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LOST AND FOUND



This column 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 shipmate has passed away and will be placed on Eternal Patrol.



Richard P. Dauphinais, MM2 (62-67)



SHIPMATE, REST YOUR OARS!

The following shipmates have changed their mailing address.

Please let us know when your address has changed or you may not receive the next Newsletter.

LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIPCODE	PHONE	Y-O-B
Cooter	Calvin D	7314 English Park Way	Corryton	TN	37721-3593	(865) 281-2304	66-68
Jacobson	Herbert P	200 Stratford Pl Apt C	Elkhart	IN	46516-6608		46
Kielbasa	William J	PO Box 526	Peabody	MA	01960-0526	(978) 977-9220	68-70
Salmon	Leigh O	5850 W Spicey Hill Dr	Homosassa	FL	34448-1328		55-57

The following shipmates are new (found) additions to our roster. Your committee is thankful for all your help in locating them and we will continue our search until we have attempted to locate everyone.

LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIPCODE	PHONE	Y-O-B
Andrews	Herbert J	26 North St Apt 305	Douglas	MA	01516-2063		63
Hamilton	Joseph	159 Saloli Way	Loudon	TN	37774-2731		61-62
Helfers	Frederick	1818 W Acacia Bluffs Dr	Green Valley	AZ	85614-8089		71-72
Moore III	Raymond	119 Oliver Farm Rd	Statesville	NC	28677-1311		59-60
Sawyer	Robert H	119 Oak Ledge Rd	Harpswell	ME	04079-4215		58-61



THANK YOU!

Since our last publication, the following shipmates have generously donated to our slush fund.



**Ray Asselin
Ron Athey
Joe Cwiklinski**

**Gary Dannenbaum
Ed Gandy**

**Roe Granger
Joe Hamilton**

**Jerry Lagestee
Dan Rosenfeld**

**Robert Shirer
Carl Weber**

THE INTERNET CONNECTION CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

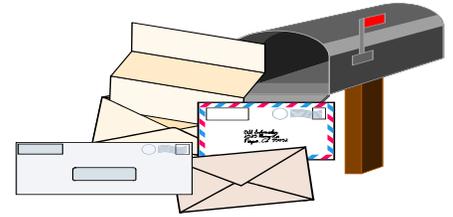


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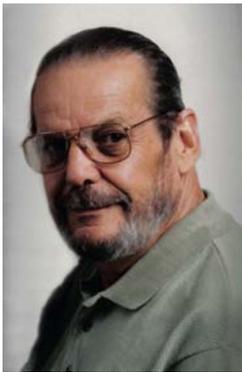


This column is dedicated to all the letters we receive from you. Any info about yourself or others you want to share with your shipmates will be published here. Think of this as a combination of the bulletin board in the Crew's Mess and the IMC.

Editor's Notes and Ramble: Hi Shipmates!

Harry Ross sent in the sad tidings on the sudden death of shipmate **Duffy Dauphinais**. He died of a massive heart attack.

Duffy reported to BANG out of Sub School in 1962 and enjoyed it so much that he stayed aboard until 1967. My only contact with Duffy was at the Reunions he attended but our friendship grew through e-mails. He was like so many other shipmates that I didn't serve with — once you talked with them for five minutes, you would begin thinking that you did.



Richard Paul Dauphinais, age 65, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, January 13, 2007. "Duffy" was born on October 15, 1941, the son of Raymond Joseph Dauphinais and Margaret Mary Smith Dauphinais (both deceased). He is survived by his daughter, Emily Michelle Dauphinais, his son, Chadwick Benjamin Dauphinais, and the mother of his children, Beverly Landers

Dauphinais, all of Roswell, GA. He is also survived by his brother Paul Raymond Dauphinais of Swanton, MD, many cousins in MA, many friends from Fitchburg, MA (especially Pauline Wiitala), many friends from Greenville, SC, and many friends from Atlanta, GA.

Duffy graduated from Fitchburg High School in Massachusetts in 1960. He served in the United States Navy from 1961 – 1969 in the Submarine Service being honorably discharged as a Machinist Mate 1st Class (SS). He served on the USS Bang as well as other submarines and kept in touch with many of his "Navy buddies". The USS Bang was deployed to the Mediterranean and northern Europe in 1962 and participated in Operation "Springboard" in the Caribbean in 1966. He was married in 1962 to Judith A. Capone, with whom he shared 21 years.

After his time spent in the Navy, he obtained an Associates of Science from Mount Wachusset Community College in Industrial Management. He began his professional career in 1969 with Digital Equipment Corporation. In 1981, he moved to Greenville, SC to help DEC startup the circuit board

manufacturing facility, and began his rise to Software Program Management.

In 1986, he married Beverly and they had two children. In 1992, he accepted an early retirement offer, and, not being ready for retirement, he partnered with his lifelong friend, Ron Wiitala, to startup a successful cultured marble manufacturing business, Royal Marble, Inc.

He was a member of the United States Submarine Veterans, Grayback Base, and the American Legion.

*Lord this departed Shipmate with Dolphins on his chest,
Is part of an outfit known to be the best.
Please welcome him and offer him your hand,
As you no doubt know he's the best in the land.
And also heavenly Father add his name to the roll
Of our departed Shipmates who serve on Final Patrol.
Assure them all that we, who still survive
Will always keep their memory alive.*

Ray Asselin also became the bearer of sad news when he mailed me the obituary of shipmate **Al Cadenhead's** wife, Marion. His loving wife of 50+ years passed away on January 28th after a lengthy illness. Memorial contributions in her name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2911 Dixwell Ave, Hamden, CT 06518.

Al, your loss saddens us also and we extend to you and family our deepest sympathy.

If you wish to contact Al, his address is:

Al Cadenhead
1 Alling Ct E
Northford, CT 06472-1063

Henry Kosloski writes that he had some recollection of that sonar testing we did in January 1957. He recalls being told that we were tracking a target that was about 120 miles away doing 12 knots. He considered this a practical joke until ten hours later while on the bridge he spotted a tanker coming over the horizon doing 12 knots. Henry informed Donald Ross of his recollection and Donald was pleased that someone remembered.

As an addendum (fact or fiction) I was told by a 'nuke' that shortly after their Boat cleared Norfolk harbor they were picking up contacts entering and leaving the Strait of Gibraltar.

Ron Athey has informed me that when he placed the memorial brick, that the "Gang" purchased, at the Lapon Sail and Submarine Memorial he made sure room was left around it for additional bricks in case any Bang Gang'er wished to add his own

personal brick. His intentions were to keep the Gang together. The Ozark-Runner base of USSVI is currently having a sale on these bricks at the cost of \$50.00 each. This cost includes the engraving and installation. Engraving is to your liking but you are limited to three lines of 16 spaces each. Order forms can be downloaded from the Base's site at www.ozarkrunner.org or, if you are one of the fortunate ones who has no Internet connection, you can request one from Ron or I and we will mail the form to you by USPS. My phone number is on the front page and Ron's is on the Reunion page of this issue. Ron says he will do his utmost to have your brick installed by the time we meet for our Reunion.

Our resident star of stage and screen, **Gary Dannenbaum** reports that he now has a new web site. Anyone with Internet access may view it at this address: <http://www.garysdannenbaum.com> Good luck with your new career, Gary.



Chuck Savage & Sidney & Stu Savage

In the last Newsletter Stu Savage's brother, Chuck was incorrectly identified as Gerald Maly. I apologize to all parties involved and have since bought my 'proof reader' a new pair of glasses.

When mailing us a check for any reason—Small Stores, Slush Fund, Newsletter or just because you have too much money—**Please try to remember to make it payable to "USS BANG"**. NOTHING ELSE! Otherwise we will not be able to deposit it into our account. We will accept cash also but advise you to use a check whenever possible.

The writings and material within this Newsletter are the sole responsibility of its Editor and in no way reflect the opinion of its readers, the Bang Gang.Phil Beals

Ray Asselin, a QuarterMaster (52-54, ComCrew3), "The enclosed obit came out of our local newspaper. I thought you would like to see it. I see Al once or twice a year where he goes for coffee. I'm feeling much better compared to last year. Still walking with a cane but I manage to get around. I went to the USS Cobia Reunion in Manitowoc, WI last August—we had a blast. Also attended the SubVets WWII Xmas Party for the CT branch gang.".... *Ray, thank you for taking the time to notify us of Marion Cadenhead's passing. I am happy to hear that your health has improved so you are able to get around and visit with your shipmates. Some good sea stories can cure a lot of aches and pains. Thanks also for your Slush Fund donation.*

Ed Gandy, a TorpedoMan (55-58), "Just getting around to sending you a little note. Sure was good talking to you on the phone last month. I have had a bad two years—2 broken hips and then a broken back. However, I am doing pretty damn good now. Well on my way to recovery. I hope to get to the next Reunion."*Ed, how soon we forget. After attending a gilly party you should never try standing up—crawl! Anyway, a lot of shipmates will be happy to hear that you are OK. Continue to mend so that we may see you again at the Reunions.*

Marion Cothran Jr., an ElectriciansMate (71-72), "For the past several years I have received the Bang Gang Newsletter. There are certain events one looks to each year, Christmas, Thanksgiving, New Years, July 4th but one of my most enjoyable is receiving the newsletter. My time aboard the Bang was the best times of my military career. I had the privilege of being stationed at Washington D.C. during my career. My assignment was working at the White House under the Ford and Carter administration. Even this duty assignment was not as enjoyable as my time on BANG.

There are so many stories that I remember while aboard BANG. To try and share all would be paper consuming and boring to many except me. I can truly say that being aboard BANG was part of my life that I will cherish until my departure from this good old earth. Each time I read the newsletter memories of my shipmates and our times aboard the boat resurface. My CO **Mr. Harriss**, EM3 **Randall Jessop**, Wayne 'Doc' Norris, CS **Ken Davison**,

EMC 'Bill' Pownall are some of the names that come to mind as I remember those days.

Leaving New London on 'Spring Board' in the dead of winter and getting sea sick for the first time. Going into San Juan, St Thomas, Roosevelt Roads and other ports for R and R. Standing mid-watch topside during one of the coldest days ever recorded in New London. Playing softball for BANG at New London and Portsmouth Military Prison. Seeing 'Brownie' stand watch in nothing but his underwear and boots because of the heat in the engine room. The demands of qualification and the memory when I was told that I had satisfied all the requirements and was a Submarine Sailor.

One of the memories that I relive each time that I receive the newsletter is the flood we had in the after engine room. As best as I can recall this is what occurred.

We were in Portsmouth shipyard for major repairs on the overboard discharge system. Part of the repairs was to replace the connector from the engine to the discharge pipe. As best as I can remember there were some 12-18 1" bolts that connected these two pipes. The repairs had been completed and we went out to sea to check everything out. I was not scheduled to be on watch but I was back in the control room with the on duty electricians as we departed port. We traveled to our area of testing and the diving alarm was given to dive. Each station reported except for the after engine room. Hearing this I went forward to check and see if there was a problem. When I looked into the after engine room all I could see was water pouring in. 'Brownie' was on duty at this time and I could not see him anywhere. I turned and shouted to the on duty electrician that we had flooding in the after engine room. The next several minutes were a blur. For what ever reason I entered the after engine room, secured the door and came upon an amazing site. 'Brownie' had a wrench in his hand working like a mad man to tighten the bolts on the overboard discharge valve. For what every reason several of the bolts had not been completely tightened at the connection point. Water was spraying in around these bolts with amazing force. 'Brownie' shouted at me to help. I clearly remember that this was the coldest water I had ever experienced as we worked to tighten the bolts. I know from the time the emergency surface alarm was sounded and our getting to the surface was only a matter of minutes but in my mind it seems to take forever. Just as myself I know there are many stories that we have experienced while aboard BANG. I would love to

hear other shipmates share their experiences.

Since my retirement I can now schedule to attend a reunion. I look so forward to coming to our next reunion and having the privilege of meeting fellow shipmates who served aboard BANG. I consider it an honor to be part of such a group. The group that I want to most meet and shake their hand is those from the WWII period. These men are my heroes.

I am returning the survey that you had in the last newsletter. I want to put Mobile, AL on the list as a port of call for BANG reunions. Mobile has so much to offer to the military man. Such sites as the battleship Alabama and the submarine Drum. There is a submarine organization located in Mobile that has 100 plus submarine veterans as members. They have expressed great interest in our having a reunion in Mobile. Within a two hour drive is the WWII Memorial at New Orleans, NAS Pensacola, Elgin AFB and other military related facilities. Each of these places have some of the best museums related to the military that you will find anywhere. The places to visit non-military related are also outstanding. From historical streets of Fairhope, AL to the casinos in Mississippi to the historical streets of Mobile there is much to do. For those of us who play golf there the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, world known as one of the best in the United States. If one likes seafood you will find no better place to eat than Mobile and the surrounding gulf coast.

I look so forward to attending our next reunion. To all fellow shipmates that read the newsletter I salute you and wish you the best of health and life's happiness. God speed to each of you.".... *Marion, thank you for sharing your memories with us. I have forwarded your survey to the Committee they have added it to their compilation. After living in New Orleans for 20 years and now in FL, I know the Mobile area well and agree with you that it does have a lot to offer.*

Fred Helfers, a TorpedoMan (58-61), "I just found your website after researching for some boats my dad served on during WW2.

BANG was my first boat, 1971 thru decommissioning and then with the transfer to the Spanish navy as the Cosme Garcia. I was then transferred to the USS Cobbler SS 347.

I currently reside in Washington State with a winter home in Arizona. I just retired after serving over 25 years in Law Enforcement.

It would be great to catch up with some of my former crew mates. When is the next reunion..?????".... *Thanks Fred for contacting us. As you can see by our cover, our next Reunion is in Branson. Your shipmates hope you can make it.*

Bob Sawyer, a TorpedoMan (58-61), "I was in Albuquerque visiting my daughter and I met a gentleman by the name of **Don Hill**. We found out that we had both served on BANG. He put me on to the web site. I found my name in the list of crew members 'address unknown' so I will give it to you.

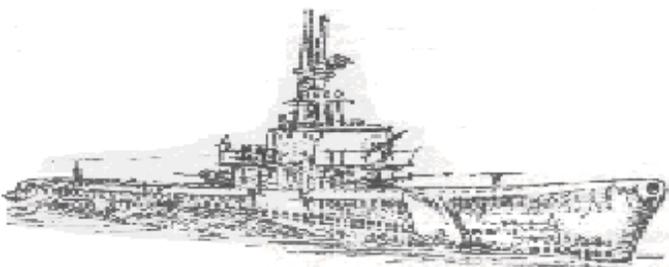
A brief run down of my naval career is as follows; I served on the following ships; Picuda twice, Bang, Cusk, Skate as COB, Fulton as W1 officer, Sub Base New London in the weapons Dept twice. I taught at Sub School twice, NAUW School at Key West, NSSC at Orlando. I started my career at Sub Repair Div in Kittery, ME in 52 and finished at Sub School Groton, CT in 80.

I am still fairly active and would like to hear from anyone who would like to write. I am into gardening and raise Irises for show and hybridization."
Thanks Bob for making contact with us. Sorry we were unable to locate you sooner so that you could have attended our Albuquerque Reunion. Maybe we will see you in Branson???

Kenn McDermott, a RadioMan (61-62), "I wish I had one of the small, round, wooden coins my father-in-law used to make – which had the words "To-It" engraved on them - because I could have used one over the past year or more since I first decided I would prefer to get your Bang Gang Newsletter on-line in color PDF format instead of you wasting precious funds to print and mail my copy.

Now that I've finally gotten 'Round To-It' – please discontinue mailing me the printed newsletter and put me on your distribution list for the on-line version.

You continue to amaze me with both the quantity and quality of excellent output from your magic computer regarding all things BANG. You perform a wonderful service to your shipmates and I'm sure you don't get the praise due you in proportion to your efforts and to the extent that all of us enjoy the fruits of your labor. **WELL DONE & THANKS PHIL!**"
....Thanks, Mac, for the kind words. Your flattery will not only insure you future copies of the Newsletter but now they will be in color to boot.



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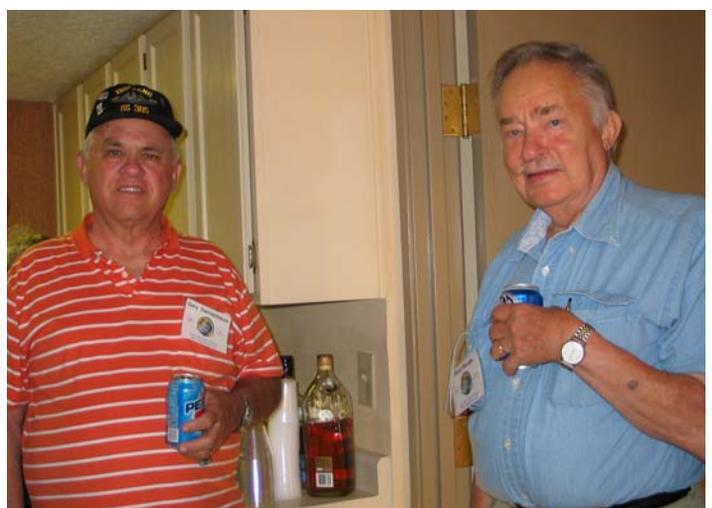
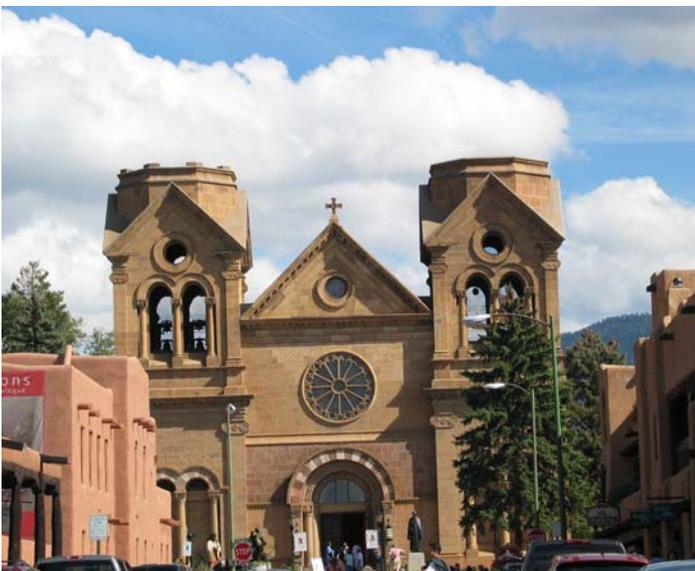
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Larson & Gunny & Kracker



Ike Cohen



Dannenbaum & Savage

USS BANG (SS385) MEMORIAL SITES

"Keeping The Memory Alive"

- Albacore Park - Portsmouth, NH**
Tree and Engraved Ground Marker
- Battleship Park - Mobile, AL**
Engraved Walkway Brick
- Mathis Plaza Waterfront Park - S. Toms River, NJ**
Engraved Walkway Brick
- Deterrent Park - Silverdale, WA**
Engraved Walkway Brick
- Veterans Memorial Park - Pensacola, FL**
Submarine Lifeguard League Memorial Stone
- Idaho Science Center - Arco, ID**
Engraved Bronze Plaque @ Hawkbill Memorial
- Veterans Freedom Memorial – Tampa, FL**
Engraved Walkway Brick
- USS Lapon Memorial Sail – Springfield, MO**
Engraved Walkway Brick
- Clarion Hotel – Charleston, SC**
Framed Trilogy Drawing on Lobby Wall.



Gene Lockwood & Richard Gahan



Roland & Audrey Daigle



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PRICES ARE AT THEIR ALL TIME LOW! And, we are eliminating the Pole Tax!!! These items may be purchased by mail or at the Reunion.

Send your order to **Phil Beals**.

Make your check payable to **USS BANG** and be sure to add a few bucks extra to cover the postage. All proceeds from these sales are deposited directly into our Slush Fund.

Navy Blue Ballcap - USS BANG SS385 embroidered in gold with silver dolphins and solid or mesh top.

Please state your choice.....\$8.00

BANG Photos - 40's, 50's, 60's 8x10 black & white as shown on back page.

Please state your choice.....\$3.00

Jacket Patches - 40's, 50's, 60's 5 inch in full color as shown on back page.

Please state your choice.....\$5.00

WWII Battle Flag Patch - 3x5 inch full color.....\$5.00

1" Lapel/Hat pins - depicting above jacket patches & battle flag. **Please state your choice**.....\$4.00

REUNION SURVEY RESULTS

62 Replies (15%)

Thanks to all shipmates who responded to our reunion survey from the last newsletter. The results are listed below in **bold**.

Though the response was low, your input will still be very helpful to the reunion committee in planning future reunions. Plans are already underway for Branson this fall and your responses will be used to help ensure a good time for all.

The key points from your response tells us that most of you do not attend the SubVets Conventions and prefer three day Reunions in the fall months. And, with the exception of Nashville, TN the top ten cities on your wish list for future Reunions are all on the East or West coast.

By far, you have stated that the most important factor in a reunion is having other shipmates present; particularly those you served with.

While many things go into a successful reunion, we agree that the most important is the presence of other shipmates. Several of you suggested we encourage more shipmates who haven't attended to do so. Our plans are to increase attendance at our Reunions by making a special effort to reach out to more shipmates who may have thought about coming but just haven't done so for one reason or another.

Your comments were far too numerous to list here but they have provided us with many good ideas that will be taken seriously in future plans.

Thanks again to all who shared your thoughts!

Bill Fenton

Committee VP

1) Have you ever attended a Navy ship reunion? Yes - **(47)** No - **(11)**

2) How many times have you attended the US Submarine Vets Conventions?

(WWII) 0 - **(54)** 1 - **(2)** 2 - **(2)** 3 - **(0)** More - **(2)** I go every year! - **(2)**

(USSV) 0 - **(49)** 1 - **(8)** 2 - **(0)** 3 - **(2)** More - **(3)** I go every year! - **(0)**

3) What locations would interest you most for a future BANG reunion?

Groton, CT **(21)** - San Diego, CA **(17)** - Virginia Beach/Norfolk, VA **(14)** - Nashville, TN **(12)**
Orlando, FL **(12)** - Portsmouth, NH **(11)** - Philadelphia, PA **(10)** - Atlanta, GA **(7)** - Seattle, WA **(6)**
Oakland/Frisco, CA **(6)** - Boston, MA **(5)** - New York City **(5)** - Savannah, GA **(5)** - Eugene, OR **(4)**
Daytona, FL **(4)** - San Antonio, TX **(4)** - Las Vegas, NV **(4)** - Green Bay, WI **(3)** - Chicago, IL **(3)**
Dallas, TX **(3)** - New Orleans, LA **(3)** - Honolulu, HI **(3)** - Austin, TX **(2)** - Saratoga, NY **(2)**
Key West, FL **(1)** - Little Rock, AR **(1)** - St Louis, MO **(1)** - Mobile, AL **(1)** - Baltimore, MD **(1)**

4) Would you be interested in hosting a Reunion in your home town? Yes - **(8)** No - **(46)**

5) Please rank the following in importance (1 to 8) that sways your decision to attend a Reunion.
(1 being the most important)

(1) Other shipmates being there

(5) Local attractions (Tours)

(2) Distance to travel

(6) Entertainment/Family Events

(3) Time of year

(7) Availability of liquor & beer in hospitality room

(4) Cost

(8) Linked with US Submarine Vets Conventions

6) How many days are ideal? (Not counting arrival and departure travel days)

1 - **(0)** 2 - **(12)** 3 - **(26)** 4 - **(15)** 5 - **(5)** 6 - **(3)**

7) We have typically held BANG reunions in the fall (Sept - Nov). What is the best time for you?

Spring **(10)** Summer **(15)** Fall **(36)** Winter **(3)**

8) If you have never attended a BANG reunion what has been the main reason?

Not Interested **(0)** Health Reasons **(3)** Can't Afford It **(4)** Still Working **(8)**

Other: **(Conflicting Dates, Distance, Hunting Season, Wife Not Interested)**



REUNION UPDATE



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Branson Missouri is awaiting the crew of USS BANG SS385. We will celebrate our 64th annual reunion during the week of the 7th of October. I and my wife, Penny are honored to be your hosts.

Where is Branson? Branson is conveniently located in southwest Missouri, within a day's drive of one third of the country's population. Branson is 11 miles north of the Arkansas state line and 39 miles south of Interstate 44 in Springfield, MO. The four-lane U.S. Highway 65 leads south from Springfield into Branson or north from Harrison, AR. If you check your map or atlas where the States of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma come together and look just to the East you'll see Branson, just north of the AR border.

For those of you who choose to fly in, the area is served by the Springfield/Branson Airport in Springfield, MO. It is approximately 43 miles from Branson and serves all of Southwest Missouri with 66 daily flights connecting to eight international airports via five airlines. These five airlines offer direct flight to and from Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas/Ft Worth, Denver, Detroit, Memphis, Minneapolis and St. Louis.

The airport offers rental car services from the most popular agencies and there are several shuttle services also.

What Is There To Do?

The Shows: All of Branson's entertainment and activities are based on family values and with more than 40 theaters and over 100 morning, matinee, and evening shows, there is something for every taste. Jim Stafford, Paul Harris, Yakov Smirnoff, Shogi Tobuchi just to start the list. Variety, comedy, 50/60's, country, gospel, magic, dance, etc.

Shopping: There are over 200 outlet stores in 4 malls. Antique and craft stores and shops abound in the area. In the "Old Town" area of Branson is the newly opened "Branson Landing" which contains upscale stores, eateries, and a Bass Pro Shop store.

Food: 350 restaurants from fast food to elegant gourmet dining—you name it and it is probably here. Of course the area abounds with buffet-style eating. Remember when the "All-You-Can-Eat" places locked their doors when they saw a pair of dolphins approaching?

Attractions: "Silver Dollar City", takes you back to how life was in the 1890's. "Celebration City", the latest of the theme parks, with over 20 rides. The "Branson Belle", a stern-wheel riverboat offers dinner and show cruises on Table Rock Lake. "Dixie Stampede", Dolly Parton's dinner theater. "Shepherd of the Hills", brings to life the novel made famous by Harold Bell Wright acted out on a life size stage. "Veterans Memorial Museum", honoring those who served. These are just a few.

Money: I think most of you will be surprised at how far your buck will go here. I know that I was pleasantly surprised after moving here from the San Francisco Bay area.

The Natives: They are friendly. I have found the people in this area to be very patriotic and appreciative of our veterans. No "Dogs and Sailors Keep Off the Lawn" signs here.

Weather: October should be comfortably warm and dry. Maybe a sweater or jacket in the evening.

SPRINGFIELD

The OZARK-RUNNER SS476 BASE of USSVI and American Legion Post 639 have invited us up for a day to visit the "USS LAPON Sail and Submarine Memorial". The memorial consists of the USS LAPON's (SSN661) sail afloat in a sea of roses, surrounded by a memorial brick walkway. They also have offered to throw a "Port Call" for our visit on Wednesday, 10 October. The "Bang Gang" has chosen this site as one of their memorial sites.

The Branson Convention and Visitors Bureau has the 2007 information packets available. Simply call **1-800-214-3661** and they will mail one to you.

As of this writing many of the activities are on Winter hiatus. We will be able to provide more detail on them by the next issue of the newsletter.

To Contact You Hosts:

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Ozark, MO 65721-8618
1-417-581-1887
rondo_94590@yahoo.com

Put "Bang Reunion" on subject line or envelope.

Ron Athey TM (61-63)

U. S. S. BANG (SS - 385)

64th Anniversary Reunion

Branson, MO

Sunday - October 7th 2007

through

Thursday - October 11th 2007

HEADQUARTERS

To Be Announced Next Issue.



Your Hosts

Ron & Penny Athey

Phone: (417) 581-1887

E-mail: rondo_94590@yahoo.

-  SUNDAY OCT 7th - Check In – Hospitality Room opens at 12:00 noon.
-  MONDAY OCT 8th - TBA
-  TUESDAY OCT 9th - TBA
-  WEDNESDAY OCT 10th - TBA a.m. – Trip to LAPON Memorial.
-  THURSDAY OCT 11th - TBA a.m. – Business Meeting.
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