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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.



Raymond R. Asselin, QM (52-54) ComCrew3



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
Murray	Byron A	111 Durkee Rd NE Box 100	Cleveland	TN	37323-6401	(970) 396-4404	58-60

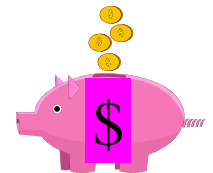
The following shipmates are a new (found) addition to our roster. Your committee is thankful for all your help in locating them and we will continue our search until we have attempted to locate everyone.

LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIPCODE	PHONE	Y-O-B
NONE TO REPORT!							



THANK YOU!

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



**Shirley Bates (Pete)
Conyal Cody**

**Joe Cwiklinski
Gene Gauthier**

**Larry Harjehausen
Bob McCray**

**Charles Miles
Tom Prendergast**

**Dan Rosenfeld
Leroy Webb**



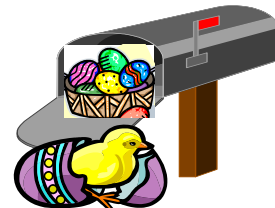
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**THE INTERNET CONNECTION
CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION**

NONE TO REPORT!





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!

It is with saddened heart that I must inform you of the passing of **Sidney Savage**. Her death was unexpected and quick when her immune system shut down and numerous infections spread rapidly throughout her body.

Although not a true "Bang Ganger", she was most definitely an honorary one with the years of support she had given BANG. Not just in the latter years with her annual attendance at our Reunions to share our camaraderie but, also, when husband **Stu** took over command of BANG in 1957. Back then, besides qualifying on the bow planes, Sidney was our unofficial welcoming committee of one. Whether it be State Pier, New London or some dock in an exotic port-of-call, she would almost always be standing there with her radiant smile and welcoming wave to greet us as we pulled in.

Besides being lauded posthumously on the internet for her years of volunteer work with the Democrat National Committee in the Washington, DC area, the Virginia Commonwealth House of Delegates recently passed **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 698** in remembrance of Sidney.



SIDNEY BOYD SAVAGE

On Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at Fairfax Hospital. Beloved wife of Stuart Savage; loving mother of Suzanne Savage, Stephanie Savage and Stuart Savage, III; grandmother of Heidi Rizzo, Patrick and Katherine

White; great-grandmother of Zoe, Josephine, Jack and Nicholas Rizzo and Maximilian Stuart White.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area, 3701 Pender Drive, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22030.

I also wish to thank **Arnold Gritzke** (63-64) for stepping forward and braving some inclement weather to represent the "Gang" for the interment of Sidney's ashes at Arlington National Cemetery. Arnold was somewhat surprised and very pleased at the number of guests in attendance.

Hal Wilkins (69-72) also volunteered to represent us but was stopped from doing so by the same weather. Thanks, Hal. It's the thought that counts.

Many of you whom were notified by e-mail replied with your condolences but, due to space restrictions, I am unable to print them all. Therefore, I have chosen this one sent to me by **Paul Anderson** (62-63) to be representative of the "Gang's" feelings.

Dear Stu,

It was with a heavy heart that June and I learned of Sidney's passing from Phil.

She was such a fine and sweet Lady with such a bright mind and most pleasant disposition, and whose gracious company we all greatly enjoyed. She was a blessing to all of us brethren Bang submariners and it was our honor, privilege, and joy to have her in our family for all these years. We shall all miss her but keep her memory alive and joyous in our hearts forever.

We were delighted to learn you both had recently been blessed with your first great grandchild and we are sure it delighted you both. It was good that Sidney had that pleasure.

We regretted not being able to attend the latest reunion because we had to attend the wedding of our grandson, Daniel. It certainly would have been wonderful to once again had the pleasure of Sidney's and your company; however, we have a wealth of most pleasant memories of her from past reunions to give us joy in the future.

Our most sincere condolences and prayers go out to you and your dear family. We are sure that our brethren Bang shipmates also join us on this very sad occasion. Stay well and strong.

With warmest regards and deepest regrets,



On an equally tragic note, **Lou Arellano** (71-72) has been keeping me updated on the health of his wife, **Barbara**. Since Lou's report in the last Newsletter, Barb completed the colon resection and was sent home on 12/21 only to return on 12/27 with significant blockage in the artery on the right side of her head due to blood clots probably associated with colon resection surgery.

While recovering from her stroke, doctors stressed the need to start her chemotherapy and stroke rehab and scheduled the chemo for 1/8.

Before the scheduled treatment could happen, Barb developed delirium as a result from a urinary infection and VRE, one of those hospital-acquired

infections. All these complications postponed her chemotherapy and also made her too weak to go to acute therapy for stroke remediation.

On Monday morning, January 17, 2011 Barbara lost her battle against aggressive colon cancer and a severe stroke. She was a six-year survivor of ovarian cancer and, perhaps her stroke was a blessing - God's merciful way of sparing her many more months of chemotherapy and inevitable suffering.....

Lou, I know I speak for all your shipmates when I offer you our sincere and deepest sympathy for your loss. Nothing can be said to ease your pain. Only time can do that and, at our age, time becomes a very precious but fickle ally.

Ray Asselin's death was reported to us by his daughter-in-law, Nancie.

Ray had attended our Taunton Reunion with his family in 2004 and had signed up to attend our New London Reunion last year but cancelled at the last minute giving health reasons.

Nancie emailed us in January that Ray and wife Leah were moving into a nursing home only to send another email a week later informing us that Leah had passed away. Two weeks after that she sent us another email to sadly report that Leah's sister, Jeannette passed away the prior week and that Ray just went on Final Patrol. 2011 definitely didn't start out well for the Asselin Family.



MERIDEN - Raymond R. Asselin, 85, of High Hill Road, died peacefully on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, at the Meriden Center, after a brief illness. He was the husband of the late Leah C. Asselin.

Born in Nashua, N.H. on Feb. 14, 1925, Ray retired from the U.S.

Navy as a chief quartermaster (QMC) in 1963 after serving 21 years of active duty in the submarine force. He was a veteran of World War II, where he completed seven war patrols in the Pacific. Ray was also part of a select group of sailors who submerged a submarine in all seven Great Lakes.

After his naval career, Ray and Leah settled in Meriden to raise their family. He worked for Northeast Utilities and retired after 27 years. Ray was a member of VFW Post 9965 in Yalesville, World War II Submarine Veterans Club in Groton, Franco-American Club, where he was president of the Credit Union for several years, North Italian Club, and a committee member of Washington Park Drum Corps. He enjoyed marching with the drum corps in local parades and calling Bingo every Friday night. Vacations were spent on Cape Cod enjoying the ocean and his time with family. For several years he maintained a garden of vegetables that gave him great joy. Ray was an avid Red Sox fan and

was very happy to watch them win the World Series. He also faithfully watched the girls and boys UConn basketball games.

He is survived by one daughter, Susan Campbell and her husband, Edward, of Barnstable, Mass.; two sons, Robert Asselin and his wife, Nancy, of Alexandria, Va., and Thomas Asselin and his wife, Diane, of Meriden; four grandchildren, Nicole, Brandon, Sean and Brett; one sister, Leona Belanger and her husband, Ray, of Nashua, N.H.; two brothers, Rosario Asselin and his wife, Annette, of Nashua, N.H., Roger Asselin and his wife, Gertrude, of Florida; brother-in-law, Raymond Camp and his wife, Arlene, of Florida; one sister-in-law, Alice Camp, of Meriden; Ray is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by three sisters, Germaine, Rita, and Theresa. He was also predeceased by his brother-in-law, Robert Camp; and sister-in-law, Jeannette Camp, of Meriden.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Fisher House, 111 Rockville Pike, Suite 420, Rockville, MD, 20850. fisherhouse.org.



*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 that we who still survive
Will always keep their memory alive.*

SICK BAY

John Monroe (69-72) - Ike Cohen (70) reports that John is hanging in there; feeling pretty good but always tired. He is in need of a kidney and is currently looking into it.

John now has the help of his new bride, Maria (whom he married on 12/15/2010), to keep his mind off of his kidney problem. All the best to the both of them.

You can reach John by either snail mail or phone:

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

Al Mace (63-66) - Ed DeLong (63-66) notified me that Al had a serious mishap over the Holidays. After spending some time in the hospital, he is currently at home and getting around on his own steam.

Dick Barbieri (61-64) - writes, Friday Feb.21st, I had a heart attack and was admitted to the Veteran's Administration (VA) hospital in intensive care. I am now home. Thankfully.... surgery is not needed now, maybe in the future though. A Treadmill stress test today revealed no heart damage and blood flow to the heart is normal with no 100% clogged arteries, however there is plaque in a couple of them but they are not plugged up. I feel excellent now and look forward to getting back to a normal life. This experience has given me a different perspective on life..... and it is great to be home.

The VA care was superb in all respects (except the food!) and I was totally impressed with the doctors and nursing staff. They were all very professional.

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We received an e-mail from **Janet Sylvester**, daughter of **John Paul Jones**. No, not the John Paul (Jones) that was dubbed the Father of the American Navy but, "J.P." Jones, the Torpedoman who served aboard BANG for five of her six patrols. Janet included a copy of his personal narration of the incident that kept him from making all six patrols. In brief, JP was left topside during a test dive at night and was miraculously found after BANG surfaced. An injury to his foot kept him in the Naval Hospital as BANG departed on WP3.

I published this saga in Issue #7 back in 1997 and I feel it is deserving of a reprint in some future issue whenever space is available.

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Three newsletters from the December mailing were returned to me as non deliverable because the address label had fallen off on the way to the post office. If any one of you did not receive a Newsletter in December, please contact me and I will mail you your copy.....Phil

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

Joe Cwiklinski, a RadioMan (65-67), "Please use the enclosed check toward the postage costs of the Newsletter. I always enjoy receiving it."*Thanks, Joe, for your donation. Happy to hear that you enjoy the Newsletter.*

Dan Rosenfeld, a MotorMachinistMate (43-46, WP1,2,3,4,5,6), "Enclosed is a copy of the DVD I made for the Library of Congress relating my experiences aboard BANG. Also, a check for the Slush Fund. You do a very good job on the

Newsletter. Goldie and I are in good health now. One day at a time, thank God. Stay well and keep in touch.".... *Thanks Rosie, for your donation and the DVD. You did very well in front of the camera. I hope you and Goldie can make the Reunion in Pensacola this year. We would love to see the both of you again.*

Arnold Gritzke, FireControlTech (63-64), "I do so enjoy the newsletter. You have done such an outstanding job over so many years. Thank you for your effort. I do like the color version on line much better than the paper version. Please discontinue mailing the hardcopy newsletter to me and include me on the Internet mailing." ... *Arnold, thank you for switching to the Internet Newsletter and saving us a buck or two. Also, thanks again for being our rep at Sidney's funeral. Hope to see you at a Reunion one year.*

Shirley Bates, widow of Pete Bates, GunnersMate (43-46, WP1,2,3,4,5), "Enclosed is a check for the slush fund in memory of Pete Bates. I appreciated the photo of him in the Fall & Winter 2010 issue of the "Bang Gang". It was very touching for me & I enjoy the newsletter very much." ... *Shirley, thank you for the contribution in Pete's memory. He was a great shipmate and I enjoyed seeing him at the Reunions. I am happy you enjoyed his photo and hope this one will bring a smile to your face as well.*



Pete either won the bet - or lost it.

Bob McCray, a FirecontrolTech (54-55), "Thanks for the great newsletter, Great Job. Long over due slush fund money enclosed. You do a wonderful job with the newsletter, many thanks!"...*Bob, your donation is gratefully accepted. Our Reunions are fun filled also.*

Gene Gauthier, XO, (58-60), "Here is a contribution to the slush fund. My wife, Jane, was very ill the past two years, and passed away last March. I'm hoping to be able to attend a reunion again."... *Gene, we offer you our deepest sympathy for your loss. It will be a real pleasure to see you in attendance at our Reunions again. Thank you for your contribution.*

Leroy Webb, a TorpedoMan (54-55), "Just a little contribution to the Gang Bang fund to help with printing & mailing." ... *Thank you for your contribution, Leroy. We missed you at the Reunion last year. Hope you can make one of our future ones.*

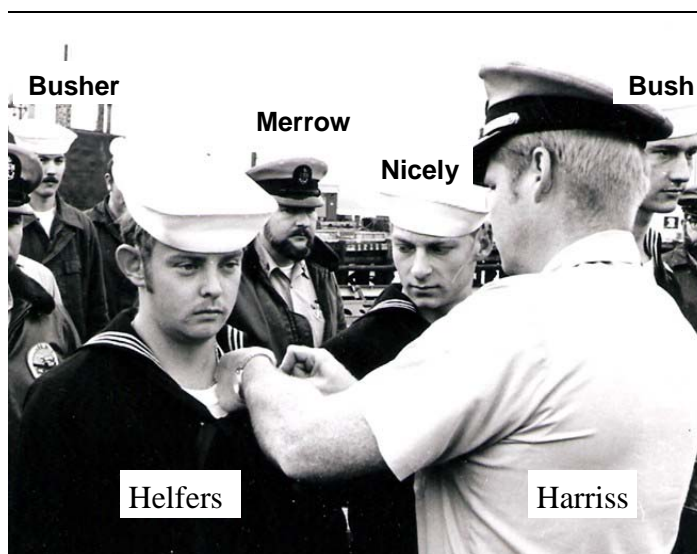
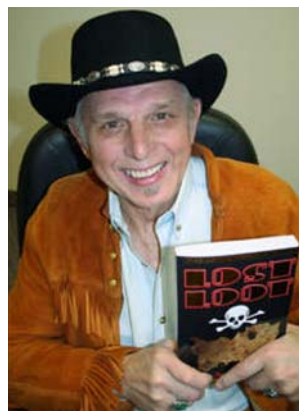
Tom Prendergast, a Culinary Specialist (67-69), "Enclosed is a check for the slush fund. After viewing pictures of the reunion I am thinking of coming to Pensacola next year. Thanks for the hard work."...*Tom, don't just think about coming to Pensacola—DO IT! I always enjoy seeing fellow Chefs at the Reunion. And I won't even ask you how you got the nickname—Lurch. Thanks for the donation.*

Don Carter, a MachinistMate (61-62), "Here is my first contribution - the Brag part! I just received your package of newsletters—thank you. Sad to hear the Bang was scrapped. It was good ole boat. I had some of my greatest times and memories with my mates "The Animals" aboard it - (61-63). I learned a lot about real and submariner life (Very very different versus surface craft life) for a naive Minnesota ranch/farm kid. Since my discharge I have lead a busy multi-pathed life; Graduated College upon Discharge: BS Degree in Marketing and Grad school for Graphic Arts; worked in many industries including the investment side (Merrill Lynch); married/divorced; motorcycle devotee (Harley's of course); lifetime Karate member; Certified Scuba Diver; Private Pilot; SASS Member (Single Action Shooter Society) and Colt Collector; Steam Train nut and HO collector; Corvette collector/restorer (restoring 2 now - a '60 & a '66 Grand Sport) and lifetime treasure hunter (on the trail of \$50 million, in gold coin, of Cat burglars cache).

Past life as a Submariner and Tortugas pirate (maybe they are one and the same); Published in two Corvette Magazines and one short Book on

Corvette Numbers. A couple of years back I had lunch with 3 VP's of Paramount Pictures, in Hollywood, at the studios to pitch them a TV program—was told they loved it and to go home write the pilot as the check and contract would be in the mail - I'm still waiting - LOL. Just finished and have published a new 344 page book on, adventure and how to treasure hunt with 3300 treasure symbols - "LOST LOOT" by Cache Carter. See my Web site - www.lostloot-treasure.com. I'm now on the hard part - getting buyers, distributors and book stores to carry it. I have just landed Barnes & Noble. A real eye opening venture for sure.

My life has been a wild ride and I've had a great run - I'm still moving, shaking and striving for the big one, found a few small amounts of gold coin -etc, but no big'un....Never give up, never be intimidated and keep learning new things everyday - I'm and avid reader of old mysteries, ancient history...etc, etc, etc!" ... *Thanks Don for updating us on your Bio. You certainly have lived a diversified life. But, you haven't really lived until you have attended a BANG Reunion. Hope we see you this year in Pensacola.*



Thanks to Dom Iammarino and Dan Casey for their help in ID-ing the other crew members in Fred Helifers's photo.



The Men With The Pin

by Bob 'Dex' Armstrong

They returned. Thousands of them. No, they numbered in the hundreds of thousands. Faces weather beaten, tanned. Smiling as they stepped down from trains all over America. Smiling that smile, universally recognized as that 'Damn!! It's great to be home!' smile.

They were home again. Those that were left. The survivors of a generation who left their homes and families to undertake the obligation of freedom-loving men to go into combat and ultimately defeat some of the most vile proponents of evil. They wore the story of their deeds and where they had been in rows of multi-colored, mute reminders above their pockets. What they had seen. What they had done and the personal losses they had suffered, would forever be in their minds when they looked up at their national colors floating gently in the breeze.

They are rapidly passing into the cold pages of history. The awesome respect in which they were held a half-century ago has given way to the gentle view point of the Monday Morning Quarterbacking of those who have grown up in a world of safety and extravagance. Of promiscuity and excess made possible because of *their* self-sacrifice.

Soon it will be impossible to find a combat pilot who stared at oncoming aircraft through a rotating propeller blade. A sailor who passed 40 mm shells to a loader in a battleship gun tub. A soldier who carried rifle ammo in eight round clips and ate crap that resembled dog food out of an olive drab can - In a Dutch ditch - In the rain. Men who fought wars that lasted years, rather than days and ended with a clear-cut result.

For those of us who rode boats that went below the surface, there were men who rode our boats when the close aboard sound of fifty pounds of

TNT detonating would be clearly heard through several inches of steel. That 'steel' was U.S. built pressure hull and audible public prayer could be heard in every compartment. And when it was over, hardened men could hug each other, secure in the knowledge that no one would feel that they might be gender-confused.

These same men knew the sound of torpedo hits and the tell tale sound of the result of such hits as the bulkheads of an enemy target collapsed while the enemy vessel made it's way to the bottom. Pressure-folding steel is a sound most of us will never hear, thanks to what these men did.

They had executed their war way beyond the established battle lines. Deep within the home waters of the Jap Empire. At a time when the Jap emperor and his militaristic toadies were assuring their easily duped people that they were secure, the people of Japan witnessed their merchant ships burning all along their coastal horizons. Ships, whose burning hulks were disappearing nightly, compliments of our *Undersea Warriors*.

So they returned. What was left of them. They crossed the brow of boats that wore freshly painted enemy flags... Flags that chronicled their kills. A silent statement of their contribution to our victorious effort in the Pacific. It may have been a *Silent Service*, but little Jap flags painted on the sides of conning towers made it clear that the presence of our submarine force had been felt. And above the jumper pockets of the men crossing to the pier, could be found the sterling silver representation of a submarine. The pin itself and each star worn below it, represented a war patrol which resulted in excess of ten thousand tons of enemy shipping sent to the bottom. The man or men who wrote the requirements for the awarding of that insignia wrote those requirements in such rigid and specific terms that the pin has never been watered down and reduced to the 'Crackerjack' prize that so many other military badges have become.

Today, the U.S. Submarine Combat Patrol Pin remains a symbol of men who have gone to sea and have drawn blood in defense of their country and way of life at the risk of their personal safety- if not the sacrifice of their futures.

Someday, the powers that decide such things, will come to their senses and will stop naming our submarines after geographical locations and hack politicians and start naming our undersea

warships after the heroes who wore 'The Pin'. Why they feel compelled to look elsewhere when we have such towering heroes of our own, makes no sense to this old E-3. They named a whole class of tin cans after Admiral Arliegh Burke, proving that they can do it right... At times.

But, the men who parked torpedoes in the sides of so many enemy ships, held no inflated sense of their own importance. When you try to thank the old meat-eaters, they always reply with, "*Hell, I was young, scared and just doing my job.*"

Volunteering for submarine duty in wartime has never been routinely expected of U.S. Sailors. Volunteering has never been an exercise in goat-roping the timid and reluctant. The Draft Board never forced any citizen to fill the ranks of the Submarine Service. Any man, who found wartime employment inside a pressure hull, was there because he put himself there.

"*Just doing my job.*" Right....

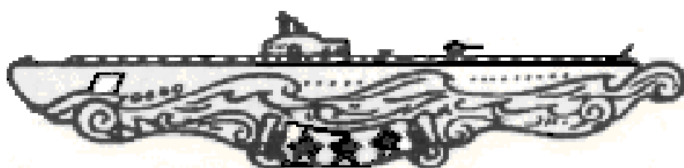
Who in their right mind would choose a line of work that included sitting, sweat-soaked in darkness, 400 feet below fresh air and sunshine listening to canisters of high explosive detonate and shatter gauge faces and incandescent bulbs?

No, can't buy, "*Just doing my job.*"

To buy that, would mean that our Submarine Force was comprised of the worlds largest collection of complete raving lunatics. The last idiot who called a World War II submariner a complete lunatic is still trying to get used to his new glass eye, figuring out how to talk with his new teeth and walk upright.

They are ours. They handed us an unblemished record of service '*faithfully performed.*' A gallant record of deeds performed by incredibly brave and dedicated men.

Their ranks thin daily. We do not have a lot of time left to buy them a beer, listen to their amazing stories and thank them for what they gave us and left in the pages of the history of The United States Navy.



28 APRIL 2011 to 1 MAY 2011

ATTENTION!!! All unfortunate shipmates who did not spend their entire Naval career aboard BANG and can recall Pier 22, Bells Bar and Naval Tailors, the Orion (and later L.Y. Spear) and the Kittiwake, this may interest you.

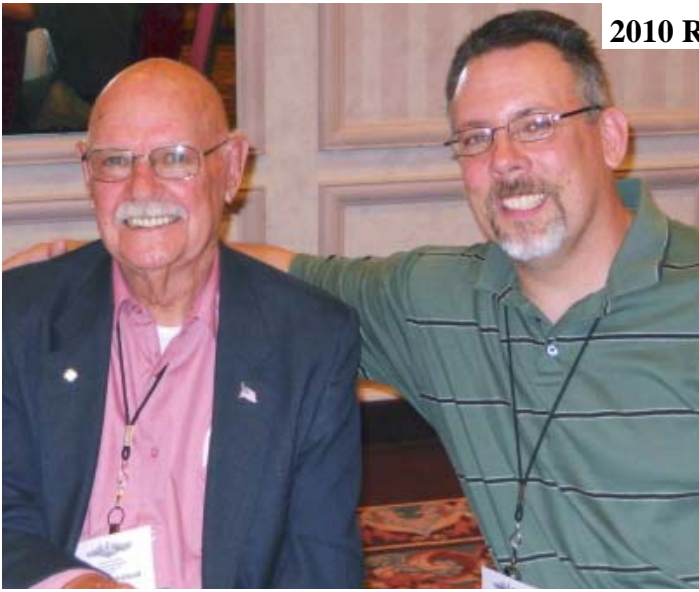
The SUBRON SIX SMOKE BOAT SISTERS (SSSBS) comprises 23 diesel submarines that spent as few as 2 and as many as 23 years attached to Submarine Squadron Six - Norfolk, Virginia. They are holding SSSBS Squadron Reunions in the Norfolk / VA Beach area every 4 years.

If you remember serving aboard one of these Boats and are interested in attending their combined Reunion, go to the USS Sirago (SS485) site for further information www.sirago.com or send an email to bickel485@aol.com to get on the mailing list.



Bill Kielbasa, (68-70) was recently chosen "Veteran Of The Day" while visiting Disney World. He is shown here proudly wearing his BANG cap.

2010 REUNION



Al & Kurt Cadenhead



Joan & Bill Fenton



FUN TIMES IN NEW LONDON...

2010 REUNION



Phil Beals & George LeBlanc



Bill & Barbera Mancuso



Ed & Sandra Moran



John & Diane OConnor



Lee Sivil & John Regish & Terri Delaney



Pete & Alberta Rocco

2010 REUNION



Ed Schovajsa & Friend



Len Scuito & Alan Forry & Marshall Fischer



Gene Lockwood & Oni Sioson



Alida & Lee Sivil



Elaine & Wayne Thalasinis



Hal & Edith Wilkins

REUNION 2010



Dot & Phil Beals



Len Fagotti & Al Mace



Ralph & Claire Gates & Bill Fenton



Phil Beals & Larry Harjehausen



Charlie Kimball



Ben LaPorte

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



Our memorial tree continues to flourish at Albacore Park under the watchful eyes of its caretakers—our departed shipmates.



**WE'RE STILL
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SALE!!**

Like the economy, our prices are rock bottom!!!!
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 11x14 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 2011



PENSACOLA, FL

Hello Shipmates!

I want to welcome you to your 2011 USS Bang SS-385 Assn Reunion at Pensacola Beach, FL. Your hosts are Lamarr Seader QM1 (SS) 62-65 and wife Kathy. **The reunion dates are Monday, October 10 through Thursday October 13.** This is your chance to come to Florida and get some of our famous silver sand between your toes.

Our headquarters for the reunion will be the Spring Hill Suites Hotel located at 24 Via De Luna, Pensacola Beach, FL (on the beachfront).

All rooms are suites with refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, wet bar, two TV's with cable and free HBO. The hotel provides free parking, free wireless internet access throughout the hotel, three outdoor pools /one heated/ one whirlpool, complimentary award-winning Suite Seasons daily breakfast buffet, on-site exercise room and laundry facilities. There is a poolside cabana bar and a sandwich shop for lunch. Pensacola Beach has 20 miles of white "sugar" sand, numerous restaurants (many seafood) and gift shops for those who like to shop. You can rent bikes or fancy golf carts to travel the beachfront. The weather in October is still warm and you can swim in the Gulf of Mexico.

The hotel has 50 suites blocked off for us at the following guaranteed rates. Eighteen of the suites are at the rate of **\$99.00 + tax** per night. These face the inland side and do not have balconies. The other 32 suites are at the rate of **\$129.00 + tax** and they have either Santa Rosa Sound or Gulf of Mexico views and are with balconies.

To encourage early registration for the hotel, all of you who make your suite reservation with the hotel (1-800-406-7885) and mail me your Reunion Registration Form and check **postmarked no later than August 1st** will receive one entry into a drawing for a **free upgrade** to a premium \$149.00 Gulf front suite for the length of your stay.

All rooms not booked by Friday, September 2nd will be released into the general inventory.

We are offering two bus tours. **Tuesday** we will tour Battleship Park in Mobile, AL. The trip includes park admission and a great lunch. While there you

will be able to tour USS Drum (SS-228) which has been maintained in her WWII configuration and USS Alabama (BB-60). There are many other military artifacts located throughout the park for your viewing pleasure and while you are walking around, try to locate the Bang Gang memorial brick.

Wednesday we will go to the National Naval Aviation Museum, one of the world's largest aviation museums. Located aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola, this historic treasure boasts more than 150 beautifully restored aircraft, hands-on exhibits and more than 4,000 artifacts representing Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard aviation.

There are plenty of family-friendly ways to get the most out of quality time with the kids. Free admission is an added bonus, as well as free tours inside the Museum and on the flight line.

You can also see a choice of several IMAX films at a group discount of \$7.50 each.

Lunch will be "on your own" at the infamous "Cubi Bar Cafe" located inside the museum.

On the way back we will stop at Pensacola's Bayfront Veteran's Park for a photo-op at the WWII Lifesaving Memorial where USS Bang is memorialized along with other submarines that rescued downed aviators.

Our banquet dinner will include an entrée of Steamship round of roast beef or roasted chicken with mashed potatoes or steamed rice as an alternative and steamed green beans, tossed salad w/balsamic dressing, assorted rolls and butter, Ice tea, water, hot tea & coffee and dessert.

If you have special dietary needs please note them on the registration form.

Please feel free to contact Kathy and I if you have any questions about the reunion. Thank you.

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MONDAY **OCTOBER 10th - Check In - Hospitality Room opens at 12:00 noon.**



TUESDAY **OCTOBER 11th - ??? a.m. - Battleship Park Tour. Mobile, AL**



WEDNESDAY **OCTOBER 12th - ??? a.m. - Naval Aviation Museum Tour.**



THURSDAY **OCTOBER 13th - 8:30 a.m. - Business Meeting - Election of Officers.
5:30 p.m. - Cocktails – Cash Bar – & Banquet.**



FRIDAY **OCTOBER 14th - Check Out.**

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

NAME: _____ **YEARS ABOARD BANG:** ____ to ____

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

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

ARRIVAL DATE: __/__/__ **DEPART DATE:** __/__/__ **E-MAIL:** _____

NUMBER TAKING BATTLESHIP PARK TOUR:..... ____ @ \$45.00 per person. = _____

NUMBER TAKING AVIATION MUSEUM TOUR:..... ____ @ \$25.00 per person. = _____

NUMBER ATTENDING BANQUET:..... ____ @ \$40.00 per person. = _____

PLEASE SPECIFY ENTRÉE CHOICE(S)

INDICATE HOW MANY?: ____ - Chicken ____ - Beef

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

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