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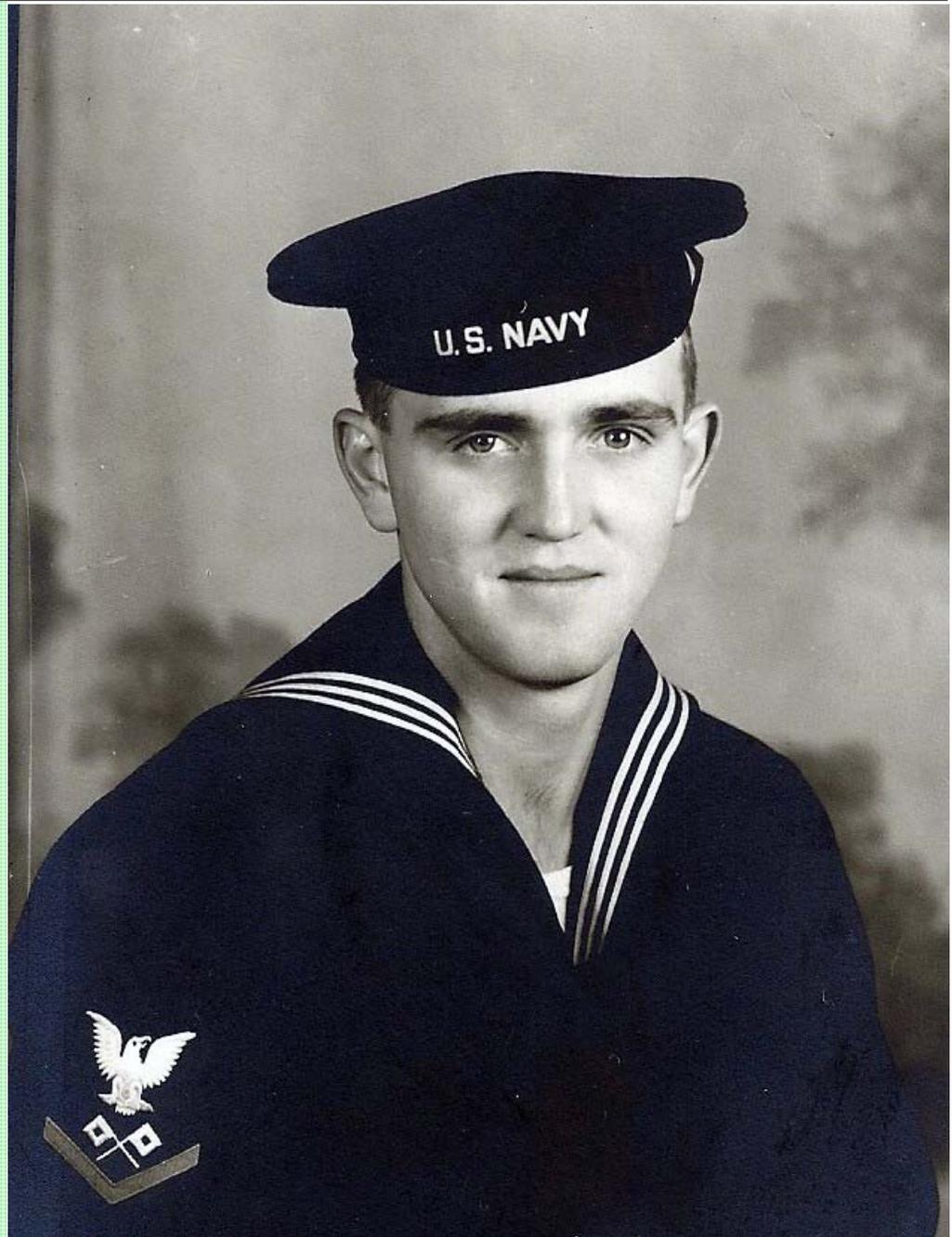
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Roger T. Clark 1924 - 2013





LOST AND FOUND



This page 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.



Roger T. Clark, SM (44-46) WP3,4,5,6
Joseph J. Cronin, EN (52-57) ComCrew3



Niles V. Cheney, FTB (66)

Roger A. Miller, QM (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
Stewart	John P	1220 N Tuckahoe St	Bellwood	PA	16617-1540	(814) 742-7546	60-61

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
NONE TO REPORT!							



THANK YOU!

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



Michael Biedell
David Blaha

Burdell Clark
Marv Christenson
Conyal Cody

Bob Gunny
John Stewart



THE INTERNET CONNECTION CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

John Stewart.....stewart523@verizon.net





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!

For those of you who remember **Dale "swede" Larson**, IC (55-57), I recently talked with him and I'm happy to report that both he and wife Rosie are doing just fine despite the problems that occur with getting older. Swede and Rosie were regular attendees of our Reunions until medical problems arose that ruled out any future long distant travel. So, they have adjusted to doing things close to home and are currently surviving an "old fashion" Wisconsin winter by staying close to a warm fire. Swede reported that there was an accumulation of over 30 inches of snow on his roof and he had to hire someone to shovel it off. First time that has happened in over 20 years. Has global warming gone into a recession? At least for this year anyway.

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Though he has posted writings to this Newsletter off and on in the past, **Len Sciuto** will now do so on a regular basis. In his quest to execute the duties of his appointment as Chaplain to the best of his ability, he has requested space on a regular basis to express himself to **all** Shipmates instead of just the ones who go on Final Patrol.

It seems that Len has finally recovered from over a year of operations and pain and is now well enough to take on this endeavor. Wish him well and let me know how he does.

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The following note and obit was sent to us by **Burdell Clark**, widow of **Roger Clark**. She also sent the photo of Roger in his dress blues that adorns our front cover. Roger came to BANG from CSD 42 Relief Crew in 1944 and served aboard BANG for her final 4 War Patrols as a SignalMan. He was transferred to the Submarine Base at New London, CT in 1946.

"I am sending you the obituary of Roger and also a little for the Slush Fund. Please send me a BANG ball cap. The one I had I let go down with Roger. He and all his shipmates were part

of the Greatest Generation."

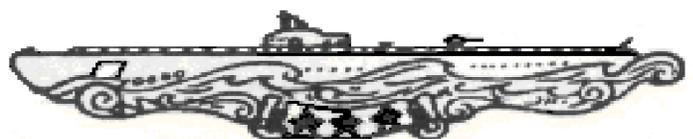
Roger Thomas Clark, 89, of Plano, IL passed away



Sunday, December 29, 2013 at Kishwaukee Hospital in DeKalb, IL. He was born June 24, 1924 on the family farm near Big Rock, IL, the only child of Archie and Hazel (Parry) Clark. He married his loving wife of 65 years, Burdell Wicks, on September 4, 1948. Roger graduated

from Big Rock High School in 1942. He served his country proudly during World War II in the Pacific as a Signalman aboard the U.S. Navy submarine USS Bang. He spent many years farming near Big Rock and later worked in factories, retiring from Impact Die in Sandwich. Roger loved sports; he was a good athlete in school and was a lifelong avid Chicago Cubs fan. Roger is survived by his wife, Burdell; his two daughters, Sharon Swanson, of Sandwich, IL and Beverly (Edward) Smith, of Sandwich, IL; his three granddaughters, Jaclyn (Kevin) Jensen, Laura Smith and Michelle Smith; two great-grandchildren, Liam and Aubrey Jensen; and his brother-in-law, George (Ruth) Wicks. He was preceded in death by his parents; his paternal grandparents, John and Margaret Clark; his maternal grandparents, Thomas and Emma Parry; and his son-in-law, Edward Swanson. A funeral service was held on Thursday, January 2, 2014 at the Larson-Nelson Funeral Home, 1010 W South St, Plano, IL. And interment followed in the West Big Rock Cemetery, in Big Rock, IL. Arrangements by Nelson Funeral Homes & Crematory, www.NelsonFuneralHomes.com or (630)552-7211.

Anyone wishing to send condolences to Burdell may do so at: **408 E. Park St
Plano, IL 60545-1273**



Ken Henry of USSVI sent us notification of **Roger Miller** dying along with the following obituary. Roger served aboard BANG as a Quartermaster in 1962 for about 10 months before transferring to USS Entemedor (SS340). Roger and wife Gloria attended our Reunion banquet last July but, besides introducing myself to him, we had little conversation about his time aboard BANG.

Roger Allen Miller, 74, of Sherwood Glen went home to be with his Savior and Lord Jesus Christ at 0932 on 27 January 2014. Born 30 April 1939 in Danville, IL, the son of Gordon and Cecille (Boyd) Miller. He served his country in the U.S. Navy for 28 years. After the Navy, Roger ran his own distribution business for the Wall Street

Journal where he was known throughout the Seacoast as Captain Nemo.

Roger qualified aboard the USS Sablefish (SS-303) in 1958 as a Seaman (Submarine Warfare Specialist) and went on to serve aboard the USS Triton (SSN-586) from 1959-1962, the USS Bang (SS-385) in 1962, the USS Daniel Boone (SSBN-629) from 1965-1967, the USS Dolphin (AGSS-555) from 1970-1971 and the USS Haddock (SSN-621) from 1972-1973. He first retired in 1977 after completing 20 years with the Navy, met Gloria and fell in love, and then answered the call of duty again returning to the Navy to complete 8 more years of service serving aboard the Ulysses S. Grant (SSBN-631) from 1980-1985 retiring as a Chief Quartermaster.

Roger's most notable tour of duty came early in his career when he was just 21 years old. He served aboard the USS Triton under Captain Edward Beach, Jr. when it completed the world's first submerged circumnavigation of the earth on 10 April 1960. The trip lasted 60 days and 21 hours. The White House awarded Roger and the 187 other crew members the Presidential Unit Citation on 10 May 1960. During his career he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Award with one Silver Star, SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia with two Silver and one Gold Star, Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Navy Expeditionary Medal. Roger was inducted into the Holland Club in 2008. Roger was a charter United States Submarine Veterans Inc. (USSVI) Thresher Base Member, a former Thresher Base Commander, and he helped



organize the USS Thresher Memorial at Albacore Park in Portsmouth, NH. The USS Thresher Base serves to perpetuate the memories and honor the legacy of the 129 gallant men lost aboard USS Thresher on 10 April 1963. Roger was assigned to the USS Thresher, but the Lord's hand reassigned him a few days before the submarine left Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Roger is survived by his wife of 35 years Gloria (Burke) Miller of Somersworth and their two cats; two sons, Robin Miller and his wife Rose of East Northport, NY and Jerry Shelato of Somersworth; a daughter Lisa Bellucci and her husband Vincent of Sarasota, FL; two brothers, John Mark Miller of Danville, IL and Daniel Petre-Miller of Keizer, OR; a sister Mollie Miller of Wales, England; two grandchildren, Amber Cheek and her husband Kyle and Erik Bellucci; and one great-grandchild Dylan Cheek.

A service was held at Tasker Funeral Home, Dover, NH. Burial will be at Danville National Cemetery in Danville, IL with full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be sent in Roger's honor to: USSVI Thresher Base, 1465 Hooksett Road, Unit #239, Hooksett, NH 03016.

Anyone wishing to send condolences to Gloria may do so at: **231 Sherwood Glen
Somersworth, NH 03878-1560**



Niles Cheney's widow, **Sherril Bover-Cheney**, emailed me notification of his demise. Niles served aboard BANG for about 3 months in 1966 as a FirecontrolTech. He arrived in June from USS Sailfish (SS572) and departed in September for the Submarine Base at New London, CT

"I'm writing to tell you that my husband, and your shipmate, Niles Cheney, passed away on December 13 after a battle with lung cancer. After many years of travel in our 1949 trawler and our Prevost motorhome, we had recently settled in Vermont. It is likely that he will be interred in the very beautiful Veterans Cemetery here in Randolph in the spring. I appreciate the Bang Gang for their memories of Niles. He was very proud of his time in the

Bang and in the Submarine Service."

Niles V. Cheney of Brookfield, VT died December 13 after a battle with lung cancer.

He was born January 1, 1941 in Emporia, KS and he served in the US Navy Submarine Service. He had the good fortune to live in a variety of locations around the country, including Dallas, Los Angeles, Phoenix and Denver, before settling in Vermont. Niles is survived by his wife, Sherril Bover-Cheney, two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren, a brother, a sister and many friends.

A memorial service is planned for spring.



Joe Cronin's long time friend, **Rita Driscoll**, called me about Joe's passing. She said that they had to move him to the Chelsea Soldiers Home about a year ago due to his dementia becoming too severe to be able to live alone. He really enjoyed being there with his service buddies and acted quite normal up to a couple of weeks ago when he told her he was getting ready to leave but was sworn to secrecy as to where he was going- War Patrol? Final Patrol? Joe was part of BANG's 3rd Commissioning Crew in 1952 and served aboard her as an ENgineman until he was transferred to USS Shad (SS235) in 1957.

Joseph J. Cronin, ENC(SS), USN, Ret., 91, of Winthrop, MA, died February 22, 2014. Beloved son of the late Edward J. and Johanna (Mahoney) Cronin. Dear brother of Sr. Joan Cronin SND, of Worcester and the late Edward T. Cronin. Devoted friend of Sean Driscoll and Rita Driscoll of Winthrop. Interment

was in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section). In lieu of flowers, donations in his name can be made to the Winthrop High School Football Booster Club c/o East Boston Savings Bank, 15 Bartlett Rd., Winthrop, MA. 02152.

Joe served in the U.S. Navy for over 22 years. He

was a veteran of WWII and the Korean War. During WWII he served on the submarine USS Flying Fish (SS229) and is a member of the USS Flying Fish Veterans Division. He also served on CSD-22 Relief Crew, USS Sea Robin, USS Bang, USS Trutta, and USS Archerfish. Joe was currently living at the Chelsea Soldiers Home in Chelsea, MA and a Military Memorial Mass was held there to honor Joe and all U.S. Veterans.

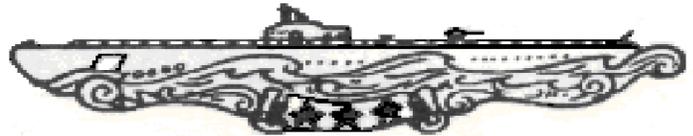
For guestbook please visit Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home at www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

Anyone wishing to send condolences may do so to:

Rita Driscoll

86 Plummer Ave

Winthrop, MA 02152-2026



Ed Note: I was aboard BANG when Joe made Chief and took over the Auxiliary Gang. The only noticeable change in Joe was his cap and pants & shirt when necessary. He treated everyone with the same respect. Peers and subordinates alike. Always willing to lend a hand. He was another of the great mentors I had while growing up on USS BANG.

Probably the best way I can pay tribute to Joe is to reprint an article that was originally published in the 1997 Newsletter - Issue 5. It was sent to me by another BANG Shipmate who now is reunited with Joe.

GUTS SUBMARINER!

In the surface Navy rank had it's privileges but serving aboard BANG, rank was mostly noticeable on payday. There wasn't any giving of orders, only carrying them out. For the most part, a shipmate would not ask of another shipmate something he would not do himself. Joe Cronin was a good example of this togetherness.

Joe was Auxiliary Chief on BANG when a problem occurred with blowing #2 sanitary tank. Rather than give orders, Joe just lifted the deck plate by the After Battery / Forward Engine Room hatch, opened the tank, put on a rubber suit and LP air breathing apparatus, and entered the tank to survey the problem. This was a feat in itself as Joe's girth was considerably larger in those days and the extra gear made for a tight squeeze.

After locating the problem, Joe stayed in the tank to

rectify it while his subordinates assisted him from above.

I was heading to the Crews Mess from the Maneuvering Room for lunch when I came upon Joe halfway out of the tank opening just taking off his breathing apparatus and gloves. He had heard the call for chow but wasn't about to try and excavate himself completely from the tank as he was not finished with the repairs so, he asked me to bring him back a sandwich and coffee, which I did. While still only half out of the tank, Joe proceeded to eat the sandwich, drink the coffee, don his mask and gloves and return into the tank to finish the job as his helpers enjoyed their lunch in the Crews Mess.

Later, I came upon Joe in the After Battery Head cleaning up after solving the tank problem and asked him why he just didn't send one of his helpers into the tank instead of doing it himself. To which he replied, "**Now that I have done it myself, next time it will be someone else's turn.**"

Since that incident, I have always associated the term 'Guts Submariner' with Joe Cronin and will always remember him as a really good shipmate.

Shipmate Dino Toro

Richard Bartoline, a Chief ENgineman (53-58), "Thanks for the Obit on **Joe Cronin**. When I first boarded Bang they headed North. I always quietly evaluated the crew situation & pegged Joe #1 safe to sleep while he was on watch in control room. Although we were never close personally, I had him pegged as #1 sailor aboard & you never forget that relationship.

Thanks for all your efforts to keep the bond alive for all crew members.



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

Marge Heater - Dementia - Charlie reports that Marge is completely bedfast and that her dementia seems to be at about 85% and is in remission for now. She still recognizes him.

Barbara Sawyer - Multiple Myeloma (Cancer)- Nothing new to report.

Frank Walker - Back Surgery

It has been reported that the back surgery went well but he picked up a virus infection while convalescent that threw his recovery time table back a couple of months. Frank is now home and recovering nicely with the use of a walker and physical therapy.

Ron Gecks - Prostate Cancer -

See letter from Ron elsewhere in this Issue.

Dick Barbieri - Heart Attack Surgery

Dick's family reported to me that he had double bypass surgery performed in January and all reports indicate that everything went well and he is now at home in the middle of his 6 to 8 week recovery period. -

See letter from Dick elsewhere in this Issue.

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John Stewart, a MachinistMate (60-61), "I served on BANG from January 60 to August 61. BANG was my qual Boat. I would like to receive the Bang Gang Newsletter, if possible. As a life member of USSVI Requin Base, I have talked to some crew members at several different meetings and reunions but none from my time aboard."....*Thanks John, for contacting us. You are now on our mailing list. Please continue to stay in touch and consider attending our Reunion in Cleveland this year. I'm sure you'll meet someone who was aboard with you there.*

Conyal Cody, a Chief ElectriciansMate (58-61), "I am so very grateful for the "Bang Gang Newsletter". I am age 84 and far removed from the lore of BANG service yet, I enjoy reading about on going events. Thank you so very much."... *Conyal, I hope you health continues to allow you to receive the Newsletter for many years to come. Thank you for taking the time to send such a nice card. It certainly made my day.*

Bill Stirewalt, an ElectronicsTech (52-53), "Have you ever read the book SILENT VICTORY THE US SUBMARINE WAR

AGAINST JAPAN, BY CLAY BLAIR, JR.?

I bought it last year at the Pacific War Museum in Texas. Its over a 1000 pages and took quite a while to read. The Bang is mentioned a number of times."... *Bill, It's nice to hear from you. I have a copy of the book you mention and started reading it years ago but I don't think I have ever finished it. I use it more like a reference book.*

Ron Gecks, an ElectriciansMate (66-70), "I want to inform you that I am going to try and make the Reunion in Cleveland, OH but I am not sure if I will be able to make it. I was told in January that I have prostate cancer and it may possibly be in my bones. I won't know until June if it is. I had one bone scan and they are looking at two spots. I am scheduled for another bone scan in June so they can compare them. If it is not in my bones, I will start radiation therapy some time in July. That is 42 treatments, once a day, Monday thru Friday. That will take me into late August or September. Right now I am on hormone therapy to reduce the cancer. I will keep you informed of any changes and hope to see you in Cleveland but if not have a good time."...

Dick Barbieri, a SONarman (61-64),
To Command Staff

After Action Report

Due to enemy action on 21 Jan, 2014 took a hit in the main engine. Specific damage was 99% occlusion in units #1 and #2 in main engine intakes.

Took immediate action and proceeded to emergency repair facility at USS Mass Medical in Worcester, MA. Six hour repair job of by passing damaged components completed using parts from starboard screw shaft.

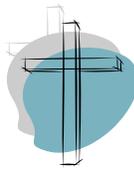
Communications reestablished today.

Returning to home port this date running all ahead 1/3, ETA 27 Jan 2014, 1300 EST.

Per standing orders, will be ready for all squadron duties as assigned on 3-1-14 after much needed R & R.

Enemy was obliterated, no lasting damage to this command.

For this command: *Barbieri, R.C.*



**The Chaplain's
Corner**
Len Sciuto
QMC(SS), USNR
CDR, USCG, retired



Good Day,

Needless to say, I am proud to be the Chaplain for the Bang Gang. It is also a position that renders an undeserved honor. It is a position that not only involves writing sympathy cards and saying a few kind words to the families of our shipmates who have gone on to "Final Patrol" or the Bell Service, Phil Beals and I perform at each Reunion Banquet. In my opinion, it involves much more. It involves providing food for thought, from time to time, with a little humor thrown in for good measure. So here goes and I hope you will enjoy this item and continue to look for others in future Newsletters. No offense to any of my shipmates and friends is intended by my comments or humor. All of you guys are the greatest!

A shipmate went to his Rabbi and asked to speak to him in private. Behind closed doors, He confessed to his Rabbi that he had sinned. The Rabbi was confused, and asked him to explain his sins. The shipmate confessed to the sin of vanity on a daily basis. He mentioned that every morning, while shaving and trimming his beard, he would look into the mirror and thank God for being such a great, wonderful and good looking guy. The Rabbi tries to suppress his smile. After a few moments, the Rabbi looks into the shipmate's eyes and says: "That is not a sin of vanity. At your age, it is only a mental and visual mistake and you need to get new glasses".

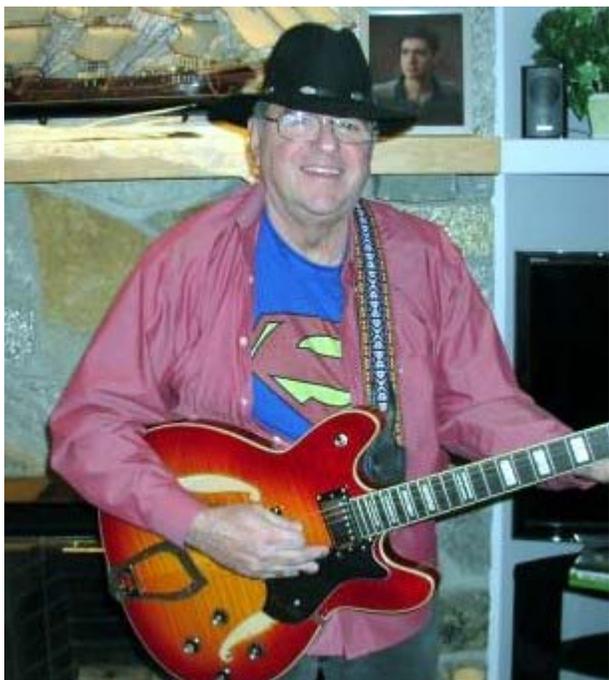
Of course, there is an intended hidden meaning. Life, people and things, as we individually see or think about them, may not necessarily be what others see and think. When I attended my first reunion in New London, I tended to hang with my old buddies and shipmates. But, at subsequent reunions and as your Chaplain, I have made an effort to mix and mingle with shipmates that were not on BANG when I was. I ask you to consider the

doing same. After all, the BANG was not only just our submarine. She was also a "home" for all of us. She is and was the conduit that ties us all together. Years aboard and generation to generation doesn't matter. Please take the time to greet and meet shipmates that you never sailed with as well as renewing old friendships and ties.

I would also encourage those BANG shipmates who haven't been to a reunion in a while or not at all to remember that we are all getting older. As the years go by, more of us will end up on "Final Patrol". As we gather each year, I have noted that many of us talk about and remember our missing shipmates. Now is the time to get to the reunion and be with those who sailed with you on BANG. Now is the time to say HELLO to old friends.

Take care and keep well. And may God Bless us--everyone--and the United States.

Len



Does this mean that the "Singing Nun" now has competition?????

The following article was submitted by **Matt Schmitz**, SN (57).

I can't wait to get to Cleveland and "fire" one off...

SMOKE

It's hard to believe for some, but there is an aging group of men bound together by smoke. Not smoke people ordinarily draw into their lungs for a buzz, legal or illegal, but stinky old diesel smoke made by burning hydrocarbons.

It's burned in great big old noisy diesel engines designed for railroad locomotives and transplanted into a submarine, of all places.

This smoke binds them together with wispy chains stronger than the finest hardened steel. Men that sit around remembering shipmates and times good and bad, their memories brought to them on grey blue clouds.

Clouds of it shot out over ports of the seven seas, on lighting off for going to sea. Underway and across those seas the smoke settles to an efficiency haze, but the diesel smoke smell follows them. The smoke and sounds that shut down when reaching home port after many days alone at sea.

Today, these old timers travel many miles to see, hear and once more catch that wonderful reminder of their youth. With tears in the eyes of some, they lean forward to breathe it in.

They take photographs of diesel smoke clouds belching from exhaust pipes of museum piece subs. Back home they show them to others and post video clips on the internet. Others sit and wait for these clips to download over slow internet connections, just to see that smoke and hear the sound.

It is said that the sense of smell brings back the strongest memories. If so, then we are lucky ones because our smoke is strong and memorable. Along with our smoky chains, we have those memories and neither can be removed from our hearts.

Many a submariner says, "One more time, just one more time".

For some, that means to go out and make another dive, for others just to hear the roar and to smell that smoke.

Me, I'd like to yank a throttle lever, feel the deck plates shudder under my feet, hear the sounds, smell the smoke and be with those that are bound together by these things.

Just one more time and for a little while.

(Author Unknown)





REUNION UPDATE 2014

CLEVELAND, OH



Hi Shipmates!

Your host for our 2014 Reunion, **Domenic Iammarino**, has completed our agenda and now eagerly awaits the arrival of your Registration Forms to make sure that you are included in the activities. Please mail your Form to Dom by **August 16th** so that he has ample time to process it.

August 16th is also the deadline to make your room reservations at our Headquarters, **Holiday Inn Cleveland South**. After this date the availability of rooms is not guaranteed. Our room rate for Single, Double, or King room is **\$88.00 plus taxes** and is valid 3 days before and 3 days after the Reunion dates. Room types are assigned on a first come, first serve basis so reserve your selection early. To make your reservation, call **(216) 524-8050**, extension **298** and mention BANG Reunion.

The hotel recently completed a major renovation and is now completely **Smoke-Free**. It is conveniently located on Rockside Road at the intersection of I-480 & I-77 and provides free shuttle service to/from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, just 15 minutes away. For alternative travel, the Amtrak station is about 10 miles away.

Our schedule of events is listed below.

*Please note: the Tuesday and Wednesday tours have a **midday** departure time and no food stops are in the scheduling so you may want to eat brunch or an early lunch those days.*

Monday September 15th -

11:30am - Hospitality Rooms open.

No scheduled events. Left open for arrivals checking in, picking up "welcome" envelope and getting acclimated to their surroundings.

Tuesday September 16th -

07:00am - Hospitality Rooms open.

12:00pm - Bus departs the Hotel for Downtown

Cleveland to tour **USS Cod (SS 224)** and the **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame**.

The **USS COD SS224** is one of the finest restored WWII submarines on display and is the only U.S. submarine that has not had stairways and doors cut into her pressure hull for public access. **Please Note: Visitors must use the same vertical ladders and hatches for access that were used by her crew in WWII.**

Cleveland can claim partial credit as Cod's birthplace, since the submarine's massive diesel engines were built by General Motors' Cleveland Diesel plant on Cleveland's west side. These engines are still in running condition and will be fired off for our tour. In addition, her 5" deck gun will be fired!

After the Cod tour we will head to the **Rock and Roll Hall of Fame** also on Lake Erie's shore.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation was created in 1983 and selected Cleveland as its home in 1986 though the groundbreaking for the building designed by I. M. Pei wasn't until 1993. The ribbon cutting was in 1995 and the hall contains countless incredible exhibits of rock and roll stars from the earliest roots of rock to current performers and features a group or performer from time to time.

05:30pm - Bus departs the hotel to Cleveland's Little Italy for dinner at **Primo Vino's**.

This authentic 4 course Italian dinner will be served sit down family style and includes three appetizers, salad, three main entrees, three desserts, coffee and soft drinks.

Please Note: Patrons must navigate one flight of stairs to access this restaurant.

Also, the \$5.00 charge per person collected on the Registration Form is for the BUS FARE ONLY. The Restaurant will charge you \$25.00 per person for the meal plus tax, tip, and the cost of any alcoholic beverages you might order, the total of which you will be required to pay them before you leave.

Wednesday September 17th -

07:00am - Hospitality Rooms open.

12:30pm - Bus departs the Hotel for Canton, OH to tour the **NFL Hall of Fame** AND/OR the **National First Ladies Library**.

Please Note: Those who select BOTH sites on their Registration Form will have a reduced time to tour the NFL Hall of Fame and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis to the initial touring group of the First Ladies Library which is limited to 15 participants.

The **Pro Football Hall of Fame** is the shrine for professional football in the United States, with an emphasis on the National Football League (NFL), and opened in 1963. Over the years it has expanded from 19,000 square feet to 118,000 square feet.

The museum consists of the **Hall of Fame Gallery** with its bronze bust of each enshrined member, the **Pro Football Adventure Room** examines the many other pro leagues that have challenged the NFL since its founding in 1920, the **Moments, Memories & Mementos Gallery** focuses on the achievements made by its members, the **Pro Football Today Gallery** examines contemporary themes in the NFL, the **Lamar Hunt Super Bowl Gallery** recaps every Super Bowl played to date, and the newest gallery in the Hall of Fame is also home to the **Super Bowl Theater**, an incredible presentation of a NFL Films production.

All galleries have touch screen kiosks that include bios, photos, and video on the inductees. Truly an American football fans paradise.

The **National First Ladies' Library** was dedicated in 1998 by former First Lady Rosalynn Carter and later was included as part of the National Park Service in 2000.

The site consists of the Ida Saxton McKinley House, the family home of former President and First Lady William and Ida McKinley, and the former City National Bank Building.

Known as the Grand Lady of Market Avenue, the Saxton McKinley House breathes new life as the first ever facility dedicated to documenting the lives and accomplishments of America's 41 first ladies and other important American women in history.

Thursday September 18th -

07:00am - Hospitality Rooms open.

09:00am - Annual Business Meeting.
- Bloody Mary Bingo

06:00pm - Cocktail Hour in Grand Ballroom

07:00pm - Remembering Deceased Shipmates.
- Banquet Buffet Served.

Consisting of

Entrees -

Bourbon Glazed London Broil
Chicken Piccata

Accompaniments -

Chilled Garden Salad with an assortment of Condiments and Dressings
Chef's Selection of Four Seasonal Salads
Garden Rice Pilaf
Broccoli with Lemon Butter Crumbs
New Potatoes with Parsley Butter
Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea.

Dessert Display -

Chef's Choice

08:00pm - Guest Speaker.

President USS Cod Memorial,
Paul Farace.

Live Entertainment: ??????
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

Raffle Drawings.

Friday September 19th -

07:00am - Hospitality Rooms open.

Departure Day.

Remember, it is never too early to make your Hotel reservations and do not hesitate to contact Domenic with any questions you may have pertaining to the Reunion agenda.

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Cleveland, OH

Monday - September 15th 2014

through

Thursday - September 18th 2014

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Domenic & Virginia Iammarino

- MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15th - Check-In - Get "Welcome" envelope - Hospitality Rooms open at 11:30.
- TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16th - 12:00 p.m. - Bus departs for USS Cod and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Tours.
05:30 p.m. - Bus departs for dinner at Primo Vino's
- WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17th - 12:30 p.m. - Bus departs for NFL Hall and 1st Ladies Library Tours.
- THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18th - 09:00 a.m. - Business Meeting - Ladies Bingo.
06:00 p.m. - Cocktails & Banquet - Guest Speaker - Live Entertainment.

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Domenic Iammarino - 2641 Doug Ave - Hudson, OH 44236-3206 by **AUGUST 16th**

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 COD/ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME TOUR: _____ @ \$35.00 per person. = _____

NUMBER DINING AT PRIMO VINO in LITTLE ITALY: _____ @ \$5.00 per person. (**Bus Fare Only**) = _____

NUMBER TAKING NFL HALL & FIRST LADIES LIBRARY TOUR: _____ @ \$45.00 per person. = _____

Please specify choice (How Many?) NFL ONLY (___) 1st Ladies ONLY (___) BOTH (___) **1st 15 signups**

NUMBER ATTENDING BANQUET BUFFET: _____ @ \$50.00 per person. = _____

Please specify any DIETARY NEEDS: _____

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

Make check payable to **DOMENIC IAMMARINO**

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