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WELCOME ABOARD! PHIL HANSEN





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 shipmates have passed away and will be placed on Eternal Patrol.



Edward C. Horter, RM (51-52) ComCrew 2
David G. Cardamone, TM (43-44) WP1
Kopel S. Biars, RM (43-44) WP1,2
Richard L. Baker, Officer (64-65)



SHIPMATES, 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
Barringer	Richard C	1105 Good Choice Rd	Winnemucca	NV	89445-9711	(530) 386-2183	52-55
Mangini	Anthony N	100 Bradley Rd Apt 321	Madison	CT	06443-2691		55-57
Probst	Gary J	126 Driftwood Ln	McCormick	SC	29835-2854	(864) 391-2042	56-59
Secrest	Glenn	53 Sandy Pt Farm Rd Apt 2	Portsmouth	RI	02871-2159		69-70
Spengler	William E	3164 Cheltenham Rd	Toledo	OH	43606-1816		44-46

The following shipmates are a new (found) addition 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
Hansen	Philip E	32925 Penny Ln	Hemet	CA	92545-9529	(951) 926-1988	43-45
Knubel	John A	10237 Sundance Ct	Potomac	MD	20854-4052	(301)365-8846	62-63



THANK YOU!

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



Al Cadenhead
Ike Cohen

Bill Davis
Cris Gurion

Mona Knight
John Knubel

Bill McNeil
Dan Rosenfeld

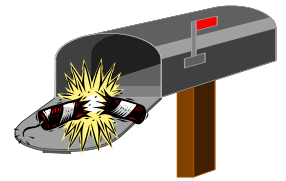
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Ralph Sheffel



THE INTERNET CONNECTION CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

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Harold Dugan .. kodyspal@couleedam.net





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!

Since its induction 15 years ago, this publication has relied on your generous contributions to the Slush Fund to cover its expenses. Because of increased printing and mailing costs (currently \$2.50 per issue) and dwindling contributions over the past few years, our Slush Fund balance is now down to a precarious level. Your Committee will be bringing up this concern for discussion at this year's Business Meeting. In the mean time, we propose the following to help reverse this trend.

We currently have just over 100 shipmates receiving their Newsletter via e-mail. This correlates to a cost reduction of \$1000.00 per year. If any other current Internet user is set up to receive 'pdf' files, we recommend that you try e-mail delivery. Just send me [pebeals385@verizon.net] a request by e-mail and I will run a test to see if this service is for you. If at a later date you decide to revert back to receiving the printed copy, let me know and I will change your delivery. NOTE: I do not recommend you signing up for this if your Internet service is **dial-up**.

As we get older we tend to forget things. Its written in fine print under the description of "Golden Years". If you can't remember the last time you sent our Treasurer a donation then it just might be time to do so - but, only if you can afford it. Please make your check payable to **USS BANG** and mail it to our Treasurer, **Ed DeLong, 894 Indian Creek Rd, Harleysville, PA 19438-1005.**



It is sad to report that we have recently been notified by the family members of two original Plankowner's that they are deceased and our active Roster has been updated accordingly.

David Cardamone, WP1 died in 1995.

Kopel Biars, WP1,2 died in 1997.

Both of these shipmates were at one time receiving our Newsletter before contact was lost.

On the brighter side, I am overjoyed to report that we have just ADDED the name of another Plankowner, **Philip Hansen, MoMM (43-44, WP1,2,3)** to our mailing list. (see front page) I think the odds of this happening is greater that winning the lottery.

His son made contact with us when he saw our Reunion advertised in a service magazine. Phil is alive and well and currently living in CA.



Richard Baker, Dick was a Past Base Commander of the USSVI-Hampton Roads Base and Past President of the WWII SubVets Tidewater Chapter. Additionally, Dick served as National Treasurer for USSVI and Virginia State Commander of the WWII SubVets. He last attended a Reunion in

2000. **Ed Kracker** sent us the following:

CHESAPEAKE. Richard Lee Baker, 79, passed away Tuesday, April 13, 2010, in Sentara Norfolk General Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Richard was born in Kent County, Michigan Feb. 26, 1931, the son of the late James Richard and Doris Cornell Baker. He was an active trustee for Haygood United Methodist Church where he had been a member for numerous years. He retired from the U.S. Navy after 23 years of service having served aboard submarines.

He was an active member in the SUBVETS World War II where he held many posts. He was an avid golfer, he enjoyed crossword puzzles which he completed in pen, and loved going to the gym a couple days a week. Dick looked forward to special lunch meetings with Jess, the smartest friend he knew.

He was predeceased by his first wife and the mother of his children, Lois Jean Baker and his second wife, Gloria Brinkley Kalenowsky. He is survived by his three daughters, LeAnn S. Baker and husband Howie Crist, Deborah Frederick and husband Shawn, and Jana M. Nance and husband Roger and his son, James R. Baker.

Richard is also survived by his four grandchildren, Kelli Marie Evans, Tara M. Jarzombek, Birch W. Nance and Richard Lee Nance and his one great-grandson, Jaden Lee. He also leaves his faithful canine companion, Buddy, and numerous extended family and friends.

Memorial donations may be made in Richard's name to Haygood United Methodist Church, 4713 Haygood Rd, Virginia Beach or SUB VETS.



Ken Davison, CS (71-72) sent us notification of **Ed Horter's** passing on January 25th 2010 at the age of 84. Ed served aboard BANG as a Radioman along with the short lived 2nd Commissioning Crew (51-52). I was unable to locate an obituary for Ed.





Rose Jarvies, widow of **Jack Jarvies**, an Officer (56-57), "Truly if there was an award for the 'Best Newsletter' you would win for each edition!! I enjoy each issue. Thank you for all your hard work. This is an amazing picture of Jack as a midshipman.....I hadn't seen it before. My son, Gregg found it while perusing some old photo albums of the NROTC unit at University of Utah. Yes, "Pride still runs deep"! All is well with me and "all the Jarvies". I'm blessed with good health and seemingly am always "on the go" between family...The blessings of a large family. Presently, I'm president of SubVettes of Hudson Valley, so see **Matt Schmitz** monthly, another "Bang sailor". Can't believe it has been five years since Jack was buried at sea (USS Albany SS753 March 19 2005.) Hello to all!" ... *Rose, thanks for the kudos—makes it all worth while. I guess Jack wasn't well versed in submarines back then.*

Mona Knight, widow of **Ralph Knight**, a MOfMachinistMate (43-46, WP1,3,4,5,6), "Just a few lines to thank you for the Newsletter. I have looked for news about **Bob Jutstrom** for some time. Sad to read of his passing. My sympathy goes out to his family. **June** and **Betty** haven't changed much. My best to both of them. Health wise I'm not doing so well. And, my youngest son passed away last November. I do not drive anymore. There was a Sub Vet up the street but he passed away. I have a ride to the dentist today so I can mail these

snapshots. I came across them in a drawer. I sent Ralph's sister an album that he kept and I have a nice picture of the 50th Reunion in a frame with all the names of the shipmates. Please add this check to the Slush Fund in Ralph's memory. Ralph never forgot his shipmates. My best to all of you."...*Thanks, Mona for the photos and donation. We are sorry to hear that your son in Vermont has passed away and offer you our deepest condolences.*

Cris Gurion, a StewardsMate (58-59), "Regards to all my BANG shipmates. So far the VA treatments for my Rheumatoid Arthritis are working and I can now walk about 95% without the cane but, at times, I still carry it with me just in case. All of my family came by to help me celebrate Memorial Day. Hope your celebration was as good. As I promised, I have enclosed the Slush Fund donation to help with the Newsletter expenses. Keep the Newsletter coming!" ... *Cris, thanks so much for the great card. I really enjoyed it. Glad to hear that you are able to get around now and enjoy your retirement. Thanks also for your donation.*

Dallas Dixon, a MachinistMate (62-65), "I want to thank everyone out there who took the time to buy and read my novel, or to look at it on the websites. I greatly appreciate it. I want to thank Mr. **Richard Barbieri** for writing a great review of the book on Amazon.com. More reviews would be greatly appreciated. The book should be on the sites for a while, yet. I want to let you know that I have setup two different blog sites with the intentions of keeping everyone up to date on the sequel I am now writing. If you are interested, you can find them at **dallasadixon.blogspot.com** and on my author's page at **amazon.com**. If everything goes as planned, the sequel should be out in about two years. Enjoy the summer!" ... *Dallas, glad to hear that you are having success with your writing career. Enough, at least, to warrant a sequel. Good luck with it!*

Al Cadenhead, a Seaman (44-45, WP3,4,5,6), "I want to apologize to all the "Bang Gang" for not keeping in touch. Thanks go to my devoted sons and their wives for helping me get over the death of my wife, Marion and deal with some health issues. I am still weak and doddering but I plan to attend the Reunion in New London this year. My best to all BANG shipmates and look forward to seeing all of you in New London." ... *Welcome back, Al and thanks for you Slush Fund donation. Happy to hear that you are recovering from your ailments and will be joining us in September. Your attendance will be most gratifying to all of us who will be there.*

Dan Rosenfeld, a MOrMachinistMate (43-46, WP1,2,3,4,5,6), "I hope this letter finds all my BANG shipmates well and in the best of health. Goldie still has pain in her right shoulder and my left eye is not working but we just keep doing everything. I just finished making a DVD in Kings Bay for the Library of Congress and Goldie and I plan to attend the National in Cincinnati this September. Hope we see a lot of BANG shipmates there.

Enclosed is a check for the Slush Fund." ... *Thanks Rosie for your on-going donation. Happy to hear that you and Goldie are not letting your ailments get you down and that you continue to be active. If you have an extra copy of that DVD, I would love to add it to our BANG memorabilia collection. Have a great time at the National and then maybe a side trip to New London afterward???*

Gary Probst, an ENgineman (56-59), "Sorry to get this to you so late. We have been moving since last November and are finally settled in a new home. Please send the newsletter by email in the future.

Sorry to see so many of our shipmates departing from this life. Makes us realize how old we are getting!" ... *Gary, thanks for updating your addresses and electing to receive the Newsletter by e-mail. Hope you and Dae are finally settled down. Moving is not a fun thing to do.*

Bill Davis, a MachinistMate (63-65), "This check is for the slush fund, sorry it's been so long.

I doubt if I will make the reunion this year due to health issues—I lost Karen 3 years ago & things just aren't the same—but I'm hoping to make another one. Wish the "gang" well & keep up the good work!" ... *Bill, thanks for the donation. Sorry to hear about the loss of your wife. Some other shipmates that have experienced the same fate have said that attending a Reunion has helped them adjust to the loss. Why not give it a try???*

Dick Barringer, a SOnarman (52-55), "Getting myself together to leave California.....mainly for health reasons. I'll be moving to Winnemucca, NV next week. I expect to have a knee replacement soon and I just can no longer manage the mountains. The high desert will be much better for me, both physically and mentally. My legs are no longer what they used to be.....isn't that odd for a young 78 ???

I will miss my family here and all the tall pines. But, I am looking forward to another beginning. I'm very uncertain about spending much time at Meadow Lake this summer. I'll know on the 20th of July what they plan on doing for my knee. Right now, that is

the most important thing to be done.

My heart is doing fine and I still have a clot on the brain that hasn't absorbed yet. I have the usual aches and pains that go with the "Golden Years", but they are tolerable.

There will be so much more to do in Winnemucca as the town is only 15 minutes away from the house. Lots of landscaping to do around the house plus 10 acres to work on. Shouldn't be too much of a problem with the new tractor and all the time in the world." ... *Dick, hope this is your last move and it agrees with you. Good luck with the knee replacement and your new home.*

On the first day, God created the dog and said: 'Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years.'

The dog said: 'That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back ten?' So God agreed.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said: 'Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span.'

The monkey said: 'Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the Dog did?' And God agreed.

On the third day, God created the cow and said: 'You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years.'

The cow said: 'That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?' And God agreed again.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said: 'Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years.'

But the human said: 'Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?'

'Okay,' said God, 'You asked for it.' So that is why for our first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

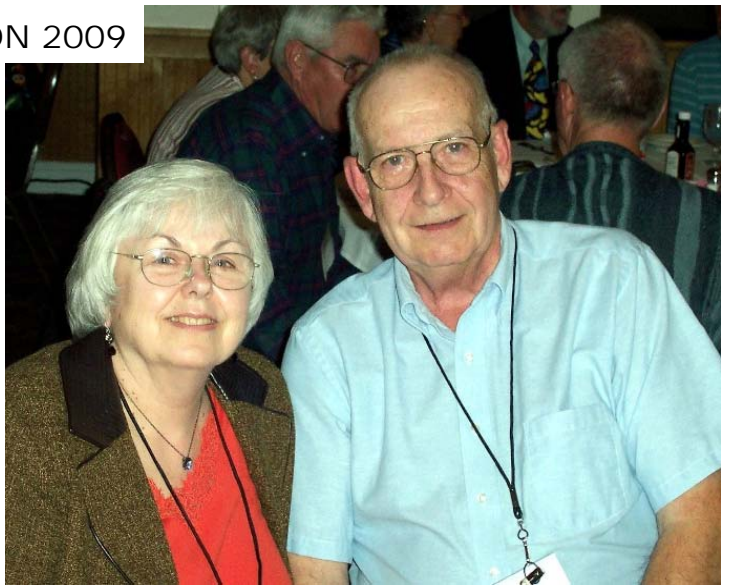
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June & Paull Anderson



Marlene & Fritz Carlson



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Len Fagotti & Marilyn Barratt



Ralph & Claire Gates



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REUNION UPDATE 2010



NEW LONDON, CT



August 26th August 26th August 26th
Shipmates, Just a reminder that ALL Trip, Banquet, and Hotel registrations must be received by **August 26th** to guarantee your reservation. All forms that are received after **August 26th** will be accepted only if space is available.

So far, I have received Registration Forms from the following: Al Cadenhead, George Demmons, Len Fagotti, Bill Fenton, Ralph Gates, Dean Hadfield, John Kraft, Ed Moran, John Regish, and Harry Ross.

The hotel has blocked off 60 rooms for us until **August 26th**. After that date they will release all unreserved rooms to the public so make your reservations before then. The price for a double is \$89 plus tax and this rate is good for 3 days before and after the reunion for those who wish to extend their stay. Standard amenities, such as coffee makers, hair dryers, irons/ironing boards and complimentary high-speed wireless Internet access and weekday newspapers are included with all rooms. A heated indoor pool and a workout room is also available to all guests.

At the time of check-in, you may purchase coupons for a full breakfast buffet for two for \$15. The regular price is \$12.95 per person. If you do not want to purchase the full breakfast buffet, you can still order from the menu.

We have three bus trips planned for your enjoyment.

On **Tuesday, Sept 28th** we will leave the hotel at 9:30 and travel to Stoney Creek. Once there, we will transfer to a school bus shuttle that will take us to the dock where we board the boat for a 45 minute cruise around the Thimble Islands in Long Island Sound (thimbleislands.com). Interesting stories about the buildings and residents living there will be narrated during the tour. Then, returning to our bus, we will motor to Griswold Inn (Griswoldinn.com) in the picturesque town of Essex for lunch and a little site-seeing before returning to New London at 2:30.

Wednesday, Sept 29 we will leave the hotel at 9:45 (subject to change) to tour the Sub Base in the morning, and after lunch at the Base galley there will be free time to tour the Nautilus Museum before returning.

Wednesday evening our bus to Foxwoods Casino will leave at 5:00 pm. The \$25 cost Includes a \$15 coupon for Keno bets and a \$10 food coupon that can be used at any restaurant or buffet. The bus departs Foxwoods at 10:30 pm.

If enough people show interest, we are thinking about reserving the Radisson van(s) for a possible trip to Mystic Village, Aquarium or Seaport after the business meeting on **Thursday**. The cost would be \$10 round trip. If interested, please check the box on your Registration Form.

The banquet **Thursday evening** will feature your choice of: **chicken** stuffed with cranberries, apples & gorgonzola cheese; Stuffed **filet of sole** with a light champagne sauce; or roasted top round of **beef**. All entrees are served with a mixed green salad, vegetable, roasted red potatoes, dessert, and coffee/tea. Entertainment will also be provided.

For those that are flying, the closest commercial airfield is Green Airport in Providence, RI. Since this is over an hour's drive away, we are looking into the possibility of using the Radisson van for pick-up and return. The cost would be cheaper than hiring a taxi or renting a car. If you would be interested in this service please indicate so on the Registration Form and fill in your flight information.

If we can get several couples arriving and departing within a reasonable time frame, we will make the arrangements with the Hotel otherwise, we will make some other kind of arrangement for you.

As an alternative to flying, you may want to consider traveling by rail. Our Hotel is only a couple of blocks from the railroad station and Amtrak makes frequent stops there daily.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have pertaining to the Reunion. We want to make it as pleasurable for you as it will be for us having you as our guests.

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Monday - September 27th 2010
through

Thursday - September 30th 2010

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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27th - Check In - Hospitality Room opens at 12:00 noon.



TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 28th - 9:30 a.m. - Thimble Islands Tour.



WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29th - 9:45 a.m. - Submarine Base & Museum
5:00 p.m. - Foxwoods Casino



THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30th - 9:00 a.m. - Business Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Banquet – Cash Bar – Entertainment



PLEASE NOTE!!!



CHANGES IN REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

This year we are handling Reunion registration a little differently. The Registration Form has been split in two—one form for the trips and one form for the banquet and hospitality room. SEE >>>>

(1.) Fill out the Trip Form (TOP) for all the scheduled trips you wish to take and mail it along with your check, made payable to MYSTIC INFO CENTER, to the address on the top of the form. If you plan on taking the Sub Base Tour, you MUST print the full name and the last four digits of the social security number for all in your party that are attending. NO EXCEPTIONS. For those attending the Thimble Islands Cruise, please remember to select your luncheon entree. Please note that the deadline for all trip reservations is **AUGUST 26TH**.

You may contact Mystic Info Center at (860) 536-1641.

(2.) Complete the Banquet and Hospitality Room Form (BOTTOM) and send it to the address at its top along with your check made payable to RALPH GATES. Please remember to select your banquet dinner entrée. Also note that the hospitality room stipend is now \$10 per PERSON as was voted on at our last Business Meeting. The deadline for Banquet reservations is **AUGUST 26TH**.

(3.) Call the Hotel direct to book your room. One night's deposit holds your reservation. There will be no guarantee of available rooms after **AUGUST 26TH** so make your reservations before then. Remember **AUGUST 26TH** deadline. It will be here before you know it.

Mail To: Mystic Info Center—Olde Mistick Village—Mystic, CT 06355 by **AUGUST 26TH**

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

FULL NAME: _____ SS#(last 4 digits)

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE NO: (____) ____ - ____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

SPOUSE / GUEST FULL NAME: _____ SS#

GUEST FULL NAME: _____ SS#

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NUMBER TAKING THIMBLE ISLAND CRUISE: _____ @ \$63.00 per person. = _____

Please specify luncheon choice(s) (HOW MANY?): _____ - Pork Loin or _____ - Baked Cod

NUMBER TAKING SUB BASE TOUR: _____ @ \$29.00 per person. = _____

NUMBER TAKING FOXWOODS TRIP: _____ @ \$25.00 per person. = _____

Make check payable to Mystic Info Center TOTAL _____



Mail To: Ralph Gates—14 Ridge Circle—Storrs Mansfield, CT 06268-1612 by **AUGUST 26TH**

YES, I/WE PLAN TO ATTEND THE REUNION. RATE/RANK: _____

NAME: _____ YEARS ABOARD BANG: _____ to _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE NO: (____) ____ - ____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

SPOUSE'S / GUEST'S NAME(S): _____

ARRIVAL DATE: ___/___/___ DEPART DATE: ___/___/___ E-MAIL: _____

YES, I/WE ARE INTERESTED IN THE AIRPORT SHUTTLE.

FLIGHT ARRIVAL TIME: ___:___ FLIGHT # _____ AIRLINES _____

YES, I/WE ARE INTERESTED IN THE SHUTTLE TO MYSTIC.

NUMBER ATTENDING BANQUET:..... @ \$45.00 per person. = _____

Please specify entrée choice(s) (HOW MANY?): _____ - Chicken _____ - Beef _____ - Fish

HOSPITALITY ROOM STIPEND:@ \$10.00 per person. = _____

Make check payable to Ralph Gates TOTAL _____

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