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Ed Kracker visited the Sub School in Groton during our recent BANG Reunion with all intentions of learning how today's Submariners operated. The student soon became the teacher once it was known that he was an elite member of an organization that celebrated it's 50th anniversary before most of the current student body was born....Submarine Veterans of WWII. Ed's captivated audience continued to grow as the word passed around the building about his visit. From new recruits to 20 year career men they sat and listened as Ed answered their questions about his experiences aboard a Diesel Boat on War Patrol in the Pacific. Experiences that were unknown to most of the world until a scattering of books on the subject began hitting the market about 15 years. Experiences that will never be repeated again in any future war because of the vast changes in submarine technology and warfare. Nevertheless, these future submariners knew that a living part of their history was amongst them that day and they were reluctant to let him go until he gave them a clearer understanding of what their true heritage is all about. **PRIDE RUNS DEEP!**



THE MENTOR AND HIS PUPILS.....



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.



Peter K. Ryerson, HM (69-70)

Edwin E. Lawler, EM (55-58)

Lloyd B. Rayworth, ET (57-59)



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
Taylor	Richard T	86 Old Barnstead Rd	Northwood	NH	03261	(603) 942-6198	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.

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THANK YOU!

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



Ray Asselin
Paull Anderson
Delphine Bensen
Charles Bunkley
Al Cadenhead
Don Carter
William Coll
Ike Cohen

Gary Dannenbaum
George Demmons
John Donlon
Charlie Dougherty
Wade Eichhorn
Len Fagotti
Bill Fenton
Dick Flanagan

Ed Gandy
Claire Gates
Ralph Gates
Ernie Hallman
Bob Herzog
Leroy Horton
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Ed Kracker

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!! HANUKKAH, KWANZAA, CHRISTMAS.





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!

Another Reunion has come and gone and a big THANK YOU goes out to **Ralph and Claire Gates** for being such good hosts. The Hospitality Room was well stocked with food and libation and the scheduled trips and banquet seemed to go off without a hitch. Kudos to the both of you.

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I have received many photos sent by **Bill Fenton** and **Charlie Dougherty** that will be gracing these pages for, at least, this issue and the next. In fact, Charlie did such a good job that I'm going to recommend to the Board that he be made our official photographer.

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Next year our Reunion will be held in **Pensacola, FL, October 10th thru 14th** and our hosts will be **Lamarr and Kathy Seader**. Complete details will be posted in the next Newsletter.

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Bill Fenton and John Regish sent me notification of **Ed Lawler's** death. Ed served aboard BANG with John and I and also served on other Boats during WWII.



CHESTERFIELD, MA - Edwin Lawler died Saturday with his wife Sylvia by his side, after suffering from a stroke. He was 88.

Born April 18, 1922 in Lynn, he was the twin brother of Elwin Lawler and brother of Joseph C. Lawler Jr., Marjorie Conn and Irene Lawler, all of whom

predeceased him. He grew up in Lynn and attended Lynn High School.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy as soon as World War II began. He served 20 years in submarine service, mostly in the Pacific.

When the war ended, he came home and married his high school sweetheart, Sylvia Osgood of Lynn, on Oct. 6, 1945. They recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, surrounded by family.

While in the Navy Ed learned the electrician's trade and attained the status of chief electrician. He went on to create Lawler Electrical Company and continued working as an electrician throughout his life.

Ed and Sylvia raised three children - Elwin, Donald and Joanne - while moving every few years for Ed's sub service. The family lived in New Hampshire, Connecticut, Hawaii, California, and eventually settled in Westhampton, where Ed became a game warden for the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources.

One can fairly state that Ed Lawler "never saw an animal that he didn't like." As game warden from 1962 to 1987, the Lawlers' home became a refuge for sick and injured animals, including ferrets, fawns, bear cubs, baby wolves, and most frequently raccoons.

After their children had grown, Ed built a home for himself and Sylvia in Chesterfield. It was here that Ed enjoyed farming and haying for decades, involving family, friends and neighbors in the wonderful haying process. For many, many years, the Lawlers shared their home and land with dogs (Annie, Betsy and Daisy), numerous cats, a herd of cows, a flock of Canada geese, ducks, chickens and of course, families of raccoons.

Ed dedicated himself to his community in Chesterfield, serving as selectman for 15 years and also working as town assessor and veterans agent. He made a lot of friends simply by being a nice man who would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He lived a lifetime of service. Ed Lawler served his country, his state, his town, and most importantly, was a dedicated family man and wonderful friend.

Ed is survived by Sylvia, his beloved wife of 65 years; his daughter Joanne and son-in-law Frank Antonelli of Dunstable; his son, Elwin Lawler of Fairbanks, Alaska, several grandchildren, including Emily Antonelli and her husband, Jim Ray, of Groton; Peter Antonelli of San Francisco; Jerilyn Lawler and Heather Lawler of Oradell, N.J.; great-grandchildren Olivia and Jack Ray, John Ewell and Griffin Seuss; his niece, Susan Lawler of Weymouth; nephews Joseph C. Lawler III and his wife, Norinne Lawler; William Lawler and his wife Trudy of Hooksett, N.H. and sister-in-law Patricia Lawler of Duxbury. His son, Donald Emerson Lawler, predeceased him in 1973.

Memorial service was held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Chesterfield Congregational Church, with burial immediately following at Bofat Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Donald E. Lawler Scholarship Fund at the Chesterfield Congregational Church, P.O. Box 56, 43 Main Road, Chesterfield, MA 01012.

Marv Christenson forwarded me the sad news of **Lloyd Rayworth**. Lloyd served aboard BANG with Chris and I and last attended a Reunion in Taunton, MA, 2004.



Lloyd Bruce Rayworth born March 27, 1938 in Everett, MA entered into rest on November 13, 2010 at Rideout Memorial Hospital, Marysville, CA. He was a devoted and loving father and father-in-law to Cheryl and Dave Dawson of Asheville, NC, Kim Rayworth and Mauricio Gonzalez of Sacramento, Kathy Rayworth-Beltran and Jesse Beltran of Yuba City. Cherished Grandfather to Ben and Megan Murphy, Evan Gonzalez, Mia and Tayah Beltran. Great Grandpa to Zachary, Bailey & Caleigh Murphy. Loving brother to Neil Rayworth of Peabody, MA. Long time friend to Judy Heiden and many more close friends along with his boyz Mickey, Max and Mr. Hershey.



Lloyd served one term in the Navy and 42 years of dedicated service to our country as Senior Field Service Engineer while supporting the SR71 and U2 Reconnaissance programs. He was also a Mason and Shriner.

Services were held on Friday, Nov. 19th at 2:00 PM at Ullrey Memorial Chapel.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Shriners Hospital, PO Box 21-4477, Sacramento, CA 95821.



The last Newsletter I mailed to **Peter Ryerson** was returned to me stamped DECEASED. I was unable to find an obit for him in his local newspaper so I can't tell you too much about Peter other than he was well decorated for his service to his country and that his son was following in his

footsteps and was a member of the USS Hartford crew during 9/11.



*Lord these departed Shipmates
with Dolphins on their chest,
Are part of an outfit known to be the best.
Please welcome them and offer them your hand,
As you no doubt know they're the best in the land.
And also heavenly Father add their 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.*



THANK YOU again for your undying generosity that you have bestowed upon us. Our Treasurer, **Ed DeLong** reports that our Slush Fund balance is now back to its normal level and, I may add, that the total shipmates now receiving the Newsletter on-line is up to 110. This is about 25% of our mailing list so a considerable savings in future printing and postage.



SICK BAY

Has anyone spoken to **John Monroe** lately? I haven't received an update since the Reunion.

I recently talked with **Dick Taylor** and he tells me that Ara is not doing well. Sounds like some get well cards might do some cheering up. What say Gang? Dick's new address is currently listed on Page 2.



EARRING FOUND



An earring was found on the Banquet floor the following day. Please contact me to claim it.



Dot and I wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy Holiday Season and, hopefully, a prosperous new year.

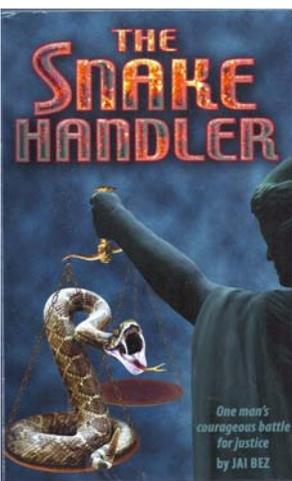
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Charles Bunkley, a Seaman (53-55), "Enclosed is my Slush Fund contribution. Thanks for the Newsletter and to all for your wonderful work in keeping us in touch with our shipmates."*Charlie, thanks for your donation. I hope you are now settled in with your move and are enjoying the Tampa area. Keep in touch.*



Bob Herzog, a RadioMan (43-44, WP1,2,3,4,5), "Thank you for your efforts in getting the Newsletter to members. Hope this check will help a little.".... *Thanks Bob, for your donation and congratulations on your Holland Club membership. (Note: Bob is shown above with wife, Eleanor, receiving his certificate and patch from USSVI Cod Base member, Fritz Hemrich.)*

Gloria Nickell, widow of **Charlie Nickell**, COB (56-59), "Received the BANG Newsletter today and, as always, enjoyed reading it. I also was talking to **John Donlon** today and asked him if he received the Newsletter. He replied that he didn't but would like to so, I am including his address to add to your mailing list. Also included is a donation to your Slush Fund and I wish everyone a great time at the Reunion." ... *Gloria, thank you for getting John and the Gang connected again. He seemed to really enjoy being back with his shipmates at the Banquet. It was a pleasant surprise to have you stop by our Hospitality Room also. I am sorry that I didn't have more time to chat but I hope you and Chris had a good visit.*



Paul Anderson, a FirecontrolTech (62-63), "Hope this finds you very well and of good cheer. Enclosed is a check for the Slush Fund and a copy of a documentary you might find interesting. Keep up the excellent work on the Newsletter—it means a lot to everyone and helps keep our family of Bang Gang together and solid. I especially enjoyed **John Knubel's** account of our 63

Northern Run and recall how our fine skipper, **Alex Sinclair**, outfoxed the Ruskie's time and time again preventing them from nailing us and forcing us up as they did Sea Lion.

June and I were delighted to learn **Sidney and Stu Savage** have been blessed with a delightful great grandchild—wonderful—please convey our congrats and affections to them.

Our annual family reunion and marriage of grandson Daniel the last week of this month will keep us from attending the Groton Reunion however, please convey our warmest regards to all and we will be there among our special brethren in spirit. Have a jolly good time!"...*Thanks Paull for your donation and the copy of your book.. I always have preferred Non-Fiction over Fiction. I applaud your fortitude for standing up to those "heavy hitters" and fighting for what was rightfully yours. Not to many would have survived a 15 year battle.*

John Donlon, an Officer, (58-59), "I note 4 people I know who plan attending the Reunion this year— You are one (we would probably not recognize each other save for name tags). Seven slush fund supporters are also noted.

Having served in 7 boats for 11 total years, I note the BANG tour at 10 months was by far the shortest. Barely enough time to unpack a seabag or find my bunk! But, lots of fun, always. I thought I was the world's greatest navigator, but **Stu Savage** taught me stuff I'd never have known otherwise, and that stood me in good stead for the next 20 years.

Thanks for all the Newsletters. And, I've thanked **Gloria Nickell** for bringing me back to the fold. Don't know how it will be sustained; I'm a contributing member of everything and an attendee of nothing.

How did you ever get 385 as a PO box number? Probably undue political influence. I note you are just southeast of Albany. I was born and raised in Amsterdam. I left home for USNA at 17 but returned many times for family visits."...*John, it was a real pleasure to see you in attendance at our Reunions again. We hope you will plan on more frequent visits in the future as fifteen years is way too long of a hiatus.*

Charles Dougherty, a MachinistMate (66-69), "My other half and I had such a fantastic time at the Reunion. Tina wouldn't stop talking about the fine people even though they were a wee older than her. Hope you can use some of the pictures I have included." ... *Charlie, thank you for all the photos. You certainly covered all of the Reunion pretty much and since you seemed to be enjoying yourself in the process, why not become the "Gang's" photographer. The pay is out of sight, the hours are flexible, and I'm sure Ed DeLong will reimburse you for your film costs.*



Ed Gandy, a TorpedoMan (55-58), "It was great to hear from you again. I have been very lax on answering my phone messages but I did get yours. My daughter had plans to bring me to New London but I had to cancel out because the doctor extended my radium treatments for another two weeks which put them in the same dates as our reunion. I hope everything went well at the Reunion, I know I missed a good time. However, there will be others and I will be looking forward to them as my cancer is now healed but I lost a part of my nose."....*Ed, even though our visit was short, it was great to see you again. Hopefully next summer we can plan a longer stay. (Note: I was unable to visit with Ed last summer so, just before I headed South for the winter, I made a "speed run" for a quick visit.)*

Don Carter, a MachinistMate (61-62), "Please put me on your list for the newsletter etc. I was qualified in '62 and spent my best naval times aboard BANG...I had some great mates. We did a special trip in '62 that took in the Med, Northern Europe and we were scheduled for the Black Sea (spy mission) until an Engine broke down in Toulon, France and we sat in port for 30 days waiting for parts - too bad --so sad (tongue in cheek)! Once rebuilt, we were deployed on a good will mission to Northern Europe...A great time in many many countries. We ported in Scotland, Spain, Portugal, Malta, Majorca, Belgium, Holland and Germany. In the English Channel we had an altercation with a Russian ship that nearly sunk us! In Belgium, they towed us backwards to the center of Antwerp... where we passed 3-4000 people thru the boat per day...one brow aft and one forward...used to stand in the sail and pick out our dates for the night! I took a lot of photos but lost them all. I also shot a lot of movie stuff in Europe and England for a guy but can't recall his name; he was short, blonde and a mormon is all I recall. Wish I had the great shot of **Richard Mansfield** back from a dinner foray to a French sub, no hat, no shirt, wine stains covering

tee shirt...plastered with a big swab pail filled with wine. Also, the one of "Rosey" hanging from one hand on a hand rail cable...drunk holding an arm full of goodies given him by the Frenchies...he wouldn't turn loose of them, would die first. We had to drag him aboard... He demanded the loot be saved first. We also were in Gitmo during the Cuban Crisis. Returned to New London and rigged for war...and waited to be deployed...it never happened of course. Oh the tales to recall and tell!" ... *Welcome back with the Gang Don. Sounds like the tales you have to tell are 'Hospitality Room' caliber. Hope we see you at a Reunion soon so we can hear more of your sea stories.*

Al Cadenhead, a Seaman (44-45, WP3,4,5,6), "Just a note to let you know what a great time I had at the 2010 Reunion. Kudos to **Ralph and Claire Gates** for the great time! It was a real treat for me to see so many of my shipmates again. I think the only one enjoying the banquet more than myself, was my son, Kurt. I'm making plans to attend again next year and I hope to see you all there. The enclosed check is for the Slush Fund. Please give my best to all." ... *Thanks for your contribution Al. The "Gang" is very happy to have you back with them and we hope we will continue to see you in attendance for many years to come..*



1967– Cottingim, Ballenski, Schneider, Melici

George LeBlanc, a MachinistMate (66-68), "In the last issue, the un-named shipmates pictured with **Ron Melici** are, the person on the left I believe is **Lloyd Cottingim** (MM). The person next to Ron, is a TM from New York, **Bill Ballenski**. The man in the background looks like **Bob Schneider** (TM). The person in the middle of the picture with **Jones, Terry, Dougherty and Ireland**, looks like a Machinist Mate from Texas, **David Blythe**. He was

on BANG for a short time since he had a serious attack of something like appendicitis, and was transferred to the Wasp, because of its medical facilities, as I recall.

Hope to see you at the reunion. I just made my reservations." ... *Thanks George for helping ID the shipmates in the photos. It was indeed a pleasure to meet you at the Reunion. I hope you enjoyed yourself and that you will attend more in the future.*

Chris Clark, an Officer (66-68), "I have been enjoying the Bang Gang Newsletter since my wife and I accidentally ran into a reunion group at the Albuquerque hot air balloon festival back in 2006. Thanks for all the good work that you do. I'll be following up by snail mail with a donation to the slush fund, and going forward I would like to receive the Newsletters via e-mail.

I was an officer on Bang '66-'68 under CO **Bob Carlin**, serving as Chief Engineer for our 1967 shipyard overhaul in Philadelphia. My wife and I were married at Villanova Chapel on January 3, 1967, while the Bang was in transit from New London to Philadelphia. We honeymooned for the next six months of shipyard overhaul, and Tryn and I are still happily married 43 years later. I am still in touch with Bob Carlin's widow, Barbara and see her occasionally when I pass through the Washington, D.C. area.

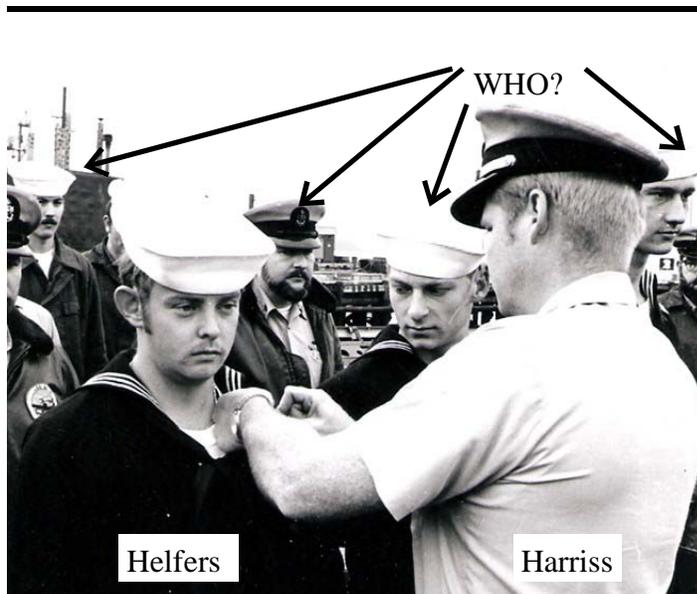
Your newsletter stories and photos make me smile--especially when the names of legends like **Dunterman, Tynan, Cromie, Roger Betts, Sherman Alexander** and others from that era are published.

My second career, after almost 10 years in the USN, was as a professor of educational psychology, and later dean of education at the University of Delaware, and president of a small college. Now we are in semi-retirement in Tempe, Arizona--I say "semi-" because I still do some consulting work, helping colleges design practical, applied graduate programs that every submariner would immediately recognize as the sensible, learner-centered, teamwork approach at the heart of a happy boat.

Have a wonderful time at Reunion 2010." ... *Thanks for sending your interesting Bio, Chris and for switching over to our Cyber Space issue to save us a buck or two. Also, tell Barbara Carlin the 'Gang' sends their best wishes the next time you see her.*

Judy Myers, widow of **Jack Myers**, a RadioMan (55-56), "I am including a Slush Fund donation in Jack's memory. He loved the Bang Gang - have a great reunion!" ... *Thanks, Judy, for your donation. We're happy to hear from you and wish you well. Like those before him, we miss Jack's presence at our*

Reunions but still go on by remembering him. Don't forget that you are still a member of the 'Gang' and we would welcome your attendance at a future Reunion.



Fred Helfers, a TorpedoMan (71-72), "You can change my newsletter to email. It should help save some pennies.

I have attached a photo of when I received my dolphins while stationed on BANG. It was 1972 and the skipper was **Cmdr Harriss**. I don't remember the other guys names in the photo. Maybe someone will recognize them.

I think I may have some other photos etc. of the crew along with a BANG plaque and an Order of the Sargasso Sea diploma that I received for being on the Decommissioning crew. If I find them I will scan and send them to you.

Thanks for the great newsletter."....*Fred, happy to hear that you are enjoying the Newsletter and that you have chosen to start receiving it via the Internet. I also want to thank you for the photos you sent and would be glad to receive copies of any other BANG photos and memorabilia that you have in your possession..*

Mary Jane Littler, widow of **Jim Littler**, a YoemaN (43-45, WP1,2,3,4,5), "Enclosed is a contribution to the Bang slush fund in honor of my husband, Jim Littler & all those who manned the boat, especially during the first five patrols.

Thanks to Phil for a Great Newsletter, & to those who contribute stories of the past. It is indeed a diary for the crew of BANG and to all who receive the newsletter!"....*Mary Jane, we are happy to hear from you again and thank you for your contribution in memory of Jim and his shipmates. It is definitely a fine group you have chosen to honor.*

Lou Arellano, a SonarTech (71-72), "Please put Barb on the Prayer List. She had a colonoscopy done on Friday 12/3/2010. They found a "mass" on her lower colon.

On 12/9 the pathologist's report on the biopsies showed "adenocarcinoma" which is what most colon cancers are. A web search and comments from friends suggest this is one of the more treatable cancers. That would offer a much better outlook than a recurrence of her ovarian cancer.

She'll be getting a CT scan today, 12/10 and is scheduled for a colon resection on 12/15.

As you know, Barb is an ovarian cancer survivor (1C). She just made the six year mark "NED" (No evidence of disease) including four annual colonoscopies. After the fourth time the doctor suggested going to every other year. This one wouldn't have been due until February 2011, but she went early because of suspicious symptoms that occurred around Thanksgiving.!"....*Lou, sorry to read that Barbara must once again fight the big C. Please let her know that she will be included in our prayers.*

Len Sciuto, a QuarterMaster (69-71), "In the cooling days of September, this year, the "BANG GANG" met at the Radisson Hotel in New London, CT for its 67th Anniversary Reunion. There were plenty of things to see and do thanks to the planning and arranging of **Ralph and Claire Gates**. Many of us took a cruise around the Thimble Islands in Long Island Sound; we had a great lunch at Fort Griswold; we gambled, lost and won at the Foxwoods Casino; we took a tour of the US Navy Submarine School and its Base; we visited the Submarine Museum and went aboard the USS Nautilus; we visited Mystic Seaport and its museum and shops; and finally we drank and ate together at the Reunion Banquet, before saying farewell until next year.

It was wonderful, for me, to renew friendships made from past reunions. It was terrific to see shipmates that I had not seen in almost 40 years. In my opinion, and for what it is worth, that is and was the best part of the reunion for me. Over the years, I have often thought about those men that I sailed with on BANG. Where are they now? What are they doing? Did they live close to me? Would they remember me? All those questions were answered all in a span of three days. Three days that were far too short. Three days to catch up on 40 years worth of living, learning and doing.

Upon arrival, and after checking in, I made my way to the hospitality room to have a cool drink and see who was there. Upon entering the room, my eyes saw the face of the man who epitomized being a BANG sailor, in my time aboard BANG, **Billy Cromie**. We smiled and hugged each other. Sitting

next to him was none other than RMC (SS) **Walter Friess**. Later that afternoon, as we sat together talking about old times, laughing, telling sea stories, and catching up on living, BANG's last Chief of the Boat, EMC (SS) **Leo Gibson**, joined us. What a kick it was to have all of us together with the rest of the crewmembers from '68 to '72. When the evening of the banquet came, I had been with 18 of the guys I sailed with. We found out that evening that two of our group planned on coming but could not make it due to illness. They were LT **Martin Wilson** and CS2 (SS) **John Monroe**. I also found out that one my closest friends from BANG days had passed away, FT3 (SS) **Jim Fricke**.

I had a lot to think about while driving home in the rain that night, after the banquet. I was a happy fellow. I took, and had the opportunity to spend time with, however brief it was, some of the friends of my youth. In all honesty, I am truly thankful for my friends and shipmates that have ventured along life's path with me. They were there when I truly needed them. They asked for nothing and expected nothing but my smile and friendship in return. That is the way it should be between friends. That is the way it is with me. So when I meet a friend or shipmate from the past and we reunite, it is totally gratifying. There is happiness and satisfaction in the fact that we remember each other and care about each other to take the time to say hello and spend some time together, no matter how short that time is. I hope you know, understand and agree with what I mean.

All of us, who attend the reunion, realize that time marches on. It is indefinite. The list of those BANG sailors venturing onto calm seas and fair winds seems to be growing with each subsequent year. It is my wish and my respectful request that you, **please**, take the time and consider joining us in Pensacola next year. There is no better reason than to be with old friends and shipmates, as well as meeting and making new friends. After all, it is pure joy to see their faces and their smiles when they recognize you from so many years ago."



"I touch my country's mind, I come to grips
With half her purpose, thinking of these ships...
They mark our passage as a race of men.
Earth will not see such ships as those again."
John Masefield "Diesel Boats Forever!!!"



REUNION 2010



50's GROUP

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60's GROUP

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LADIES

REUNION 2010



40's Group - Cadenhead - Kracker - Gunny



1992 - O. W. Bagby - Ralph Knight



1994 - Ed Kracker - Pete Bates



1993 - Dick Taylor - Bob Jutstrom - Don Laansma - Ralph Knight - Bob Cellupica



June & Ed Kracker



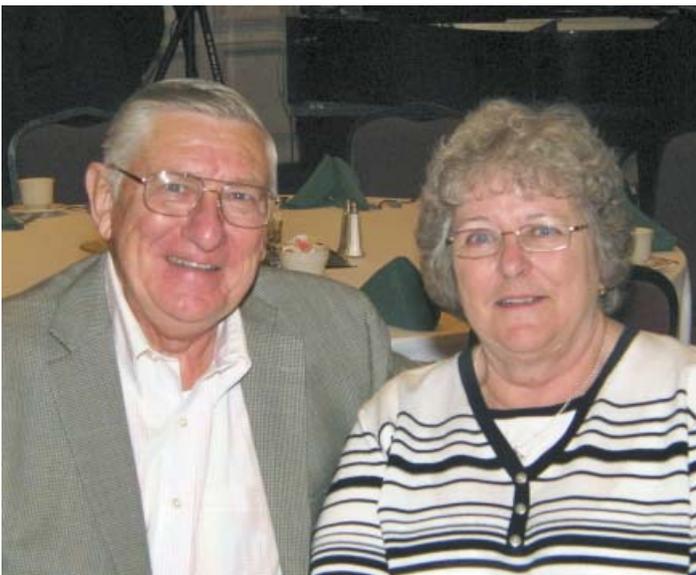
John & Darlene Kraft



Ronnie Lockwood - Bill Kielbasa - Gene Lockwood



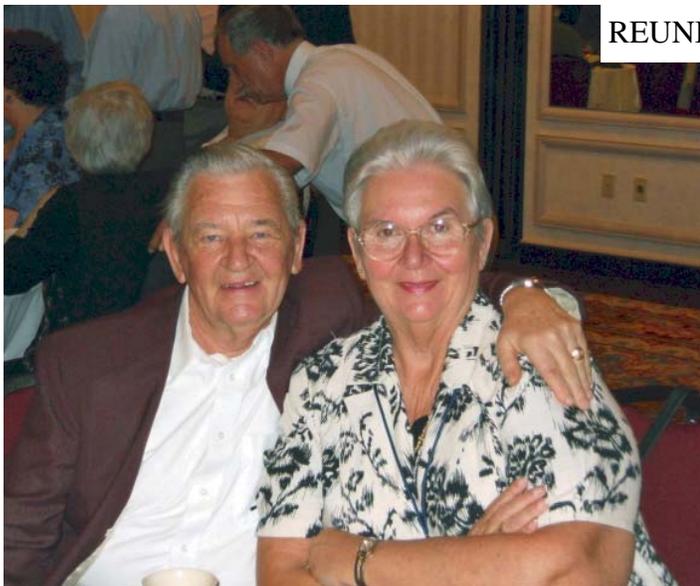
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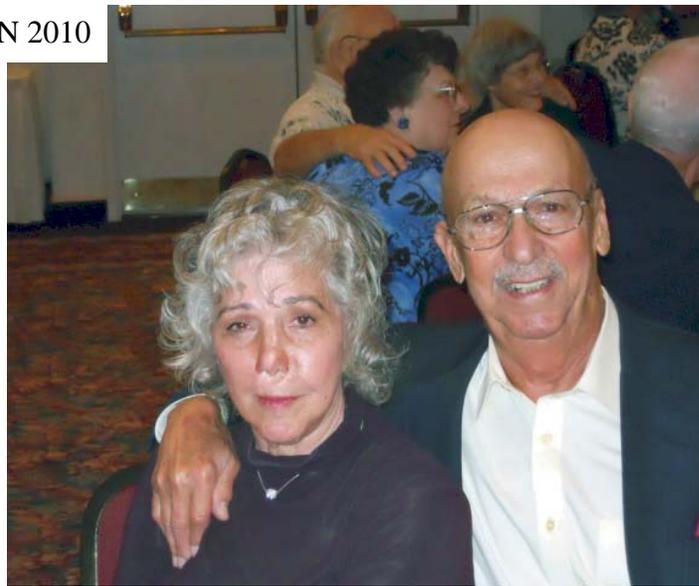
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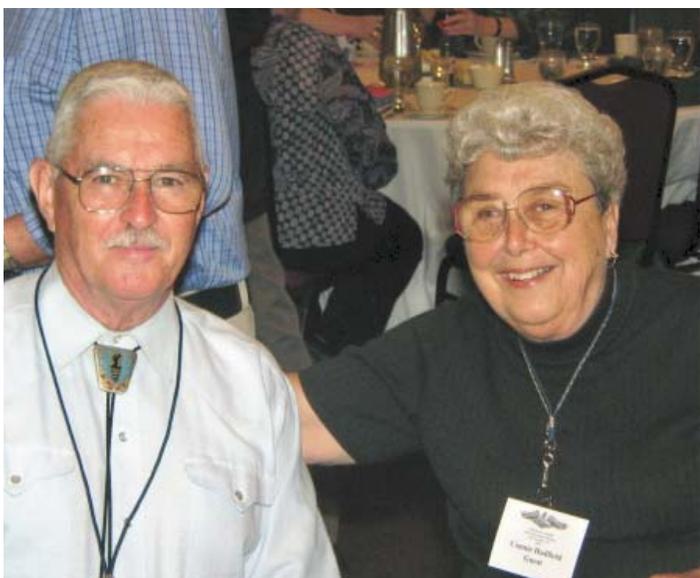
Carl & Marge Weber



Joe & Louise Gilbert



Betty & Bob Gunny



Deane & Connie Hadfield



Henry & Teresa Kozloski



James & Laura Klein

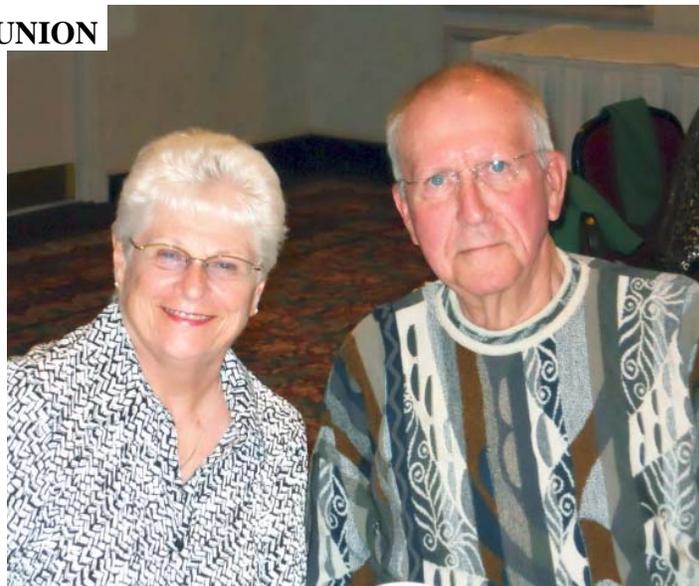


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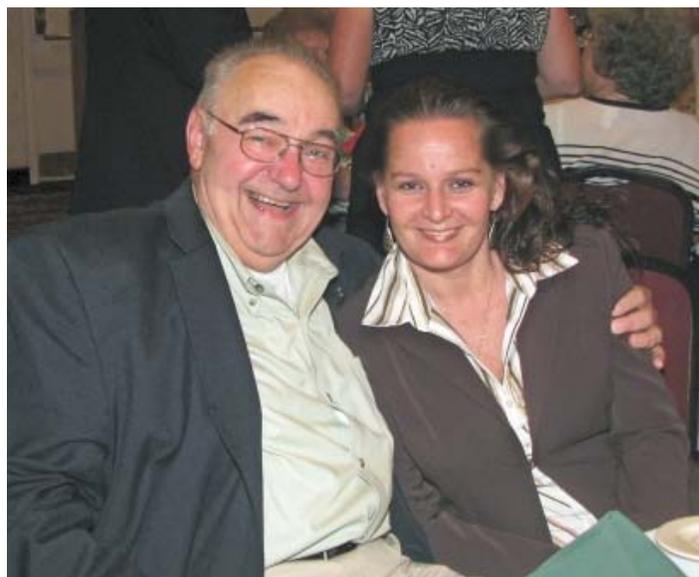
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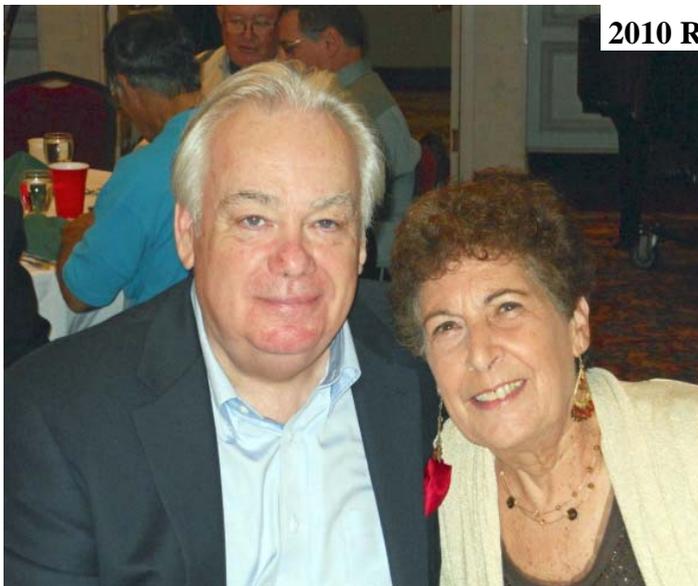


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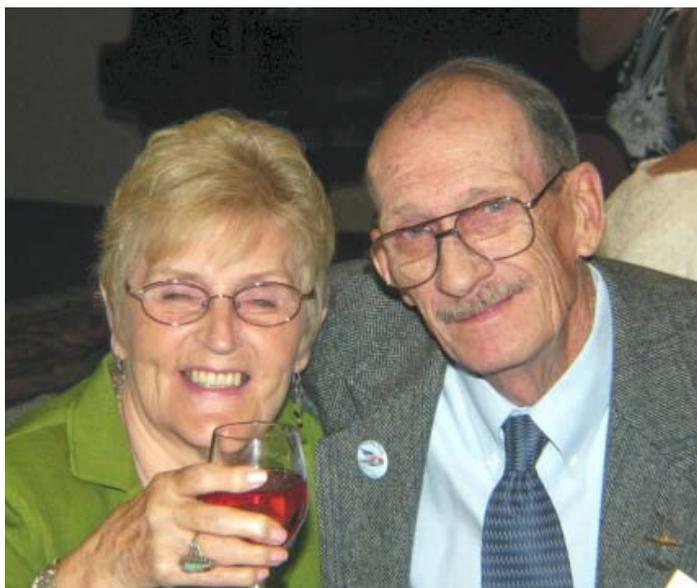
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