

THE BANG GANG NEWSLETTER

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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.

Milton R. Gaedt, QMC (64-67) Leon E. Sivil, EN (55-58) SHIPMATES, REST YOUR OARS!

The following shipmate is a new (found) addition to our roster. Your committee is thankful for all who helped in locating him and we will continue our search until we have attempted to locate everyone.

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

Al Cadenhead **E. Paul Carter** Willie Creel **Bill Fenton**

Charlie Heater Mona Knight (Ralph) **Barbara McNeil (Bill)** Larry Meaike **Ed Moran Neil Tierney**



THE INTERNET CONNECTION CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

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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 1MC.

Editor's Notes and Ramble: Hi Shipmates!

This will be your final reminder of this year's If you have not already done so, Reunion. please make your hotel room reservation and mail Harry Ross your registration form NOW before the September 15th deadline. After the 15th, hotel rooms and tour bus / banquet table seating may not be available due to contractual For those of you who live requirements. nearby, we invite you to at least spend some time in our Hospitality Room. Many of your shipmates will be traveling hundreds of miles to share their camaraderie with you once again. Please don't disappoint them - or yourself.

After deciding on this issue's front page, I wondered to myself just how many of those smiling faces would be returning this year to be with their shipmates. While scrutinizing the faces for identification, I suddenly come to realize that ONE-THIRD of those shipmates are now on "Final Patrol" and will definitely not be with us this year - at least not physically. Please consider this are still if you contemplating attending this year's Reunion. "Next Time" just may be too late.

Len Scuito is attempting to coordinate some golf time during our reunion stay in San Diego. All shipmates interested in joining Len please contact him by phone: (603) 903-8100 or email: mobypequod@hotmail.com so that he can establish some tee times.

It is always a pleasure to hear from the "Ladies of BANG" who remain an intricate part of our organization. Especially those who continue to consider us "family" even though their husbands have since passed on.

Barbara McNeil sent us a Slush Fund donation in memory of her husband, **Bill**, EN (66-68). She also gave us an update on **Bill Cromie**'s health stating that she recently spoke with him and that "he sounded good and had a great spirit as always". As first reported in a previous issue, despite her computer crashing, **Delphine Bensen** decided to finish the chronicles of husband **Ray**, RT (43-45, WP1,2,3,4,6), and of BANG itself. She has mailed us a copy of the finished version for addition to our memorabilia library that is on display at most of our reunions.

Mona Knight called me after she came across some BANG memorabilia while cleaning out some dresser drawers that belonged to her husband **Ralph**, MoMM (43-46, WP1,3,4,5,6). I have since received a package of photos and submarine artifacts from her along with a Slush Fund donation in memory Ralph.

Thank you ladies for your support and continuing to be members of the "Gang".

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Our Small Stores received a big boost in sales recently when I received BANG cap orders from **Paul Carter**, RMC (68-70) and **Ed Moran**, TM (60-62) with a little extra for the "fund".

Ed purchased six caps stating they were earmarked for a bunch of kids in a local group home and Paul bought five caps without giving any reason but I am sure he has a worthy designation for them.

Thanks shipmates for your support and publicity.

Ronnie and Gene Lockwood, EN (65-71), sent notification of the recent birth of their third great grandbaby - a girl this time. They also stated that due to health problems they will be unable to travel cross-country to the Reunion this year and hope that everyone will still try and have a good time without them.

Congratulations Ronnie and Gene on becoming GREAT grandparents again. We most definitely will miss the both of you at San Diego this year. Please hurry up and get those health issues taken care of so that we may once again enjoy your presence at our Reunions.. Our Web Master, **Bill Fenton**, reports that he recently was contacted by Rich Shaver who once served aboard USS Stickell (DD-888) as an RM. According to Rich, BANG and Stickell did Med Ops together in 1965 and while BANG was coming alongside Stickell for a mail and movie swap, Rich broke out his 8mm camera and took about a minute worth of footage of her. He sent Bill a copy of the footage and after a great job of editing, Bill now has it up and running on our Web site. Too bad it couldn't have been longer but, if I remember correctly, those old 8mm cameras only held 50 foot reels.

I received the following e-mail from Bob Schoumacher, a civilian who had connections with BANG while growing up.

"I have really enjoyed reading the postings on USS Bang website. My story isn't about the Bang, at least not directly, and there probably aren't many (any?) members of your organization that will remember him, but the Bang's first skipper, **Capt. Gallaher**, made a tremendous impression on me.

I was a snotty-nosed long-hair hippy freak kid at G. C. Marshall High School in the 70s, but I was good at math. My ninth grade geometry teacher and 10th grade Algebra II teacher didn't understand their subjects very well, and couldn't answer my questions. I thought all HS math teachers must be useless and I felt like they were deliberately trying to ruin mathematics for me. In 11th grade, the Captain (he made us call "Captain Gallaher" instead of "Mr. him Gallaher") was my teacher for functions and trigonometry. He had a seating chart(!), and he expected us to pay attention and work out hard problems we had never seen before at the board. I initially thought he was ancient and hopelessly out-of-date, but I soon realized he actually knew a boatload about math and could flat teach. It felt like he was the math teacher I had been waiting for. He would get excited about the math and the excitement completely infected me. By the end of the year I realized he was the single best teacher I ever met, and I deeply regret that I never told him so to his face. I like to think he could tell that he was reaching us - certainly our test scores showed good progress. On a few occasions, we could get the Captain to talk about his submarine days, and once he told us about the depth charging that drove the submarine below its test depth. (It was very exciting to read his old war patrol reports about the same incident.) He made us understand that math was crucial to the submariner's fight and even to his chances of I was especially proud to read survival. something about his contributions to torpedo targeting theory and practice, and to hear some of his old crew describe his personality and some anecdotes about him. During my senior year, I got involved in the Drama Club and tried out for South Pacific - won the part of Captain Brackett. After I cut my hair to a length that the Captain could accept (still no where near 1940s military), he graciously loaned me a set of his old khakis and his hat for my costume. I had the only authentic WWII costume in the production. I felt very honored that he would do that, because it was clear that he didn't want the Navy demeaned in any way. Fortunately, the Captain Brackett character is not foolish - just a bit "by the book." Some of the sailors' antics get a little silly, but the play generally celebrates the USN, I think. (Hope you veterans think so).

Anyway, I wound up with a lifelong love of Mathematics, and a fascination with military history. My thanks to all of you for your service. Please raise a round to Captain Antone "Tony" Gallaher at your next reunion.

Besides CO of Bang and the torpedo work at New London, I know he was CO of USS Prairie AD-15 in the late 50s, and that he was a math teacher at Marshall until at least 1975. He had a large family, including at least 1 son that also graduated from the USNA. His wife's name was Mary.

Does anyone have any more information about his naval career? I assume most of it was desk work, but I would hope that he got to do some teaching at Annapolis, because he was a fabulous teacher.

Thanks again for the great website. A big treat for a history buff like me, especially when I have a connection to the men who served.

Milton Gaedt's daughter, Allison sent us notification of Milton's passing this past June. He served aboard BANG from 1964 until his retirement in 1967 as a Chief Quartermaster.

Milton Gaedt Sr., 82, of Uncasville, entered into eternal life on Thursday, June 21, 2012. He was born November 21, 1929 in Rochester,



N.Y., the son of the late Erhardt and Frieda (Tessnow) Gaedt. He was the loving husband Marion of the late D'Onofrio Gaedt for 31 years. Milton retired from the U.S. Navy as a Chief QuarterMaster in 1967 and later retired from General Dynamics after 25 years of service. He is survived by his four

children, Louis Gaedt and wife Jane of Oakdale, Milton Gaedt Jr. of Niantic, Allison Keefe and husband Michael of Griswold and Paul Gaedt of Mass. He is also survived by ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Milton was a lifetime member of The Elks Lodge 1537 in West Haven, Fleet Reserve and a member of the US Submarine Veterans Life & Holland Club.

Interment with military honors was in St. Patrick's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice, Branford, CT.

Lee Sivil and I served aboard BANG together for about 1-1/2 years until his hitch was up and I left him standing on State Pier as BANG headed out to sea on a summer cruise. Thirty-five years later we met again in Portsmouth, NH at BANG's 50th Anniversary Reunion. There, we agreed not to wait as long until our next meeting. So, for the next eighteen years, we attended every BANG Reunion - with significant understanding and support from our wives. Now, it is my turn to be left behind as Lee sails off on Eternal Patrol. Fair winds and following seas Shipmate - 'til we meet again!



Leon "Lee" E. Sivil, 77, of Fond du Lac, died Monday, July 9, 2012 at his residence. He was born November 29, 1934 in Heartson, OK, the son and Adeline of Leon Bartouluzzi Sivil. He was graduate of Wilbur а Wright High School. Detroit. MI. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy and served from 1955 -

1958 on the U. S. S. Bang during the Korean War. He was very proud to have served on the submarine. For the past 18 years the U. S. S. Bang had a reunion with all of his fellow ship mates. Lee attended all 18 reunions and hosted one of them in Fond du Lac in 1996. Lee was president of the "Bang Gang" for four years. He thought of his shipmates as brothers and loved all of them dearly.

On February 18, 1956 he married Alida Schoener at Immanuel Trinity Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac. Lee was Chief Area Storesman for Wisconsin Power & Light for 34 years, retiring in 1994. He was a member of the Power & Light Pioneer Club, Navy Club, and Trier-Puddy American Legion Post #75. He golfed in the Wisconsin Power & Light League for 30 years with his golf partner, Robert Dehnel. Lee enjoyed music, sports, especially the Green Bay Packers, reading, playing cards and dartball, going to the casino, enjoyed plays and musicals, was a music and sport trivia fan, and loved traveling with his wife, Alida and their neighbors, Al and Dorothy Lemery. Lee was a very kind and generous man, giving to several charities.

Survivors are his wife. Alida: one daughter. Jami Peacock. Magnolia, TX: (Frankie) three grandchildren, Johnny Lee (Katie) Manning, Shane (special friend, Star Hinson) Manning, and Heather Peacock: one brother-in-law, Richard "Dick" (friend, Jane) Schoener, Fond du Lac; one sister-in-law, Violet (friend, Frank Mook) Lehman, Lincoln, NE; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; beloved daughter, Terry; one sister-inlaw, Donna Schoener; two brothers-in-law, Jerry Schoener and Orv Lehman.

Trier-Puddy American Legion Post #75 conducted military honors and cremation followed the traditional services.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that a donation be made in Lee's name to the service organization of your choice.

John Kraft and wife Darlene, who attended the burial services along with Dale and Rosie Larson, Marv and JoAnn Christenson and Tex Schovajsa and Alice, noted that the Legion gave Lee a nice sendoff.



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.



The following shipmates and wives are currently in need of our well wishes and prayers.

Marge Heater - dementia, - Charlie reports that Marge is in final stages and isn't expected to live much longer. Months?

Betty Gunny - dementia, - situation unchanged.

Ronnie Lockwood - scheduled for knee replacement.

Dick Barringer, SO (52-55) - scheduled for knee replacement.

John Monroe, CS (69-72) - Liver Transplant, -No update since last report. Lets hope all is well.

John Kraft, RM (68-70) - Good News! John says, "Heart issues are behind me - as far as I know".

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

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

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*

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Neil Tierney, a QuarterMaster (54-56), "Thanks for sending me the Newsletter. Please use the enclosed donation to offset any costs to the Slush Fund that you feel is appropriate.

As is so with all of us, years are passing at

greater speed. This year particularly so for me. We seem to have said "so long" to many of the Bang crew who served on her during the years of '54, 55, and 56.

In this latest newsletter you reported the passing of **Ron Garski**. With Ron, we were selected to the SubLantFlt all-star basketball team (54/55). Ron was terrific and our star and probably was the high scorer of every game we played. We won some, but lost far more (no fault of Ron's). Physically, we submariners had some difficulty with wind sprints, shooting drills and running plays at sea. Of course these challenges were no problem to teams from bases, cruisers, battleships and carriers. I recall the team looking forward to getting many messages of support and cheer from our boat's captains and crew members and from SubLant Command, as well.

Wanted to share this Bang memory with you and others."....*Thank you Neil for your contribution* to the fund and for relating the story about you and Ron. I have found that throughout BANG's history she was instrumental in supplying SubLant with high caliber players for its sports teams.

Chuck Lepine, a SeamaN (56-57), "I really enjoy the Newsletter. Reading about **Ed Gandy**'s passing in the last one got me remembering my first day on board BANG, right after sub school.

After checking in below, I went topside and someone gave me a paint sprayer attached to a long air hose. Do not remember what I was painting but I pulled on the hose, giving it a yank, without knowing that it was wrapped around a five gallon bucket of black paint turning over said bucket. The paint was pouring all around the open FTR hatch. I jumped on the hatch and quickly spun the wheel to secure it. I then jumped off and the hatch sprung back open. Of course, in my haste I had turned the wheel the wrong way!

Needless to say, the spilled paint entered the escape trunk in which **Dino Toro** was painting, peach I think, and through the bottom hatch onto Gandy who was bent over directly underneath operating a fox tail and dustpan, getting ready for inspection. If my memory is correct, the forward torpedo room was the last compartment for me to qualify in.

I left BANG to go to ET School and while there I

volunteered for 'special weapons' training and finished my tour of duty aboard Ranger CVA 61 as a Nuclear Weapons Man NW2(ss). I still have a coffee cup from Japan to prove it."... *Chuck, thanks for your Slush Fund donation and relating your 'welcome aboard' party. I missed it by about a month and by the time I came aboard it was forgotten history as we were preparing for a trip to Quebec.*

Willie Creel, an ElectriciansMate (56-59), "I was sorry to read about the loss of **Ed Gandy**. I really enjoyed my years on BANG - many friends and great meals with excellent chefs.

Most of my time now is devoted to golf and doing as little as possible. Not much for long distant Reunions. I recall San Diego from my days spent on a 'Tin Can' ported there during the early 50's.

I really enjoy the Newsletter and don't have a computer (thank GOD) so please keep sending it by snail mail."....*Thank you Willie for your Slush Fund donation. I am happy to read that you are well and keeping active on the golf course.*

AI Cadenhead a SeamaN (44-45, WP3,4,5,6), "Just a note to let you know that I will be in San Diego to see y'all.

My grandson, **Nathan Cadenhead**, will accompany me as my guest this year. Kurt regrets he is unable to get the time off so he has given Nate the nod. Nate is a veteran of Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne and also a graduate of Keene State College with a BA in geology. He is a very personable young man so, I have no doubt he will charm everyone just like Kurt did.

I am sorry I still have to get the Newsletter via snail mail but I do not have a computer. I have lapsed back to old fashion correspondence and I find I really like it that way.

Looking forward to greeting all my shipmates in San Diego."...Thanks for your donation Al. I am happy to hear that you will be in San Diego this fall and look forward to meeting Nate.

Military Funeral

At all military funerals, a military honor detail should be present. This detail should consist of at least two active members of the Armed Forces. One of these members should belong to the same branch of the military as the deceased. This detail, though, can consist of many more people. They can be active or retired members of the military and/or members of veterans organizations. The military honor detail should fold the flag of the United States. The flag is then presented to the deceased veterans next of kin. If a next of kin is not present, the flag is given to a close friend or associate. The flag is usually presented by a military chaplain at the end of the funeral. Taps should be played at all military funerals. If possible, this composition should be performed by a bugler in the military. However, if such a bugler is not available, taps may be played by a civilian musician or by an audio recording. Taps is usually performed at the conclusion of a funeral.

According to the National Defense Authorization Act, the Department of Defense is required, if requested, to provide the above-mentioned honors for the funerals of veterans. Deceased who are eligible include:

Military members who were on active duty or in the Selected Reserve

Former military members who served on active duty and did not receive a dishonorable discharge

Former military members who finished at least one term of enlistment and did not receive a dishonorable discharge

Former military members who finished a term of service in the Selected Reserve and did not receive a dishonorable discharge

Former military members of the Selected Reserve who were discharged because of a disability

Some military funerals have a firing party that does a 3volley salute over the grave. (In the navy, a cannon is fired.) Many confuse the firing of three volleys by riflemen at military funerals with a 21gun salute. This is not a 21gun salute, however. The origin and significance of the military custom of firing rifle volleys at funerals is interesting. During the funeral rites of the Roman Army the casting of the earth THREE times upon the coffin constituted the burial. It was customary among the Romans to call the dead THREE times by name, which ended the funeral ceremony. As friends and relatives of the deceased departed they said "Vale", or farewell, THREE times. Over time when firearms were introduced on the battlefield the custom of firing volleys was established to halt the fighting to remove the dead from the battlefield. Once each army had cleared its dead it would fire THREE volleys to indicate that the dead had been cared for and that they were ready to go back to the fight. Today, when a squad of 14 soldiers fires THREE volleys over a grave, they are, in accordance with this old custom, bidding their dead comrade farewell.

A firing party is often present for military members who have died on active duty or for a person who holds the Medal of Honor. However, a firing party can also be used at the funeral of any retired member of the military. A request for military funeral honors for a veterans family should be submitted to the Department of Defense by a funeral home director.

[Source: MIAP Newsletter Jul 2012 ++]

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



Need A \$100 Monkeywrench?

The Navy is going ahead with an initiative to power ships with biofuel, despite criticism of the cost. The "green fuel" costs nearly seven times more than conventional fuel. This month marks the first time the Navy is using biofuel in an operational setting -sending five ships to participate in a multi-nation exercise off the coast of Hawaii. A Navy official said that sailing the so-called "Great Green Fleet" this month on the 50-50 blend of alternative and conventional fuel is part of Navy Secretary Ray Mabus' plan to have half the Navy fleet on alternative fuel by 2020. The spokesman also confirmed the fuel -which does not require engine modifications -- costs \$26.00 a gallon compared to \$3.60 a gallon for conventional fuel. However, he pointed out the cost was for a one-day supply and that prices will drop when the Pentagon, among the country's biggest fuel users, buys more. Members of Congress have highly criticized the Mabus' plan because they believe DoD is not in the business of developing alternative fuels. That would be better left to the private sector. They also criticize the high costs involved. And, of course, we continue to hear top defense officials tell Congress and everybody else that health care costs are "eating them alive."

[Source: NAUS Weekly Update 3 Jul 2012 ++]



ITS OUR BUSINESS SALE!!

No Government help needed or wanted!!!!

All items will be sold by mail or at our Reunions. Send mail orders to **Phil Beals**.

<u>Make your check payable to **USS BANG**</u> 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.

<u>Navy Blue Ballcap</u> - 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

<u>Jacket Patches</u> - 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

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



REUNION UPDATE 2012





Hello Everyone!

The 69th USS BANG (SS385) Reunion in San Diego from October 22 – 25 2012 draws near and NOW is the time to make your Hotel reservations by calling the Holiday Inn Bayside at 1-800-662-8899. Don't forget that you can get the same room rate three days before and three days after our reunion to extend your stay and enjoy the Southern California sun. When making your reservations, request the special USS BANG group room rate.

IMPORTANT: BECAUSE SAN DIEGO IS A POPULAR HOLIDAY AND VACATION DESTINATION, ALL UNRESERVED ROOMS BLOCKED FOR OUR REUNION WILL BE RELEASED BACK INTO THE GENERAL INVENTORY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012.

I ALSO NEED A TOTAL HEAD COUNT BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2012. PLEASE SEND ME YOUR TOUR & BANQUET RESERVATION ASAP.

We have finalized the group tours and are offering the following:

TUESDAY, October 23, 2012: At 0900 we will depart the Hotel for a two hour harbor cruise then bus to the USS MIDWAY Museum to have a sandwich lunch at the Fantail Café. You will be able to tour the Museum after lunch and we plan to be back at the hotel by 1730.

WEDNESDAY, October 24, 2012: At 0900 we will depart the Hotel for Point Loma Submarine Base. After touring the base we will have a buffet lunch at the beautiful Seaside Room, on the base, with a cash bar. If conditions are favorable, we will then proceed for a tour on an active submarine and plan to be back at the hotel at 1700.

IMPORTANT: ALL GUESTS DOING THE SUB BASE AND ACTIVE SUBMARINE TOUR MUST LIST THEIR CORRECT LEGAL NAME(S), INCLUDING CHILDREN, ON THE REGISTRATION FORM. IF GUESTS ARE NOT US CITIZENS, PLEASE NOTE THIS ALSO. ALL RESPONSES ARE REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2012.

Back at the hotel from 1830-2100 we will continue "USS BANG Olympic Games" (outdoors) with a little twist, "BATTLE OF THE SEXES". Individuals will compete for prizes and recognition as top BANG Olympians.

THURSDAY, October 25, 2012 the BANG GANG Business Meeting will commence at 0830 in the Coronado Room. As an afterthought, while the MEN are hard at work we have arranged a narrated guided tour of the high lights of San Diego for the LADIES and GUESTS, departing the hotel at 0830 and returning no later than 1130. The cost for this tour is \$24.00 based on a minimum of 15 participants. Those individuals interested in this tour please note so on your Registration Form. If you have already sent us your form, please notify us by phone or email. If we do not receive at least 15 RSVD by the 15th deadline, we will cancel the tour and let you sleep-in.

During Thursday evening's cocktail hour(s) and banquet dinner (1730 – 2030) we will be serving our own libations, there will be NO BARTENDER so any and all tips will go to the BANG SLUSH FUND. If you have special dietary needs write them on the back of the registration form.

Our Banquet Speaker will be Retired Captain Charles R. MacVean Ph. D. Charlie entered the Navy via the NROTC at Dartmouth College where he graduated Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa. After a year plus on the USS FOREST SHERMAN (DD931), the Navy placed him at Cornell University where he earned a Ph.D. in nuclear science and

engineering. Following Nuclear Power Training School, he entered and Submarine the submarine force at the height of the Cold War and served on USS TINOSA (SSN606), USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSBN 598), USS PARCHE (SSN683) as commissioning XO and USS SEAWOLF (SSN575) as CO. Following submarine command, he was Commander, Submarine Development Group ONE, in San Diego, where he oversaw the first DSRV flyways, the return of the TRIESTE to the USS SCORPION site, the conversion of SEACLIFF to 20,000 feet, the initial introduction of significant numbers of women at sea on the USS POINT LOMA and the additions of PARCHE, POGY, and RUSSELL to the DEVGROUP. He had one tour in Washington, as the staff assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy. Charlie was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal twice. Charlie spent over 16 years in submarines and was under water for four and a half of them. Following his retirement from the Navy, he has served in senior executive or management positions with: Hydro Products; manufacturing underwater equipment, Horizons Technology; producing mission planning software for the U.S. Marine Corps, SAIC: developing multifaceted software products; eNet; cell introducing early phone mapping applications and he is currently the Scientific Advisor to a company using submarine passive sonar techniques to investigate blood flow anomalies within our heads. He is on the Board of the Maritime Museum of San Diego and he also served on the Boards of the Cabrillo National Monument, the San Diego Oceans Foundation, the UnderSea Camp and the Naval Submarine League. Charlie also served as the President, Vice President and Secretary (several times, including now) of the Naval Submarine League, San Diego chapter.

Charlie's talk will be centered on the technology and psychology which evolved during the Cold War as the US and the Soviet Union expanded their submarine forces, but you can be sure he will cover some of his "meaningful interactions" with Admiral Rickover as well as some of the surprises he encountered in Command. There may be some sea stories involved as he talks about the Cold War and "Feats and Fears"

beneath the sea. "Feats and Fears" will cover some the record setting things that Captain MacVean participated in as well as some of the surprises and fears that confronted him as Commanding Officer of a nuclear attack submarine during the Cold War. Those of you who have read Blind Man's Bluff will recognize Charlie MacVean.

Please feel free to contact us, Jo Ann and Harry if you have any questions concerning the Reunion.

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We have received the following registrations:

- 44-45 QM Cadenhead, Albert Nathan, Grandson 52-56 IC Von Der Lieth, Bill Lola Brower, Guest YN Swank, Robert 53 54-57 FT Kozloski, Henry & Teresa 55-57 EN Schovajsa, Edward 55-58 EM Mancuso, Bill & Barbera 56-58 ET Christenson, Marvin & Jo Ann 56-59 CS Beals, Philip & Dot 56-59 CO Savage, Stuart Suzanne, Daughter 58-61 EN Buckmaster, Larry & Penny Gillis 62-65 QM Seader, Lamarr & Kathy 63-66 EN DeLong, Ed & Jane DeLong, Norman, Brother 63-66 EN Fagotti, Leonard 64-67 STS Ross, Harry & Jo Ann 64-67 MM O'Connor, Jack & Diane Steinmetz, Frank & Claudia, Guests 65-67 SN Gates, Ralph & Claire 66-68 QM Andersen, John & Anne 66-68 YN Howard, John & Kathy 67-68 TM Obrien, Denis & Maureen 67-68 TM Ericson III, Eric & Sally 67-70 EN Bridle, Robert & Bette 68-70 RM Kraft, John & Darlene 68-71 LT Fenton, Bill & Joan 69-70 RM Powell, William & Kathy 69-71 QM Sciuto, Lenny
 - 70 SK Cohen, Isaac & Michelle
 - 70-71 ET Schramm, Paul

U. S. S. BANG (SS - 385) 69th Anniversary Reunion San Diego, CA Monday - October 22nd 2011 <u>through</u> Thursday - October 25th 2011



Your Hosts—Jo Ann & Harry Ross with assistance from Frank Walker & Bob Swank

HEADQUARTERS

ROOM RATE \$108 Sgl/ \$111 Dbl + tax Includes Continental Breakfast or \$6.47 credit towards full breakfast at Café.



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| MONDAY | OCTOBER 22nd - Hospitality Room opens at 12:00 noon. Reception - 5:00 p.m. |
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| TUESDAY | OCTOBER 23rd - 9:00 a.m Harbor Cruise & Midway Museum - Lunch included. |
| WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 24th - 9:00 a.m Submarine Base & Boat Tour - Lunch included. |
| THURSDAY | OCTOBER 25th - 8:30 a.m Business Meeting. Hospitality Room closes @ 3:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m Cocktails & Banquet. |

| YES, I/WE PLAN TO ATTEND THE REUNION. | RATE/RANK: |
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| NAME: | |
| ADDRESS: | |
| СІТҮ: | ST: ZIP: |
| SPOUSE'S / GUEST'S NAME(S): | |
| ARRIVAL DATE:/ DEPART DATE:/_ | / E-MAIL: |
| NUMBER TAKING HARBOR CRUISE TOUR: | @ \$55.00 per person. = |
| NUMBER TAKING SUBMARINE BASE TOUR: | @ \$48.00 per person. = |
| NUMBER ATTENDING BANQUET: | @ \$42.00 per person. = |
| PLEASE SPECIFY ENTRÉE CHOICE(S) INDICATE HOW MANY?: | Chicken & Beef Sea Bass |
| HOSPITALITY ROOM STIPEND: | @ \$10.00 per person. = |
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