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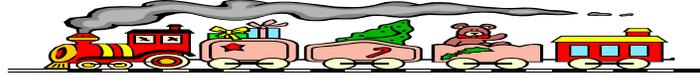
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**Richard C. Johnston 10/15/2015**



# 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 shipmate has passed away and will be placed on Eternal Patrol.

**Richard C. Johnston, CO (60-62)**

**Russel N. Pankey, RT (44-46, WP4,5,6)**

**Louis D. Ulrich, FN (59)**

**Paul H. Rogers Jr, FTA (58-59)**

**Neal J. Ipema, MM (65-67)**

**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 her and we will continue our search until we have attempted to locate everyone.

LASTNAME FIRSTNAME ADDRESS CITY ST ZIPCODE PHONE Y-O-B

**NONE TO REPORT!!!**

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
Wade	Eichhorn	3800 Central Dr #24	Bedford	TX	76021-2683		44
Mayer	Joyce (Joe)	87 Baker Rd	Winterport	ME	04496-3813		43-44
Rosenfeld	Daniel M	11377 SW 84th St Apt 229	Miami	FL	33173-3645	(305) 279-4735	43-46



## THANK YOU!

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



Rich Bartoline  
Al Cadenhead  
Kurt Cadenhead

John Caldwell  
Ike Cohen  
Eric Ericson

Dick Gahan  
Tom Hill  
Charlie Kimball

John Kraft  
Terry LaCroix  
Ladies Bingo

Barbara Pankey  
Len Sciuto  
Sharon Swanson  
Alan Thole  
Bill VonDerLieth



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THE INTERNET CONNECTION  
CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

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Pete Rocco... procco1932@gmail.com



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!**  
**CHRISTMAS, HANUKKAH, KWANZAA.**





# FPO



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!

Last summer I received a phone call from **Dan "Rosie" Rosenfeld**, MoMM (43-46 WP1,2,3,4,5,6). Since I wasn't home at the time, my recorder took his message to notified me that he and wife, Goldie, decided to move to Miami and be closer to family. Unfortunately, I was unable to return his call promptly because my recorder shut down in the midst of him giving me his new telephone number. After many unsuccessful tries to get his new address from the post office, I finally was able to locate his new phone number using modern technology (What's caller ID?) and eventually made contact with him.

It was then that he told me the sad news of Goldie's passing away shortly after their move, I expressed to him the "Gangs" belated deepest sympathy for his loss.

Rosie's new address and phone number is listed below. Send him a card or call him. He will be happy to hear from you.

**Daniel Rosenfeld**  
**11377 SW 84th St Apt 229**  
**Miami, FL 33173-3645**  
**(305) 279-4735**



**Richard C. Johnston** entered the Navy in 1943 and was commissioned as an Ensign in June 1946 at the Naval Reserve Officers Training Unit, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.

His first duty assignment was aboard the USS RODMAN (DMS 21) before applying for Submarine School. Following graduation from Submarine School in June 1949, he became a member of the commissioning details of, and subsequently served aboard, submarines GRAMPUS (SS523) and SALMON (SS573). He also served in ODAX (SS484) and briefly commanded submarines COBIA (SS245) and BONITA (SS165) prior to their inactivation.

Ashore, he served in the Officer Distribution Branch, Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C. and as senior instructor of the Polaris Guided Missile Factory Unit, Lockheed Missiles and Space Division, Sunnyvale, CA.

Lieutenant Commander JOHNSTON reported aboard BANG (SS385) on August 20, 1960 from ComSubRon 10 and assumed command of USS BANG (SS-385) on August 27, 1960. He remained at that position until July 10, 1962 when he left for BUPERS.

A friend of Skye Fitzkee, daughter of captain Johnston, left the following message on our facebook page:

"I'm a friend of Skye Fitzkee here in Coronado, CA who is the daughter of a former CO of the USS Bang, then LCMDR Richard Johnston.

Captain Johnston passed away on October 15 (on Skye's birthday) after a long illness. Skye spent the last three years of his life taking care of her Dad and spent the last year visiting him and taking care of him almost every day. She was really an angel for him. I'm seeking some help for her (she's not aware of this email or others) and wondered if there was a good way to get the word out and seek help for Skye in her efforts to honor her Dad. I'm going to be sending an email to others and post it on the Facebook page for the USS Bang as well. She's a bit overwhelmed in the wake of the passing of her Dad and I'm sure would welcome any words of support from any and all in the USS Bang family and any assistance or suggestions. She can be reached by email at [Onebodyandsole@yahoo.com](mailto:Onebodyandsole@yahoo.com).

Thanks much for any help you could lend.

Her address is:

**Skye Fitzkee**  
**1720 Avenida Del Mundo Unit 101**  
**Coronado, CA 92118-3030**  
**(619) 889-8047**



**Louis Ulrich** came to BANG from ComSubRon10 on 04/13/1959 as a FN and only stayed aboard a few months before transferring to Scorpion (SSN589) on 08/27/1959.

**Louis "Lou" David Kool Ulrich**, 78, passed away



on September 7, 2015, after a long battle with COPD. He was born on October 6, 1936, in Albany, NY, to Louis David Ulrich and Elizabeth (Cole) Ulrich. He grew up in Catskill, NY, and attended the Manlius Military Academy where he

graduated in June of 1955. He joined the U.S. Navy in January of 1957, and served for 12 years as a submariner aboard USS Guavina (SS362), USS Bang (SS385), USS Scorpion (SSN589), USS Sam Houston (SSBN609), and USS Abraham Lincoln (SSBN602). While stationed in Groton, during his submarine service, he met the one true love of his life, Nancy Agnes Stuart, and they were married on January 8, 1966.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy as a machinist's mate first class petty officer, Lou immediately enlisted in the Army National Guard in Groton, where he remained in the reserves until he retired from the military as a staff sergeant in 1985.

Following his Navy discharge, Lou owned and operated the Little Brown Jug located on Main Street, in Mystic, until it was later destroyed in a devastating fire. Lou then started a second career as a radiographer at Electric Boat in Groton, until his retirement in 1998.

Lou and Nancy continued to reside in Groton, in the same Phillips Avenue house for a total of 46 years until his and Nancy's health started to decline. They moved to Richardson, TX in 2012, to reside with their daughter, Robin Burke, and her family.

Lou was a life member of US Submarine Veterans Inc. (USSVI), and also a distinguished member of the USSVI Holland Club, an honor for submariners that are "Qualified in Submarines" for 50+ years.

Lou's hobbies were collecting HO trains, wood carving, and socializing with his longtime friend and neighbor, Tony Russo.

Nancy, Lou's wife of 49 years, predeceased him and he is survived by his three children, Robin Burke and husband, Gregg, of Richardson, TX, Dana Ward and wife, Megan, of Havertown, PA, and Kristin Vito and husband, Tom, of Orlando, FL Lou also has four

grandchildren, Sean and Shannon Burke and Mac and Andrew Ward.

In lieu of flowers or cards, the family would greatly appreciate donations be made in Lou's honor to the US Submarine Veterans Inc., PO Box 3870, Silverdale, WA 98383-3870.

Anyone wishing to send condolences to Lou's family may do so to the following address:

**Robin Burke  
5700 Pepperridge Dr  
Richardson, TX 75082-4994**



**Russell D. Pankey**, Radar Technician (44-46, WP4,5,6), was assigned to BANG on 10/14/1944 from CSD 61 Relief Crew, stayed aboard for her last three War Patrols, and then rode her back to the States before being transferred to COMSUBLANTAD on 02/15/1946. His widow, **Barbara**, informed us of his passing with the following letter:

*"Another WWII vet gone. Russ Pankey died just before Christmas of last year. He served the last 3 War Patrols of BANG and its decommissioning.*

*Like all of us, he remembered the good things. Like BANG's cook, whom I believe he said was popularly call "**Baby Duck**". He would set out these incredibly good loaves of fresh bread, which everyone - or at least Russ - swiped, along with a stick of butter. The cook also kept a stock pot of leftovers simmering on the stove which was full of good rich flavor by the end of a patrol.*

*He remembered that first breath of fresh air after surfacing from a long submersion, which almost made one sick.*

*He remembered seeing St. Elmo's Fire and the Panama Canal.*

*He remembered training on Treasure Island when Radar was still a classified word.*

*He remembered a teacher at Oklahoma A & M who opened for him the understanding of math.*

*He remembered Chicago, his first training school location, where women rushed out to give sailors a fresh baked cake (in spite of sugar rationing), and taxi drivers gave sailors free rides when they didn't have a fare.*

*And, if persuaded, he remembered a time during decommissioning when an Officer busted him down a rank for not saying "Sir". And, how he retaliated by purchasing a box of chocolates and cigars and setting them on the Ward Room table along with a note that stated: "Celebrate With Me. I Just Got A New Rank."*

*Russ always felt that the Navy was good to him. I was just glad that he survived. We had a good 48 year marriage."*

**Russell Drew Pankey** age 89, died on Thursday, December 11, 2014 in Southern Regional Health System at Pulaski, TN.

He was born in Normal, IL on January 29, 1925, served in the Navy during World War II aboard USS Bang submarine, where, at the age of 18, he was the first to work on radar. He retired from North American Phillips in Stanford, CT as an electrical & mechanical engineer, he held several patents, worked at Rocket Trajectory, in Alamogordo, NM, worked on a boom for refueling jets in the air, and built a car that ran on Bonneville Salt Flats.

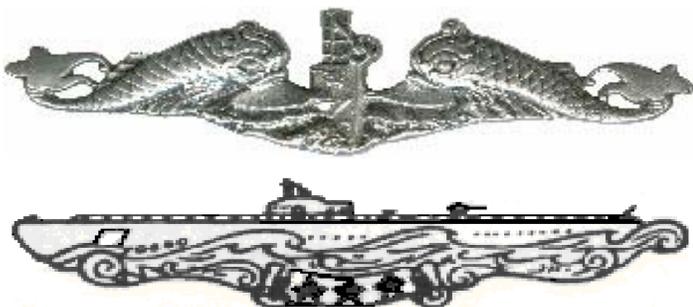
He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Clarence and Helga Sundman Pankey, sister, Dot Cronin and brother Lawrence Pankey.

Survivors are: wife, Barbara Pankey of Pulaski, TN, daughters, Nancy Colon and husband David of Gainesville, VA, Lynn Wright and husband Jason of Limerick, MN, sisters, Ruth McCullough of Arlington, TX, Merrill Fillmore of California, grandchildren, Phillip, Drew, and Eloise Colon, Russell Wright.

Memorials may be made to the Giles County Public Library, 122 South 2nd Street, Pulaski, TN, 38478. There will be no services at this time.

You may send your condolences to Barbara and family at:

**800 Odd Fellows Hall Rd  
Pulaski, TN 38478-8241**



**Paul Rogers Jr.**, FirecontrolTech came aboard BANG from ComSubRon 10 on 09/02/1958 and transferred to Robert E Lee (SSBN601) on 12/23/1959. The following obit was published in Reading Eagle on November 1, 2015:

**ROGERS, Paul H., Jr.**, 86, of Wernersville, PA,



passed away on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at Phoebe Berks Health Care Center in Wernersville. Born in Robesonia on September 27, 1929, a son of the late Elizabeth A. (Miller) and Paul H. Rogers Sr. He was a 1947 graduate of Robesonia High School, where he excelled in sports, especially basketball. On May 10, 1952, he married

Barbara J. "Bobbye" (Beville) Rogers, a resident of Phoebe Village, Wernersville.

Bud served 41 years in the United States Navy as a Submariner, retiring as Captain in 1990. After joining the Navy, Bud served as a Fire Controlman aboard the diesel submarines USS Sea Cat and USS Bang, and then aboard one of the Navy's first ballistic missile submarines, USS ROBERT E. LEE. He was commissioned as an officer in 1963, and rose through the ranks to become one of the first-ever limited duty officers to be promoted to the rank of Captain in 1986.

After serving as the Program Manager for the Trident Missile Program in Washington, D.C., Bud took command of the Nuclear Weapons Evaluation Facility at Kirkland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, NM, retiring from the Navy following that tour of duty.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters: Ginger L. and son-in-law, Frederic Henney, of Centreville, VA; Donna Lynn Rogers, of Winchester, VA; and Elizabeth A. and son-in-law, Robert Partin, of Waterford, VA; a sister, Doris A. and brother-in-law, Frank Schnee, of Robesonia; and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister, Charlotte E. "Betty" Weiss in 1981.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Phoebe Berks Village, 1 Reading Dr., Wernersville, PA 19565.

You may send your condolences to Barbara and family at:

**9 Reading Dr Apt 236  
Wernersville, PA 19565-2024**



**Neal Ipema** was assigned to BANG in 1965 as a MachinestMate and he worked under that rate until his departure to the Sub Base Med Center on 02/03/1967. The following obit was located online after shipmate **Harry Ross** informed us of his death.

**Neal John Ipema** passed away at the age of 71 in



Scottsdale, AZ on October 18, 2015, following a stroke. He was born in Chicago, IL on February 12, 1944. Neal joined the Navy in 1964, after graduating from high school near Chicago. He was a Navy Reservist who was called to active duty at the Navy Submarine Base in Groton, CT. He became part of the Submarine Service, serving on USS Bang. He attained

the rank of Machinist's Mate, First Class and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. While in the Navy, Neal married Jean Anne Ondera in 1966 and started a family. He and Jean had sons Brian and Darin in 1969 and 1970, respectively. Neal was honorably discharged from the Navy on Feb. 7, 1970.

After his Naval discharge Neal enrolled in college and earned an associate's degree in 1971 and later enrolled at Purdue University, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree of Science in 1973 followed by a Master's Degree of Science in 1977. After college, Neal would go on to work in the agricultural and sports manufacturing industries.

He worked for over 20 years at International Harvester (now Navistar) in Chicago and about the same length of time at True Temper Sports and Black & Decker in Memphis, TN. While at True Temper, he fine-tuned the manufacturing process for their golf shafts, and he even oversaw the building of a new manufacturing plant. When Neal retired from True Temper, he was Vice President of Quality Control for their golf division. Neal and his wife Jean moved to Fountain Hills in 1993. Upon moving to Arizona, Neal started his own machine shop called Contour Machining in Mesa. He continued to work there until he sold it to his eldest son, Brian, in 2004.

Neal John Ipema was a loving husband, brother, father, uncle, grandfather and friend, and he will be missed. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jean; his sons, Brian (Hope), Darin (Brenda); his

grandsons, Dillon, Tyler and Zachary; as well as his sisters, Beverly Thomas (Jim) and Debbie Thresh (Winslow), both of Illinois. He also leaves behind six brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law, their spouses, their children and grandchildren in Arizona, Illinois, Georgia and New Zealand. Neal was preceded in death by his parents, Cornelius and Helen.

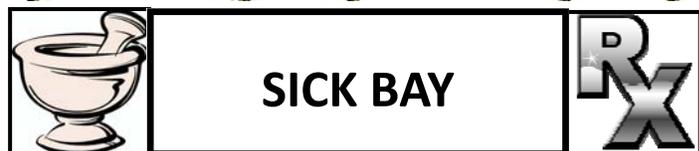
In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations in Neal's memory made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

You may send your condolences to Jean and family at:

**16422 E Sullivan Dr  
Fountain Hills, AZ 85268-4427**



*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.*



**Update on Wade Eichhorn**, Seaman (44, WP2,3,4), Wade's daughter, Barbara Gallagher, sent an e-mail notifying us that Wade was being moved again - this time into an assisted living facility due to his dementia. She states "*Dad is doing well, seems to be coping OK after Marian's death, and enjoys talking with people about WWII. He might even attend next year's Reunion.*"

His new address is below - drop him a line or two...

**Wade Eichhorn  
3800 Central Dr #24  
Bedford, TX 76021-2683**



**Update on Rich Bartoline**, Chief ENgineman (53-58), Last Newsletter I sadly reported that



Rich was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; given a "going away" party (cake & ice cream) by his oncologist and staff; issued his 'Final Patrol' orders; and sent home with a dead pacemaker to prepare to meet his maker. Now, I can report to you the rest of the story.

After receiving all the prayers and well wishes from you, his shipmates, Rich decided at 92 he wasn't a dying breed and, resolving to seek a second opinion, he drove to the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa.

There he met with a doctor who told him that he indeed would die in a couple of months but, only if he wanted to. He was then assigned to another local Cape Coral oncologist who started him on chemotherapy.

I visited with Rich and wife, Cina, when I returned to FL and I am happy to report that Rich's cancer is in remission, if not gone. And, as a vote of confidence, his doctor replaced his pacemaker and told him in the condition he is in now he should forget the farewell parties and start looking forward to more birthday parties - even triple digit ones aren't a fallacy.

Rich asked me to thank all his shipmates who wrote him for it was they who helped make this story have a happy ending.

**Richard Bartoline**  
**4310 SW 10th Ave**  
**Cape Coral, FL 33914-5755**  
**burrfish@embarqmail.com**



The writings and material within this Newsletter are the sole responsibility of its Editor and in no way reflect the opinion of its intended readers, the Bang Gang. ....*Phil Beals, editor*



**Joyce Mayer**, widow if **Joe Mayer**, Radioman (43-44, WP1), made contact with us to "thank us so much for keeping in touch" and to let us know that she recently celebrated her 89th birthday and is doing very well in her new residence:

**Joyce Mayer**  
**87 Baker Road**  
**Winterport, ME 04496-3813**

*Happy Birthday! Joyce. We wish you many more. Thank you for letting us know of your new address.*



**Alan Thole**, IC Electrician (68-69), "Unable to make the Reunion this year because of a family member, that I haven't seen for years, visiting from CA. But, I plan on being there next year come hell or high water. Till then, here's a little something for the slush fund." ... *Alan, thanks for your contribution. Hope your visit with family was a good one. Look forward to meeting you in Chattanooga next year.*



**Tom Hill**, MachinistMate (67-70), "I just got the latest Newsletter, finished reading it, and started to put it away where I have all the past Newsletters when I remembered to send a check for the Slush Fund, like I have done in the past. You do a great job with the Newsletter and I really enjoy getting it in print so I can save them. I do have a G-Mail account that I can access with my I-Phone but no way to print out. Rose and I will not be attending the 2015 Reunion but hope that we can make the next one. Give everyone our best." ... *Tom, thank you for supporting the Newsletter. Hope you and Rose can come to TN next year. It would be nice to see the both of you again.*



**Judy Myers**, widow of **Jack Myers**, Radioman (55-56), "What a great BANG Reunion! They just keep getting better. So glad I was able to attend - being so close to home. It was great being with old friends and making new ones. It was a week filled with much fun, laughs, and of course, many tearful good-byes. It makes me very happy that the Bang Gang still includes me as one of their own. Jack and I both had great memories of Reunions past and the wonderful people who were in attendance. And now I continue to add to them.

Thanks to **Jim, Yolanda, Paul, and Jennifer** for a great week."... *Judy, I am glad to hear that you enjoyed yourself at the Reunion. We also enjoyed having you in attendance and hope you will continue to honor us with your presence at future Reunions. Hopefully, other widows will follow your lead and join you.*

**October 21** - May I please make a request of you all?

Teri, whom you met at the Cleveland Reunion, is in need of prayer. On Wednesday, she/we found out that she has liver and kidney cancer. She is currently in Florida undergoing treatment. Her birthday is December 10th and she is not expected to make her birthday.

In as much as she is terminal, my request for prayer is to not only help her deal with the pain and the cancer, but also help her to prepare for her death.

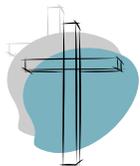
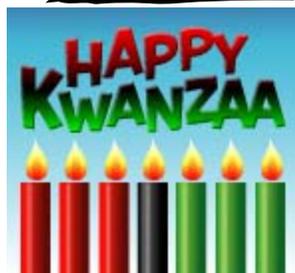
Thank you to those of you honoring my request.

**November 29** - Teri's Mom just called me. Teri passed away last night. May I ask you to please pray for Teri and her family?

Her Mom told me that the whole family will gather early next year in Alabama for a ceremony and the spreading of her ashes. I hope to be able to go.

Teri's passing brings back a lot of bad memories from when I lost my wife in 2009. I have been most fortunate to have had 2 women in my life who were truly outstanding. They were very similar in many ways. Yet they were different in only a few. They loved their professions. Sue was a teacher. And Teri was a medical care giver. Their families came before all else and they both were practicing Catholics.

May they meet in Heaven and enjoy each other's company. Susan and Teri, may you rest in peace and may God hold you both in his loving arms eternally. *Len*



**The Chaplain's  
Corner**  
Len Sciuto  
Bang Gang Chaplain



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *I know many of you still rely on white paper and black ink to do your communicating (thus the reason for this Newsletter) so I have taken it upon myself to bring you uninformed up-to-date on some trying times you Chaplain is currently going through. Please read the following two emails I received from him and, if you decide to honor your shipmate's request, say one for him too. Thank You.*





**2015 Bang Reunion - Troy, MI**



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## APPRECIATION

Commencing with the 1991 Town Report, the Town has annually recognized a Fremont resident who has given much of their time to the Town.

### THE 2013 APPRECIATION RECOGNIZES CHARLES KIMBALL

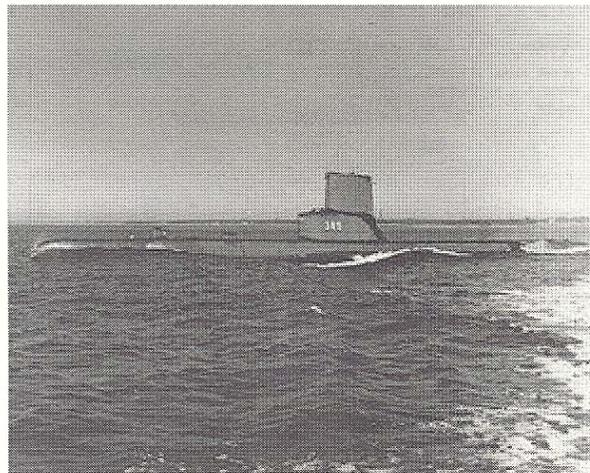
Charles is a long-time resident of Fremont NH, serving the Budget Committee in 1989, from 1994 to 1999 and again from 2002 through the end of his term in March 2014, for a total of 20 years. Charles has been a member of the Fremont Fire Department for more than 40 years, joining in 1973; and a Forest Fire Warden for many of those years.

He is a US Navy Veteran, enlisting in 1952 and serving over 20 years. He served on the USS Bang and Seawolf, being on submarines for many months at a time. He attends reunions, driving as far as Florida and Missouri for them!

Charles enjoys cooking and is a very good cook. Well known for his roast chicken at the Town's holiday pot luck dinner, he did some cooking in the Navy too. He is a Master Electrician, skilled with a chainsaw and has quite a DVD collection. He loves history and is an avid reader, with many books filling his home!

Charles continued to work after his retirement from the Navy, and still works at Barthelemy's on Martin Road in Fremont.

He does enjoy a good meal out at places like the Texas Roadhouse, the Chop House in Manchester, and ham and bean suppers! Charles has a wealth of personal knowledge and is a great story teller!

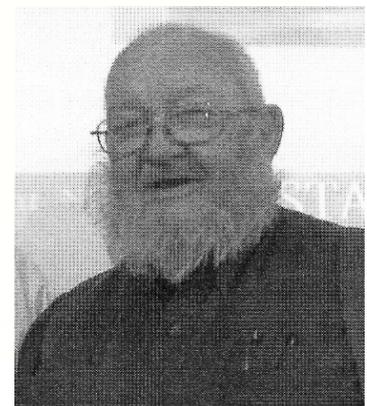


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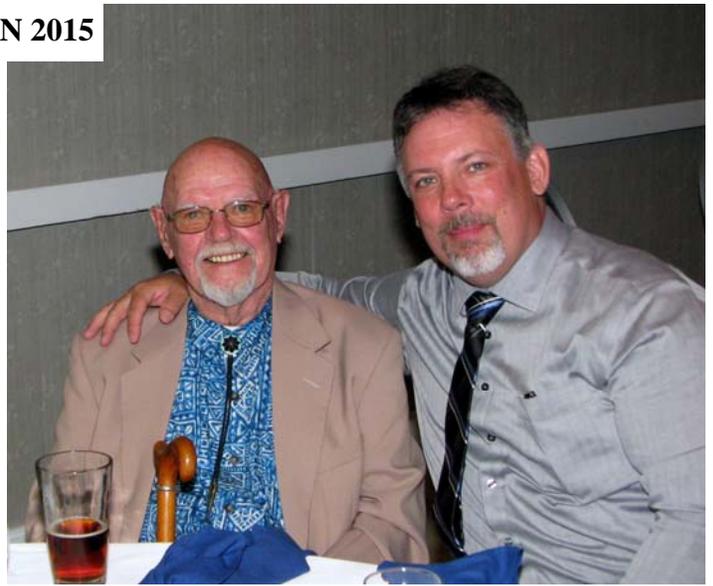
**CHARLES D. KIMBALL, EM (53-55)**



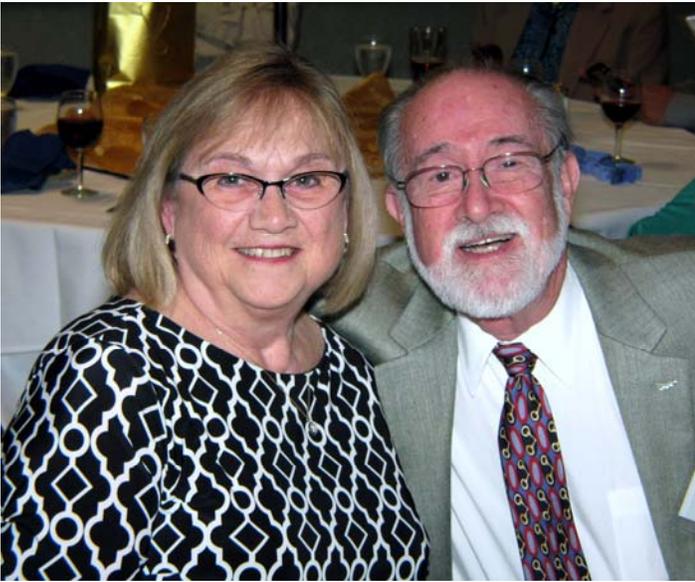
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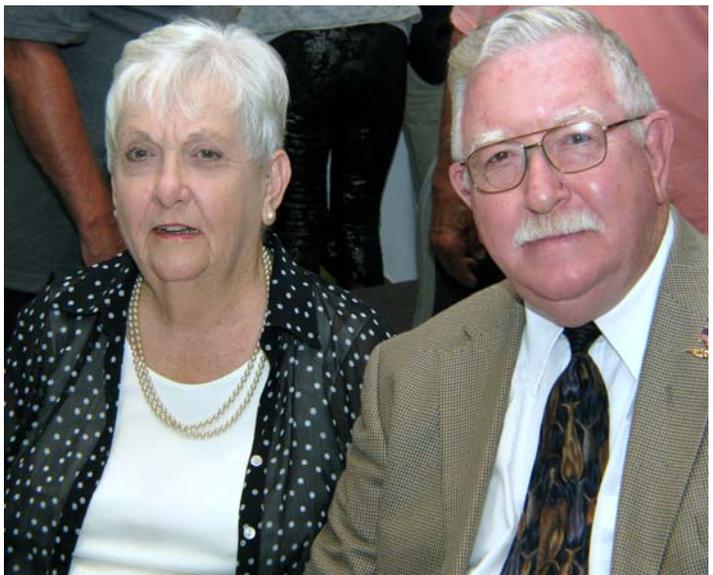
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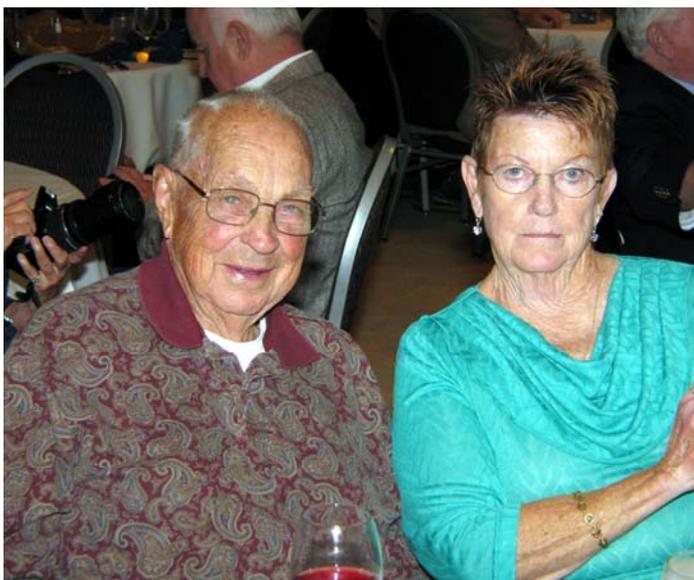
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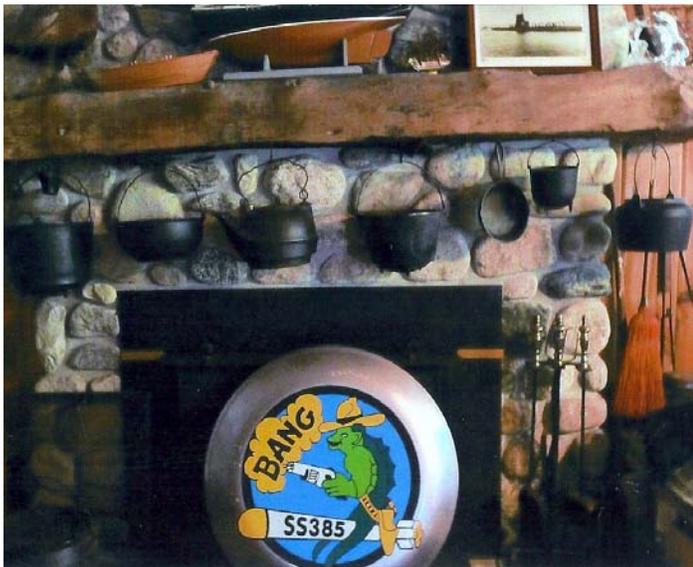
## USS BANG (SS385) MEMORIAL SITES

"Keeping The Memory Alive"

**Albacore Park - Portsmouth, NH** - Red Maple 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  
**Submarine Library & Museum - Groton, CT** - Engraved Walkway Brick



### GOOD HOME FOUND!



Last Spring I announced the decommissioning of the Bang-Mobile and the need for a new home for the spare tire cover.

Shortly thereafter I received a phone call from shipmate **Marv Christenson** offering to keep the cover in his care. Since Chris didn't have a vehicle with a spare tire carrier, he called upon his ingenuity to incorporate it with his fireplace décor. (See above photo) A deserving home indeed for a piece of BANG memorabilia.



## CHRISTMAS SALE!!

No Sales Tax either.....

All items are sold at our Reunions or shipped PBW. Send mail orders to **Phil Beals** with your check payable to **USS BANG** and be sure to include a few bucks extra to cover the postage.

Navy Blue Ballcap - Solid or mesh top - embroidered USS BANG SS385 + dolphins or Sentry of the Seas.  
**Please state your choice**.....\$8.00

BANG Photos - 40's, 50's, 60's 11x14 black & white as shown on back page of Newsletter.  
**Please state your choice**.....\$3.00

Jacket Patches - 40's, 50's, 60's 5 inch in full color as shown on back page of Newsletter.  
**Please state your choice**.....\$5.00

WWII Battle Flag Patch - 3x5 inch full color.....\$5.00

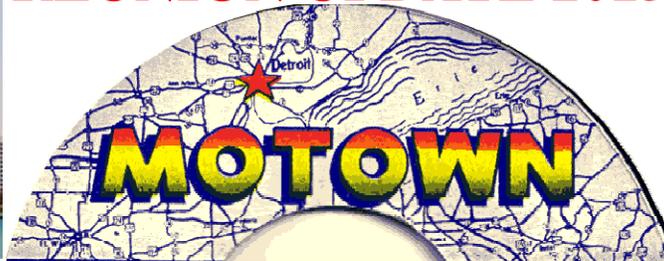
1" Lapel/Hat pins - depict jacket patches & battle flag.  
**Please state your choice**.....\$5.00

6" Trilogy Window Decal - depicts all 3 sail configurations and patches in full color.....\$5.00

All proceeds from these sales are deposited directly into our Slush Fund.



# REUNION UPDATE 2015



Hello, Motown Hosts,  
I Heard It Through The Grapevine that this was going to be another Great BANG Reunion so I called Beechwood 4-5789 and told you I'll Be There with My Girl.

I Can't Help Myself when I say your choice of our hotel was Ooo Baby Baby and I'm glad you took the time to Shop Around.

Doing the tours was Money but worth it because there Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing. Whether you visited the Ford Plant or Cruisin' on the river, It was nice to see What's Goin' On?

At the Business Meeting We Seconded That Emotion and told our Board Officers I Want You Back by voting them in for another 2 year term.

The Banquet Buffet was Let's Get It On and, when the band started playing, I hollered Mercy Mercy Me because This Old Heart of Mine was on Cloud Nine. I could have danced All Night Long.

Neither One of Us (Wanted to Be the First to Say Goodbye) when the time came for Leavin' Here and It's a Shame we couldn't have stayed longer. Anyway, Keep on Truckin', and Thanks For The Memories. Didn't Bob Hope sing that song? Or, is it Just My Imagination.



Next year it's "ALL ABOARD!" for **Chattanooga, TN**. The dates are **September 12th thru September 15th** and our hotel is the unique, recently refurbished **Chattanooga Choo Choo**. All finalized details will be posted in the next issue of this Newsletter so, in the meanwhile, mark your calendars now and start planning for another exceptional BANG Reunion that will be hosted by **Dick and Beth Gahan** with assistance from **Charlie "Doc" Dougherty**.

See you there???

## FINAL SAILING LIST FOR MOTOWN

- Lou Arellano (70-72)
- Phil & Dot Beals (56-59)
- Rob & Bette Bridle (67-70)
- Al Cadenhead & Kurt (44-45)
- Marv & JoAnn Christenson (56-58)
- Ike Cohen (70)
- Ed & Jane DeLong (63-66)
- Charlie Dougherty (66-69)
- Eric & Sally Ericson (67-68)
- Len Fagotti & Marilyn Barratt (63-66)
- Bill & Joan Fenton (67-71)
- Alan Forry (66-69)
- Richard Gahan (58-62)
- Ralph & Claire Gates (65-67)
- Barbara Haring (Al Mace 63-65)
- Bill & Peggy Iber (71-72) **First Timer!**
- Dennis & Klara Kelly (63-64)
- Charlie Kimball (53-55)
- Jim & Yolanda Klein (64-66) **Hosts**
- Jim & Laura Klein (Guests)
- Jennifer & Harley Wilson (Guests)
- Mark & Estelle Walerzak (Guests)
- Sue Alpeter (Guest)
- Ed & June Kracker (43-45)
- John & Darlene Kraft (68-70)
- Terry & Nancy LaCroix (68-70) **First Timer!**
- Gabe & Pam Lewis (66-68)
- Judy Myers (Jack 55-56)
- Jack & Diane O'Connor (64-67)
- Frank & Claudia Steinmetz (Guests)
- Harry & JoAnn Ross (64-67)
- Paul Schramm (70-71)
- Bill VonDerLieth & Lola Brower (52-57)
- Hal & Edith Wilkins (69-72)



# BANG GANG BUSINESS MEETING

Troy, MI —17 September 2015

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The diving alarm was sounded and President **Bill Fenton** called the meeting to order at 0903 hours and requested all present to stand and pledge their allegiance to our flag.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DEPARTED SHIPMATES

## ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Bill Fenton - **PRESENT**  
VICE PRES: Gene Lockwood - **ABSENT**  
SECRETARY: Harry Ross - **PRESENT**  
TREASURER: Ed DeLong - **PRESENT**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**Phil Beals made a motion** to accept the minutes as posted in last Fall's Newsletter; (seconded); **MOTION CARRIED.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Ed DeLong** gave a detailed report on our organization's income and expenses as of 1 July 2014. A motion was made by **Phil Beals** and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report; **MOTION CARRIED.**

## OLD BUSINESS

- (1.) **Bill Fenton** asked first time attendees to stand and be recognized by giving their name, rank, years on board.
- (2.) **Bill Fenton** asked all WWII veterans to stand and be recognized.

## NEW BUSINESS

- (1.) **Dick Gahan** was called upon to give the Gang a presentation for next year's Bang Reunion to be held in Chattanooga, TN from September 12, 2016 thru September 15, 2016. The hotel rate is \$99.00 for a single or double plus taxes. This rate is good for three (3) days before and three (3) days after the reunion and includes free parking. The hotel is the Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel. Dick Gahan will be hosting the event along with assistance from **Charles (Doc) Dougherty**. The hotel is a converted Railroad Station and some of the rooms are converted Railroad Cars. They are currently going through a \$150,000,000 renovation which will be completed prior to our arrival. Hotel contract to be finalized by the fourth (4) quarter of 2015. Remaining itinerary is a work in process but should be concluded by the second (2) quarter of 2016. Free airport shuttle is available along with the city providing electric trolley shuttle service which starts from the hotel.
- (2.) **Paul Schramm** stated he will make sure the 2016 Reunion will be well advertised, and will report back to the Board which media will carry notice of our 2016 reunion.
- (3.) Future Reunions were discussed and the one in 2017 will be hosted by **Len Sciuto** and **Rob Bridle** in the Cocoa Beach, FL and the 2018 reunion will be in Philadelphia area hosted by Ike Cohen. Reunions beyond 2018 will be addressed at the Chattanooga Business Meeting.
- (4.) **Elections of Board Officers- Bill Fenton** announced that all board officers are willing to accept another 2 year term of office and then asked for any nominations from the floor for the position of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. **Paul Schramm** was nominated and seconded to run for Vice President and he accepted. All remaining Board members were elected by acclamation. A show of hands vote to elect Paul Schramm or Gene Lockwood for the position of Vice President was taken and Paul won.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

- (1.) The "Gang" thanked **Jim and Yolanda Klein, Jennifer Wilson, and Paul Schramm**, for a most enjoyable and well organized Reunion.
- (2.) **Gabe Lewis** spoke about his upcoming trip to Spain and requested anyone knowing the address of the Spanish CO of the Bang, **Benito Chereguini**, so he could contact him while in Country.
- (3.) **Rob Bridle** spoke about **Len Sciuto** latest surgery performed yesterday and that Len drove himself home from it.
- (4.) **Rob Bridle** also spoke about having members leave their laminated nametags behind so that they can be used at future reunions.
- (5.) **Phil Beals** reminded all shipmates that haven't done so to sign our welcome Banner.
- (6.) **Bill Fenton** spoke about the Banquet and advised all attendees to be in the Banquet room at 1730 for pictures.
- (7.) At the conclusion of the Business meeting **Paul Schramm** and **Ike Cohen** will be selling the 50-50 and door prize raffle tickets

No further business, the surface alarm was sounded and **Bill Fenton** declared that the 2015 USS BANG BUSINESS MEETING was officially adjourned at 0936 hours and will reconvene in Chattanooga, TN in 2016.

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