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John Ruzek, Jr. 1922 - 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.

John Ruzek Jr, SN (43-44, WP1)

Richard Appel Hoe, EM (46-47)

Dino D. Toro, IC (56-58)

Paul R. Schooling, TM (45-46)

Earl R. Fox, LT (46)



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.

LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIPCODE	PHONE	Y-O-B
Mc Cullough	Lew R	12311 Semora Place	Cerritos	CA	90703-8129		66-69

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.

LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIPCODE	PHONE	Y-O-B
Kelly	Dennis F	117 So Mountain Brooke Dr	Ball Ground	GA	30175-2926		63-64
Shepard	Joe W	206 Oak Ridge Dr	Windsor Locks	CT	06096-2674		64-66
Thornton	Johnny E	5488 Fort Caroline Rd	Jacksonville	FL	32277-2300	(904) 677-6966	71-72



THANK YOU!

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



John Andersen
Charles Anderson
Bob Bridle
LarryBuckmaster

Charlie Bunkley
E. Paul Carter
Ike Cohen
Charlie Dougherty

Sally Ericson
John Howard
Larry Hull
Neal Ipema

Ben LaPorte
Bill Powell
Elsie Ruzek(John)
Stu Savage

Ed Schovajsa
Paul Schramm
Len Sciuto
Alida Sivil (Lee)
Bob Swank
Bill VonDerLieth



THE INTERNET CONNECTION CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!! HANUKKAH, KWANZAA, CHRISTMAS.





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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!

Another great Reunion is now but fond memories and we have our hosts, **Harry & Jo Ann Ross**, along with our 1999 hosts, **Frank Walker and Bob Swank** to thank for them. Their co-ordination of scheduled events left us with little time to "hang out" in the Hospitality Room and, I must say, it was a pleasing room with panoramic views of the local area rather than just four walls. Taking advantage of the hotel's recreational facilities for our "Olympic Games" was a great idea also. Though I did the Harbor Cruise and Point Loma tour in 1999, San Diego has changed so much since then that taking them again was more like a totally new educational experience instead of just a refresher course. The Midway tour left me thinking what a beautiful TARGET and I was slightly disappointed in the USS Albuquerque tour only because I toured USS Salt Lake City in 1999 and that sleek, new Virginia Class cruising the harbor as we arrived on the Base would have made for a better tour. Close but no cigar..... All in all, I fulfilled my main purpose in coming to San Diego - meeting new shipmates and renewing old acquaintances. Thanks again to our hosts for giving me the opportunity to do so. I was especially pleased to see **Betty Gunny** amongst us again. She seemed to be enjoying herself and I hope she continues to do so for many Reunions to come.

John Kraft contacted a couple of East Coast shipmates after Sandy did its damage and he received the following responses.

Joe Leonardi (Floral Park, NY) writes - *"Thank you for asking. We had no electric for 8 days, but were lucky to purchase a gas generator. Saved our freezer supply of food. No damage to the house."*

Ike Cohen (High Bridge, NJ) writes - *"Thanx for the prayers and concern.... we made out OK.... even though we live about 600 feet up and among a ton of trees we thank God that we didn't receive any major damage, just a lot of debris that I had to clean up. We did lose power for 6 days and that was a bit tough as the house is all electric so it was cold and we were unable to use anything in the house. BUT, we stayed warm, went out to*

eat, even found a hotel for one night, and were able to charge our phones and PCs at the Emergency Squad in town which was the only place that had a big generator. All in all we're OK and made it through..."

Lets pray that all other shipmates that experienced the wrath of Sandy have recovered as well and are now living their normal lives again.

Elsie Ruzek, widow of **John Ruzek Jr**, SN (43-44, WP1) sent me the following belated notification of John's demise along with a couple of photos of him. John put BANG into commission and stayed aboard for her 1st Patrol. He then was transferred to the Relief Crew (Pampanito) and eventually wound up on Searaven.

"Enclosed is my contribution to the Slush Fund. Your efforts to keep the Bang Gang Newsletter and events going are commendable and I thank you.

My husband, John Ruzek, Jr went to his heavenly home on October 12, 2011 at the age of 89. He passed away at his home in Blue Island, IL after a long, debilitating illness.

John enlisted in the Navy on November 14,1942, and entered service at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL and attended Naval Training School in Chicago before arriving for Submarine Training in New London, CT. His submarine service was aboard USS BANG and others as Radioman 2nd class. He was honorably discharged on January 15, 1946.

John leaves behind his wife, four children, eight grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

You will find several photos enclosed. One is of John with a shipmate but, unfortunately, none of the men in the pictures were identified nor were the photos dated. Perhaps someone might recognize the other shipmates. Again, thank you for perpetuating the memory of USS BANG. Have a great Reunion in San Diego!"

Adeline Schooling emailed us the following about her husband, **Paul**, TM (45-46).

"It is my sad duty to report that Paul R. Schooling passed away on November 6, 2012. He had many good memories of his service."

Paul served aboard BANG for about 5 months after the war before being discharged. I was unable to locate an obituary for him.

Arlene Toro emailed us the following about her husband, **Dino**, IC (56-58).

"It is with heartfelt regret and deepest grief that I tell you that Dino Toro passed on Sept. 10 at 6 PM. He died of complications from lung cancer and pneumonia."

I served aboard BANG with Dino and I always considered him a good shipmate and friend.



Dino D. Toro, 74, of Millville died Monday, September 10, 2012, at the Acuity Specialty Hospital of New Jersey in Atlantic City after an extended illness.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, he graduated high school and joined the U.S. Navy. He served from 1955 to 1958 in the Submarine Service as the ship's electrician -- IC3. Then, Mr. Toro worked as a supervisory equipment specialist for NAVSSES (Naval Ship Systems Engineering Station) in Philadelphia for more than 30 years and retired in 1993.

He was active in politics and ran for office in Commercial Township. Mr. Toro was president of NARFE, and he was an animal rights activist. He enjoyed reading and politics, and loved his dogs and watching baseball.



Mr. Toro is survived by his wife of 36 years, Arlene (Cable); his 4 children; 2 brothers; 4 sisters and 7 grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, Guido and Viola (DeDominicis) Toro; one brother and one sister.

Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Millville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Cumberland County SPCA, 1244 N. Delsea Drive, Vineland, NJ 08360; or to the American Cancer Society, 1851 Old Cuthbert Road., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.



Richard Appel Hoe EM2 (46-47) went on Eternal Patrol on November 10, 2012. Richard was another shipmate who only spent a short time aboard BANG after the war. He spent his War time aboard Pollack and then after the War, served aboard Sabalo for about a year before coming aboard BANG 8/46 until 2/47.

Charles Bunkley sent me the following obituary on Earl Fox, LT (46). Though Earl spent very little of his illustrious military career aboard BANG, It still must have left an impression as he and wife, Reba, did attend our Virginia Beach Reunion in 2002.



Earl Russell Fox passed away on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012, his 94th birthday. He was born at Fort Eustis, VA on Sept. 23, 1919 to Nellie Sweet Fox of New Kent County and Lt. Col. Earl Judson Fox, USA. He was predeceased by his wife of sixty-seven years, Reba Booker Fox.

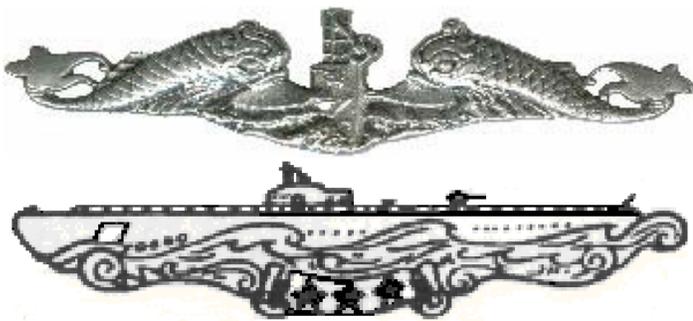


Earl graduated from the University of Richmond in 1941 and while there served as class president for two years and quarterback of their football team. Commissioned in the Navy, he served aboard PT boats, commanding PT 22 in the battles of Midway and Aleutians; then going to the South Pacific with PT 349 near New Guinea. In 1943, he transferred to the submarine service aboard the USS Bang in the South Pacific and China Sea. For his action in combat, he was

awarded the Silver Star and two Bronze Stars. He left active duty for the Naval Reserve and completed medical school at Medical College of Virginia.

He moved his family to St. Petersburg, FL and practiced rheumatology and general medicine for twenty-three years. Because of his naval and medical background, he was asked to join the Coast Guard. Granted an age waiver at fifty-five, he completed helicopter school and became a flight surgeon. He retired at 80 in November, 1999, honored by President Clinton at Arlington Veteran's Day Cemetery **as the last WWII veteran on active duty**. In retirement, he moved between homes in St. Petersburg, and South Boston, VA until moving to Westminster Canterbury in Lynchburg, where he was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Among many activities he was Commodore of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club and recently received his fifty-five year certificate from the Masonic Order. Earl Russell Fox is survived by his two brothers; three sons; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews. The funeral was a graveside service with military honors and with the Rev. Diane E. Vie officiating at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Naruna, VA., Friday, Sept. 28, 2012 at 2 pm. Those wishing to make memorial contributions in lieu of flowers are asked to consider the Ebenezer Cemetery Fund, 2818 Railview Road, Gladys, VA. 24544.



*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.*

Lamarr Seader informs us that **Annette Bailey**, wife of George Bailey, XO (62-64) passed away on October 4th. George and Annette were in attendance at our Pensacola Reunion where I had the pleasure of meeting the both of them. George, I know I speak for all the "Gang" by offering you our deepest sympathy for your loss.



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

Marge Heater - dementia, - Charlie reports that Marge now requires complete assisted living and that her memory continues to fade.

Ronnie Lockwood - knee replacement, - Gene reports that the surgery has been done and Ronnie is slowly rehabilitating. She is getting around but sometimes needs the assistance of a wheelchair. Both are still looking forward to attending 2013 Reunion.

Dick Barringer, SO (52-55) - since the last Newsletter, Dick has had his knee replacement surgery cancelled by the VA when they found a massive growth in his lower left lung. Results from a Bronchoscopy and PET Scan confirmed that he has lung cancer in his left lung. It is a large growth and doctors feel it is inoperable as it is enfolding an artery. As of this writing, Dick is about half way through six weeks of radiation treatments, five

days a week. His attitude remains upbeat and he states, "I will be cured !!!!!" and is looking forward to Spring and that knee replacement.

John Monroe, CS (69-72) - Liver Transplant, - Ike Cohen reports that John is doing much better with the new liver and is even able to hold a conversation...

John Murray, EN (56-59) - Mesothelioma, - Brother Byron reports that "JT" has ended his treatments and is currently cancer free for the second time.

Dan Rosenfeld, MoMM (43-46, WP1,2,3,4,5,6) - Leg Swelling, - Currently having tests done for the reason his legs are swollen, causing him considerable pain and difficulty to walk. Doctors say cause may be due to the arthritis medication he has been taking. More tests are scheduled in the near future.

Dick Flanagan, RM (56-58) - Gillian-Barre syndrome, - Dick reports that his battle with Gillian-Barre is over but he is now struggling with Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) which is an off-shoot of Gillian-Barre. Numbness, pain, and burning of feet, legs, and arms is ongoing but his current treatment helps him enough to get around on his own. Even a round of golf once or twice a week is manageable.

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Bob Gunny, a TorpedoMan (44-45, WP2,3,4,5,6), "Had a great time at the reunion thanks to **Harry and Jo Ann**, who did an outstanding job as hosts. Thought that I would send along the attached photo which you might see fit to include in the next newsletter."....*I agree with you Bob. It surely was a well planned event and they definitely deserve the kudos for their effort. Thanks for the photo. Betty's presence at the Reunion was an added joy to all who know her.*

George LeBlanc, a MachinistMate (66-68), "I was driving along the highway in VA, and was hailed down by a Bang Ganger. He had seen the Bang symbol on the door of my car. We pulled over and talked for a while. His name is: **Al Rush**. It did not seem to me that he was getting too much information about the Bang Gang. I hope he is a new find. Please forward the latest newsletter, and future ones to him."... *George, Al was indeed a new find. I have sent him the Newsletter and he is now on our mailing list. Thanks for forwarding his address info to me.*

Charles Bunkley, a Seaman (53-55), "Enclosed is the obituary of **Earl Russell Fox**. Quite an impressive service record. The Internet shows him as being an admiral and serving aboard BANG in 1946. The obituary says he transferred to BANG in 1943."...*Thanks Charlie for sending Earl's Obit and for your Slush Fund donation. The National Archives records list Earl as serving aboard BANG as a LT from 1/22/46 to 4/14/46. The 1943 date in the obit is a typo as BANG wasn't commissioned until 12/4/43 and never made it to the Pacific until 1944. Earl probably made Admiral after he joined the Coast Guard.*

Ron Athey, a TorpedoMan (61-63), "I got the latest newsletter and realized that I haven't updated my 'phone number. My current # is 417-763-0935. That is a cell number.

I should also inform you that I am on the "Binnacle List". I had my second cornea transplant (Left eye) a month and a half ago. The recovery is on track, just takes a while to adjust. My next thing is to repair my mitral heart valve. The good news is that the valve is repairable (No pig parts for me) and that, other than that valve, my heart is in great shape. About 5 days in the hospital and 6 to 8 weeks recovery and I'll be good as new. I asked about getting my odometer rolled back about ten years. The Dr. told me I'd have to take that to a higher authority. The surgery will be scheduled as soon as some blood tests are

completed. This should take care of any problems and take me off of the OOC list.

My wish to all my shipmates and their families is for good health..."...*Ron, I am happy to hear that your sight problems have been taken care of and we will be in contact with that "Higher Authority" to make sure that your heart valve repair is successful as well. Please keep us posted.*

Paul Anderson, a Fire control Tech (62-63), "Thought I would share some news about a radio show that was broadcast on October 13th to celebrate Navy Day. Several old sea dogs were contacted and allowed to extend Navy Day greetings by including some of their Navy experiences.

Anyway, I tried to accommodate him and thought to mention BANG and our unique experience on the Northern Run in 63. Sure wish our fine skipper, **Alec Sinclair**, was still around to share it with."...*Thanks Paul for giving BANG a plug and keeping her memory alive.*

Bill Cromie, an ElectriciansMate (64-71), "I just want to thank everyone for the nice card that they signed and mailed to me. It made my day. It was the next best thing to being at the reunion. I really enjoyed the pictures on the Internet also."... *Billy, hurry and get well so next year you can have your picture taken also. Dougherty says since he charges by height, he will take yours for free.....*

FELIZ NAVIDAD!

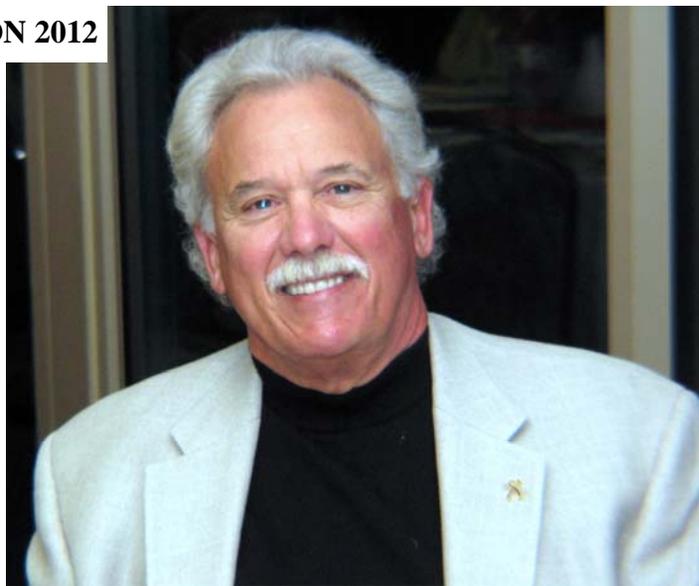


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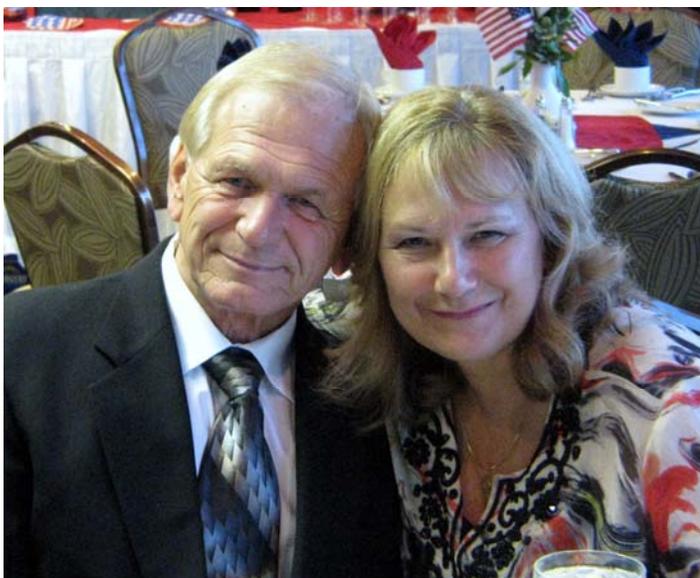
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Jane & Ed DeLong



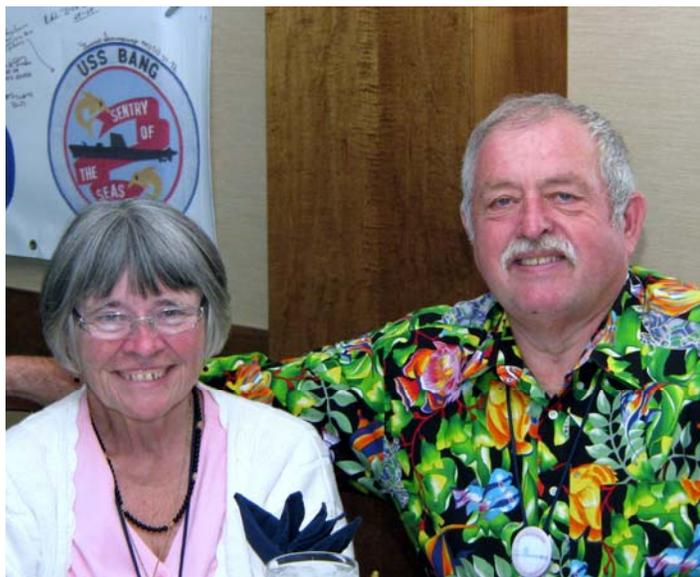
Norm DeLong (Guest)



Jim & Yolanda Klein



Bill & Kathy Powell



Bette & Rob Bridle



Sally & Eric Ericson III

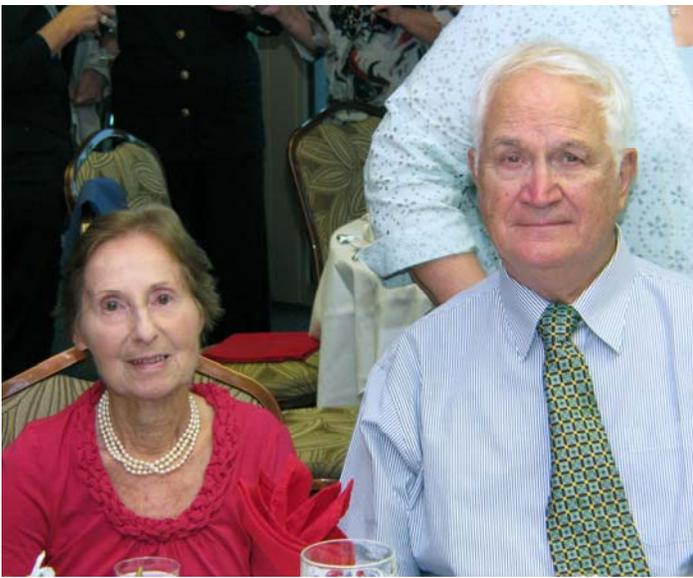
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Lola Brower & Bill VonderLieth



Bill & Barbera Mancuso



Teresa & Henry Kozloski



Andy & Jean McKaye



Sharon & Charles Anderson



Ed Schovajsa & Alice Beeny

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John & Darlene Kraft



Michelle & Ike Cohen



Jack & Diane OConnor



Frank & Claudia Steinmetz (Guests)

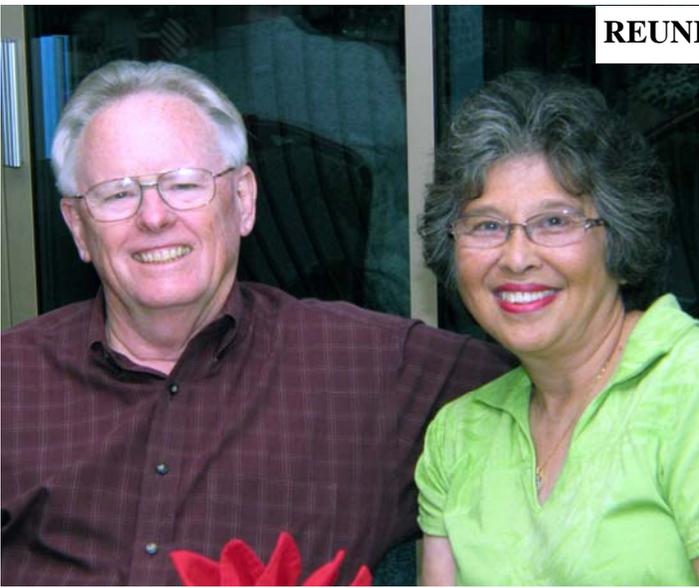


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Claire & Ralph Gates

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Larry & Linda Hull



John & Anne Andersen



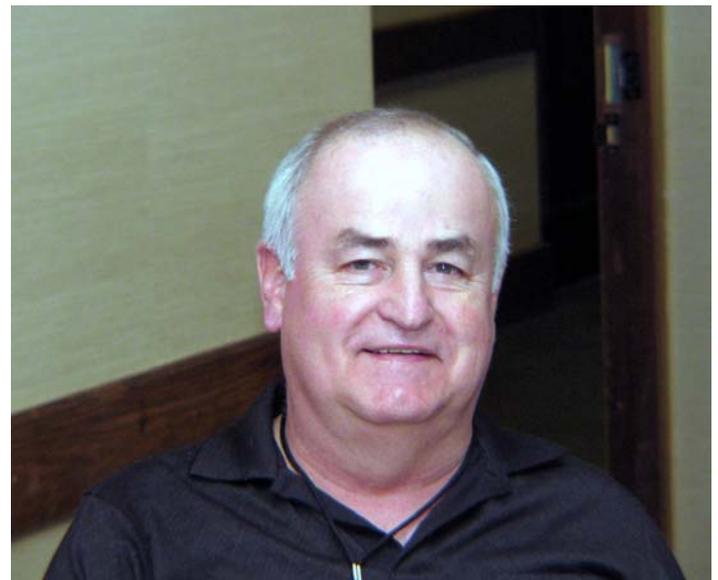
Penny Gillis & Larry Buckmaster



June & Ed Kracker



Beth & Dick Gahan



Paul Schramm

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Denis & Maureen O'Brien



Joe & Barbara Peluso



Al & Nathan Cadenhead



Jo Ann & Marv Christenson



Kathy & Lamarr Seader



Phil & Dot Beals

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Harry & Jo Ann Ross



Bill & Joan Fenton



Charles & Ellen MacVean



Stu & Suzy Savage



Lyn Miller & Frank Walker



Bob Swank & LaVonne Biddle

USS BANG (SS385) MEMORIAL SITES

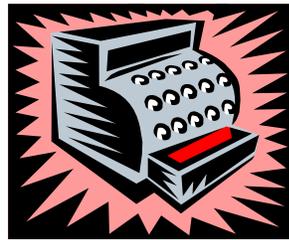
"Keeping The Memory Alive"

- 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



Navy Term of the Day

“**Binnacle List**”: A binnacle is a waist-high case or stand on the deck of a ship, generally mounted in front of the helmsman, in which navigational instruments are placed for easy and quick reference as well as to protect the delicate instruments. Its traditional purpose was to hold the ship's magnetic compass, mounted in gimbals to keep it level while the ship pitched and rolled. The term binnacle list, in lieu of sick list, originated years ago when ship corpsmen used to place a list of sick on the binnacle for the use of the officer of the deck. After long practice, it came to be called binnacle list.



FISCAL CLIFF SALE!!

Get yours NOW! Come January we're all doomed!!!
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.

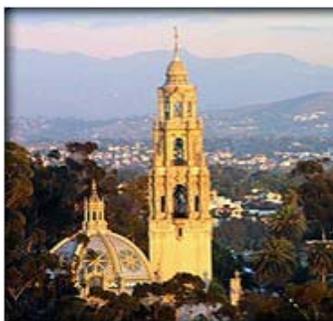
Navy Blue Ballcap - USS BANG SS385 embroidered in gold with silver dolphins and solid or mesh top.
Please state your choice.....\$8.00

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 2012



Hello Everyone!

Our 2012 reunion is history! And what a reunion it was! **Harry and JoAnn Ross** put on an outstanding reunion in sunny, warm San Diego. The tours were interesting, entertaining and informative. The visit to the USS Albuquerque (SSN 706) gave us a great insight into the nuclear navy of today. We were all impressed with the upgraded base security. Our tour guide was candid in answering our questions and humorous in his presentation. **Charles MacVean's** tales of cold war submarining and his relationship with Admiral Rickover were both riveting and entertaining. The hotel was anxious to please and our hospitality room with a wall of glass overlooking the San Diego skyline, San Diego Bay and marinas was spectacular. Thanks to Harry and JoAnn a good time was had by all! If you missed this one we hope to see you in Boston next year. If you were with us in San Diego we know you will want to be with us again in 2013! **Bill Fenton.....**

- 64-66 Klein, Jim & Yolanda, & Ernie Hallman
- 64-66 Maly, Gerald & Donna, & Laura & Hayley Walters
- 65-67 Gates, Ralph & Claire
- 65-67 Ipema, Neal & Jean
- 65-68 Dougherty, Charlie
- 66-68 Andersen, John & Anne
- 66-68 Howard, John & Kathy
- 66-68 Hull, Larry & Linda
- 67-68 Obrien, Denis & Maureen
- 67-68 Ericson III, Eric & Sally
- 67-70 Bridle, Rob & Bette
- 68-70 Kraft, John & Darlene
- 68-71 Fenton, Bill & Joan
- 69-70 Powell, William & Kathy
- 69-71 Sciuto, Lenny
- 70 Cohen, Isaac & Michelle
- 70-71 Schramm, Paul
- Guest Speaker, Charles MacVean & wife, Ellen

The Final San Diego Sailing List:

- 43-45 Kracker, Ed & June
- 44-45 Gunny, Bob & Betty, & Greg Gunny, Sharon Labrum
- 44-45 Cadenhead, Albert, & Nathan
- 52-57 Von Der Lieth, Bill & Lola Brower
- 52-55 Walker, Frank & Lyn Miller
- 53 Swank, Robert & LaVonne Biddle
- 54-57 McKaye, Andy & Jean
- 54-57 Kozloski, Henry & Teresa
- 55-57 Schovajsa, Ed & Alice Beeny
- 55-58 Mancuso, Bill & Barbera
- 56-59 Beals, Phil & Dot
- 56-58 Christenson, Marv & Jo Ann
- 56-59 Savage, Stu & Suzy
- 58-61 Buckmaster, Larry & Penny Gillis
- 58-62 Gahan, Dick & Beth & Mike Hollingworths, Pati Gosnel
- 59-62 Peluso, Joe & Barbara
- 62-65 Seader, Lamarr & Kathy
- 62-63 Anderson, Charles & Sharon
- 63-66 DeLong, Ed & Jane, & Norman
- 63-67 Fagotti, Len & Marilyn Barratt
- 64-67 Ross, Harry & Jo Ann
- 64-67 O'Connor, Jack & Diane, & Frank & Claudia Steinmetz

MANCHESTER / BOSTON - 2013

PLEASE NOTE - The dates for the 2013 Reunion are **July 15th** thru **July 18th** so it is not too early to start making plans to attend. Your hosts, **Len Scuito** and **Rob Bridle** have booked the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH (**603-625-1000 / www.radisson.com**) for use as our headquarters and are planning daily site seeing trips to Boston, MA. They have secured a reasonable room rate of \$109 plus tax per night but you must mention **Bang Gang Reunion** in order to get it. This rate is also available for 3 days prior and after the reunion dates. For those arriving by vehicle, there is an added \$8 per day parking charge. All detailed information about the Hotel, Banquet, and site seeing trips will be available in the next Newsletter due to be mailed at the beginning of March 2013. In the mean time, please contact **Len Scuito** for answers that can't wait until then. His phone number and email address is listed on the front page of this Newsletter.

BANG GANG BUSINESS MEETING

San Diego, CA—25 October 2012

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The diving alarm was sounded and President **Bill Fenton** called the meeting to order at 0834 hours and requested all present to stand and pledge their allegiance to our flag.

Bill then asked everyone present to introduce themselves by standing and giving their name and years aboard BANG. WWII shipmates and first time Reunion attendees were also recognized at this time.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DEPARTED SHIPMATES

Tolling the Bell ceremony will be held at the Banquet to allow the ladies and guests to participate.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Bill Fenton - **PRESENT**

VICE PRES: Gene Lockwood - **ABSENT**

SECRETARY: Harry Ross - **PRESENT**

TREASURER: Ed DeLong - **PRESENT**

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Harry Ross read the minutes of the previous meeting held at Pensacola Beach on 13 October 2011.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read; **MOTION CARRIED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ed DeLong gave a detailed report on our organization's income and expenses as of 1 Oct 2012.

Ed also reminded to "make all Slush Fund donation checks payable to USS BANG".

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report; **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Lenny Scuito, our host for next year's Reunion announced that it will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH from July 15, through July 18, 2013. The negotiated room rate is \$109.00 per night plus tax. An additional \$8.00 per night will be charged to those who need parking for their vehicles. The room rate is guaranteed for three (3) days before and three (3) days after the reunion for those wishing to extend their stay. Len discussed proposed tours to the Boston area with visits to Fenway Park, Sam Adams Brewery and the USS Constitution and said that, with the help of **Bob Bridle, Ike Cohen, and "Woody" Herward**, he will have all of the itinerary finalized by the first quarter of 2013.

Notification of place and dates will be sent to **Gene Lockwood** to be sure that the Reunion will be well advertised in the publications which he has access to.

Lenny Scuito will continue to conduct video interviews with elderly and extraordinary Bang shipmates.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of officers will be held next year in Manchester, NH.

Discussion was held on possible sites for our 2014 Reunion and a motion was made to accept the offer from shipmate **Domenic Iammarino** to host it in Cleveland, OH. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made that we donate \$500.00 from the Bang slush fund to assist in the rehabilitation of Clamagore SS343 which is in need of desperate repair. After much discussion the motion was withdrawn.

A suggestion was made that we attempt to obtain the Bang battle flag that is currently hanging at Point Loma Naval Base. After much discussion it was agreed upon that leaving it where it is would better reflect our mission statement by giving it greater exposure. **Phil Beals** stated that **Dan "Rosey" Rosenfeld** recently contacted him with an offer to turn over an "original" battle flag that was given to Rosey by Captain Bagby and that he would follow up on the offer.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

At tonight's Banquet we will be drinking our own alcohol and will need help in restocking the bar.

It was requested that everyone sign the get well cards, on display in the hospitality suite, for our shipmates and wives currently on the "Binnacle List".

Reminder that 50-50 raffle tickets are presently on sale. Get em while they're hot.

Frank Walker brought submarine books and memorabilia for your keeping or to pass on.

Alida Sivil sent items from Lee's submarine collection to be used as door prizes.

The membership thanked **Harry and Jo Ann Ross** for their work in putting together a most enjoyable and unforgettable Reunion in San Diego and the bar has been reset to a higher standard for their work.

No further business, **Bill Fenton** declared that the 2012 USS BANG BUSINESS MEETING was officially adjourned at 0951 hours and will reconvene July 2013 in Manchester, NH.

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