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**PHIL BEALS**

**AUGUST 25, 1936-JULY 8, 2024**

**BANG GANG FOUNDER**

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**MENTOR AND ALL AROUND BANG CHEERLEADER**

**THE BEST SHIPMATE ANYONE COULD HAVE**



# FPO



This column is dedicated to all the letters we receive from you. Any info about yourself or others you want to share with your shipmates will be published here. Think of this as a combination of the bulletin board in the Crew's Mess and the 1MC.

Hello shipmates, friends and loyal subscribers!

Here is the Summer/Fall issue of the Bang Newsletter. As a surprise it is out early, so early it even surprised me! The reason being that I wanted to give everyone one last chance to sign up for the week in Little Rock. Alan and Linda Thole have put together a fun packed week and I'm sure everyone will bring back many fond memories of Little Rock.

Another reason for the "early bird" issue is there was some trouble for several people to make reservations, as it always is for some reason, so Alan called his contact at the Holiday Inn and got a direct number and contact to call. The contact name and number is:

Tonya Flemons @ 501-235-2004

Tonya will take good care of you. I also had a couple of calls regarding the BBQ lunch on the tour and banquet night. The BBQ lunch is part of the tour to the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum, so it is already paid for. The same people are doing the banquet night dinner and that will be at the Holiday Inn Airport. So dress accordingly for some good old Arkansas BBQ.

The USS RAZORBACK will be open for touring, and a word to the wise. Like the USS COD in Cleveland, The Razorback is pretty much unchanged from it's active duty days and the spaces will be tight, so again dress accordingly.

Make sure you take plenty of pictures and send some on to me to be used in the reunion/holiday issue at the end of the year. Make sure they are JPEG format. Most cameras use JPEG as a default format. The week's schedule was in the last issue, so you can refer to that issue for more info on the week's schedule. It is also on the website just in case you don't have the last issue any more. Here is the latest sailing list so if you haven't signed up yet, please do soon and add your name!

Paul Schramm  
Ike Cohen and guest Michelle Ostapie  
Bill and Joan Fenton  
Gabe and Pam Lewis  
Mark and Anelisa Heiman  
Denis O'Brian and guest Denis Hansen  
Rocco and Nancy DeLeo  
Ralph and Claire Gates  
Guests Gerald and Judith Holmberg  
Len and Sharon Sciuto  
Harry and JoAnn Ross  
James and Yolanda Klein  
John and Darlene Kraft

CLIP AND SEND THIS PAGE WITH YOUR CHECK BY AUGUST 30, 2024 TO:

Alan Thole  
11337 205th ~~St~~ NW, Elk River, MN  
55330  
*AVE ←* MAKE ALL CHECKS OUT TO Alan Thole

YES! I/WE PLAN TO ATTEND THE REUNION  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_, ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
SPOUSE/GUEST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

RATE/RANK \_\_\_\_\_

YRS ON BANG \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE#(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DAY \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DAY \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING ARKANSAS INLAND MARITIME MUSEUM \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$42.00PP TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING ARKANSAS ART/MACARTHUR MUSEUMS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00PP TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

HOSPITALITY ROOM STIPEND PER ADULT \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING BANQUET @ \$58.00PP \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Back Yard Barbeque Buffet

Tossed salad with Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Red Onions, Choice of Two Dressings  
Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Sliced Red Onion, Dill Pickle Spears, Beef Brisket,  
Baked Beans with Onions, Fried Catfish, Hushpuppies, Tarter Sauce, Fried  
Chicken, Potato Logs, Green Beans, Apple Cobbler, Peach Cobbler  
Iced Tea, Water

GRAND TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFY ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE WRITE YOUR FAVORITE ADULT BEVERAGE AND SNACKS HERE:

ANY ADDITIONAL GUESTS?

**USS Bang (SS 385)  
81<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Reunion  
Little Rock, AR  
Monday, September 30, 2024  
Through  
Thursday, October 03, 2024**

**Holiday Inn Airport  
3201 Bankhead Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72206  
Phone 501 490 1000  
[www.holidayinn.com](http://www.holidayinn.com)**

**[When making your reservations you can call 888 465 4329](tel:8884654329)**

**Or use WEB:**

**<https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=liteb&P MID=99801505&GPC=uss&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>**

Make sure to put the correct date you are arriving and leaving to get the correct room rate of  
\$107.00 plus tax.

The rates are honored three days before and after the reunion dates.

If calling, tell the reservationist you are with the Bang Reunion.

Our contact person for reservation issues is Tonya Flemons 501 235 2004.

Or call me

A full breakfast buffet is included at \$10.99 + tax =~ \$12.60 per ticket.

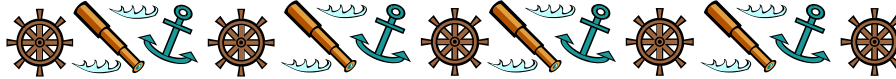
See the Hostess and identify yourself with the Bang Reunion.

Have your name tag with you.

Pay with CC, cash, or charge to room.



# LOST AND FOUND



**This page is dedicated to informing you of any additions, deletions, or corrections to our active roster.**  
It has been brought to our attention that the following shipmates have passed away and will be placed on Eternal Patrol.

**PHIL BEALS CS  
MYRON "SCOTT" FIENE SN 64  
DANIEL J CASEY TM 71-72**

**THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE GENEROUSLY  
CONTRIBUTED TO THE BANG SLUSH FUND**

**BILL FENTON  
JIM AND HARRIET SCHULTZ  
ALAN F SHARPE**



**THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATES HAVE CHANGED THEIR ADDRESS**

**FRANCIS FERGUSON 8467 WOODBRIAR DR. SARASOTA, FL 34238**

**WILLIAM KIELBASA 95 HOLTEN ST. APT 307, DANVERS, MA. 01923**

**THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATE HAS CHANGED HIS EMAIL ADDRESS**

**MARVIN CHRISTENSON CHRIS181@GMAIL.COM**



# ETERNAL PATROL

**Daniel J Casey**-Shipmate Daniel deployed on Eternal Patrol on 30 June 2024 at HCA Fawcett Memorial Hospital in Port Charlotte, FL. Born on August 17, 1950 in New Bedford, Ma. He was the son of Harold and Anita Casey. He reported aboard the and qualified on the USS BANG in 1972 as a Torpdeoman. He was a member of the turnover crew to the Cosme Garcia. He served on the USS FIN-BACK SSN670, the USS TIRU SS416, the USS SILVERSIDES SSN 679, the USS GEORGE C MARSHALL SSBN654, the USS ALEXANDER HAMILTON SSBN617, and the USS ULYSSES S GRANT SSBN631. He retired from the Navy as a TorpedomansMate First Class in 1988. He was always interested in all types of cars ... as long as they weren't Fords. Daniel was a member of the USS SAILFISH base of the United States Submarine Veterans.

**Myron "Scott" Fiene**-Shipmate Myron Fiene embarked on Eternal Patrol on July22,2024. Born on January 11, 1944 in Hilo Hawaii, he joined the Navy on his 18th birthday and was stationed in San Diego for Basic Training. After submarine school he reported to The USS BANG and was qualified in 1964. He was also assigned to the USS SCORPION in 1965. Scott was honorably discharged in 1969 as a Yeoman First Class . He was a long time member of the Lodi California American Legion Post 22, and an active member of the Mare Island Base of the Submarine Veterans. Myron was buried with military honors in the Punch Bowl National Cemetery in Honolulu, Hawaii.



**Phil Beals**— Our beloved Editor Emeritus Phil Beals deployed on Eternal Patrol on July 8, 2024. Phil was one of the founders of the Bang Gang and started the Bang Gang Newsletter and was the longtime editor. Phil and his beloved wife Dot made it a point to attend every reunion and Phil took the time to introduce himself to all the first time attendees. He was a mentor to me when I took over the reins of the editor's job and helped to no end with my "Start Up" glitches. No question was trivial and he always had time to walk me through the more complicated facets of the Publisher software. I remember when Sally and I took a trip to his place in Holiday FL to start the turnover process, Phil gave me explicit directions on how to get there but neglected to inform me that it was a gated community and I needed the combination to open the gate. We got that sorted out and the rest they say is history. Phil had a trove of BANG memorabilia that he brought to the reunions, and I know everyone enjoyed leafing through the picture books, especially seeing how thin we all were way back then. Phil was a one of a kind shipmate. They don't make them anymore, and he will surely be missed.

# THE LUCKY BAG

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT  
WAS SAFE TO GO TOPSIDE !



Hello shipmates and friends

Our Chaplain, Lenny “Scooby” Sciuto sent this in and asked to put in as part of the “Chaplains Corner” I think it is a pretty thought provoking essay and one that we all are going to face at one time or another. Please take the time to read and appreciate it.

As Lenny writes, “we have sent at least three shipmates on Eternal Patrol since our last reunion. A former Coast Guard member with no relatives passed away. I, being retired Coast Guard, was asked to attend his funeral. I was humbled and honored to do so. I didn’t know his religious affiliation, but his friends told me that he believed in God. A thought came to me as I was there with more than one religious faction. It doesn’t matter whether you are Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Jewish, or other denominations; what matters most is that regardless who you are, and what you believe, there is a God or Supreme Being who watches over us and cares for all of us. In a ship, submarine, plane, tank, or foxhole, God is there when the shooting starts. Since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities-his eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse”.

May God continue to bless us all and these United States of America.

Len Sciuto  
Bang Gang Chaplain

## *Editor’s Note:*

Lately, there have been a rise in funerals for veterans with out any family members present. The reason are many. Perhaps they are Vietnam, or Vietnam era veterans, whose parents, spouses have passed away before them, and were childless, or estranged from the family. Whatever the reason, no veteran should die alone. If you belong to an American Legion, VFW, Amvets, or other veteran related post or organization, they have resources that can notify you when a veteran will be interned without relatives present. Step up and, as the American Legion says, Be The One. You’ll be glad you did.

That’s it for now, take care, straight board, and always MIND THE BUBBLE!

Eric

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