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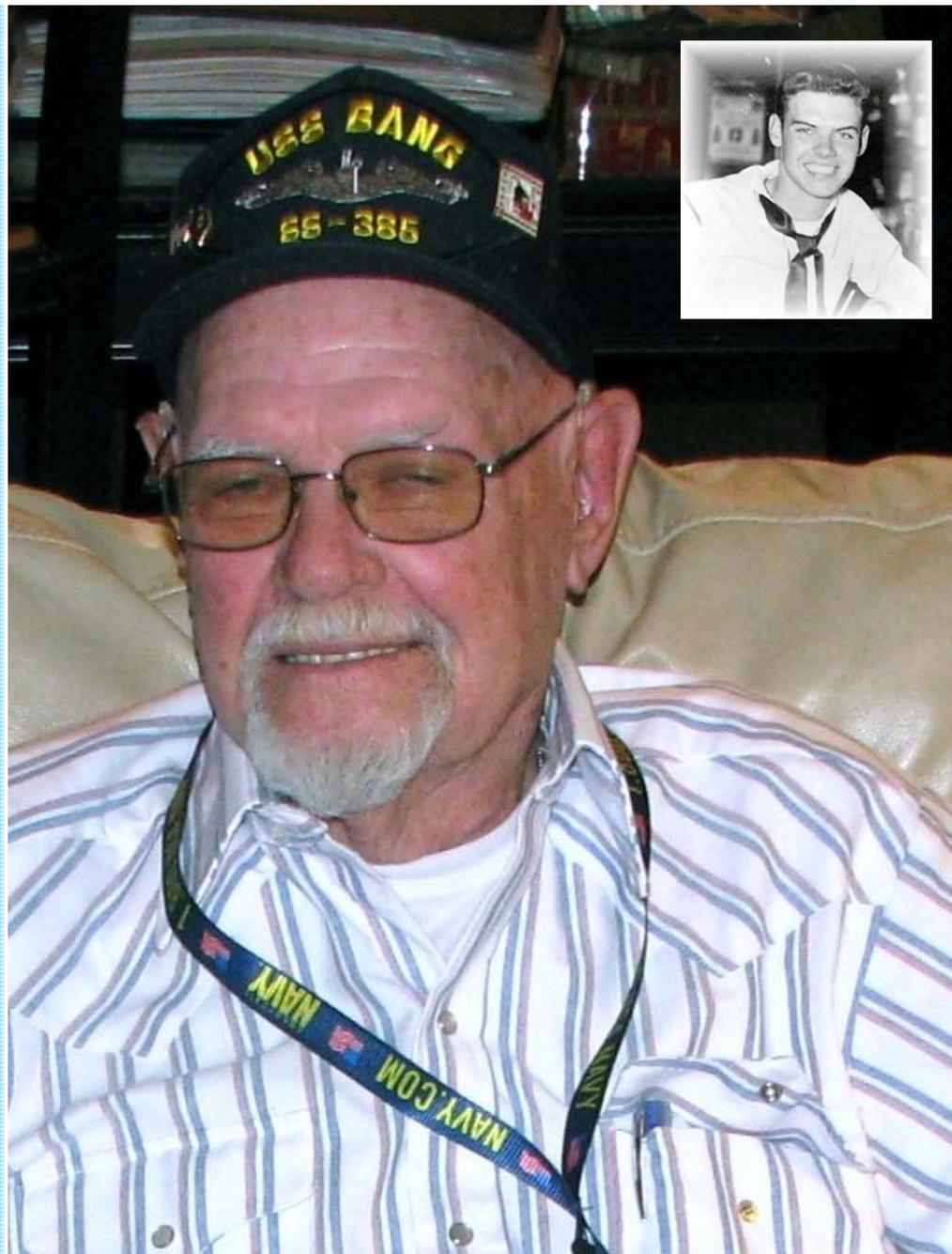
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Albert E. Cadenhead 1927 - 2016



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.



Lester C. Smith Jr, YN (45-46)

Marshall L. Fischer, SOS (60-62)

Albert E. Cadenhead, QM (44-45) WP3,4,5,6



SHIPMATES, REST YOUR OARS!

The following shipmates are 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
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Carrier	Thomas L	701 S Dobson Rd Lot 88	Mesa	AZ	85202-2709	(361) 563-5481	54-56
Walker	Charles E	25 Jenkins Rd	Lee	NH	03861-6510	(603) 292-6842	62-63

The following shipmate has changed his 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
Wolfe	Richard H	266 Soller Heights Rd	Ghent	NY	12075-3005		60-63



THANK YOU!

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



David Blaha
Ike Cohen

Don Craig
Willie Creel
Ann Dockery (Bill)
Doc Dougherty
Bob Gunny

Rose Jarvies (Jack)
Charlie Kimball
John Kraft
Gabe Lewis
Lois Maney (Jim)

Ed Moran
Denis Obrien
Barb Pankey (Russ)
Richard Petrino
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!
CHRISTMAS, HANUKKAH, KWANZAA.





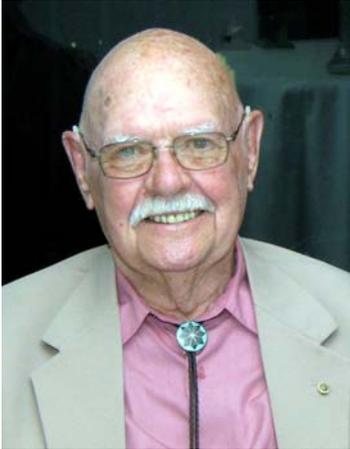
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This column is dedicated to all the letters we receive from you. Any info about yourself or others you want to share with your shipmates will be published here. Think of this as a combination of the bulletin board in the Crew's Mess and the IMC.

Editor's Notes and Ramble: Hi Shipmates!

The following email and obituary is an update from Kurt Cadenhead on his father **Al Cadenhead's** sudden death.



“My Dads funeral was very moving. They had a USN flag flying out side the funeral home in my Dads honor and his coffin was between the Stars and Strips and the USN flag. He was wearing his VFW uniform with his Dolphins and ribbons on his jacket. My brother Peter put the piece of teak from the Bang under his

lapel right next to his heart and in his right hand was his grandson's maroon 82nd Airborne beret. His funeral procession was under a police escort and at the cemetery there was a USN honor guard. The flag that draped his coffin was the same flag that draped his Father's coffin. The young Ensign and Chief folded her smartly and handed it to Peter and I.

I miss him terribly but I am so grateful for the 55 years I had with him. And, I am also extremely grateful for the time we got to spend together at the many reunions we went to.

I was able to watch the video of you guys singing my Dads song and I am deeply touched. You Sailors are something else!! There are no words to describe my feelings for "The Gang". You are all very special to me.

I also want to thank you for sending me the copy of **Jim Warden's Diary**. What an absolute treasure it is. What makes it extra special to me is that I know my Dad was in close proximity to where Mr Warden was as my Dad's battle stations were either in the Con or in the Control Room. I have previously read BANG's six official war patrols over and over trying to get a feel of what my Dad and his shipmates went through. Warden's diary puts me right there with his first hand account. I know my Dad would have enjoyed reading it also.

Please thank **Sue Groh** for me for her efforts have helped clarify just what her Father and my Dad went through aboard BANG during WWII.”

CADENHEAD Albert Eugene, 89, formerly of Northford, passed away on September 7, 2016, at the Veterans' Hospital in White River Junction, Vermont. He was the beloved husband of the late Marion (Cewe) Cadenhead for 59 years.

Al was born in Quanah, Texas on May 8, 1927 to the late Albert G. and Velma (Wilkerson) Cadenhead. Al was a World War II veteran. He served in the Navy on the submarine USS Bang (SS-385) and was aboard for War Patrols 3-4-5-6. He qualified in submarines in 1945, was awarded the Submarine Combat pin with 2 stars and was a S1c(QM/SS) when released by the Navy. He was a member of the U.S. Sub Vets of WWII. Al was a proud past Commander of the North Branford VFW Post 8294.

After the war, he settled in Northford, and lived there from 1963 to 2009. He worked for Pratt and Whitney in North Haven for over 20 years as a maintenance mechanic. Al was a supernumerary police officer in West Haven for 10 years. Al was a true family man, and a proud American. He will be truly missed. He is survived by his two sons: Kurt (Vivian) Cadenhead of Hebron, CT and Peter (Nancy) Cadenhead of New Hampshire. He is also survived by his five grandchildren: Peter Daniel and Emily Colby Cadenhead, both of Newport, NH; Paul and William Cadenhead of Hebron, and Nathan Cadenhead of Granby.

A mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Monica Church, on Monday, September 19, 2016. Burial followed at St. Lawrence Cemetery in West Haven. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Disabled Veterans.

Al joined the Navy in 1943 and after boot camp he reported to USS Bunker Hill (CV-17) where he saw action in the Pacific. He then volunteered for Submarines and was assigned to BANG on August 25, 1944 from CSD 42 Relief Crew - two days before she was to depart Pearl Harbor on her 3rd Patrol. Al stayed aboard BANG performing Quartermaster duties for her 4th, 5th, and 6th War

Patrols as well. Al then rode BANG back to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for repairs and eventually transferred to Sub Base New London on August 31, 1945.

He was honorably discharged from the Navy in October of 1947. Besides the submarine Qualification Pin and Patrol Pin with 2 stars, Al was also the recipient of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

You may send your condolences to Kurt and family at:

**166 Skinner Ln.
Hebron, CT 06248-1348
kjcadenhead@comcast.net**



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I received the following email from Cheryl Smith, daughter of **Lester Smith**:

“Dad passed away in February. Would you please take his name off your mailing list. Dad always enjoyed reading the newsletters. Thanks!! And thank you to all members for their service”!!

Lester C. Smith, Jr, YN, (45-46) reported aboard BANG from New London Sub Base on October 5, 1945 and disembarked for Proteus AS19 on March 4, 1946. I was unable to locate his obituary on-line.

You may send your condolences to Cheryl and family at her email: **gabquin@aol.com**



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The following email and obit was sent to me by Marshall Fischer’s son, David.

“I am the oldest son, Dave, of **Marshall L. Fischer** and wanted to let the Bang Gang know that my dad,

who was on the USS Bang around 60-62, if I remember correctly, passed away February 22, 2016. He was at a Bang reunion in 2010, I think.

He talked about life on a sub when ever someone would ask. He said it was an adventure he will never forget. I too was in the navy but could not fathom being out to sea for so long so I served 5 years active duty in the Seabees. Still saw the world but by plane.”



“Marshall Lee Fischer
74 year old resident of Onamia, MN passed away peacefully on February 22, 2016 in Los Fresnos, TX. He was born on November 24, 1941 to Rudolph and Helen (Opp) Fischer. On June 30, 1959 Marshall enlisted in the United State Navy. He received a Honorable Discharge

from active service on December 6, 1962.

On January 17, 1980 he was united in marriage to Dianne Neutgens in Chanhassen, MN. The couple lived in rural Chaska until 1990 when they moved to their lake home on Mille Lacs Lake. Marshall enjoyed the company of family and friends especially taking them out on boat rides on Lake Milacs. He was an avid vegetable gardener and liked fishing Milacs. The last couple years while in Texas, he would roll up his pants and walk into the ocean and try his luck at catching the big one. He also liked woodworking and was always reading woodworking magazines-looking for projects. In November he went deer hunting with his close friends. He was a proud member of the vets club in Onamia and liked meeting up with friends at Harley's bar in Texas.

Funeral Services were held March 5, 2016 at Bethany Lutheran Church-Onamia, MN 56359. Interment will be in Foster Cemetery. Marshall is survived by his sons, David (Jean) Fischer, Jim (Karne) Fischer, Mike Fischer, Marsh (Lizbeth) Fischer, Doug Fischer; step-daughter, Lynn (Jason) Wright; 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and many loving family members and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Diane; and his parents.”

Marshall was received aboard BANG from the New London Sub Base on October 14,1960 and transferred to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on November 26, 1962. While aboard BANG,

Marshall was promoted to Sonarman 3rd Class.
Condolences may be sent to Dave and family
at:

**1700 Park Rd
Bloomington, MN 55425**



*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.*



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David Smith, FireControl Tech (63-64) sends
the following sad news:

“Just to let the group know - my wife Juanita passed
on the August 9th from congestive heart failure.”

Condolences may be sent to David at:
**316 N Catherine St
Middletown, PA 17057-1203**



Ken Bush, FireControl Tech (61-62) writes that
he and wife, Ruth were planning on attending
the Reunion in Chattanooga when he got hit
with a massive heart attack on July 24th. Died
twice and brought back twice - two operations in
two days. He says it will take some time to
mend but the alternative sucks! Hi to all...
Ken's email is **gmgbush@stratos.net**
Sounds like he could use some cheering up.

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Shortly after returning to FL after our Reunion in
Chattanooga, I was pleasantly surprised with a
phone call from a BANG galley shipmate of
mine, **Joe (Frenchy) LaTorre, CS3 (55-58)**. I
hadn't seen Joe since we said our 'Good-byes'
in 1958 as he departed BANG for the Sub Base.
So, we set up a time to meet and spent an
enjoyable couple of hours getting to know each
other again.

During our conversation, I learned that Joe
recently lost Violet, his wife of 60+ years. She
passed away last spring from **Mesothelioma**. In
his search to find out how Violet came in contact
with **asbestos fibers**, Joe found out that her
contact most likely was from washing the work
clothes he brought home. Something like
getting cancer from secondary smoke and not
actually smoking the tobacco.

Approximately one-third of all mesothelioma
cases have been shown to involve U.S. Navy or
shipyard exposures and existing documented
cases of secondhand asbestos exposure. Joe
thought that there might be other shipmates and
family members diagnosed with Mesothelioma
who are unaware that they may be entitled to
compensation. He therefore offers the following
name and number of a person who might be
able to assist you with any questions you may
have about this subject.

Stephen White - (618) 651-7750

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Since stating in the last Issue that I would mail a
PDF copy of **Jim Warden's** Diary to all that
requested it, I found that the DVD copy I was
using for the mailings was missing text
throughout. I now have an updated copy of that
file and it has been verified to be complete. The
only problem now is the PDF file is too large for
some ISPs to handle as email attachments.
Even after compressing it with WinZip, the file
size is marginal whether it will send or not. So, if
I am unable to email you a copy, I will put it on a
DVD disc and mail it to you by USPS.
Please contact me, Phil Beals, if you wish to
have a copy of this great tribute **Sue Groh** made
to her father Jim, and all BANG shipmates, by
compiling his memoirs of time spent aboard
BANG during WWII.



While posting the data for Page 2 of this Newsletter, I was pleasantly surprised at the number of our shipmates widows who continue to contribute to our Slush Fund even though their spouses are physically no longer with us. I thank you Ladies for your continuing support of the "Bang Gang" and I am happy to say that after 20+ years and 82 Issues our Organization is still **dues-free** and our Newsletter you might say is "priceless".



As we get ready to close out another calendar year, Dot and I wish all readers a very Merry Christmas and, hopefully, a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

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Rose Jarvies, widow of **Jack Jarvies**, Officer (56-57), "By the time you receive this the 2016 Bang Reunion will be over. I'm sure all had a great time, and a huge THANK YOU is due to the organizers.

I believe my Jack served aboard BANG 56-57. I see from the published "Sailing List" of those attending the Reunion that there were five crew members that may have served with him. If I remember correctly, BANG was the Boat he qualified for command on. Also, recall spending some time in Kittery, ME during an overhaul. Memories, Memories!! - so many good times.

All is well with the "Jarvies". Our two eldest are now Social Security age. Unreal!

I am enclosing a donation towards Newsletter expenses. Thank you for your editing.

PS - I'm back 'online'." ... *"There is nothing wrong with your memory, Rose. We did indeed spend the last 5 months of 1957 in the Portsmouth Yards getting a new Sonar Dome installed among other things. It detached itself from us shortly after we set sail in January and we wound up in Groton EB getting another one put on. You count of Jack's crew members was correct also. I recall when the 50's group was the largest to line up for picture taking at Reunions. Thanks for the donation and happy to hear that you are back online.*

Barbara Pankey, widow of **Russell Pankey**, Radar Tech (44-46, WP4,5,6), "Enclosed is my change of address along with a small donation to your Slush Fund. Thank you for the Newsletter. Have fun in Chattanooga!"... *Thanks Barbara for your address update and donation. I did as ordered and had fun in Chattanooga. I hope your move to ME was fun for you as well.*

Lois Maney, widow of **James Maney**, Radioman (57-59), "Since my dear Jim was on BANG before we were married, the Bang Gang has little meaning for me. Jim's last visit with you was in Manchester, NH and I must say I thoroughly enjoyed that city.

At this point, I think it is time to stop sending me the Newsletter. Thank you." ...*Lois, I will respect your wishes and remove you from our mailing list. If you should need assistance from us in the future, please don't hesitate to contact us at our web site - ussbang.com.*

Bob Gunny, TorpedoMan (44-45, WP2,3,4,5,6), "It was very thoughtful of you to send me a copy of Jim Warden's diary. Reading his description of some of the happenings that took place while we were on patrol was quite thought provoking. Things did get scary at times and I always experienced a great feeling of relief afterwards." ... *Bob, thanks for writing. I am always happy to hear from one of our 'originals' and glad to read that you enjoyed Jim Warden's diary. His daughter paid him a great tribute in publishing it. I'm sure that sharing three of BANG's patrols with Jim made his diary that much more meaningful for you to read. As far as 'scary' goes, I can think of other words to use when describing WP2,3,4 (the worst of the six) but, if you say they were scary then scary they were. Thanks for the Newsletter support and say 'Hi' to Betty for me.*

Don Craig, TorpedoMan (56-57), "Maybe someday some one will host a Western (West Coast - Alaska) Reunion. I'll be there!" ... *Think it over Don, and then let us know the time and place and we'll be there also. Thank you for your support.*

Anne Dockery, widow of **Bill Dockery**, Electronic Tech (52-54), "Thank you so much for keeping me in the 'loop'. You've all done

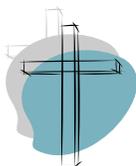
such a good job of keeping all the old Gang together. I love reading the Newsletter. It makes me feel like my Bill is close by - he loved to read it too. I wish I could attend a Reunion sometime but, it always seems too far away and expensive.

The Chattanooga Reunion sounds exciting and I even know two of the attendees, **Molly and Bill Stirewalt**. My Bill was on board BANG the same time as Bill Stirewalt and Molly and I were good friends. They even came to see me in CT after my Bill died.

Have a great Reunion and keep the Bang Gang Newsletter coming."...*It is a pleasure hearing from you again Ann. I am happy to read that you still enjoy reading the Newsletter and I thank you for your support. I met Molly and Bill in Chattanooga and must say that you choose your friends well. A fine couple indeed.*



Wayne (Greek) Thalosinos' new plate.



The Chaplain's Corner

**Len Sciuto
Bang Gang Chaplain**



The Holiday Season is Quickly Approaching

Wow! It seems like yesterday we were in Chattanooga, TN and enjoying each other's company and what "Nooga" had to offer in the way of fun and entertainment. Now, Thanksgiving came and went and Christmas is almost upon us. Time certainly does fly!

Thanksgiving, by definition, is the expression of gratitude, especially to God. It was first celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621 in the New World (America). Christmas is celebrated throughout the world by the Christian religions commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. Both of these holidays have significant meaning, especially in today's world, for Christians and non-Christians alike.

This year, I believe Thanksgiving also had special

meaning above the normal holiday venue. As we sat down at the table to enjoy turkey and all the fixings, each and every one of us should have said, "Thank you." Thank you for not only our family and friends but for our health, for our well-being, and finally for being able to live in this great country of ours. This holiday also symbolizes so many gifts that have come to mean America and Americans. We have freedom, liberty, self-government, equality, individualism, diversity, and unity. Sometimes, I often think that we take all of these for granted because we have had them for so long.

Christmas, as we know it, is not just gifts under the tree, lights in the windows, cards in the mail, a special meal with family and friends, snow in the yard, stockings hanging over a fireplace, and shouts of "Merry Christmas" to those who pass us on the streets. True, all of these contribute to Christmas. But, they are not its true meaning. Its true meaning is the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus Christ and the birth of Christianity. It also is worshiping Him and for what God did for us out of His love for us. Christmas is for all of us, Christian and non-Christian alike, with us having and displaying the qualities of decency, kindness, fairness and love.

So, as these holidays approach, may I ask you to make a special effort to remember the true meanings of Thanksgiving and Christmas not only in November and December but throughout the whole year. They are reminders of what we have and who we are. They will truly make you feel better and keep a smile on your face.

Len



Sharon and I wish you a very Merry Christmas.

New Navy Submarine Work Day

The 18-hour day is dead and gone in the submarine force, and junior officers who were on the front lines for the change say the change has been a revolution for morale and alertness throughout the force.

The submarine force began transitioning in 2014 from an 18-hour day, where sailors stood watch six hours and had 12 hours off for other duties and sleep. Five junior officers speaking on a panel at the Naval Submarine League's annual symposium all agreed that the change to eight-hour watches with 16 hours off had an immediate positive affect.

"It has had an extraordinary impact on a couple of areas," said Lt. Travis Nicks, who was on a fast-attack boat when his ship switched to 8-on, 16-off watches. "Mission execution and alertness. I did one deployment with six hour watches and one deployment with eight hour watches. And on the eight hour deployment, nobody fell asleep as the contact manager standing up. The officer of the deck wasn't leaning up against the scope with both eyes closed and being slapped by the junior officer of the deck to stay awake. I know that sounds like whining to everyone in this room who went their whole career on six-hour watches but I wish you'd had the experience of eight-hour watches because it's life-changing," Nicks said. "The impact was also immediately apparent for crew morale", he added.

"The second part is it dramatically improves morale on the ship," he said. "When guys are sleeping, I noticed immediately that guys are complaining less. They need fewer bathroom breaks. They're dipping less tobacco. Everything gets better with eight-hour watches." Experts such as Nita Shattuck, an associate professor at the Naval Postgraduate School, have argued for years that even without sunlight the body works best on a 24-hour clock and that the 18-hour day led to chronic sleep deprivation among sailors which has led to accidents over the years. In 2013, the heads of the Surface Navy released a statement saying that their force should also make a priority out of sleep.

"The aviation community has long embraced the concept of crew rest as a foundation for safe operations," said Vice Adm. Tom Copeman, then head of Naval Surface Forces, and Rear Adm. David Thomas, then head of Naval

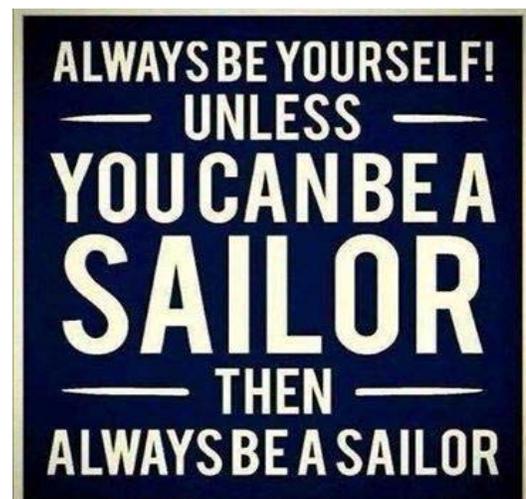
Surface Force Atlantic. "It has a place in the surface force, as well."

For Lt. Jessica Wilcox, who served on the ballistic missile sub Wyoming, the benefits of sticking to a 24-hour clock underwater were written on her sailors' faces. "We implemented them on my last patrol and it was a godsend," she said. "Mostly the way I saw it was in my [engineers] and the bags that they didn't have under their eyes anymore." [Source: Navy Times | David B. Larter | October 28, 2016 ++]



When I was young, many years ago...
I joined the Navy, why, I don't know...
I served My time, with Honor and Pride...
For this young boy, it was quite a ride...
I went to places, I'd never dreamed...
Time went fast, so it seemed...
I met people, I'll never forget...
And some, I wish I'd never met...
But as I think back on those days gone by...
My ship, my shipmates, brings a tear to my eye...
I didn't know it then, never gave it a thought...
But my time in the Navy, couldn't have been bought.
I guess we all feel the same, after we're out...
The Pride we feel...
That's what it's all about...
Having served our Nation, keeping it free...
Protecting our way of life, and our Liberty...
And the friends I made, along the way...
Would I do it again? Any day...
And to all my Shipmates...
Anchors, Aweigh ...

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2016 Ladies Group



2016 60's Group

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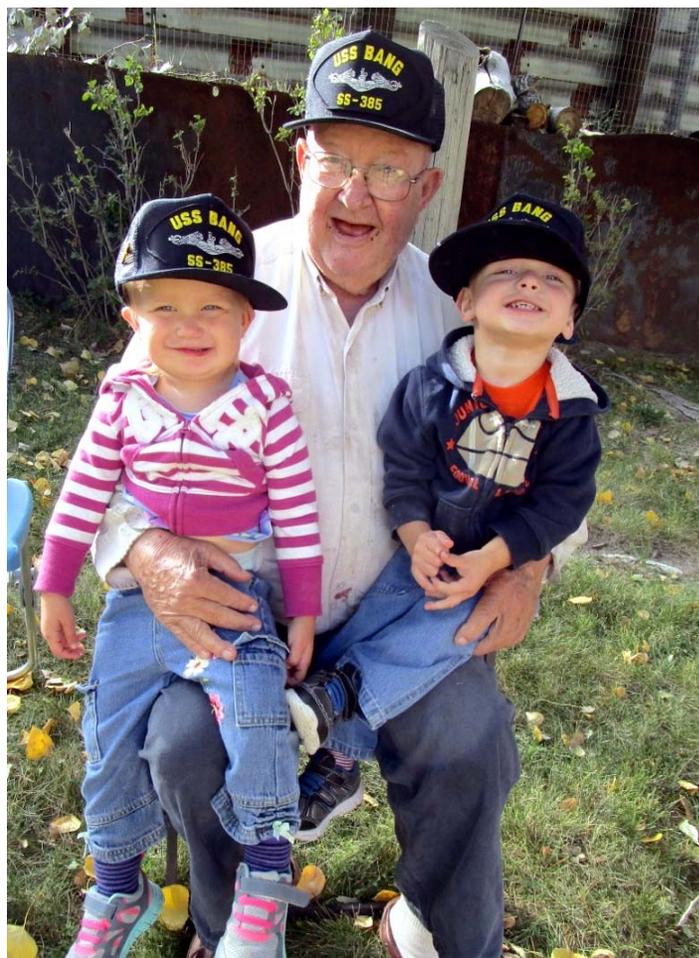
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50's Group



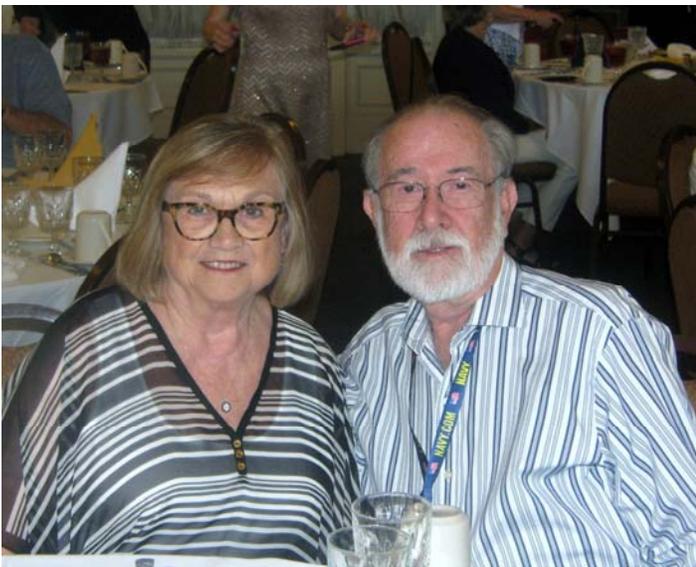
40's Group

June & Ed Kracker



Charlie with two new recruits for the "Gang"





 **JoAnn & Harry Ross**



 **June & Ed Kracker**



 **Bill & Joan Fenton**



 **Beth & Dick Gahan**

REUNION 2016



Elaine & Wayne Thalasin



Molly & Bill Stirewalt



Jeannette Prendi & Ed Schovajsa



Krala & Dennis Kelly



Kathy & Bill Powell



Deanne & Connie Hadfield

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Rose & Tom Hill



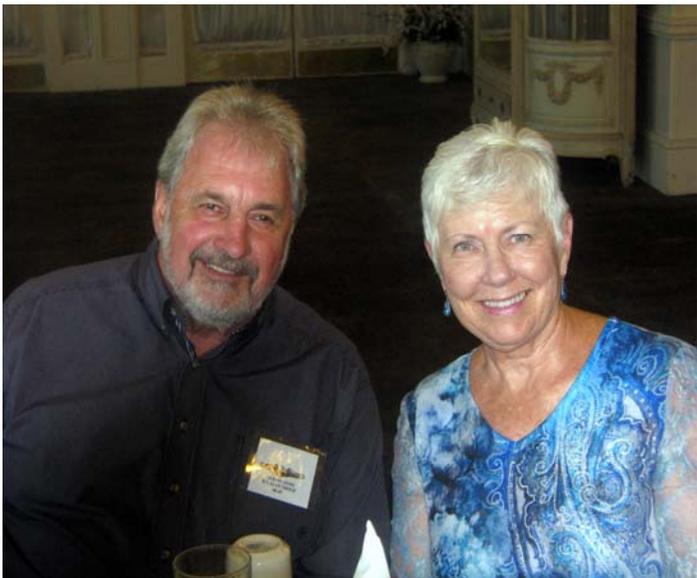
Jack & Diane O'Connor



Ray & Nancy Moore



Bette & Rob Bridle



Alan & Linda Thole



Jane & Ed DeLong



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



SecNav Mabus **SALE!!**

All items NO Gender, NO Rate and 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 **UNKNOWN** and be sure to include a few bucks extra to cover the postage.

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Please state your choice.....\$8.00

Photo

Please state your choice.....\$3.00

Patch

Please state your choice.....\$5.00

Pin

Please state your choice.....\$5.00

Decal

Please state your choice.....\$5.00

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

REUNION UPDATE 2016



CHATTANOOGA TENNESSEE

The 2016 Bang Gang Reunion is now history and it is now time to hand out accolades to all that made it an enjoyable stay in Chattanooga.

THANK YOU **Beth and Dick Gahan** for securing such a unique location for our stay. Surrounded by a gone by era made one's youth become alive again - if only in memory alone. Your trips educated us about the area as well.

THANK YOU Winemaster, **Beth Gahan** for supplying our Hospitality Room with its own private stock. It was a big hit.



THANK YOU **Alan Syler**, Carbonero Base, USSVI for treating the "Gang" to a pizza supper.

THANK YOU **Len Sciuto and Sharon Steward** for coordinating the fine tribute to shipmate **Al Cadenhead** and then inviting all of the attendees to participate in it. Truly what the "Gang" is all about.

Next year's location for our Reunion will be New Orleans, LA (*Nawlins*) from September 25th thru September 29th. Our Hosts, **Jennifer Wilson and Paul Schramm** have secured the Troubadour Hotel for our Headquarters. All details will be published in the next newsletter.

Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!!!

FINAL SAILING LIST FOR CHATTANOOGA

Ed & June Kracker 43-45
Bill & Mollie Stirewalt 52-53
Charles Kimball 53-55
Ed Schovajsa 55-57 & Jeannette Prendi
Barbara Harring (Mace) (55-57) (63-66)
Marvin & JoAnn Christenson 56-58
Phil & Dot Beals 56-59
Gary & Dae Probst 56-59
Joe & Marion Leonardi 57-59
Wayne & Elaine Thalasinis 57-60
Deane & Connie Hadfield 57-60
Larry Buckmaster 58-61 & Penny Gillis
Dick & Beth Gahan 58-62
Mike Hollingsworth (Guest)
Raymond & Nancy Moore 59-60
Ed & Sandra Moran 60-62
Lamarr & Kathy Seader 62-65
Chuck & Patricia Archer 62-65
Dennis & Krala Kelly (63-64)
Len Fagotti & Marilyn Barratt 63-66
Ed & Jane DeLong 63-66
Jim & Yolanda Klein 64-66
Jennifer Wilson (Guest)
Jack & Diane O'Connor 64-67
Harry & Jo Ann Ross 64-67
Jim Herward 64-70
Ralph & Claire Gates 65-67
Gabe & Pamela Lewis 66-68
Charles Dougherty 66-69
Eric & Sally Ericson 67-68
Denis & Maureen O'Brien 67-68
Rob & Bette Bridle 67-70
Tom & Rose Hill 67-70
Alan & Linda Thole 68-69
John & Darlene Kraft 68-70
Bill & Joan Fenton 68-71
William & Kathy Powell 68-70
Lenny Sciuto 69-71 & Sharon Steward
Hal Wilkins 69-72
Paul Schramm 70-71
Luis Arellano 71-72

BANG GANG BUSINESS MEETING

Chattanooga, TN —15 September 2016

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The diving alarm was sounded and President **Bill Fenton** called the meeting to order at 0902 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: Paul Schramm - **PRESENT**
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 2016. 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.
- (3.) We will continue to remember our Lost Shipmates at the Banquet.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1.) **Jennifer (Klein) Wilson** and **Paul Schramm** will host our 2017 Reunion in New Orleans, LA from September 25, thru September 29, 2017 at the **Troubadour Hotel**, near the French Quarter. The room rate is \$138.00 plus taxes and parking. All other details will be published in future Newsletters
- (2.) **Paul Schramm** will take the lead and be sure the 2017 Reunion will be well advertised, and report back to the Board those publications which will carry notice of our upcoming reunion.
- (3.) Future Reunions were discussed and 2018 will be hosted by **Ike Cohen** in Philadelphia, and **Len Sciuto** and **Rob Bridle** will host 2019 in the Cocoa Beach, FL.
- (4.) **Election of Board Officers** will be held next year in New Orleans. Anyone interested in one of the positions, please let your Secretary know.
- (5.) USSVI Chattanooga Base SubVets informed us about an Auto Museum at Coker Tire Co that is open to the public and well worth seeing.
- (6.) **Phil Beals** is looking for someone to relieve him of the positions of Storekeeper and Memorabilia Guardian. Also, because of age issues, he recommends to start looking for a backup for the newsletter Editor.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- (1.) An acknowledgement was made by the "Gang" to thank **Dick and Beth Gahan** for a most enjoyable reunion.
- (2.) **Gabe Lewis** offered the email address of Spanish Captain **Benito Chereguini** to anyone wishing to contact him.
- (3.) Banquet is at 1800, photos at 1730 but **Len Sciuto** wishes everyone to assemble in the main lobby at 1630 to participate in a musical tribute to **Al Cadenhead**. Len will be accompanied by **Sharon Steward** on the piano and the tribute will be videotaped and sent to Al's Family.
- (4.) **Joe Leonardi** announced that he is in contact with an ex submariner who prints personalized cheques, note pads, etc with USS BANG logo on them.
- (5.) Reminder to new shipmates that haven't done so to sign our Welcome Banner.
- (6.) John Kraft spoke that he has blueprints of BANG in the Hospitality Room and would be willing to have copies made for all who are interested.
- (7.) **Hal Wilkins** agreed to become the backup editor of the Newsletter and be ready to step forward, if needed.
- (8.) At the conclusion of the Business meeting **Paul Schramm** and **Gabe Lewis** will be selling the 50-50 and door prize raffle tickets. "Get'em" while their HOT!

No further business, the surface alarm was sounded and **Bill Fenton** declared that the 2016 USS BANG BUSINESS MEETING was officially adjourned at 0939 hours and will reconvene in New Orleans, LA in 2017.

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