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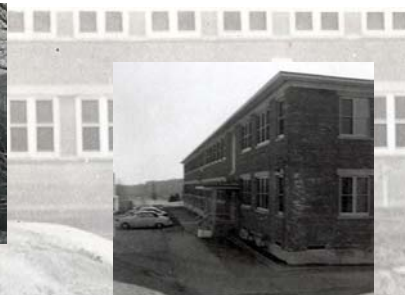
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IN THE BEGINNING....





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.



William H. Payne III, ETCM (67-69) COB



Francis R. Calaghan, TM (52-54)

Beecher A. Allen, ENCA (59)

SHIPMATES, REST YOUR OARS!

The following shipmate has changed his 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
Maney	James L	1 Bishop Gadsden Way A337	Charleston	SC	21412-3575	(843) 406-7856	57-59

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
Kuhse	Glenn M	1440 Camper View Rd	San Dimas	CA	91773-3924		51-52
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THANK YOU!

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



Sherman Alexander
William Anderson
Peggy Brumsted
John Caldwell
Marv Christenson
Roger Clark

Polly Clarke(Perren)
William Coll
Don Corzine
Mike Cox
Willie Creel
Joe Cronin

Bill Fenton
Bert Findly
Bob Gunny
Carl Hagenkotter
Phil Hansen
Larry Harjehausen

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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!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I have always known BANG shipmates to step forward when help was asked of them and you have answered again with your donations and requests to start receiving the Newsletter via e-mail.

Our Treasurer, **Ed DeLong** has reported to me that since our last mailing the status of our Slush Fund has gone from a large DOWN bubble to a slight UP bubble. Your continuing generosity to support this Newsletter is nonpareil as I doubt there is another Boat organization operating as we do. Shipmate helping shipmate.

Some of you also contacted me requesting that you be switched to the Internet mailing list. In doing so, you have helped reduce the two major costs of the Newsletter—printing and postage, which continue to rise. This reduction in turn cuts down on the demand to keep a higher balance in our Slush Fund to cover our operating costs.

So, once again I thank you for responding to my plea in the previous issue and assuring me that though all Submariners are great people, BANG Submariners are the best. Camaraderie that nurtured for 29 years and is still thriving after 67 years.

If anyone else would like to try receiving the Newsletter by e-mail, send me a request by e-mail [pebeals385@juno.com] and I will run a test to see if this service is for you. If it's not, I will keep you on the USPS delivery. NOTE: I do not recommend you signing up for this if your Internet service is **dial-up**.

Also, I'm sure Ed would be happy to accept any donation you wish to make to help keep our Slush Fund in a solvent state. Please make your check payable to **USS BANG** and mail it to our Treasurer, **Ed DeLong, 894 Indian Creek Rd, Harleysville, PA 19438-1005.**

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: If you have been contacting me by e-mail, I have reverted to my old address [pebeals385@juno.com].

Please make sure that this is the address in your address book. Even though I have no intention of using my **verizon.net** address, It will remain open for a while and be monitored from time to time.

For those of you still procrastinating your Reunion

plans, please note that AUGUST 26th is almost nigh so **do it now** to guarantee a room at the hotel and a seat at any of the activities you wish to attend. After that date all guarantees are off. No guarantee that you will get a hotel room and no guarantee that you will get a seat on any of the bus trips or banquet.

The hotel accepts cancellations up to 24 hours from your date of arrival without any penalty and the Bang Gang guarantee will reimburse you any prepaid expenses you mailed in to our Reunion Hosts. You have nothing to lose but a few minutes of your time so don't wait any longer.

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Evan Payne, grandson of **William Payne**, Electronics Tech Chief, (67-69, COB) informed us of his passing on August 6, 2005 and requested that we update our roster.

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Bill Fenton and Dick Barringer sent me notification of Frank Calaghan's death. Frank last attended our 2004 Reunion in Taunton, MA.

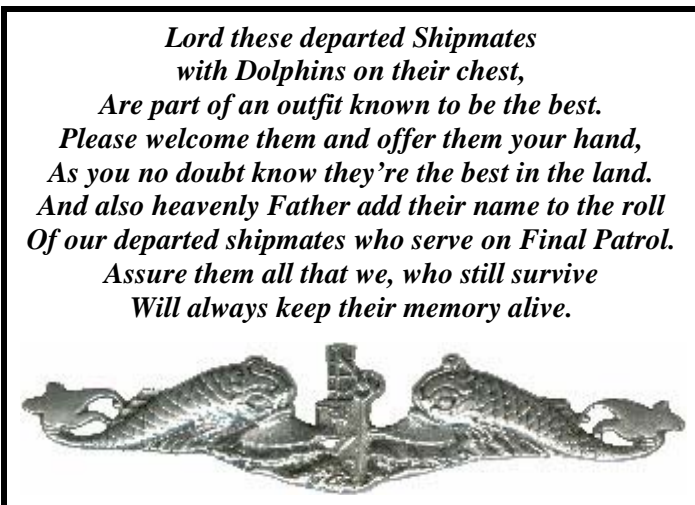


Frank CALLAGHAN, 78, of Northport, NY formerly of Dix Hills, NY, died on July 19, 2010, after a long battle with cancer. Frank graduated from Brooklyn Preparatory School and Fordham University and was a retired Sales and Marketing executive.

In the Navy from 1950-1954, he proudly served as a qualified Submariner on USS Bang SS385 during the Korean and Cold wars. Life member of both Flatbush Council #497 Knights of Columbus and Huntington Elk Lodge #1565 BPOE. An avid golfer, and a member of the Huntington Senior Golf Club, his only regret was that he did not play more golf. Loving husband of Joan; beloved father to Frank (Theresa), Diane Dwyer (Robert), and Brian (Margaret); brother to Jerry Callaghan. Cherished grandfather to Mary, Tracey, Ann, Kerry, and John Callaghan; and Brendan, and Shannon Dwyer. Burial service was held at St. Charles Cemetery, Farmingdale.

Beecher Allen, a Chief Engineman served aboard BANG briefly in 1959.

Beecher Albertis Allen, 84, of Camp Verde, AZ died November 16, 2009. He was born October 2, 1925 in Morrilton, Arkansas the son of Beecher A. Allen, Sr. and Bertha I. Wheeler Allen. Mr. Allen attended Attica, Indiana schools. He served his country during World War II in the Navy submarine service. Following his retirement from the Navy in 1963, he worked for NASA and also was a restaurant owner and operator. He enjoyed playing the steel guitar and hiking in the Sedona red rocks. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Anne Allen. Mr. Allen is survived by a sister Betty Hamilton (Bob) of Tucson; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Reunion.....

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Don Corzine, a Rescued Hellcat Pilot (45, WP6), "I was the Navy fighter pilot shot down by Jap ach ach 4/20/45 and rescued the next day by USS BANG off Ishigaki in the Sakashima Gunto. I'm grateful to **Cmdr. Bagby and the crew of BANG** for making the rest of my life possible.

A couple of weeks ago I was doing some delayed spring cleaning and I came across a box that I hadn't seen before. In it were Submariner's dolphins. They were appropriately green with age as they had been there for perhaps 65 plus years. So I did get awarded dolphins by the crew of BANG.

I had forgotten the award and even today I can't remember it but, I do remember spending 3 1/2 weeks aboard BANG standing watches as a forward topside lookout as the sub lay on the surface to

recharge her batteries.

Unfortunately, my mental hard drive increasingly has vacant spaces but I have the crew of BANG to thank for the dolphins. Hope you and yours are all well and prospering."*Don, what a great find after all these years and remember, they come with no expiration date. So, polish them up and wear them with pride Submariner.*

Guy Medaglia, an ENgineman (55-56), "Just a small note to say "Hi" and order some BANG caps. My wife and I had our health problems but everything is going fine now. We may be able to see you at the Reunion in September."....*Thanks Guy for your donation and cap order. I am happy to hear that you and Rose Marie are contemplating attending the Reunion. It sure would be great seeing you again after all these years. Even if it is only for a day or two.*

Peggy Brumsted, widow of **Robert Brumsted**, CO (59-60), "My BANG friend and fellow church member, **Bill Coll**, has been giving me his issues of the Bang Gang Newsletter. Bill had his first sub duty when my husband, Bob Brumsted, was Commanding Officer of BANG. Bob took command from **Stu Savage** in 1959. It was Bob's first sub command.

After Nuclear training he was ordered to build and take command of USS Tinosa (SSN606), the sister ship of the ill-fated USS Thresher. He later was CO Blue Crew of USS Daniel Boone (SSBN629) stationed in Guam.

The Navy provided us an enriching life for 29 years, making wonderful friendships and living in a variety of locations in the U.S. and also places like the Panama Canal Zone in the late 40's, when Bob had his first sub duty on Cutlass (SS478), and for 3 1/2 years in Australia in the early 50's when Bob was Asst. Naval Attache to Australia and New Zealand. The family also resided in Honolulu when he had command of Daniel Boone.

Unfortunately Bob died much too early of Lymphoma Cancer when he turned 70—that was 16 years ago. How truly pleasant it is for me now to read the Bang Gang Newsletter and, on occasion, have someone mention my dear Bob or a crew member whom I remember. Continue your good work in getting out the BANG news." ... *Peggy, thank you for sending us the synopsis of Bob's bio. An enriching life indeed. It is my pleasure to add you to our mailing list and I thank you for your Slush Fund donation.*

Mike Cox, a TorpedoMan (69-71), "Thank you so much for the Newsletter. I enjoy it very much. I've been pleased to see several of my shipmates appear in it over the last couple of years. Also

saddened by their passing.

I've been trying to get to a Reunion for several years but my wife has had trouble getting away. We are planning on coming this year. It will be good to see Groton again."....*Thanks for the donation Mike. We are pleased to hear you and Debbie will be joining us in New London this year. See you soon!*

Ike Cohen, a StoreKeeper (70), "I spoke to **John Monroe** today and found out he is NOT doing so well. He's got liver issues and has been extremely tired and run down after he had a near fatal incident at the hospital back in June. He has stopped drinking booze completely but is still smoking. He lost a lot of weight and is on a strict diet. He is at home now, mentioning he probably won't make the reunion unless things get better. He has a high medical bill to pay as he hasn't been able to get to the VA yet so all his visits have not been covered as he has no medical insurance at all.

It sounds to me like he could use some support of any kind but mostly someone to talk to, or get a letter from."....*Thanks, Ike, for passing on the info about John. He has been supportive of the Gang over the past years with his video sales and Reunion attendance. Shipmates, please take a little time now to either write of phone John and let him know just how much we appreciate his support.*

John, our best wishes and prayers go out to you along with hope for a speedy recovery.

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Bert Findly, XO (52-54, ComCrew3), "I enjoy getting the Bang Gang Newsletter and am elated to find someone writing in that served when I did (52-54). Keep up the good work please."....*Bert, thank you for your donation and input. I hope everything is well with you.*

Carl Hagenkotter, a YoemaN (52-54, ComCrew3), "Hope this will help. Yes, the "Golden Years" do have something to do with my memory also. My best to all shipmates!" ... *Carl, thanks for your contribution and your continued support of the "Gang".*

Larry Harjehausen, an Officer (57-60), "Here is a small contribution for the BANG Slush Fund. You do a great job on the Newsletter and I hope that this donation will keep my hard copy coming. Warmest regards to all shipmates!" ... *Larry, your donation most definitely insures the existence of your hard copy. Thank you!*

Earl Lamb, a TorpedoMan (56), "After riding subs for a 28 year career I have never forgotten my first time going to sea on a submarine. It was in 1956 onboard BANG while I was in Sub School. I enjoy receiving the Bang Gang Newsletter." ... *Earl, usually they save the best for last. Somehow your career got reversed. Thanks for your donation and don't forget our upcoming Reunion. Hope to see you there.*

Polly Clarke, widow of **George Perren**, an ENgineman (51-52, ComCrew2), "Thanks to all for the Bang Gang Newsletter. I enjoy them very much. Before George died he talked all the time about the subs. Even though I don't know you in person, your members are in my thoughts and prayers." ... *Thanks for the donation Polly. We thank you for your prayers and hope all is well with you.*

Phil Hansen, a MotorMachinistMate (43-45, WP1,2,3), "I received your newsletter and wish to thank you and everyone else for your concern. I am in good health and enjoy all the news about the good old BANG!" ... *Thanks, Phil, for your donation. We're happy to hear the you are still in good health and hope you continue to be for many years to come.*

Norman Wood, a Firecontrol Tech (56-61), "A short note to thank you for the great Bang Gang Newsletter. My wife and I enjoy each and every one and look forward to their arrival. Keep up the great work!"....*Norman, happy to hear that you and Frances are enjoying the Newsletter and your donation assures that there will be many more to come. Thank you!*

Art Rousseau, an Electronics Tech (67), "Although I was only on BANG for 2 months in 1967, I took my first dive on her and it was very memorable. After going to "ET" school they wouldn't send me back and I was sent to USS Dace SSN607 instead. But, diesel was in my blood. I haven't been able to make any of the Reunions but, hopefully, as things slow down with work I will be able to make a few. You can start sending the Newsletter to me by e-mail. I'm the editor of the newsletter for the Oklahoma Psychiatric Physicians Association and I understand the time and energy you have to put into a newsletter, so thanks so much. I look forward to the next publication."....*Art, like with any addiction, once you get a taste of it, it's hard to forget it. Though your tenure aboard BANG was short lived, we are happy that it was memorable for you. Thank you for your donation and electing to receive the Newsletter on line. I hope to see you at a Reunion real soon.*

William Coll, an Officer (59-61), "Enclosed is a contribution for the BANG slush fund. I was a junior officer on BANG from Jan 59 to 1961 and enjoy many fond memory's as well as the newsletter. Thank you for your service." ... *Bill, enjoy hearing from you and thanks for your donation. Hope to see you at a Reunion sometime to relive some of those memories.*

Roger Clark, a SignalMan (44-46, WP3,4,5,6), "Thank you for sending the BANG newsletter. We enjoy reading it. I was 86 years young on June 24th and we will be married 62 years on Sept. 4th 2010." ... *Roger, thanks for your donation. We wish you and Burdell a happy anniversary and hope you both have many, many more birthdays and anniversaries.*

Richard Barringer, a SONarman (52-54, ComCrew3), "Well, I'm totally settled in to my new location in Winnemucca, Nevada. I love it here.... surrounded by mountains, fantastic sunrises and sunsets, great weather (a little warm), plenty of stores, restaurants, and casinos, lots of work to do on the ten acres (I really enjoy that part). What more could I ask for? I definitely made the right move!!! No new health problems (amazing). The cortisone shot that the VA gave me in my knee has helped a lot, along with the dryer weather. I hope to get up to Meadow Lake next week. I plan on staying for at least the month of August, maybe into September. Looking forward to that. It will seem strange not to be Camp Host, but I'm certain that I made the right choice by resigning at the end of the season last year. Everyone have a great Summer!!!!!!" ... *Richard, happy to hear that your health problems are now behind you and that you are now able to get around as before.*

Sherman Alexander, XO (67-69), "I just mailed a contribution to **Ed DeLong** for the USS Bang "slush fund". Many thanks for your work as Editor of the outstanding newsletter. It was distressing to read of the passing of **Dick Baker** who served with me when I was XO during 1967 to 1969. Dick was a fine officer who brought great submarine know-how to BANG from his prior experience as a torpedoman and officer in the submarine service. I've been living down here in St. Petersburg, Florida since I retired in 1996 from the civilian work force following retirement from the Navy in 1986. I frequently see **Roger Betts** who I relieved as XO in '67. He is living just south of here in Sarasota. Keep up the good work with the newsletter, it brings back many memories of my time on the boat and all the shipmates I served

with." ... *Bud, thank you for the Slush Fund donation. I keep forgetting that you are just 'down the road' from me. Maybe we can get together for a chat this winter.*

James Hampton, an Electronics Tech (67-68), "Thanks for keeping me informed. Getting the Newsletter via Email has been great. One of these days when my Daughter is not longer playing Volley Ball during the reunions I will get to one. Y'all seem to schedule them in the fall during volleyball season. She is a senior in college now and this should be her final season. So Maybe next year. I'd have loved to make the New London one as it would bring back memories and allow my wife to maybe understand what it was like back then. Maybe next year." ... *Jim, stick with the volleyball games. New London isn't going anywhere but, your daughter's games are a one time shot. And, the one you miss is going to be her best one—Murphy's Law. See you in 2011.*

Dave Ireland, a TorpedoMan (66-69), "Just a little something for the Slush Fund. Thanks for the Newsletters. I really enjoy them." ... *Thanks for your "little" something Dave. Your support of the Slush Fund guarantees the Newsletters will keep coming.*

Len Sciuto, a QuaterMaster (69-71), "I have been working for and with the Coast Guard since our last reunion on the spill in the Gulf. I put together a team and made a proposal to improve pollution response on the beaches. If approved, my financial problems will be solved. I am hoping it does so I can perpetuate my deceased wife's scholarship fund, give some money to the church (for air conditioning) and give some to the Bang Gang (newsletter et al) as well. I do believe in Divine Intervention. So, if you do, please say a prayer for us all. I sure want to help you keep things going. As far as the newsletter goes, please see my new email address above. My computer got hacked into a few months ago and I had to change everything. Yes, you can send the newsletter electronically (in pdf format please) rather than postal service. It will save you some bucks. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next reunion in CT. Take care, keep well and God Bless us---everyone." ... *Len, sorry to hear about your break-in. it's a shame we have to live in a world of idiots who derive pleasure at the expense of others. Yes, I will pray that your ship comes in but, in the mean time, look on Page 2 at the list shipmates that have stepped forward to help keep our operation afloat.*

Glenn Kuhse, a RadioMan (51-52, ComCrew2), "I was a radioman on the 1951 commissioning crew. I would appreciate getting the newsletters."... *Welcome aboard, Glenn. You are now on the list for all future mailings.*

William Anderson, an Officer (68), "Enclosed is a contribution to the "Slush Fund" to assist in covering the expenses of publishing and mailing the "Bang Gang Newsletter."

I appreciate your efforts on behalf of the Crew of BANG. I enjoyed serving in her and have fond memories. I especially appreciated the skipper I served under, **CDR Jim High** and I have a sighed copy of the picture he arranged to have taken of BANG when she was leaving San Juan, Puerto Rico. The fortress in the foreground is El Morro in old San Juan. I am enclosing a copy of this picture." ... *Thanks for the donation, William. Also thanks for the great photo of BANG. It will be added to our scrapbook.*



NAVAL WEBSITES OF INTEREST: If you are former Navy, these Web sites should interest you, particularly those of you who served at sea onboard ships:

Cold War Medal - www.foxfall.com/cwm.htm#OBTAIN

Decommissioned ships - www.navy.mil/navydata/ships/lists/decoms.asp - What happened to your ship?

Destroyer Online - www.destroyersonline.com - Alphabetical listing of ships, their crews, and contact data.

DOD Dictionary of Military Terms - www.dtic.mil/doctrine/dod_dictionary

Homeports and the ships assigned list (current) www.navy.mil/navydata/ships/lists/homeport.asp

HullNumber.com - www.hullnumber.com - Provides a means for shipmates of all ships to locate and keep in touch with one another.

Military Funeral Honors - www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil/intro.html - History of Taps

Military Records of World War II Veterans - www.ibiblio.org/hyperwar/USN/USN-ref.html

National Association of Destroyer Veterans - www.destroyers.org/index.html - Alphabetical listing of all destroyer class ships, their crews, and individual's contact data.

Naval Service Terms, Traditions and Customs - www.bluejacket.com/sea-service_tradition.htm

Naval Vessel Register - www.nvr.navy.mil - Where your old ship is located now

Navy Ships Alphabetical lists with their homeports - www.navy.mil/navydata/ships/lists/shipalpha.asp

The Official White Pages - www.whitepages.com - Locate people in U.S. by name, city, state and zip

The Wall on the Web - www.vietvet.org/thewall/thewallm.html

Together-We-Served - www.navy.togetherweserved.com - Lists 486,560 profiles and contact info for current/ former serving members of the USN.

Traditions, Customs and Terminology of our Naval Heritage - www.history.navy.mil/nhc11.htm

U.S. Navy Mortuary Affairs Burial at Sea Program - www.news.navy.mil/navydata/questions/burial.html

U.S. Navy ratings lists - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_United_States_Navy_ratings

USNO Master Clock Time - <http://tycho.usno.navy.mil/what.html>

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall - <http://thewall-usa.com>

Welcome to 411 Locate - www.411locate.com





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1967—Dougherty, Melici, LeBlanc



1967— Anderson



1967— Dougherty, Anderson



1967— Jones, Terry, ? , Dougherty, Ireland



1967— Dunterman, ? , Tynan



1967— Fedyna, Melici, LeBlanc



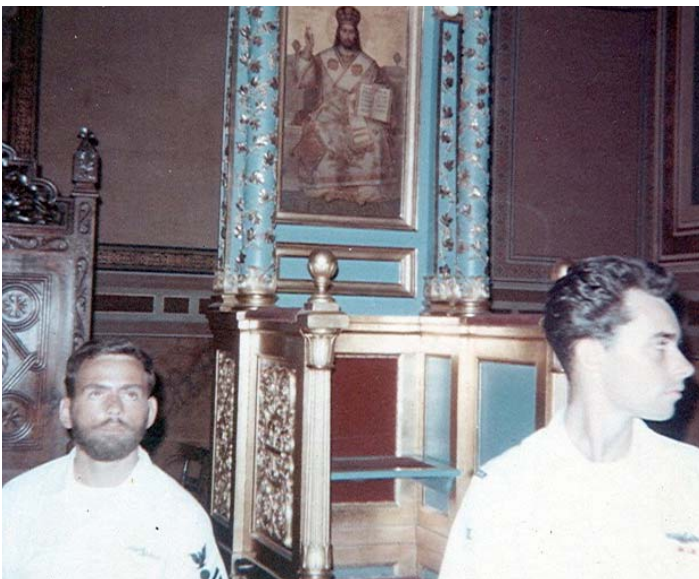
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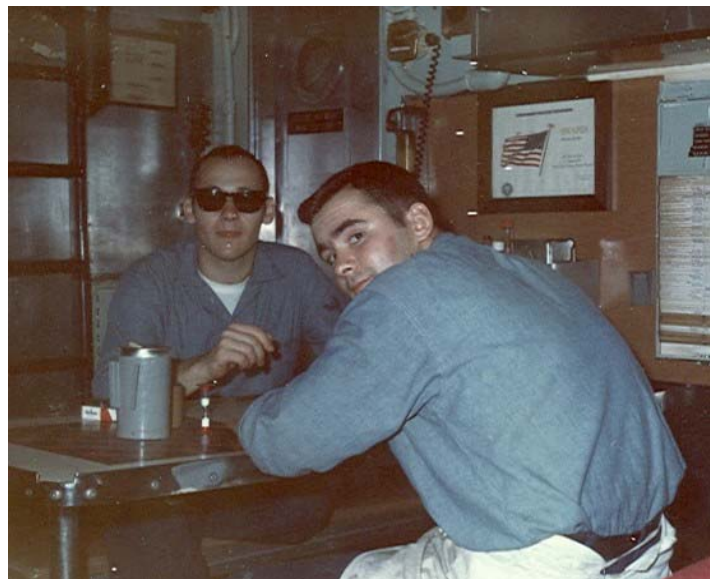
1967— Jones



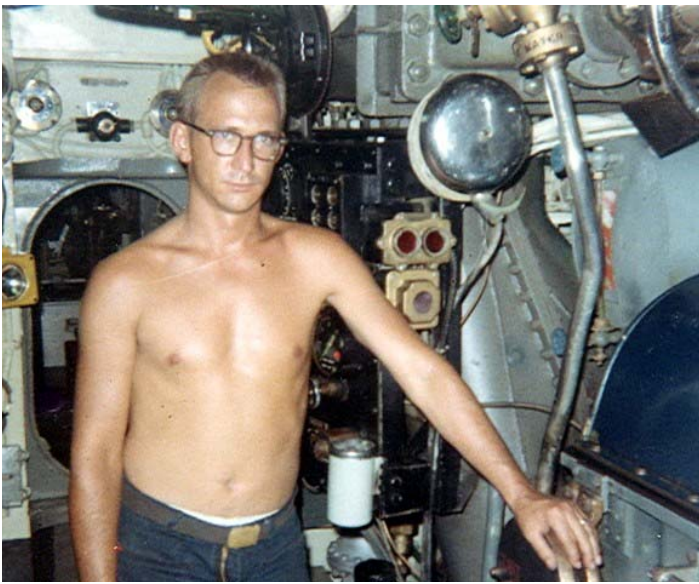
1967— LeBlanc



1968— ? , OBrien



1968— Fedyna, Cleary



1968— Lockwood



1968— Topside picnic during Bonifacio Passage



1968— ?



1968— Sanders, Fedyna, OBrien, Evins, ?



1968— Payne, ?



1968— ?



1968— Wenz, Terry, Phipps



1972— Sprock



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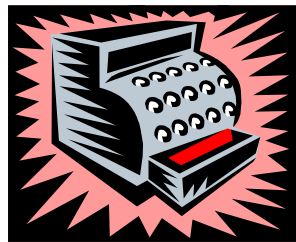
Anyone recognize who the “?” are please let me know. Thanks - Phil

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
New Mexico Vets Memorial - Albuquerque, NM - Engraved Walkway Brick
Nimitz WWII Museum-Fredericksburg, TX - Brass Plaque on Memorial Courtyard Wall
USSVI San Diego Base-CA - Parade Float carrying model of BANG sail

BANG VIDEOS NOW ON SALE!



**BACK TO
SCHOOL
SALE!!**

John Monroe is still offering these videos for sale:

- (1). 1993 Reunion in Portsmouth, NH.
- (2). 1994 Reunion in Portsmouth, VA.
- (3). A compilation of photos and 8mm film recording BANG's history throughout her Commissioned years and featured highlights of a 1970-1971 Med Cruise.

Though the source documents are vintage, the quality of the reproduction media is very good.

John is offering these videos for \$20.00 each in either VHS tape or CD/DVD format. And, he will send a portion of the proceeds to our Slush Fund.

John also states that if you have difficulty playing the DVD recording on your player, call him and he will rectify the problem.

Anyone interested in purchasing any or all of these videos contact John by phone or mail at the following:

**1029 Bush St. Apt. B
Red Wing, MN 55066-3470
(651) 380-5358**

Show your pride when touring Sub School with a new BANG cap and some patches or pins!

All items will be sold by mail or at our Reunions. Send mail orders 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.....\$5.00**



REUNION UPDATE 2010



NEW LONDON, CT



Shipmates, This will be your **final** reminder that ALL Trip, Banquet, and Hotel registrations must be made by **August 26th** to guarantee your reservation. Submitting your forms after that date may cost you the chance to spend some quality time with your shipmates.

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 room reservations by then or there may be **No Vacancy**. 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.

The **Sub Base Tour** requires passing security clearance which takes about 30 days to process. Any registration for this event received after **August 26th** may be rejected.

Buses for the **Thimble Island Tour** and **Foxwoods Casino** must be reserved 30 days in advance. The trip planners need a head count to order the buses. Any registrations received after **August 26th** will be accepted only if seating is available.

Our **Banquet** planners need sufficient time to order and prepare our menu and set up the room. Again, they also need a head count. Late registration for this event may not get you the entrée you requested.

So far, we have received acknowledgement from the following shipmates that they will be attending:

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| Phil Beals (56-59) | Al Mace (63-66) |
| Al Cadenhead (44-45) | Bill Mancuso (55-58) |
| Ike Cohen (70) | Ray Moore (59-60) |
| Bill Cromie (64-71) | Ed Moran (60-62) |
| Eric Erickson (67-68) | John Regish (56-58) |
| Len Fagotti (63-66) | Harry Ross (64-66) |
| Bill Fenton (68-71) | Stu Savage (56-59) |
| Dick Flanagan (56-58) | Paul Schramm (70-71) |
| Ralph Gates (65-67) | Lenny Sciuto (69-71) |
| James Klein (64-66) | Lamarr Seader (62-65) |
| Henry Kozloski (54-57) | Lee Sivil (55-58) |
| John Kraft (68-70) | Wayne Thalasinis (57-60) |
| Ben LaPorte (57-60) | |

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.

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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New London, CT

Monday - September 27th 2010
through

Thursday - September 30th 2010

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\$89/night Reservations 1-(860) 443-7000

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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 _____



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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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