. James Episcopal Church in the choir and as a reader, the Rotary club, the Masons, and he served on the board of Public Works and the Department of Natural Resources. He was a devoted Husker fan and loved his dogs – all named Barney.

Charles A Simmons Jr. SN 63

Charles was received for duty from the US Navy Station Charleston on April 9, 1963. On October 14, 1963 he was transferred to the USS Mackerel SST1. He was killed in a motorcycle accident in Orlando Florida April 3, 1983.

Delvin W Smith LTjg 55/57



CDR. Delvin W. Smith Jr. USN (Ret) of Murrieta, California passed away on September 13, 2023. He was born on March 03, 1929. He graduated from Danforth High School in Danforth, Maine in 1946. He enlisted in the Navy in 1947, entered the Naval Academy in 1949 via the NAPS program and graduated in 1953. His first assignment after graduating was the Northampton (CLC-1). He was selected for submarine service and graduated from Submarine School in June 1955 and served in various positions on the Sea Poacher (SS406) and the Amberjack (SS522) before attending Post Graduate School in Monterey, California. His next tour of duty was as a Tactics instructor at Submarine School. He then served as XO aboard the Hardhead (SS365) and then attended SSBN Navigator School in Dam Neck, Virginia and then to Sam Houston (SSBN609) (Gold), where he made four deterrent patrols from Holy Lock, Scotland. He then served as director of the FBM Training Department Submarine School in New London. His next tour of duty was XO on the jumbo oiler Mispillion (A0105), where he made two deployments to Vietnam. While serving as XO, the ship was awarded the Navy Meritorious Unit Citation and CDR. Smith was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal (with combat V). He was then assigned to the Staff ComFair Quonset and after two years was selected for duty on CNO staff (OP-986F) as head of the Navigation and Geo Physics section, where he served over three years. During this time he made significant contributions to the joint Air Force effort in the development of the NAVSTAR Global Positioning System (GPS). He retired from the Navy in August 1974. After retirement, CDR. Smith worked at Magnavox as a program manager on several civil and military programs and retired in 1994. He is survived by two sons, two daughters, one granddaughter, and one great-granddaughter.

Richard L Uth EM 49/50

Uth - Richard "Dick" L., 92, formerly of Medford Lakes, NJ, and Huntington, NY, went to be with his Lord and wife of 50 years Phyllis, who predeceased him in death. Dick spent four years in the submarine service of the U.S. Navy. He retired from the State of NJ as a Project Specialist after 40 years of service. He leaves behind his current wife Anne (nee Lawshe); three sons, Mark (Beth), David (Jenny), and Richard (Regina); eight grandchildren, Drew, Erin, David, Jr., Erik, Amelia, Madison, Avery and Sydney; and two great-grandchildren, Jack and Filomena. Relatives and friends may greet the family on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, from 10-11:30AM, at the Mathis Funeral Home, 58 N. Main St., Medford, NJ. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, at 12PM, at St. Mary of the Lakes R.C. Church, 40 Jackson Rd., Medford, NJ. Interment will follow in Park View Cemetery at Historic Medford Village. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Dick's memory to St. Mary of the Lakes Church, 40 Jackson Rd., Medford, NJ 08055; or to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, 53 Prospect Rd., Centerport, NY 11721.

Date of Birth 15 Nov 1930

Date of Death 27 November 2022

Epimenio Valdez RM2 50/53



Epimenio Enrique "Eppie" Valdez, 92, of Lakewood, CO, died peacefully at St. Anthony's Hospital in Lakewood. (1/17/2023) Visitation will be on Thursday, January 26 from 8:00am-9:00am in the chapel at Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery at 12801 W. 44th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. A Catholic Funeral Mass will immediately follow at 9:00am.

Epimenio was born in Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico to Epimenio and Eliza Valdez on May 19, 1930. He was honorably discharged from the United States Navy and was a graduate of Denver University. He is survived by his wife Eva Valdez, son Donald Valdez, daughter Terri Holman, stepson Ken Chavez, stepdaughters Cheryl Jaramillo, Debbie Casias, and Lisa Chavez, and multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Robert J Ford ICFN 55/56



Robert Jesse Ford, affectionately known as “Bob” (87) of Pittsboro, NC was a 44-year resident of Newport News, VA. Bob went to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus on July 30, 2023. He was born on September 9, 1935, in Fairbank, Iowa to the late Laurence and Miriam Ford.

He grew up on a farm near Amish country in Fairbank, IA and attended Fairbank United Methodist Church. He was a 1953 graduate from Fairbank High School where he played short stop in baseball. At 18 he joined the US Navy which took him to Virginia where he met his beloved wife of 60 years, Shirley Mae Snyder Ford. He was a dedicated member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Newport News, VA for over 40 years where he served on the board of trustees, finance committee, lawncare, usher and greeter. He also served his community in the bread ministry, the local food bank, Habitat for Humanity, and worked with the Thrive ministry feeding the homeless.

Bob proudly served his country in the US Navy for 20 years on both diesel and nuclear submarines and then worked at the US Department of Defense for another 20 years in Newport News, for Supervisor of Shipbuilding. After 40 years with the Federal government, he retired in 1995 in time to welcome his first grandchild, Samuel David Earnhardt, USN.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Mae Ford and his two children – Michael Keith Ford and daughter-in-law, Sarah Ford of Las Cruces, NM, and his daughter, Darlene Renee Ford Earnhardt, and son-in-law, Allison Bryan Earnhardt, of Pittsboro, NC, as well as his three grandchildren – Samuel David Earnhardt (US Navy), Lindsay Anne Earnhardt McNeill and husband Ian McNeill of Apex, NC and Lauren Elisabeth Earnhardt, (US Army) of Pittsboro, NC. Bob is survived by his brothers Laurence “Larry Bill” Ford of Broken Arrow, OK, Paul Ford of Sauk Rapids, MN and his sister, Alice "Penny" Ford of Rutland, VT. Bob was very proud of all his grandchildren and loved each one dearly, but he was especially happy to welcome Lauren Elisabeth into the world on his 64th birthday. He considered his wife, his children and grandchildren as blessings from God.

Charles Donnelly EN 48-51

January 12, 1929 — May 30, 2024

On May 30, 2024 Charles W. Donnelly Sr. went home to the Lord and to be with his wife who had passed 2 months before him. He was 95 years old. Chuck was born in a farmhouse off of 114 in Silver Spring Township on January 12, 1929 to Jesse and Cicely (Weldon) Donnelly both deceased. He had four siblings, Jane McKinney (deceased), Edith Reamer (deceased), Betty Cortner in Florida and Jesse Donnelly (Trudy) in Carlisle. Chuck was a Submariner during the Korean War and served from 1948 to 1952. Out of the 3 subs he served on his favorite sub was the USS Sea Poacher. He married Jean Bowers as soon as he was discharged. They were married for 71 years.



Chuck was a machinist/mold maker for most of his life. He worked at TRW inc. from 1952 till 1965 then AMP Inc. from 1965 to 1991. He was on the AMPRA Board of Directors for 8 years. He taught Junior Bowling for 6 years at Trindle Bowling Alley. He was very involved with the USS Sea Poacher Association for 15 years. Chuck deeply loved his wife Jean (Bowers) Donnelly who died on March 21st of this year. He is survived by his daughter LouAnn Guilles, his son Charles W. Donnelly Jr. (Roberta), his son Dean Donnelly (Karen) and many nieces and nephews. His grandchildren: Shannon Marciano (Rich), Fred Guilles (Danielle), Jason Donnelly (Anna), Andrew Donnelly, Katelynn Piper (Travis). His Great grandchildren: Hailey and Harper Marciano, Bentley Guilles and Landon

Conrad, Jameson Thomson Donnelly and Tamen and Amelia Piper. Chuck's heart was broken when he lost his wife Jean. He is now with Jesus and celebrating with the love of his life...his wife Jean. Hospice of Central Pennsylvania Harrisburg was a blessing to his family in his end days. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be submitted to Hospice of Central Pennsylvania, Harrisburg.