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Charles R. Tucker 1921 - 2012



Guy C. Keemer, Jr. 1924 - 2012





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.

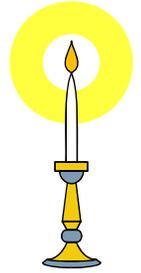


Charles R. Tucker, LT (44-46, WP5,6)

Guy C. Keemer, Jr, SN (44, WP1)

Orville E. Horton, RM (52-53) ComCrew3

Robert E. White, ENC - COB (52-56) ComCrew3



Sam W. Wallace, SDC (60-62)

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
Davis	Peter A	28 Boston Post Rd	Old Lyme	CT	06371-1409		67-70
Praytor	Dennis H	1208 Greenberry Dr	LaPuente	CA	91744-1041	(626) 917-5998	69-70
Trafton	Ronald L	5273 Trafton Pkwy	Anderson	CA	96007-9190	(530) 357-3348	68-70

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
Colby	Kenneth C	143 Rogers Rd #203	Kittery	ME	03904-1466	(207) 703-0538	52-54
Robustelli	Thomas	333 E Yorkshire Dr	Stockton	CA	95207-5840		65-69
Szaszy	Richard L	1705 S Albert St Apt 1	Allentown	PA	18103-5092		69-70
Ulrich c/o Burke	Louis D	5700 Pepperridge Dr	Richardson	TX	75082-4994		59
Vogel	Robert	740 NE 3rd St STE 3-355	Bend	OR	97701-4700		70-72

THANK YOU!

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



**Ken Colby
Bill Fenton**

**Tom Hill
David Krieger**

**Dale Larson
Andy McKaye**

Ray Olszewski

Del Robinson



THE INTERNET CONNECTION
CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

Ed DeLong elk308@comcast.net





MAIL CALL

Happy Easter!



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! The Registration Form for this year's Reunion is included in this issue and, along with it, a reminder that **the Reunion is early this year** - July 15th thru July 18th. That is only 3 1/2 months away! So, it is not too early to make your room reservations and mail in your registration form NOW. Our hosts, **Len Sciuto and Rob Bridle** have been working indefatigably the past months in order to get us the most BANG for our bucks and are now satisfied with what they have to offer us. Now it is up to us to show them how much we appreciate their efforts. Another good reason for not putting off making your plans now is there will be only one more reminder (Newsletter) scheduled to be published before the Reunion. Do you really want to put your trust in an editor with "Senior Moments"?

Frank Walker writes to inform us that attending this year's Reunion will be like a homecoming of sorts for him since he was born and raised in Manchester, NH and he still has family living in the area. He adds that shipmate **Jim Nute**, a MinemaN, (now deceased) was also born and raised in Manchester and that the both of them served aboard BANG at the same time - putting it in commission in 1952 until 1955. WOW! Talk about a small world. Frank states that to help celebrate his "homecoming", the first drink in the Hospitality Room will be on him.

Bill Fenton received the following replies to his e-mail announcing his posting of the Reunion photos on our web site.



Joe Peluso, SO (59-62) "Nice photos, thanks for sending. One of the photos on the thumbnail page (5th row down from the top, 5th photo from the left) that was taken on the flight deck of the Midway is a photo of 2 Helicopters, the white one on the right is an SH-3H ASW dipping Sonar carrier based Helo. The gray Helo on the left of the picture is an SH-2F LAMPS MK I Helicopter BUNO 150157. These Helos operated primarily from DE's, DD's, and CG's. That H-2 is the Helo that I flew while on deployment in the Med on the USS Belknap, CG-26 Dec 71 to May 72. We had a diesel boat with us for a short while, the Clamagore. This was the first cruise in the US Navy for the new LAMPS MK I ASW system, we were HC-4 LAMPS Det 1 on that cruise. After that cruise was over I went to Naples, Italy for 3 years on the COMFAIRMED Staff.



Lamarr Seader sends us a Heads-Up about shipmate **Charlie Tom Odom**, CMoMM (46-47) who will be celebrating his 100 birthday on April 8th. Wouldn't it be nice if he went to the mailbox that day and found it overflowing. All it takes is your well wishes and a first class stamp to make it happen. His address is:

**Ben Atchley State Veterans Home
9910 Coward Mill Rd
Knoxville, TN 37931-3101**

Better yet, if you find that you are 'in the area' around that date, stop in and say "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" in person. He'd really like that.

David Krieger, Officer (67-69) "Thanks for the great pictures! As I looked over them I was sorry I was not able to be with you! While you were having your reunion, our younger son, Matt, was serving at Point Loma and completing his tour as a lieutenant on USS Hampton (SSN-767). Matt had served as DCA, MPA, Ship's Diving Officer (through the school in Panama City Beach), Asst Weps and Asst Ops. He detached in late November and will be released from active duty on Dec 15th. We are very proud of Matt and the fact Hampton has won the Squadron 11 Battle E for the past two years - hard to do as you know! It would have been great to attend the reunion and also be able to visit with Matt!

It was great to see you and some of the Bang crew in the pictures. **Bud Alexander** lives about 15 miles from Jane and I and we have had the pleasure of talking about those "good old days!"

San Diego is a great place and it looks like you had good weather! I have always enjoyed San Diego and was stationed there twice; at Point Loma when I was XO of USS Gudgeon (SS-211) 1975-77 and, for my first sea tour, on USS Prichett (DD-561) from 1965-67 - a longer ago than is fun to remember!

All the best and thanks again.,

Lou Arellano, STS (71-72) "I just finished enjoying all the great photos of the Bang Gang. What a treat that was! Many thanks for sharing the photos. I'm sure it was a lot of work but rest assured it's greatly appreciated.

Hope everyone has a great Christmas season and I look forward to seeing the Gang in Manchester, NH next year.



Charles Robert Tucker served aboard USS Saury (SS189) and USS Golet (SS361) before reporting aboard BANG on 12/14/1944 as a LTjg. He was aboard for BANG's 5th and 6th War Patrols and then brought her back to Portsmouth, NH for repairs. He then rode BANG to the Panama Canal for about a year before returning with her to New London for decommissioning. Charles

disembarked BANG on 8/19/1946. I was unable to locate an obituary for Charles on line but I did have a nice phone conversation with his wife, Saribiron.

Guy Keemer, a SN, boarded BANG from the Relief Crew in Pearl Harbor, HI on 3/27/1944 as she was preparing to depart on her 1st Patrol. He disembarked on 6/5/1944 just before her 2nd Patrol. Guy went on to serve aboard USS Pintado (SS387), USS Skipjack (SS184), USS Captaine (AGSS336), and USS Bergall (SS320).



Guy C. Keemer passed away in his 88th year Saturday, December 22, 2012. The funeral service will be private. Interment will be in Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville. The John W. Keffer Funeral Homes and Crematory, Inc. 902 Mt. Rose Ave., is assisting the family. Mr. Keemer was the son of the late Guy C., Sr., and Bertha (Landis)

Keemer. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Lucille A. (Kline) Keemer of Hallam; a son Howard Hergen-rother of Holidaysburg; a daughter, Dana Wenrich and her husband, Ken of York; a granddaughter, Siri Wenrich of Baltimore; a grandson, Bradley Wenrich of York; a niece, Sharon Ream of Hallam; a nephew, Charles Ream of Windsor; and numerous other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Betty Wilson and Nancy Ream. Guy was a well-known Antique Dealer with customers up and down the Eastern Seaboard. At age six he accompanied his dad to sales and spent his allowance on an object he then sold through his dad's antique shop. He continued to do so throughout his twenty years in the U.S. Navy Submarine division, buying mainly in New England and Philadelphia. Retiring from the Navy in 1963, he opened a shop in Hallam. Memorial contributions may be made to SPCA 3159 Susquehanna Trail North, York, PA 17406.

Bob White started his outstanding Submarine career by completing ELEVEN War Patrols aboard USS Drum (SS228). He then served aboard USS Shad (SS235), USS Cutlass (SS478), USS Finback (SS230), USS Torsk (SS423), and USS Sea Leopard (SS483) before reporting aboard BANG on 10/04/1952 as an ENC and putting her back into commission for a third time. Bob was COB when I embarked BANG fresh out of Sub School and I couldn't have ask for a better mentor to kick start my service in submarines. After six months of me in the Topside Gang, Bob decided he needed a change so

on 9/25/1956 he transferred to USS Muskellunge (SS262) and later finished out his career aboard USS Grenadier (SS525).



Robert E. White, 95, passed away peacefully in his sleep, Dec. 8, 2012. Bob was born in Philadelphia, PA on Sept. 16, 1917 to the late Grace Holt and Robert W. White.

Bob enlisted in the US Navy immediately after the bombing of Pearl

Harbor. He had a distinguished 30 year career in the submarine service, rising to the rank of LCDR. He was especially proud of his tour of duty aboard the USS Drum (SS-228) during the war, where he earned the Silver Star.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy "Dot" White, and his second wife, Marie White. Survivors include his daughter, Carol Kramer of Norfolk; three step-children, Barbara Hope Smith of CA, Sue Sunseri (John) of CA, and Hal Spindel (Lynn) of HI; siblings, Elmer Duckinfield, Elsie Smart (Don), and Peg Neidig, all of PA; and many loving friends, relatives and neighbors.

A memorial service was held Dec. 14, at Smith & Williams Funeral Home, Norfolk Chapel. Submarine Veterans Inc. performed their funeral ritual during the service. Internment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Battleship Commission, Mobile, AL or to a charity of your choice.



Sam Wallace was a SDC when he transferred from ComSubDiv 101 to BANG on 11/01/1960 at the tail end of a prominent Submarine career. He started his service serving aboard two "O" Boats, (SS65) and then (SS67) before riding USS Mingo (SS261) for six of her Patrols. His career then

continued on aboard USS Bashaw (AGSS241), USS Chopper (SS342), and USS Hardhead (SS365) before being assigned to BANG where he completed his career. On 5/31/1962 he was

transferred to the Sub Base Separation Center for processing.

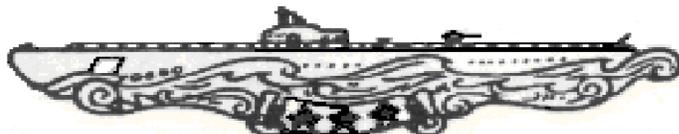
Sam Wesley Wallace, 89, of Fort Dodge, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 26, 2012, at Trinity Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were at the Gunderson Funeral Chapel with Chaplin (Maj) Michael Crawford officiating. Entombment was in the mausoleum at North Lawn Cemetery with full military honors conducted by the United States Navy and the VFW Post #1856.

Sam is survived by his three sons, Michael (Barbara) Weston of San Francisco, CA Clifford Weston of Decatur, IA and Steven Wallace of Los Angeles, CA; and four grandchildren. Sam is preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy on February 2, 1984; his parents, Sam and Carrie Wallace and all of his nine siblings.

Sam Wesley Wallace a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, was born on December 16, 1922. He joined the United States Navy on September 9, 1940, being signed in by his father at the age of seventeen. Sam was a submariner in which his first time under the water was in a World War I relic which was called a "rust bucket." By the time Sam retired in June of 1962, the Navy had large nuclear submarines. Sam went on six war patrols in the Pacific Ocean aboard the submarine USS Mingo and is featured in the book, "Black Submariners in the United States Navy, 1940-1975." Sam retired from the Navy as a Chief Steward, E-7.

He and his family, wife Dorothy, and their three sons Michael, Clifford and Steven moved to Fort Dodge, Iowa for three and a half years before more opportunities relocated the family to Connecticut where Sam worked for General Dynamics, Pratt and Whitney, and ultimately for Pfizer Chemical Corporation for 17 years.

Sam's second retirement in 1983 brought him and his wife back to Fort Dodge while their grown sons relocated to California. Sam was an avid golfer who achieved 4 Holes-In-One starting at the age of 72 through 82 at Lakeside Municipal Golf Course. Sam was a current member of the VFW Post #1856. Sam will forever be remembered as a fun loving man who made everyone feel special. Sam was always full of jokes but with the jokes came an appreciation of life and living it in the fullest of ways. Sam was selected in April of 2010, by the Brushy Creek Area Honor Flight to travel to Washington DC to view the National World War II Memorial.



Orville Horton was a member of BANG's 3rd Commissioning Crew. He reported aboard on 10/04/1952 from USS Chivo (SS341) and served as a RM3. About four months later he transferred to USS San Pablo (AGS30).



Orville Eugene Horton, age 80, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2013. He was born January 28, 1933 in Portsmouth, Ohio to the late Elmer and Lillian (Artis) Louis. Gene was a retired City of Columbus Police Lieutenant and was previously employed with S.T.R.S. as an Office Manager in their accounting department. He was also a member of

V.F.W. Post 8198, a member of the U.S. Submarine Veterans, and American Legion Post 532. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife Catherine (Close) Horton and siblings Richard, Earl, Ernetta Harris, and Joyce Everett. Orville is survived by children, Catherine (Donald) Gray, Sandra (Jack) Davies, Judy (Robert) Ewing, Jeri (Rick) Hanson, Joseph Eugene (Amy) Horton, and Sharon Evans; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. At the family's request, services are private. In lieu of flowers, contributions, in Gene's memory, may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.



*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.*



SICK BAY



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

Darlene Kraft - Back Surgery - John sends us sad news about Darlene. She finally got the diagnosis concerning her back & leg pain and "it ain't pretty". Upshot is that surgery is the only way to keep her walking. She'll have it done by the end of March and will be in a brace and unable to bend or twist for 3 months. The good news in this is that they know what the cause is – two vertebrae fused together and one bulging WAY out. Prayers requested please.

Marge Heater - Dementia, - Nothing new to report.

Dick Barringer, SO (52-55) - since the last Newsletter, Dick was admitted to the VA Hospital in Reno on Valentine's Day with an oxygen level of 53.....should have been in 90s.

It seems that he got radiation pneumonitis from the 30 radiation treatments he endured for treatment of his lung cancer. He has since been released and feeling good and breathing better though he is on oxygen 24/7 and taking steroids through March. Dick still reiterates "I know I'm going to beat this....."

Dan Rosenfeld, MoMM (43-46, WP1,2,3,4,5,6) - Leg Swelling, - Nothing new to report.

Len Sciuto - Back Surgery / Tumor Removal, Shortly after returning home from last year's Reunion, Len went to the doctor with back pain. After numerous tests the prognosis was that he had a large benign tumor that was engulfing his L4 vertebrae and disintegrating it. The surgery was performed in two stages. First, they had to stabilize the spine and the remaining part of the L4 vertebrae using rods, pins. Then, the following week they removed what was left of the L4 vertebrae and all of the tumor and then inserted a grafted piece of femur bone into its place and fused the spine at that location. The surgeons declared the surgery successful. Despite some small setbacks, Len is now in rehab and is expected to be home in a couple of weeks.

Len wishes to thank all for their cards and phone calls and is looking forward to seeing you in Manchester. You may be surprised when you do because the "new" Lenny is over 45 pounds lighter. The Bang Gang thanks Len's two sons, Brian & John, for keeping us updated during these trying times for the both of them.



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*



Del Robinson, a SONarman (63), "I was aboard for the Northern Run in 1963. It was my 5th run in 3 years. Loved BANG! Captain Sinclair was tops. Cook was great. Crew was awesome."....*I agree with you, Del, on all three recollections. Sorry you weren't able to stay aboard her longer. Thanks for the Small Stores order and donation.*

Ray Olszewski, a Yeoman (66), "I was Boat Yeoman for a short time in 1966. I was assigned to BANG after a tour of duty at the American Embassy in Djakarta, Indonesia where I was assigned to the Naval Attache Staff for one and a half years. When I reported to the BANG, **Roger Betts** was the Executive Officer. The only person's names I remember was Betts and **Billy Cromie**. I may have told you this before, but I was part of the crew who rented out someone's home in Westport, CT. I think there were about a dozen of us. The house was huge and right on Long Island Sound. Those were great days.

I made one cruise to the Caribbean on BANG stopping in Puerto Rico. While there, four of us got together to make a foursome to play golf at Chi Chi Rodriguez' course, El Dorado. Afterwards, we were invited to have drinks at a wedding reception. One of the crew members won a lot of money at the Casino. I want to say \$25K and he kept it in a safe in the Yeoman Shack until we got back to New London. I also remember spending an evening in one of the Bars there and haggling with the local gals about how much for a 'quickie'. We'd say how much and she would say - \$5 and \$2 meaning \$5 for her and \$2 for the room - we'd fire back, No. \$4 and \$3? Well, we kept that going until she finally caught on and we escaped from catching anything else - if you know what I mean?

I remember another incident at a local bar in New London. We were at the bar having a beer and some dude from another boat didn't like the way I looked, so he said, and punched me, knocking me off the bar stool. About the time it took for me to get up, he was pounced on by a bunch of BANG crew who dragged him outside and proceeded to beat him up - telling him at the same time "No one hits our Boat Yeoman." I think **Cromie** was there as part of the group that dragged the assailant outside.

I was pulled off of the Boat with orders to go to

COMSUBLANT because they needed a Yeoman (Intel Specialist) who was eligible for a security clearance. I left BANG and checked in at SUBLANT and was told that my orders were changed to report to CINCLANTFLT. They were senior to SUBLANT so, I lost my sub pay when that happened.



I found this photo in my archives. Isn't it ironic that the BANG battle flag was in the background when the picture was taken at my sub school graduation in 1958."... *Thanks Ray for your donation and for sharing your memories of BANG. Though your stay was short, you seemed to have made the most of it. I surmise that Cromie had something to do with that.*

Larry Hull, a StoreKeeper (66-68), "I reconnected with **Lew McCullough** today. Lew and I live 4 miles apart and yet our paths never crossed. Funny how that works. During our visit he showed me the 1968 Med Cruise album. I scanned it and attached a copy for your archives, if not there already."....*Thanks Larry for sending the album. Though we already had a copy, yours is helpful in IDing the shipmates because it has most of their names written in. I am glad to hear that the Newsletter helped get you and Lew back together. I also enjoyed meeting you and Linda at the Reunion and hope to see you both again. Bring Lew with you next time so I can meet him too.*

Tom Hill, a MachinistMate (67-70), "Rose and I just drove to FL from NC and I found the BANG Newsletter awaiting me. While I was reading it this morning two things occurred to me, that the end of the world didn't happen and, my name did not appear on the Slush Fund Donor List. Please find check enclosed.

I also request that you now send all future Newsletters to NC as we are selling our FL home to our son with visitation rights on the Holidays. I really appreciate the great job you do with the Newsletter and hope to see you at the next Reunion."... *Tom, all future Newsletters will be mailed to your NC address and please find name on the Slush Fund Donor List this issue. We'll see you in July.*

Ken Colby, a Seaman (52-54 ComCrew3), "I haven't touched base with you for sometime and now my wife and I live in Kittery, ME. We moved here last August 2012. Enclosed is our new address for your records.

One of the things that I have noticed around here is the number of people who will speak and say "Good Job my friend" when they see my USS BANG cap that I wear most of the time. (I'd have to say that when I've worn the cap in other places that we lived, VERY FEW people acknowledged anything special about the cap). In any case, the cap is getting worn out so I've enclosed a check for a new one and a little something extra for you to continue the great job that you do for the BANG Crew.

The latest topic of news around here is the construction of a new USS Thresher Memorial at the route 1 traffic circle to commemorate the 50th anniversary of her sinking. They plan on dedicating it on April 7th - 3 days before the actual date. Initially, the memorial will be a flagpole and base but plans are in the works for future expansion. The pole will be 129 feet tall - one foot for every man lost in that tragic accident."...*Ken, thanks for updating your mailing address and donating to the Slush Fund. I plan to drive over to see the Thresher Memorial while attending our Reunion in Manchester. Hope to see you and Dorothy at the Reunion also*

Robert Robinson, a RadioMan (63-67), "Praying that this finds you and your love ones healthy and happy, filled with the spirit that this joyous time brings.

Our family is doing well and plans are that we will all be together this year to celebrate my 74th birthday on Christmas Eve.

This year has been full of trials and tribulations but, due to the love & prayers of family and friends the Lord seen us through. Thank you so much for your card of encouragement and prayers.

We pray for the very best to everyone in the new year."... *Thanks, Rob. We hope that 2013 is a good year for you as well.*

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



Diesel Fuel? Who Woulda Thunk It.....

For years veterans have been filing claims with the VA over the damage done to their health by their exposure to Agent Orange. Disability awards have been granted to many of these claims for various reasons. One of these being **Bladder Cancer**.

If you have Bladder Cancer but were not exposed to Agent Orange you may now still have a claim due to a recent court ruling that states "*The Board finds that the criteria for service connection for bladder cancer, as due to Agent Orange exposure and/or diesel fuel exposure, is granted.*"

It seems to me that anyone who served aboard Diesel Boats would meet this criteria because of their exposure AND confinement to diesel fumes - especially EN's.

I received this notification from a reliable source whom also sent me a government Internet site address where the citation is displayed:

<http://www.va.gov/vetapp07/files2/0717857.txt>



Many a good liberty started and ended through these gates.....



Navy Seals taking five after a rigorous training exercise.....

REUNION 2012



Bill & Kathy Powell



Bill Fenton & Ed Kracker



Henry & Teresa Kozloski



The "Gang"

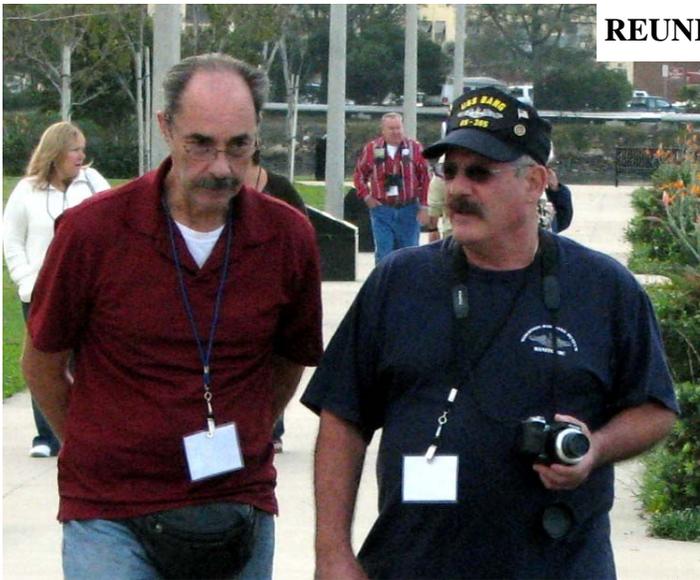


Farewell Until Next Year



Remembering Our Departed Shipmates

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Ralph & Claire Gates



Len Sciuto & Denis O'Brien & Harry Ross



JoAnn Ross & Diane O'Connor



Jack O'Connor & Len Fagotti & Charlie Anderson



Larry Buckmaster & Penny Gillis

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Len Fagotti & Marilyn Barratt



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Jim & Yolanda Klein - Ernie Hallman



John & Kathy Howard & Family

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Al Cadenhead & Lamarr Seader



Bob Gunny

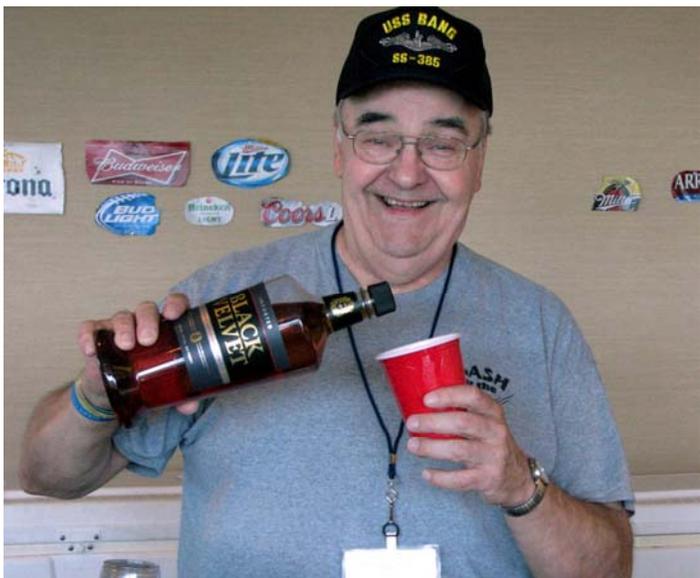


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Ed Kracker & Al Cadenhead



Stu & Suzy Savage



Charlie Dougherty



Bill VonDerLieth & Bill Mancuso

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



VA Contact Numbers

- VA Benefits.....(800) 827-1000
- Beneficiaries in receipt of Pension Benefits.....(877) 294-6380
- Debt Management Ctr....(800) 827-0648
- Children of Women Vietnam Vets, and Foreign Medical Program or Spina Bifida Health Care.(877) 345-8179 or..(888) 820-1756
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- Education (GI Bill).....(888) 442-4551
- Healthcare Benefits.....(877) 222-8387
- Income verification and means testing.....(800) 929-8387
- Life Insurance.....(800) 419-1473 or...(800) 669-8477
- Special Issues (Agent Orange, Lewisite/ Ionizing Radiation.....(800) 669-8477



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SALE!!**

Our taxes are so low - we don't collect them!!!
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 2013

MANCHESTER, NH BOSTON, MA



Hi Shipmates!

The dates for this year's Reunion are **July 15th** thru **July 18th**. We deviated from our normal Fall scheduling in order to offer you a 'reasonable' room rate. (Foliage season in New England is very expensive.) Even so, we had to look outside the Boston area in order to locate one.

Your hosts, **Len Scuito** and **Rob Bridle** have booked the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH (**603-206-4109 / www.radisson.com/manchesternh**) for use as our headquarters. They have secured a 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. Handicap or physically restricted rooms are available. Please inform the hotel clerk at your time of registration of any special needs you may require. Check-in time is 3 p.m.

For those arriving by vehicle, there is an added **\$8** per day parking garage charge. Limited outdoor parking is available for oversized vehicles.

Beside the regular complimentary in room services (TV, coffee maker, Internet access), the Hotel offers a fitness center, an indoor pool, whirlpool and sauna, room service, and 24-hour shuttle service to/from Manchester Regional Airport.

PLEASE NOTE: The Hotel is a **100% non-smoking facility**. Please use the designated areas for that purpose. Also, State Law prohibits walking around the hotel with drink in hand. Alcoholic beverages can only be consumed in the Hotel's Lounge, our Hospitality Rooms, or your room.

Monday July 15th - This day is left open to allow you to check-in to your room and partake in the beverages, snacks, and camaraderie in the Hospitality Room.

Both of the following offered Tours are located in Boston and will require a one hour bus ride each way.

Tuesday July 16th - 8:00 a.m. We will depart the Hotel and proceed to our first stop on this Tour, the USS Constitution - 'Old Ironsides'. **This part of the tour requires all adult boarders to show photo ID and is not recommended for those needing assistance with their walking.** Next we will tour the Ship's Museum before stopping for lunch at the

Bell In Hand Tavern. The lunch choices are: **Ziti with Chicken & Broccoli / Fish & Chips / Rueben & Fries / & a non-alcoholic beverage.**

After lunch we will tour the Sam Adams Brewery with time for some free samples before arriving back at the Hotel around 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday July 17th - 8:00 a.m. We will depart the Hotel and proceed to spend the rest of the morning at our first stop on this Tour, the JFK Memorial Library/Museum. About noon time we will proceed to the Faneuil Hall marketplace area for you to enjoy lunch on your own and spend the rest of the afternoon's allotted time exploring the numerous shops, government buildings, and historical landmarks along the Freedom Trail. The bus will arrive back at the Hotel around 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday July 17th - 7:30 p.m. The 3rd annual Bang Gang Olympics. Our hosts this year have concocted even more new ways to test the mental and physical skills of the "Gang".

Thursday July 18th - 8:30 a.m. - Annual business meeting. Issues for discussion include 2014 and 2015 Reunions and election of Officers.

Thursday July 18th - 9:00 a.m. - Back by popular demand - **Bloody Mary Bingo** for the ladies.

Thursday July 18th - 5:30 p.m. Cocktails and photo taking followed by our annual Banquet. A cash bar will be open and operational during the banquet dinner. Drink prices will vary depending upon what is ordered.

Your choices of dinner entrée are: Vegetable or Regular Lasagna (with or without meatballs), Tuscany Pork with Risotto, or Seared Salmon with Orzo topped with a corn and black bean sauce.

All three choices come with bread, salad, vegetable, dessert, and a drink (non-alcoholic).

A guest speaker will make a brief presentation after the meal.

Lenny and Rob are available to answer any questions you might have about the Reunion. They may be reached at:

Len: (603) 903-8100 mobypequod@hotmail.com

Rob: (603) 834-3049 goldwingnhc@yahoo.com

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70th Anniversary Reunion

Manchester, NH

Monday - July 15th 2013

through

Thursday - July 18th 2013



Your Hosts—Len Sciuto & Rob Bridle

HEADQUARTERS *Radisson* MANCHESTER

ROOM RATE \$109 + 9% tax +\$8 parking
(Must mention USS Bang Reunion)



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- MONDAY JULY 15th - Hospitality Room opens at 12:00 noon.
- TUESDAY JULY 16th - 8:00 a.m. - USS Constitution & Sam Adams Brewery Tours - Lunch included.
- WEDNESDAY JULY 17th - 8:00 a.m. - JFK Library & Fanueil Hall Tours - Lunch on own.
7:30 p.m. - Bang Gang Olympics
- THURSDAY JULY 18th - 8:30 a.m. - Business Meeting (Election of Officers). Ladies Bingo.
5:30 p.m. - Cocktails & Banquet.

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Lenny Sciuto — P O Box 477—Spofford, NH 03462-0477 by **JUNE 15th**

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

NAME: _____ YEARS ABOARD BANG: ____ to ____

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

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

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

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

NUMBER TAKING USS CONSTITUTION/BREWERY TOUR: @ \$50.00 per person. = _____
Please Specify Lunch Choice(s) (How Many?) Ziti > ____ Fish > ____ Rueben > ____

NUMBER TAKING JFK LIBRARY/FANUEIL HALL TOUR: @ \$40.00 per person. = _____

NUMBER ATTENDING BANQUET: @ \$38.00 per person. = _____
Please specify Entree Choice(s) (How Many?)
Lasagna > ____ Tuscany Pork > ____ Seared Salmon > ____

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

Make check payable to **J. LENNY SCIUTO**

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