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Robert B. Herzog
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Paul E. Dillon
1925 - 2011





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.

Robert B. Herzog, RM (43-45) WP1,2,3,4,5

Paul E. Dillon, RM (44) WP2,3,4

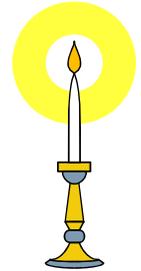
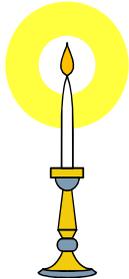
Gerald A. Lagestee, EM (61-62)

James T. McKee, STS (69-71)

Paul A. Montanari, EMCS (63-64)

Leland S. Hollingsworth, EM (60-62)

Harold W. Dugan, ET (54-56)



SHIPMATES, REST YOUR OARS!

The following shipmates are new (found) additions to our roster. Your committee is thankful for all who helped 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
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The following shipmates have changed their mailing address.

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

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Robinson	Del F	665 Acacia Ave	Manteca	CA	95336-3641	(209) 481-0116	62

THANK YOU!

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



**Christopher Bacey
Conyal Cody
Wade Eichhorn**

**Bill Fenton
Bob Lannue
Dale Larson**

**Charlie Miles
Del Robinson
Dan Rosenfeld**

Richard Taylor



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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!

I had started this column as an addendum to **Billy Cromie's** obit. For once, I can report good news. Just about everyone can tell a Sea Story. Some better than others. Submariners tell good sea stories. They even have a "SS" after their rate/rank which could stand for "Sea Storyteller". I think how they spend their time has something to do with it. They're either out to sea telling their shipmates all about their last liberty experiences or, when in port, relating their latest unclassified sea-worthy adventures to some fair maiden with a compassionate ear. So they have plenty of experience. They also have total recall which helps them to almost never run out of stories to tell.

Even so, some are still better than others which is why I think there should be a rating system—like college degrees, BA, MA, and PhD. It could be added to the name tag after the SS (ie: SSBA, etc.) While attending Reunions, this would let you know who you would be competing against before you decide to sit at a specific table. Me? I'm a good listener so I like the PhD tables. I have known some BANG PhD's in my time like **J. T. Murray** and **Bill Mancuso** but one that really sticks out is **Billy Cromie**. Yes, Billy has a way of telling a story that not only makes you believe it, you'd swear that you were there with him when it happened. Definitely a PhD but calling him Doctor Cromie might cause some confusion because there is already one in his family tree.

As some of you (and now, all of you) know, Billy experienced a complete shutdown of his kidneys last November due to infection and by the time he recognized the seriousness of the illness and decided to check into the hospital, his final patrol orders were already cut and waiting for him when he arrived. But, Billy decided he wasn't ready to leave just yet as he was having too much fun at our Reunions. So, after a couple of months stay in the hospital (mostly in the ICU), I am very happy to report that Billy is now back home and is recovering at an acceptable rate.

If you believe in miracles, I guess you could say that Billy's recovery was one. Me, I believe in Sea Stories. Sooo, Dr. Billy, I can't wait to hear the NO S__TER you told St Peter that made him change his mind and send you back to "The Gang".

As you can see by the Lost and Found column, not all shipmates fared as well as Billy Bang since the last issue.



Bob Herzog helped commission **BANG** and stayed aboard for her first five patrols. Most of that time was spent in the Radio Shack. Just recently I found out that Bob also spent some of his watch time on the bow planes. In fact, that is where he was that fateful day in September 1944 when **BANG** experienced one of the worst depth charge attacks of WWII. The blasts were so great and numerous that they forced **BANG** down from her test depth position to almost 200 feet deeper. It was at this instant that Bob showed his planesman skills by operating the bow planes in manual mode and keeping **BANG** out of any further danger. For this action he was awarded the Bronze Star. But, like the rest of his shipmates, Bob would say "**I was just doing my job**".

It was reported by Bob's son, Rich that Bob had been fighting Alzheimers for a few years now and just recently had been hospitalized with pneumonia.

Robert B. Herzog, age 87 of Perry, Ohio passed away February 14, 2012 at Lake Med and Rehabilitation Center in Painesville Twp., Ohio. He was born November 18, 1924 in Glenwood Landing, New York. Mr. Herzog was a member of Painesville Elks Lodge #549, Boots and Saddles of Perry, Ohio, Rotary Club in New York and had been a volunteer firefighter there. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served on submarine **USS Bang** and was a member of the **USSVI USS Cod Detachment** in Cleveland, Ohio.

He retired from Long Island Bell (AT&T), where he worked as the installation supervisor.

Mr. Herzog is survived by his wife of 64 years, Eleanor; sons, Richard (Katie) of Perry, Ohio and Alan (Vicki) of South Bend, Indiana; daughter Joan (John) Schlaugh of Perry, Ohio; sister Jane Destefano of Battle Creek, Michigan; seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lynn Rebecca.

Burial will take place in Perry Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions to the Alzheimers Association, 8522 East Avenue, Mentor, Ohio 44060.



career remained a large part of his life, keeping in contact with fellow shipmates and always having a **submarine story to tell.**

Jerry married Frances Pardi in San Diego in 1969. They had two sons, Todd and Scott. They moved to Philomath in 1974 when Jerry joined his parents in the hardware business at BAMM Hardware in Philomath. After the hardware store closed, Jerry and Fran moved to Las Vegas. They later divorced.

Jerry returned to Oregon a year ago, living in Lebanon. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading, watching classic movies and DVDs, and working crosswords.

Jerry is survived by his two sons, Gregory Todd Lagestee of Bellingham, WA, and Jason Scott Lagestee of Oak Harbor, WA, grandson, Jackson Lagestee of Oak Harbor, WA, exwife Frances Lagestee of Las Vegas, NV, brother Philip Lagestee of Las Vegas, NV, and three sisters, Nancy Lagestee of Santa Cruz, CA, Shirley Huyett of West Linn, and Fern Robinson of Blachly.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years; loving children, Colin (Robin) Hollingsworth of Crystal Lake, IL, Bonnie (Franklin) King of Bonita Springs, FL, and Lauralee (Christian) Nouyou of London, England; sister, Charline (James) Kimbell of Louisville, KY; cherished grandchildren, Dillon, Hayley, and Dexter. Also surviving are one niece and two nephews.

A memorial service with full military honors will be held in Southampton in the Spring at the convenience of the family and will be announced.



Harold Dugan's widow, Vivian informed us about his demise by mailing a very nice memorial packet about Harold including photos and obituary which will be added to our Memory Binders. Quite a synopsis on Harold. The only thing left out was the nickname his BANG shipmates gave him—"Dixie".

Harold William "Bill" Dugan, 76 of Coulee Dam, passed away at his home on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011.



He was born to Clifford and Alice Dugan, April 1, 1935, in Shenandoah, IA. Bill grew up in Loveland, CO and, after high school, enlisted in the US Navy

in 1953.

While awaiting ET school he was sent TAD to an AKA supplying troops in Korea and suffered shrapnel wounds for which he was awarded a Purple Heart. After ET school Bill volunteered for Submarine Duty and his first assignment was USS Bang SS385. He next reported aboard USS Grouper SSK214 in 1956 before applying for Nuclear Power School in 1957. Upon completion of NP school in 1958, Bill attended Reactor Technician Training in Idaho Falls, ID before being assigned to USS Halibut SSGN587. He also put USS Henry Clay SSBN625 in commission in 1964. His last assignment was USS DeHaven DD727 performing operations off Vietnam before a bad fall resulted in a medical discharge as a ETC in 1966.

Bill worked at Coulee Dam from 1968 to 1983. During that time he gave to his community as a Reserve Police Officer and an EMT, riding ambulance, until 1999.

Bill was active in various Masonic assemblies and was a valued advisor to local Boy Scout troops. He loved the outdoors and was an accomplished hunter. Some of his favorite times was working on his friend's cattle ranch with his dog, Boots.

Bill is survived by his wife, Vivian, and five children; Michelle Husser, Duain Dugan, Colleen O'Neill, Alan Dugan, and Eric Dugan, all residing in western WA. He is also survived by nine grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.



Wayne Thalasin e-mailed me with the news of **Lee "Holly" Hollingsworth's** death. And the similarity continues— Lee and Jerry Lagestee, both Electricians, served aboard BANG during the same time period.....



Leland Stanford Hollingsworth, 79, of Bonita Springs, FL passed away December 22, 2011. Formerly of Southampton, MA he was a Bonita Springs resident since 1999.

Leland was born May 7, 1932 in Pineville, KY a son of the late William F. and Laura (Goodin) Hollingsworth. He was a graduate of Lone Jack High School in Pineville,

KY and attended the University of Tennessee.

Mr. Hollingsworth was a 27 year Veteran of the United States Naval Submarine Service, retiring in 1982 as a Senior Chief Petty Officer.

Following his time in the service, he worked for the Linweave Paper Company and Parsons Paper Company, both located in Holyoke, MA. Leland also worked for Northeast Utilities and at Spalding Sports Worldwide in Chicopee, MA as the Plant Engineering/Facilities Manager since 1988. Mr. Hollingsworth served as a Selectman for the Town of Southampton for several terms, was a former member of the Hampshire Regional School Board, served on the Finance Committee for the Town of Southampton as well as the Personnel Polices and Procedures Board. He also served on the Local School Committee and was Past President of the Old Home Days Committee, both of Southampton.

Leland was a past member of the American Legion Post #168 of Southampton, the USSVWII Association, past president of the Southampton Lions Club, former member Hampshire County Commissioners, Shaker Farms Country Club and Northampton Country Club.

The last issue of the Newsletter I mailed to **James T. McKee** was returned to me marked DECEASED. I was unable to locate an obituary for him but **Len Scuito** did some Internet searching and found out that Jim passed away in July, 2011. He was found dead in his home from apparently heart failure. He was cremated and interned at the M. J. "Dolly Cooper" Veterans Cemetery in Anderson, SC.



*Along the shore I spy a ship
As she sets out to sea;
She spreads her sails and sniffs the breeze
And slips away from me.*

*I watch her fading image shrink,
As she moves on and on,
Until at last she's but a speck,
Then someone says, "She's gone."*

*Gone where? Gone only from our sight
And from our farewell cries;
That ship will somewhere reappear
To other eager eyes.*

*Beyond the dim horizon's rim
Resound the welcome drums,
And while we're crying, "There she goes!"
They're shouting, "Here she comes!"*

*We're built to cruise for but a while
Upon this trackless sea
Until one day we sail away
Into infinity.*

TILL WE MEET AGAIN SHIPMATES!!!



I recently received a package from **Delphine Bensen**, widow of **Ray Bensen** (Radio Tech, 43-45, WP1,2,3,4,6) explaining her attempt to chronicle Ray's time aboard BANG so that future generations would have permanent history of his war experiences instead of just that "he served in WWII". She states that her incentive came from what she didn't know about other family members whom she knew served in

various wars. Her efforts recently came to an abrupt halt when her computer crashed. Unable to continue, she included her "rough draft" for our scrapbook stating "what I have learned by doing this

project is that it isn't easy being a historian, putting facts together and getting them correct". She also thanks **Bob Gunny** for inspiring her with the photos he has submitted to our Newsletter.

Some interesting facts about Ray were he was not the average teen-age kid when he joined the Navy after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Ray was 28 and had recently moved with his wife from Buffalo, NY to Santa Monica, CA. Besides Submarine School, he had already attended Radio and Radar Tech schools and the University of Houston before putting BANG into commission as a RT2. After the war, Ray came home to an empty house. His wife couldn't wait and found someone new. Three years later, Ray struck gold in CA by meeting Delphine.

Ed note: Thanks Del, for being there for Ray when he needed someone.



I received the following e-mail from Jim Garsky, son of **Ronald T Garsky**, an IC electrician (53-55).

"I'm e-mailing in response to a friend who thought that I should contact you. I'm the eldest son of Ronald R. Garski, former crew member of USS BANG 1953-1955. My dad really never shared any experiences and background into his naval career til later on his life when he shared some of the stories with us kids. We are all grown-up and Ronald is 77 yrs young old now and having a birthday soon.

Let me update his whereabouts. Ronald is living in Racine, Wisconsin, (formerly of Woodruff, WI) just lost his second wife of 30 years, and now is retired. He still gets around good but he uses a cane now. I help him out by taking him places to eat and sporting events. I'm hoping someday he will go to a reunion party for the Bang.

If you could send him info on events and maybe info on current living crewmembers, he sure would like to contact them. Also, if you could send him a current newsletter and send him info on how to get one of those hats with the dolphins, he would really like that. I hope we hear from you soon."

Ed note: Happy to include Ron on our mailing list. We also have received e-mails from Carla Hemb, daughter of **Wayne Ellinghausen, QM (56-60)**, requesting a Newsletter; Mary Ann, daughter of **John McNulty, Officer (56-57)**, letting us know where he now resides so that we may include him on our mailing list; and Cindy Floyd-Whitt, daughter of **Cecil Floyd, FCS (43-44, WP1,2,3,4)**, requesting information on what a Fire Control Specialist did aboard a submarine. **Bill Fenton** replied to her with a very detailed description (but in layman's terms) that even **Henry Kozloski** would have approved.

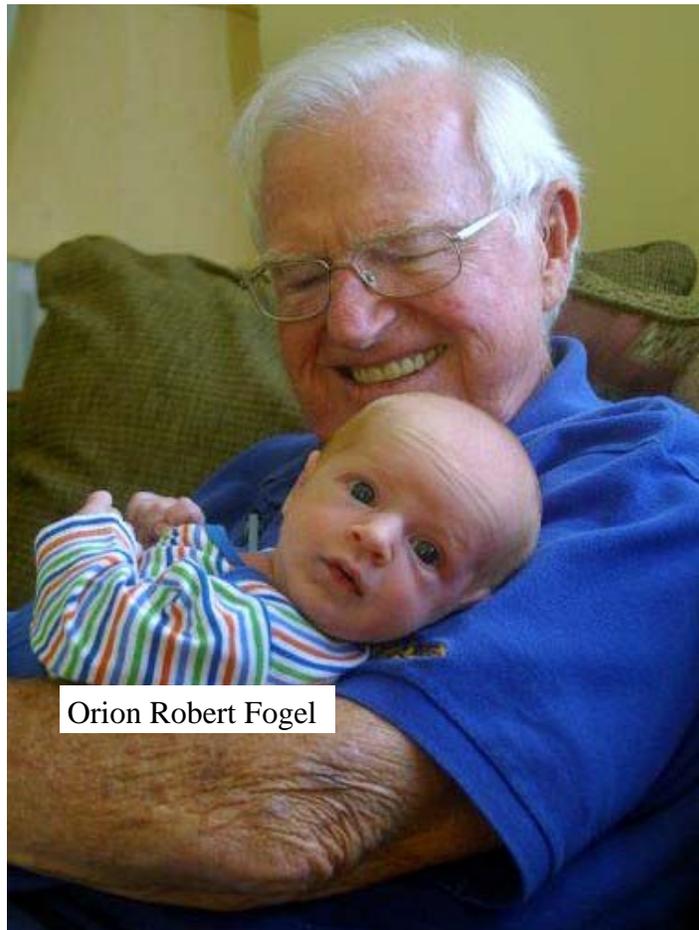




SICK BAY



Here is the reason **Larry Harjehausen** postponed the treatment of his ailments.



Orion Robert Fogel

The following shipmates and wives are currently in need of our well wishes and prayers. Kudos go out to **Len Scuito** and **Ike Cohen** for keeping me updated on their conditions.

Marge Heater and **Betty Gunny** - dementia, nothing new to report.

John Monroe (69-72) - awaiting liver transplant, resting at home, still in good spirits

Larry Harjehausen (57-60) - knee and lower back pain, see photo elsewhere in this issue.

Dick Major (61-65) - Tumors, nothing new to report.

John Kraft (68-70) - See reprint of Darlene's letter elsewhere in this issue.

"JT" Murray (56-59) - Mesothelioma, nothing new to report.

Dick Flanagan (56-58) - Giillian-Barre syndrome, nothing new to report.

Bill Cromie (64-71) - Kidney infection, after months in ICU I am happy to report that Bill is now home and recovering well.

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Lamarr and Kathy Seader send the following note:

Kathy and I want to thank the Bang Gang for the beautiful flower arrangement you had sent to us. Believe it or not Kathy and I were the ones who should be thanking the Bang Gang for the opportunity to host a Bang reunion. It was a blast to plan and attend.

Ed note: Sounds like there may be another Pensacola Reunion in our future.....

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Bill Fenton reports that he has completed the editing and posting on our web site of this year's videos of shipmate interviews. The interviews added by Bill are **Ed Kracker, (EM 43-45), Captain David Harriss (CO 71-72), Bill VonDerLieth (IC 52-57), Billy Cromie (EM 64-71)** and were recorded during last year's Reunion in Pensacola. The recordings last about 12 minutes each and are made possible through the efforts of shipmates **Len Scuito** and **Woody Herward** who unselfishly give up their Hospitality Room time to video them. Thanking them for their endeavors will assure us that future interviews will be recorded and, who knows, YOU may be next. Just show up at a reunion.

It is amazing someone that small having all these healing powers.

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Bob Lannue, a MotorMachinistMate (46-47), "Here is a small contribution for the great Bang Gang Newsletter - Thanks!

At 87 I am still restoring old Harleys & Indians from the 40's. Still ride them locally but the fun is making them run from basket-cases to as good as they will. I have two 47's running now and a '46 coming in soon from my friend in San Diego. By the way, I lived in San Diego for 44 years so I will try to make the Reunion."*Bob, Happy to hear that you are keeping active and still have the knack for keeping engines running. Thank you for your contribution and hope I get to see you in SD this fall*

Miles Williams, a SignalMan (69-70), "I am Miles Williams, formerly SM1(SS) aboard Bang. I was aboard for almost 2 years, if my ancient brain can be trusted. Got orders to shore duty at Recruiting Sta. in Bellingham, WA. While there I made SMC(SS), then changed my rate to QMC(SS), as that was what I was working as. When that duty was up, I had to go back to sea, to USS Queenfish (SS(N) 651. Retired from active duty when I completed 22 years service. Been living in Arkansas since then. To get back on track, my purpose in writing is to join up with the Bang Gang again, and attend the next reunion in San Diego. My wife, and I were both raised in So. Cal. In Banning and Cabazon, near Palm Springs."...*Miles, happy to hear that you and Peggy plan to join us in San Diego this year. I'm sure it won't be your last one.*

James Schultz, a TorpedoMan (67-68), "While on board BANG, I made a tape recording that shipmates might find interesting. I had my hand held tape recorder and made a recording of night ops in the Caribbean springboard cruise in 68. I just set the recorder on the chart table in the control room while preparing for night ops. You can hear the XO discussing the plan and then the dive. We then submerged and I recorded whatever was said, including all the sounds and voices of a dive and maneuvering on board. It will surely jog the memories of all who served on Bang. Later, while on the surface, I simply walked through the control room aft with the recorder on. You can hear the roar of the diesels as I passed through those compartments that only an engineman can love. I plan to copy this tape to CD and provide a little explanation of what was being said prior to the dive and enhance it with some dialog. I plan to be in San Diego and hope to have the CD made by then."...*Jim, they say a picture is worth a thousand words but sound can create the picture in one's mind. What great memories your CD will bring forth to those that hear it. Thanks for thinking of your shipmates.*

Del Robinson, a SONarman (62), "I was on Bang for one northern run. I believe it was in 1962 or 1963. It was a very good mission and the Captain and crew was awesome. We did a little liberty in Holly Loch or could have been in England or Rota Spain. I had the pleasure of making several Northern Runs on USS Tench SS-417 and USS Corporal SS-346 but only one run on Bang. Diesel Boats for ever---. I was 2nd Generation in Subs. (Father was a Motor Mack First Class in WWII) Now, stepson is First Class FT Qualified on USS Ohio SSGN 726. He said he was following in my footsteps and I corrected him

right away---each submariner walks in his own footsteps and has the honor of wearing the dolphins. Also the Boomer Folks were not Diesel Submariners. What change has been made since our time. I tell folks we were very smart or very stupid and still have not decided which one yet. The best time of my life and being around the best of the best---volunteers only. Fellow submariners, what class we had!

I currently belong to Mare Island Submarine Charter and also a member of the Holland Club. Love the Newsletter and will be sending a contribution via slow mail for fees and, any left over, Slush Fund."... *Thanks Del for your donation. I hope you can meander down I-5 next October and spend a few days in San Diego with some classy guys who are either very smart or very stupid. Sounds like a fun time to me...*

Glenn Kuhse, a RadioMan (51-52, ComCrew2), "I am planning on going to San Diego for our 69th Reunion. I have a certificate for making another 17 fathoms escape when we took the Bang out of mothballs in New London to be recommissioned in 1951."... *Glenn, that must have been with the Momsen Lung. I recall doing it twice, once with the Lung and then without (blow and go), but I don't remember receiving a certificate. Looking forward to meeting you in San Diego.*

Michael Johnson, an IC electrician (72), "I have finally caught up with this new technology called computers. As I now have a Laptop and my very own email address, I would appreciate receiving my Bang Gang Newsletter via email. I am certain that any reduced expense will help to keep the wonderful Bang Gang Newsletter in publication. I was on the decommissioning crew in 1972. Bang was the first Boat I served aboard as an ICFN straight out of Sub School. Thank you and all that you do to provide us former crew members with an excellent Newsletter." ... *Thanks Michael for your compliments and for volunteering to start receiving your Newsletter via e-mail. The printing and postage costs do add up.*

Ron Gecks, an ElectriciansMate (67-70), "My wife and I were planning to attend the reunion in FL but she started having back problems and she was trying the shots but she wasn't getting any relief. She uses a walker around the house but if we go anywhere she uses the wheel chair. They ran a lot of test and scans and found she had spinal problems and needed surgery. So, she had the surgery on 29 Dec and I brought her home on the 1 Jan. She was home a week in a lot of pain so I took

her to the ER in Batesville and they shipped her via ambulance back to St Vincent Hospital in Indy where she was for the next 10 days with a bad infection. They opened her wound 3 times and flushed it out with antibiotics. When she was released from the hospital she was sent to a nursing home for 6 weeks (where she is now). She gets antibiotics through an IV every 8 hours around the clock, and it takes an hour to administer. She is doing good right now. I brought her home for a couple of hours yesterday and will bring her home today after her 10:00 o'clock IV. Sure will be glad when all this is over. She got about another 3 1/2 weeks before she will be able to leave the Nursing home. One nice thing, she is only 5 miles away but it is still too far.

We had planned on the reunion and then going over to Panama City Beach, FL to see our daughter-in-law and then to Panama City and Lynn Haven to put flowers on our son's grave. I was hoping to make the Bushnell (AS15) reunion this April in Louisville KY but that is out for right now.

I saw the interview that Billy did on the web site. It was really good. Will talk to you later and keep in touch." ... *Ron, I am sorry to hear that your wife is experiencing so much pain. Hopefully she is much better now and soon will be up and about. It amazes me the unthinkable strides that have been made in different studies but they still have problems making a back ache go away. I guess it's like the common cold—no cure.*

Darlene Kraft, wife of **John Kraft**, a RadioMan (68-70), "John had a knee replacement in June, thinking he would be all set for his retirement planned for this March—GOD had other ideas. A microstroke, resulting in loss of sight right in the middle of his right eye, led to finding heart issues. John went into the hospital for rejuvenation on November 4th and came out with a new aortic valve (pig), new dacron tubing for a section of his aorta, and a brand new pacemaker. We are thankful to the Lord for the warning of the eye for we would never have known about the heart issues without that happening.

We were trying very hard to be light in tone for the up coming Holidays but, just as we were getting the Christmas cards ready, our youngest son, Will, passed away unexpectedly and we've been dealing with that and it has been extremely difficult. Many of you knew this and our thanks for all the wonderful support and prayers we have been the recipients of. Words cannot express our gratitude. We will just say that without the Lord's grace and comfort we would have been basketcases—more than we are already.

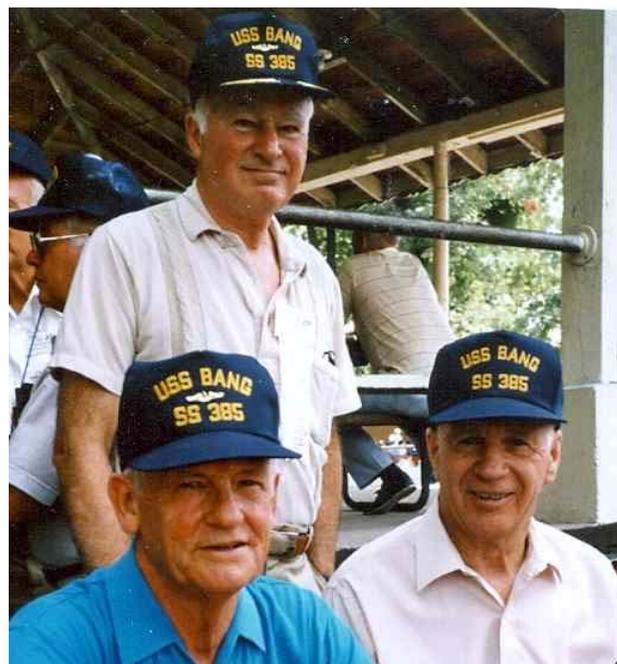
For those of you just finding out about Will, please do not send flowers or such. If you want to do anything at all, please send a memorial gift to

Blandine House in Fond du Lac, WI.

Again, our thanks to all. We wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year and the Lord Jesus' rich blessings!!!!



Jack Cline, Officer, (44-45, WP2,3,4,5,6) attends dedication ceremony at Triton Sail Park in Redmond WA—2011 And with fellow officers Jim Heg (r) and Oliver Bagby (c) 1989 Reunion in Reno.





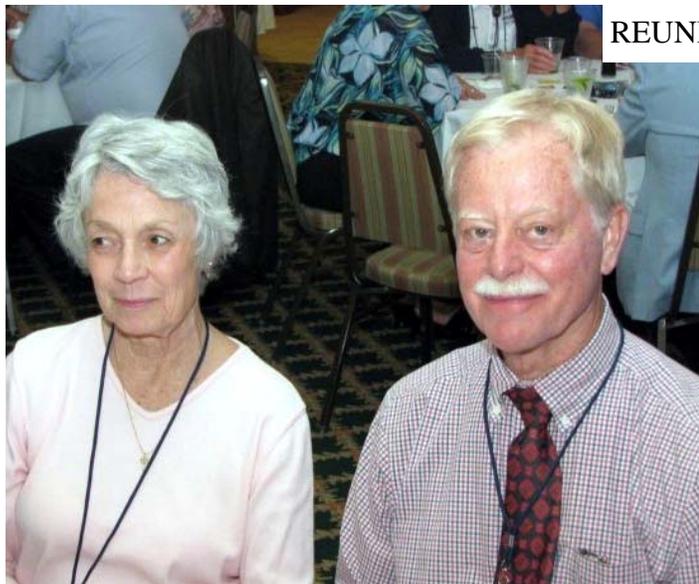
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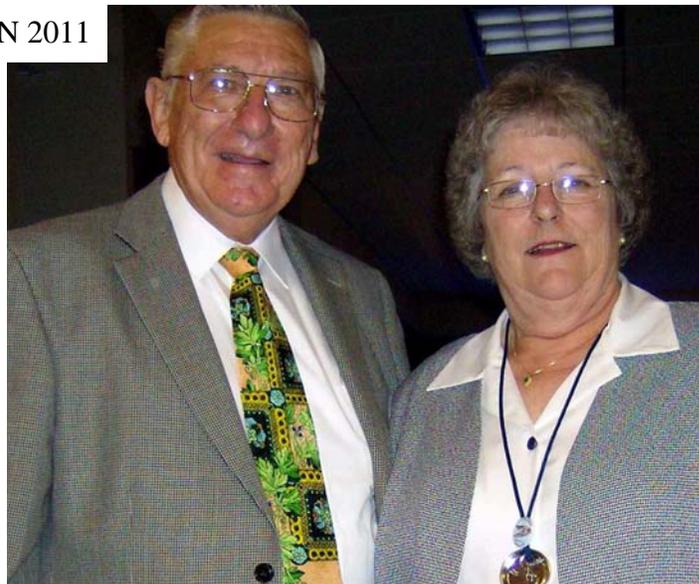
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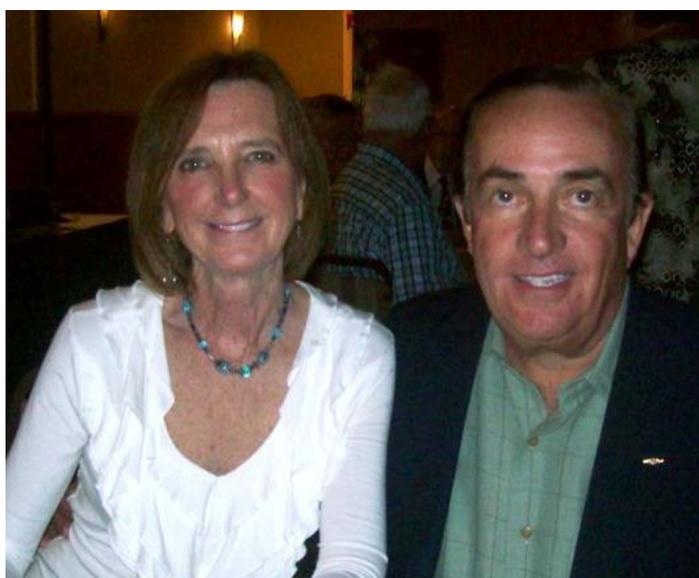




Kathleen & Steve Webster



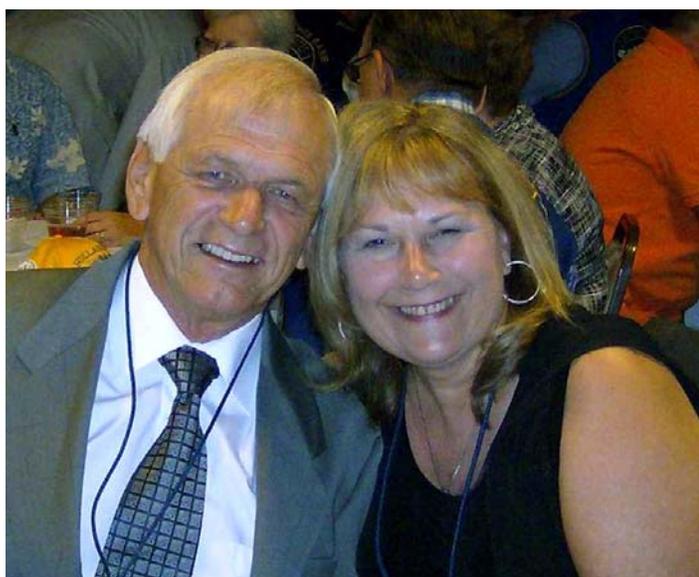
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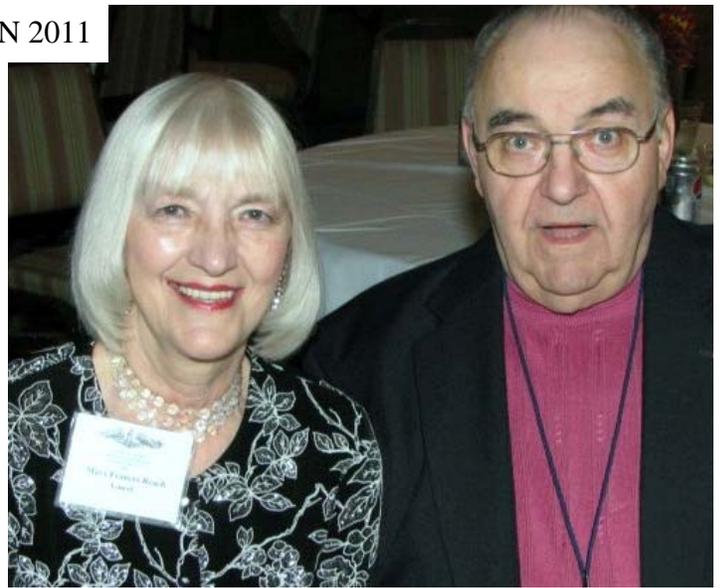
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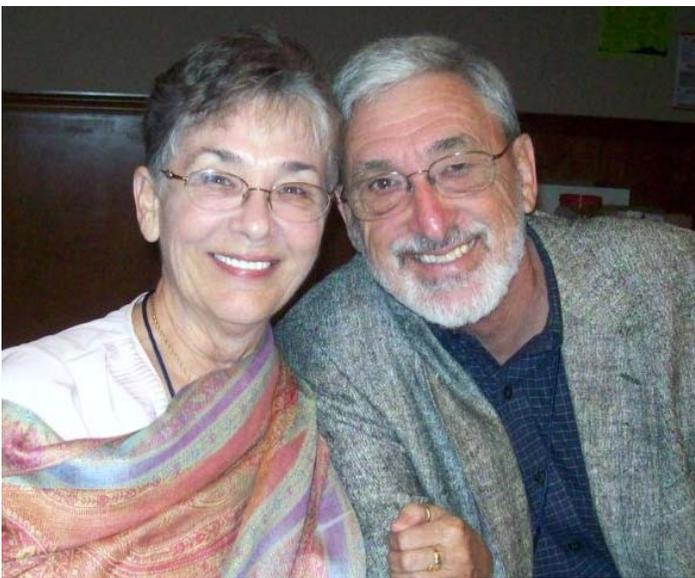
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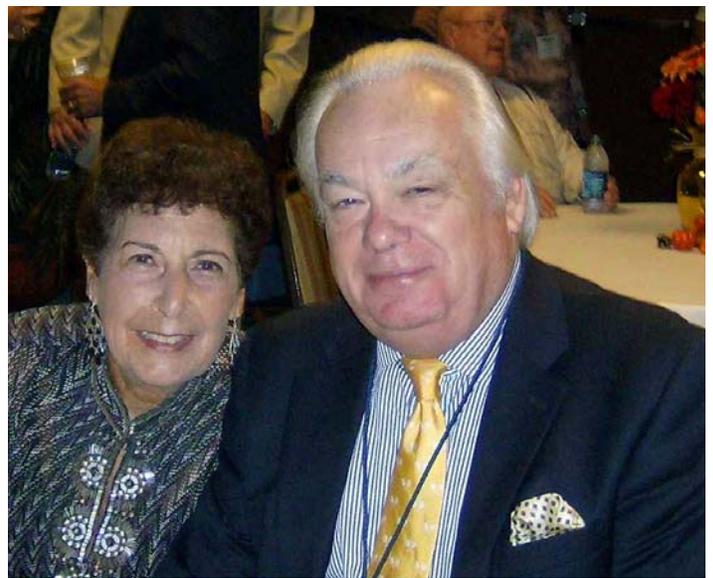
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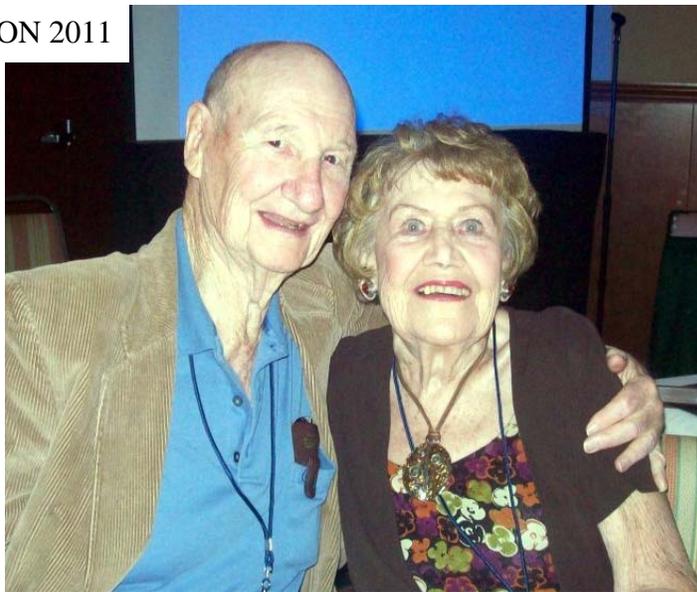
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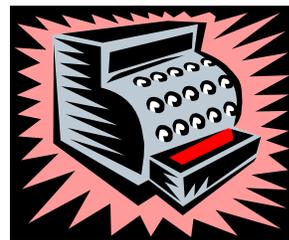
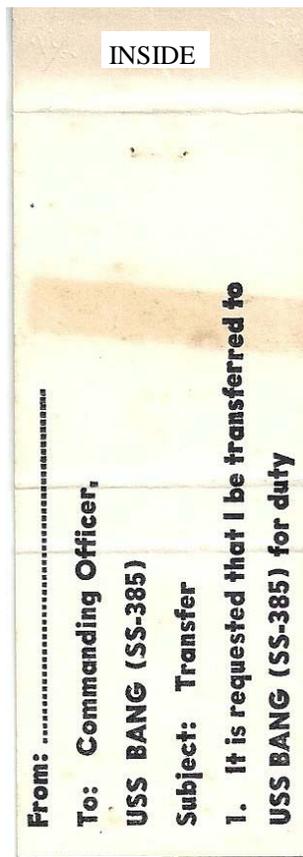
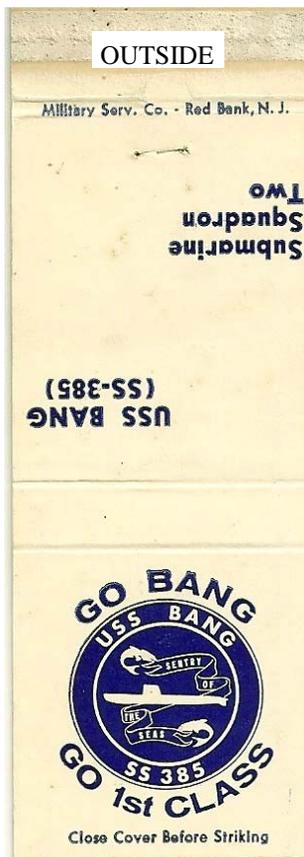
USS BANG (SS385) MEMORIAL SITES

"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
- 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



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

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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

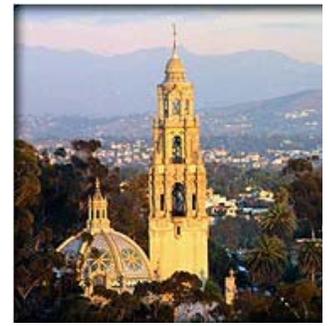
1" Lapel/Hat pins - depicting above jacket patches & battle flag. **Please state your choice.....\$5.00**

Does anyone remember these matchbooks from Squadron Two days? 1st Class? You bet!



REUNION UPDATE 2012

SAN DIEGO, CA



Hello Everyone!

Welcome to the 2012 USS BANG SS-385 Assn Reunion in San Diego, CA. Your reunion hosts will be yours truly, **Harry Ross, STS2 (64-67)** and my better half **Jo Ann**. Assisting us will be your 1999 hosts **Bob Swank, YN (53)** and **Frank Walker, Officer (52-55)**.

The reunion dates are Monday, October 22, 2012 through Thursday, October 26, 2012. The reunion planning is ongoing but I'm assured of two things; the weather will be good and the company will be even better.

Our headquarters hotel will be the **Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside, 4875 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106** overlooking and fronting scenic San Diego Bay. Just minutes from SeaWorld, the San Diego Zoo, local beaches, the San Diego Airport and cruise ship terminal. Guests appreciate 24 hour complimentary airport shuttle and free parking. Complimentary scheduled shuttle service is also provided to the Cruise Ship Terminal.

All guest rooms are well furnished with 37" flat screen HD TVs, in-room refrigerators, coffee makers, and free Wi-Fi. The hotel features a nine hole putting course, Fitness Room, Business Center, heated pool and spa, shuffleboard, and table tennis. The hotel has a café on site offering classic and contemporary dishes.

The hotel has blocked off fifty (50) single or double rooms for us at the following guaranteed rates:

Single room rate is \$108.00 / night + taxes.

Double room rate is \$111.00 / night + taxes.

Both rates include a coupon for each person that can be used in the restaurant for a free Continental Breakfast or credit (\$6.47) towards a hot breakfast. The room rates will also be extended 3 days prior and post our reunion dates for those that wish to extend their stay.

An advance deposit or credit card number guarantee for the first night's stay is due when making your reservation. Individuals must identify themselves as part of USS BANG at the time of making reservation in order to be eligible for the special group rate. **CALL: 1-800-662-8899 or 1-619-224-3621.**

The block of rooms will continue to be held until the **cutoff date of September 22, 2012**. Reservations received after September 22, 2012 will be provided, space available.

American Airlines is offering USS BANG a group discount of five percent (5%) off the published rate traveling to Los Angeles, Orange County, or San Diego Airports. Reservations can be made by calling American Airlines Meeting Service Desk at **1-800-433-1790** or by going online at **www.aa.com**. Either way, you will need to supply this authorization number: **43H2BM**. If you are using a Travel Agent, the letter "A" must precede the authorization number.

Avis Car Rentals also is offering a group discount which can be extended 7 days before and/or after the reunion. Individuals must use the **AWD Number of D418985**. The reservation number is **1-800-331-1212** or register online at **www.avis.com**. Assistance is available by calling Ray Walker at 1-800-525-7537.

Banquet and tour selection and pricing is still a "work-in-progress" and it will be completed in time for the next Newsletter.

In the mean time, please do not hesitate to contact Jo Ann and I with any questions you may have pertaining to the Reunion as our number one priority is your satisfaction.

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