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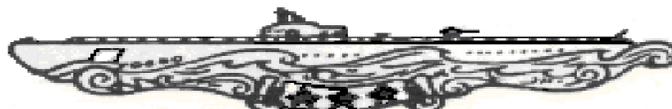
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Loring W. Clark 8/3/1922 - 8/8/2016

Ensign Clark became a Crew member of BANG on 3/12/1945 while she was in Guam being refitted after her 5th patrol. He left Guam with BANG on 3/25/1945 and arrived at Pearl Harbor on 5/18/1945 after a successful 6th and final patrol. Loring then accompanied BANG back to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for some much needed repairs. While there, the War ended and Ensign Clark disembarked BANG on 9/26/1945.

Loring was residing in a nursing home in Medford, OR at the time of his death. No obituary was posted on the internet - only a death notice. His wife, Mary, was not mentioned either so I presume she predeceased him. Only a son and daughter-in-law were referred to.





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.

Thomas E. Stewart, SN (51-52) ComCrew2

Robert A. Pettis, SN (52-54) ComCrew3

Loring W. Clark, Officer (45) WP6

Richard C. Lewis FT (52-56) ComCrew3

Robert G. Lannue MoMM (46-47)

Lee Bert Findly XO (52-54) ComCrew3

Stanley J. Ainley ENC (51-53) ComCrew2 & 3

Ernest W. Schuster SN (45)

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
Ferguson	Francis O	8452 Woodbriar Dr	Sarasota	FL	34238-5653		58-61

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
Dudley	Daniel O	3853 Bay Rd	Street	MD	21154-1401	(443) 504-8592	45-46



THANK YOU!

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

Dick Gahan

Ed Schovajsa

Alan Thole



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Len Sciuto ... mobyquod@hotmail.com
Fran Ferguson ... fran92golfer@yahoo.com





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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 1MC.

Editor's Notes and Ramble: Hi Shipmates!

I recently received an enjoyable phone call from shipmate **Walter Bushfield**, GM (44, WP1,2,3,4). He called to wish his shipmates a Happy New Year and to let them know that even though he is now 93, he is still in good health and all his vital parts are still functioning properly - just at a slower pace. Therefore, he tends to stay close to home and not able to attend our Reunions because of the excessive travel. Though, he did say that if we decide to have a Reunion in WA, he would be the first one to sign up for it.

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Another great phone call came from **Dan Dudley**, TM (45-46). He recently moved from FL back to Street, MD and wanted to make sure he didn't miss out on any of the Newsletters. We started reminiscing and, before you know it, we had our batteries charged. Maybe even an equalizer. Hope we can do it again, Dan.

Tom Stewart, SN, came to BANG from USS



Toro (SS422) on 1/4/1951. He boarded her at the Thames River mothball fleet where she had been resting after her meritorious service in the Pacific during WWII. Tom then commenced preparing BANG for her 2nd commissioning on 2/1/1951 and continued on aboard until 1/28/1952 when he was transferred to USS Angler (SS240). BANG was decommissioned shortly afterward on 5/15/1952 and sent to PNS for overhaul to a Guppy IIA. Though he was aboard BANG for just a short time, Tom always spoke highly of his shipmates and how he enjoyed being aboard with them. Tom and wife Nancy were 'regulars' at our Reunions until deteriorating health issues prevented them from traveling. Nancy sent the

following note along with Tom's obit.

"Tom was ill with UTI and kidney stones most of 2016. He became so weak (117 lbs) we couldn't care for him any longer. He sure missed attending the BANG Reunions."

Thomas E. Stewart, 86, of Neshannock Twp. passed away on Monday evening, January 2, 2017, at Golden Hill Nursing Home. Tom was born on January 27, 1930 in Pittsburgh, PA to the late Wealthy Stewart. He was raised on a farm in Parker, PA and graduated from Parker High School. Tom proudly served in the Navy from 1948 until 1952 primarily serving aboard the submarine USS Bang (SS385). He was first employed by the New Castle Duntile Company for 8 years and later worked for the New Castle Water Company as a heavy equipment operator for 35 years, retiring in 1992.

Tom is survived by his wife of over 62 years, the former Nancy Borland, whom he married on April 2, 1954. He was a member of First Presbyterian church. Also a member of the American Legion Post #315, Pittsburgh Submarine Veterans Organization, USS Bang 385 organization, a former member of the Foxburg Country Club and served as a Scout Master for twelve years for Troop 749 in Neshannock Twp. Besides his wife Nancy, he is survived by three daughters; Marsha Hemphill and Lynne Morris both of New Castle and Marybeth Reis of Scottsdale, AZ; a son, David Stewart of Greensburg, PA; 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

In keeping with Tom's wishes, services will be held privately. Interment will be in Castle View Memorial Gardens. All arrangements have been entrusted to the J. Bradley McGonigle Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.

You may send your condolences to Nancy and family at the following address:

**1806 Graceland Rd.
New Castle, PA 16105-2302**



Bert Findly, XO, assisted with BANG's 3rd commissioning on 10/4/1952 and continued to serve aboard her as Executive Officer until 9/15/54.



Frank Walker, a member of the Forward Battery along with Bert, notified us that Bert and soon to be CO of BANG, **George Ellis**, were

classmates at the Naval Academy.

I located the following obit on the internet:

Lee Bert Findly CDR, USN, Ret., of Mclean, Virginia, passed away on 28 November, 2016. He was born on 12 January, 1922 in Enid, Oklahoma, and raised in Emporia, Kansas.



He attended college for two years before entering the US Naval Academy in August of 1941, as a member of the class of 1945, graduating in 1944

because of acceleration due to WWII. He served on seven submarines, [Peto (SS-265), Picuda (SS-382), Amberjack (SS-522), Cutlass (SS-478), Bang (SS-385), Marlin (SS-T-2), and Spikefish (SS-404)], during his career and also taught at the US submarine school. He made three war patrols on USS Peto, was executive officer on USS Bang, and commanded USS Marlin and USS Spikefish. He also served as the senior submarine officer on the NATO staff of CINAFMED while stationed on the island of Malta. and attended the US Naval Post Graduate School, earning a Masters Degree in Management. Bert retired in 1965 as a Commander.

He then accepted a civil service position and served as Senior Assistant for Undersea Warfare in the Office of Naval Intelligence for ten years, retiring as a supergrade.

After time spent fishing, golfing and vacationing in Spain, Bert was recruited by the InterNational Research Institute, a think tank in McLean, Virginia, where he worked for an additional ten years. Bert was an active member of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in McLean, Virginia. He previously served on the board of the Virginia

Wildlife Federation. He was also a member of the Resident Life Committee of Vinson Hall in McLean. He is survived by his beloved wife of 72 years, Marjorie Kathryn Findly, his son Robert Craig Findly and wife Mary Beth of Athens, Georgia, daughter Jane Findly Marvin and husband Gary of Kingwood Texas, four grandchildren, Caroline, Ross, Kimberly, and Cody, and three great-grandchildren, Mallory, Levi, and Garrett. Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to Marjorie and family at the following address:

**6251 Old Dominion Dr Apt 144
McLean, VA 22101-4805**



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Stanley Ainley, ENC, transferred to BANG from



Sub Group 1 New London on 1/9/1951 to help assist in her 2nd Commissioning on 2/1/1951. He continued to serve aboard her until he transferred to ComSubRon10 on 5/15/1952. Five months later, he was back aboard BANG

assisting with her 3rd Commissioning on 10/4/1952. Stan left BANG for a second time on 7/31/1953 when he transferred to Dace SS247.

The following obit was located on the internet:

Stanley J. Ainley, 92, died peacefully with family by his side on November 18, 2015 at the Davis Health Care Center in Wilmington, NC. Born in Greystone, RI on September 20, 1923, he was the son of the late Alton and Lillian (Wilkinson) Ainley. He was the husband of the late Lois (Angell) Ainley for 72 years before her passing on January 25, 2015.

Stan was a veteran of the US Navy submarine service. During WWII he served aboard USS S-12 (SS117), USS S-13 (SS118), and was a Plankowner of USS Sea Owl (SS405). After the war he commissioned and served aboard USS BANG (SS385) twice and also USS Dace (SS247).

Following his retirement from the Navy in 1964, he worked for Davol Rubber Company at the Providence, RI location and later at the Cranston location. He was a long time member of the Order of the Masons and the Shriners.

Stanley leaves a son, Kenneth Ainley and his wife, Dorothy, of Greenville, RI, a daughter, Marcia Moore and her husband, Richard, of Wilmington, NC; four grandchildren - Steven and Jeffery Ainley of Cranston, RI, Kerry Seagle of Vernon Hills, IL, Brian Moore of Murfreesboro, TN. He also leaves 11 great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, April 30, 2016 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Greenville, RI, followed by interment of his ashes with military honors at Acotes Hill Cemetery, Chepachet RI.

Donations in his memory may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children.

I was unable to locate an address for sending your condolences to Stanley's family.



Bob Lannue, MoMM, embarked BANG on 1/30/1946 from USS Tigrone (SS419) and disembarked on 1/6/1947 to SubRon8 just before BANG was decommissioned and mothballed. The following obit was located on the internet:

LANNUE, Robert Galen, of Sequim passed away on January 30, 2017. Bob was born on August 22, 1924, to Evans and Edith Lannue, who were at that time living in Little River, Kansas. Bob served six years on submarines during World War II [CSD-141, Tarpon, Tigrone, Bang, Greenfish, Sirago]. He then worked for Westinghouse in Kansas City, Missouri.

On June 19, 1954, he married Serena. They moved in 1955 to San Diego, California, where he worked for Ryan Aeronautical Co. as a tool and die specialist, eventually becoming an engineer. After



his retirement in 1986, he used his talent to restore antique motorcycles. They were rebuilt with original parts to the last detail. Some were sent out of the U.S. His pride and joy was his 1962 Indian. He was working on a 1942 Harley-Davidson. Bob went on many club rides, rode in many parades and participated in swap meets.

He leaves behind his wife, Serena M. Lannue; brother Gerald; sister-in-law Carmen; two nephews and a niece in Minnesota; and a nephew in Missouri. He will be sorely missed by family and friends. There was a graveside service on Thursday, February 9, 2017.

You may send your condolences to Serena and family at the following address:

**120 Letha Ln
Sequim, WA 98382-7598**



Richard Lewis, FT, a member of BANG's 3rd Commissioning Crew, reported aboard on 10/4/1952 and served as a Fire Control Tech until his transfer to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on 3/26/1956. We were never successful in our attempts to locate him while he was alive and just recently came across the following obituary during an on-line search:

Richard C. Lewis was born on January 20, 1932 and passed away on Thursday, February 9, 2017. He was a resident of Malvern, PA at the time of his passing and was married to Patricia (Reilly) Lewis. Richard was a graduate of CCNY. He served in the submarine fleet of the US Navy from 1951 to 1956. A funeral mass was held Monday, February 13, 2017 at SS. Philip & James Catholic Church, Exton, PA. Interment will be Private.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to CADES at 401 Rutgers Ave, Swarthmore, PA 19081, or a charity of your choice.

I was unable to locate an address for sending your condolences to Richard's family.



Robert Pettis, SN, was another shipmate who assisted with BANG's 3rd commissioning. A member of the crew on 10/4/1952, Bob served aboard BANG until transferred to Fulton AS11 on 4/6/1954.

I located the following obit on the internet:

Robert Arthur "Red" Pettis, 83, died Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the Evergreen House Health Center in Providence, RI. Born in Boston, he was the loving son of the late Robert and Grace (Norton) Pettis. Red was raised and educated in Millis and was a member of the Millis High School graduating class of 1949.

In 1951, Red served in the United States Navy as a Cook during the Korean War being Honorably Discharged in 1954.

After the War, Red was employed as a Contractor and owner of DNR Construction, a former owner of Cappy's Restaurant and Co-owner of Coins Rings and Things. He then retired after ten years employed as a Millwright for General Motors. Red was a former member of the Millis American Legion and past Commander of the Millis AMVETS, Post 495. Red enjoyed working with his hands and collecting many different antiques.

Red was the beloved husband of the late Valerie (Tracy) Pettis. He was the loving Father of Rolf Pettis of Uxbridge, Robin Girard and her husband Michael of Virginia, Regina Brule and her husband Mark of Attleboro, Rhonda Pettis and her companion Charles of Maine and Melanie Carney and her husband William of Medfield. He was the cherished Brother of Donald Pettis of Millis, Dorothy Sosmowski of Florida and the late Geralyn Boone. Red is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to AMVETS, Boxes for Soldiers, P.O. Box 207, Millis, MA 02054-0207.

I was unable to locate an address for sending your condolences to Robert's family.

Ernest Schuster, SN, reported aboard BANG at PNS on 8/6/1945 where she was getting a much needed overhaul after her war patrols. On 12/8/1945 he disembarked for SubBase

New London. The following obit was located on the internet:

Ernest W. Schuster, 95, of North Olmsted, was born on January 18, 1922 and passed away Friday, Jan. 20, 2017.



Ernest served his country during WWII in the Navy, aboard submarine(s) including U.S.S Bang.

Devoted husband for 31 years of Grace; beloved father of Carol (Richard) Kammer, Jeanne (Robert) Walker, Michael (Angel)

Schuster and step-father of James (Carol) Pehotsky, the late John Pehotsky and Elizabeth (Eric) Dregne; loving grandfather of Daniel, Christine, Wendy Michele, Kristen, Michael, Brian, Hope, Tammy, Heather, Julia, Nicholas, Brennan, Jenna, Charles, Leah; caring great grandfather of 13 and great-great grandfather.

A memorial service was held on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017 in the Sunset Chapel, 6245 Columbia Rd. North Olmsted, OH 44070. Memorial contributions in Ernest's name are suggested to Louis Stokes Cleveland VAMC, Volunteer Services Division, c/o Kristi Coie-Day, 10701 East Blvd. Cleveland, OH 44106.

I was unable to locate an address for sending your condolences to Ernest's family.



*Lord these departed Shipmates
with Dolphins on their chest,
Are part of an outfit known to be the best.
Please welcome them and offer them your hand,
As you no doubt know they're the best in the land.
And also heavenly Father add their name to the roll
Of our departed shipmates who serve on Final Patrol.
Assure them all that we, who still survive
Will always keep their memory alive.*





SICK BAY



I must warn you that our Reunions can become addictive and, with that, I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans. Also, I thank you for your Slush Fund donation.

I have just been informed by Sharon, (soon to be Mrs Sciuto), that our **Chaplain, Len**, just underwent 7+ hours of surgery and it was a great success. Between the Power of Prayer and positive thoughts the Robotic Surgery removed the cancer and he should be home in a day or two.

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If "No News is Good News" then **Ken Bush** must be mending on schedule. I haven't received any updates on Ken's condition since the last Newsletter so maybe we will get to see he and Ruth soon.

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We haven't received an update on **John Monroe's** health in a while. John, if you're up to it, why don't you build yourself a raft, plunk it in the Mississippi, and ride it all the way down to New Orleans just in time for the Reunion.

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If I haven't said this before, then shame on me. I would like to thank '**Doc' Dougherty**, our Photographer, for sacrificing a lot of his socializing time at our Reunions to take the photos that grace the pages of our Newsletter throughout the year. Well done Doc! I'd put you in for a ribbon, if there was one.

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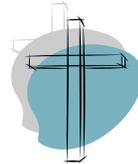
Alan Thole, IC electrician (68-69), "Linda and I had a great time at the Chattanooga Reunion. I especially enjoyed catching up with shipmates who served when I was aboard and also meeting those that served before and after me. What a great Crew!!!

Linda and I loved it all and are looking forward to the 2017 Reunion in New Orleans." ... "*Alan, it was a pleasure to meet you and Linda at last years Reunion and I am pleased to hear that you enjoyed yourself enough to make plans to attend the next one.*

Conyal Cody, Chief ElectriciansMate (58-61), "Thank you for your diligence with the Bang Gang Newsletter.

I am far removed from the "heyday" of BANG but, I enjoy reading about the personalities that served on that noteworthy ship.

I was laid up with a stroke for several months. However, at eighty-seven, my doctor allows me to walk regularly."...*Thanks, Conyal, for sending us an update to your Bio and a much appreciated donation to our Slush Fund. Glad to hear that you are now out of bed and exercising after your stroke. As we age, there is much truth to the saying "Use It Or Lose It".*



The Chaplain's Corner

Len Sciuto
Bang Gang Chaplain



A Time for Reflection **and Change**

An old man, smoking a pipe, was sitting on a park bench overlooking a lake. He was alone and deep in thought. Lying next to him was his dog. You could tell the dog was old as he was overweight with an all-white muzzle. The old man stared at the dog, smiled and gently pet him. The dog opened his eyes and wagged his tail. At that very moment, the old man heard a voice in his head. It was a calm and whispering kind of voice. "Hello Wayne, it's me, lying next to you. I love it when you pet me, pay attention to me and show me that you love me as much as I love you. I want you to know that I have loved you unconditionally and stood by your side through thick and thin. I sensed and felt all of your happiness and all of your pain that entered our lives. I won't be with you much longer as my life will end soon. After all of these years together, I have a question for you. That question is: You did so much for me and your family, what have you done for others?" The old man looked around and saw no one. He looked back down at the dog and asked, "Is it true? How can I hear you talking to me? Why haven't you spoken to me before?" The dog replied, "Because you would not have listened to me. You were so involved in so many things even after you

lost your wife and became a recluse. So I ask you again, what have you done for others?"

The old man was amazed and frightened a little. That question burned in his mind. He reflected on his life as far back as he could remember. He looked at his dog and said, "I was just a typical man. I minded my own business. I thanked God for the wonderful things that happened in my life. And I ignored Him when the bad things came. Some things were hard to bear. Some things I never wanted anyone to know. It was the right way to be. I know I am a good man" The dog responded, "At this very moment Wayne, I am sorry for you. I am sorry that you missed so much in your life." The old man asked, "What do you mean?"

The dog answered, "Life is so much more than what you did in your life. Life must include the things you learned about in Sunday school. The things you forgot about after you stopped going. They are Faith in God. Hope for not only for yourself and your family, but for all others. Hope is to be good enough to be with God after this life is over. Finally, there is Charity. It's not only spending time with family and friends. It's giving of yourself and not just money, clothing or worldly things. It is helping the poor, feeding the hungry, and loving all others not matter what their color is; what their religion is; and what their politics are. I wish you would go back and reeducate yourself on these Beatitudes. They are the cornerstones for being a truly great person and not just a good person. I have given you a lot to think about. Oh, and by the way, it's never too late to start. You still have some time to fix things." The old man nodded in agreement. He answered the dog, "Thank you old friend. You are right. There is still time. I'll start today. I know you have loved me as much as I love you."

Len



Final Resting Place Fulfilled

By Chief Petty Officer Steve Owsley
Naval Submarine Support Center
New London Public Affairs

ATLANTIC OCEAN >> More than 50 years ago, on April 10, 1963 USS Thresher (SSN 593) was lost at sea while conducting deep-dive trials approximately 200 miles southeast of Cape Cod, Mass. costing the lives of all 129 crew members aboard.

The loss of Thresher forever changed the U.S. Navy's submarine force and the life of one young Sailor.

At the time, Capt. **Paul "Bud" Rogers Jr.** was a recently commissioned officer who had only been at his command for a few months when he was scheduled to go aboard Thresher as part of a weapons inspection team, but the leadership team decided to send someone more senior, said Rogers' son-in-law, retired Cmdr. Fred Henney. "Bud lived the rest of his life with the knowledge that someone else died in his place and I believe it drove his decision to be buried at sea."

While on routine operations Nov. 30, 2016, at the site where Thresher was lost, the Los Angeles class, fast-attack submarine, USS Springfield (SSN 761) held a burial at sea where Rodgers' last wishes were fulfilled as he was sent on his eternal patrol alongside the submarine and Sailors he felt connected to.

"My husband loved submarines and he loved serving on them," said Rogers' widow, Barbara. "He went from being a boy scout to being a submariner."

Rogers died on October 28, 2015 and according to his obituary, He served in the U.S. Navy for 41 years. Rogers served as a Fire Controlman aboard the diesel submarines USS Sea Cat and **USS BANG (SS385)**, then aboard one of the Navy's first ballistic missile submarines, USS Robert E. Lee. He was commissioned as an officer in 1963 and became one of the first-ever limited duty officers to be promoted to the rank of captain.

According to Barbara her husband joined the Navy during the Korean War and took part in the Blockade of Cuba during the Bay of Pigs Invasion. They were always stationed on the East Coast, from Key West, Fla. to Maine.

"It was a sad time in Groton, when the Thresher

Carbonero Pizza Party

was lost,” said Barbara. “I never saw my husband cry before, but he was crying when it went down.”

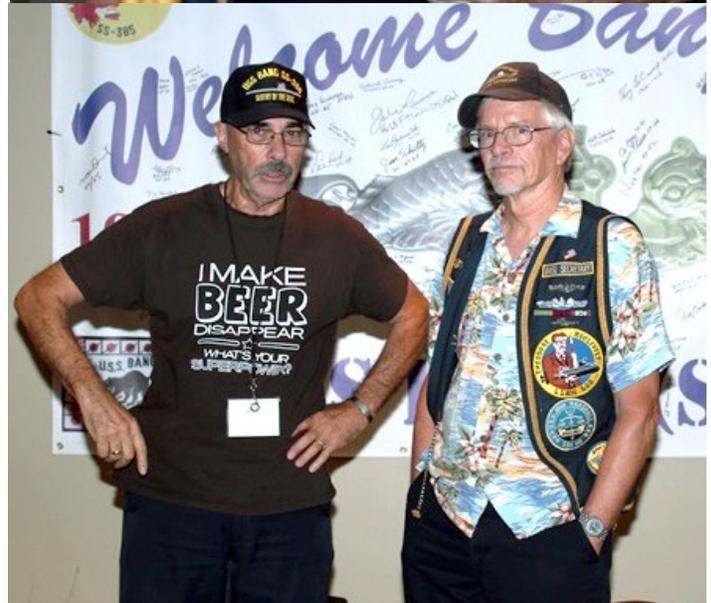
She said, “He always said he wanted to be buried at sea, but particularly after the Thresher went down.”

On an overcast day, approximately 200 miles southeast of Cape Cod, Mass. USS Springfield’s Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Brent Spillner, Executive Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Rene Cano, and Chief of the Boat, Master Chief (SS/DV) Michael Johnson were in the submarine’s sail with Navy Chaplain, Cmdr. Paul Rumery.

Rumery read the biographies of Rogers and three other Navy veterans who had requested a burial at sea. Then he read scripture before each Sailor received a three-round gun salute in honor of their service. The ceremony ended with a playing of Taps and the Sailors being committed to the sea.

When speaking about her husband’s thoughts on being laid to rest with the Sailors of USS Thresher, Barbara said, “I think he would have been very, very happy. He felt bad all these years, because he felt he should have gone down with the ship. I feel that he would have felt like he was where he belonged.”

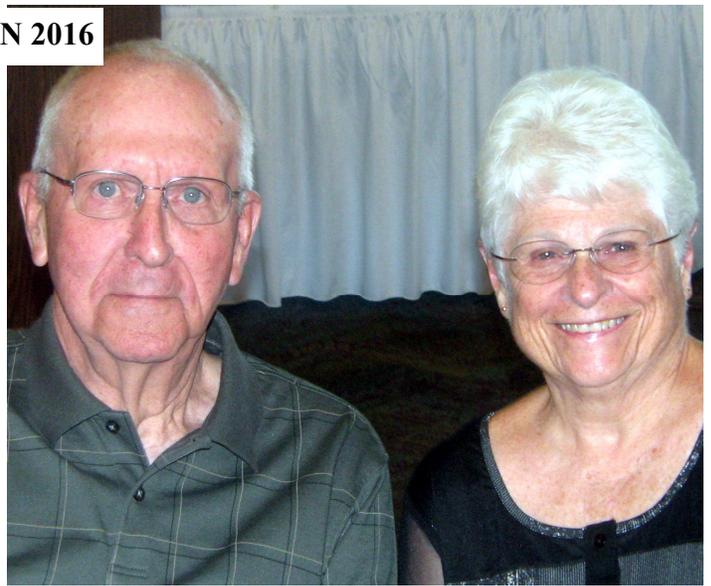
After the ceremony Spillner reflected, “It’s an absolute honor as captain of USS Springfield to be a small part of bringing Capt. Rogers to his final resting place as we transit to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for our scheduled maintenance availability. The submarine force changed on April 10, 1963 and 100 years from now Submariners will still know the name Thresher.” Thresher was built at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine and homeported in Groton, Conn. The Navy believes a leak sprayed sea water on an electrical panel, which caused Thresher’s nuclear reactor to shut down. The Thresher’s loss resulted in the SUBSAFE program which led to a series of design modifications, training improvements and submarine safety criteria. The program, which was established approximately two months after the loss of Thresher, is still in place today.



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Marilyn Barratt & Len Fagotti



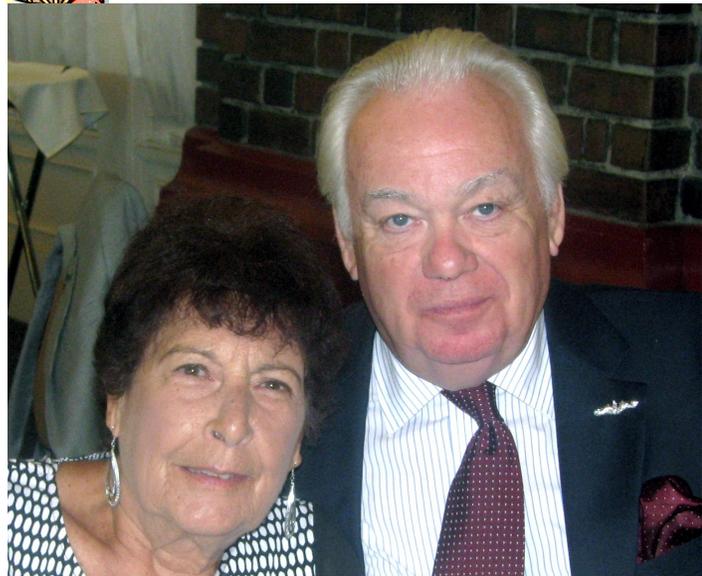
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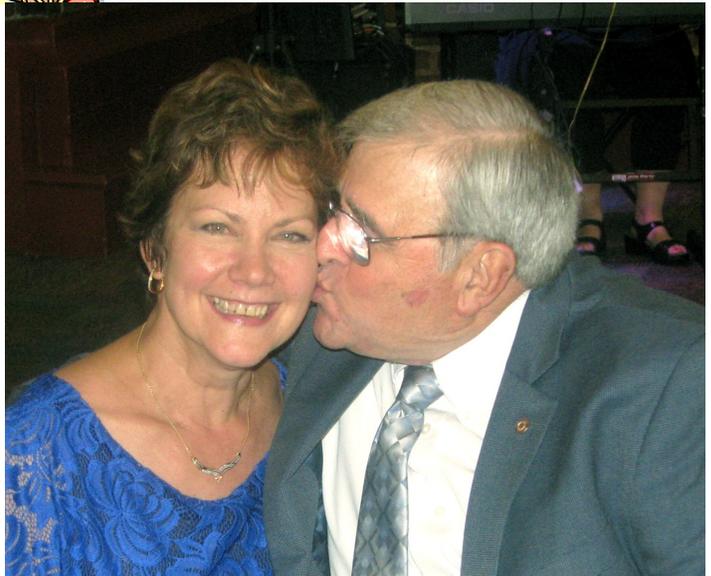
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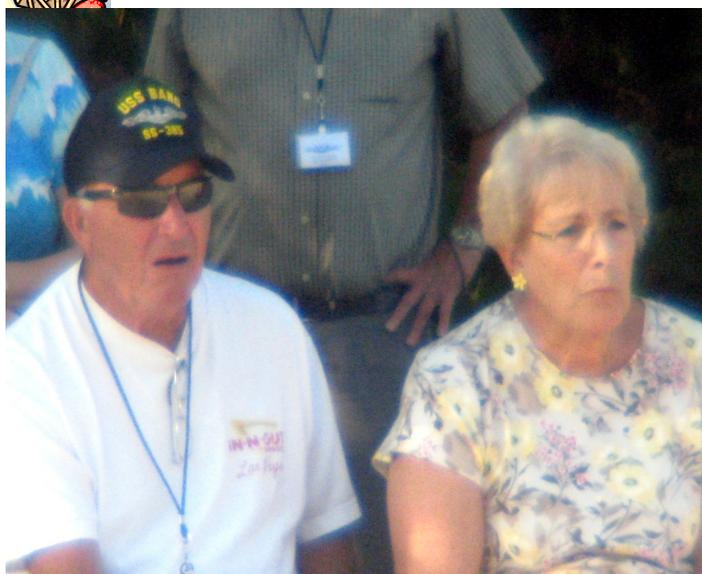
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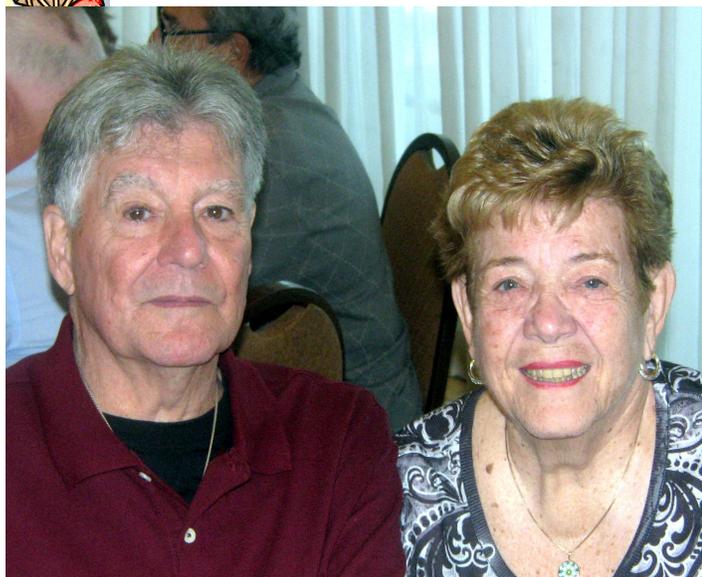
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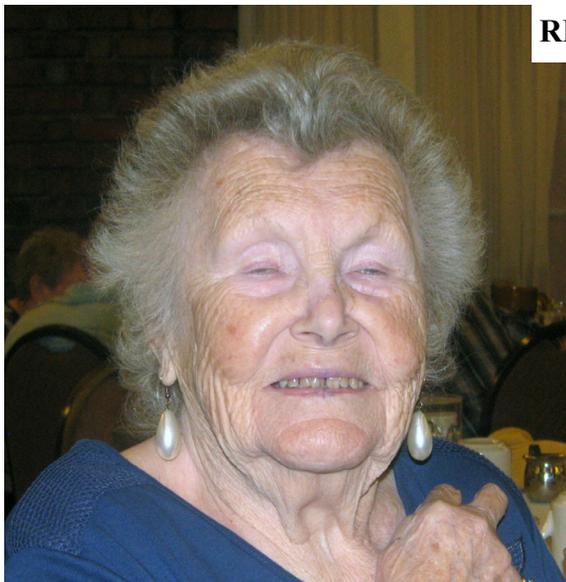
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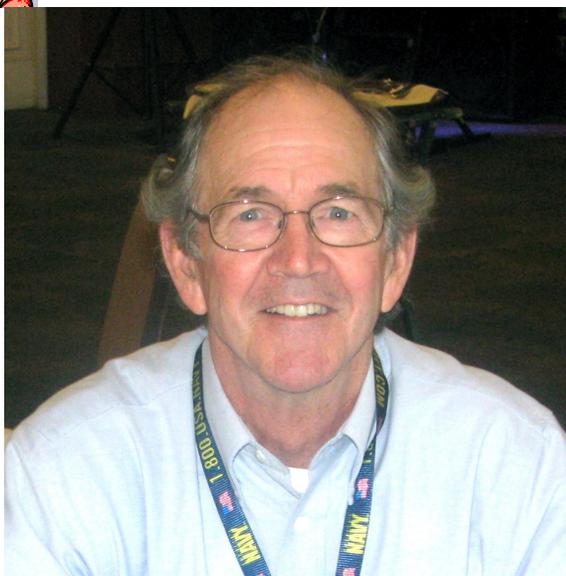
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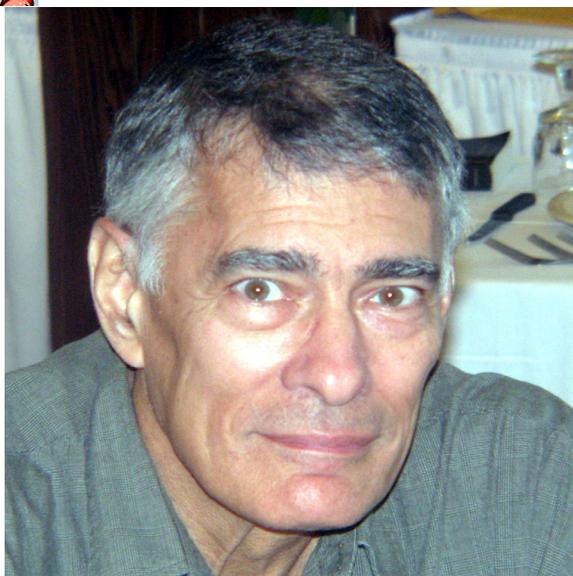
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Paul Schramm



Charlie 'Doc' Dougherty

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



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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.

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Hi Shipmates,

We have secured the Trubadour, 1111 Gravier St., New Orleans, LA 70112 as our Reunion headquarters.

Open now for about a year, the Troubadour, a Joie de Vivre luxury boutique hotel, is a new addition to New Orleans' Central Business District skyline and conveniently located near many attractions - all within less than a mile. Some of those being, French Quarter - 3 blocks to Canal St and the Quarter's northwest boundary corner; Jackson Square and the Café Du Monde; Harrah's Casino; New Orleans Aquarium; Louis Armstrong Park; and access to the City's vast trolley system that will give you a leisure ride to the Audubon Zoo or the Cemeteries and, anywhere in-between.

Besides the hotel being only about a year old, all 'luxury' rooms come with many amenities including expansive window views, signature custom linens and bathrobe, 42" flat screen HDTV, designer bath amenities, complimentary Wi-Fi, In-room safe, compact Igloo refrigerator, and 24 hour Fitness Center.

The room rate for a SINGLE or DOUBLE is \$138.00 + tax. (Rate is good for three days before and after reunion). In order to receive this special rate, you must indicate at time of reservation that you are with the USS Bang Reunion. We have a block of rooms to be held at this rate until the cutoff date of Wednesday, August 23, 2017. Any reservations received after the cutoff date will be provided at the group rate on a space available basis.

Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at (888) 858-6652.

To help you decide your mode of travel to New Orleans, there is an AMTRACK Train Station and a Greyhound Bus Terminal less than a mile from the hotel and Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) is approximately 15 miles from the hotel.

If you plan to arrive by yacht, the Mississippi River is less than a mile from the hotel.

The following are tours that are currently a work in progress and, if finalized, will be offered to you on

Tuesday and Wednesday during the Reunion.

The National WWII Museum, now the top-rated tourist destination in New Orleans, tells the story of the American Experience in the war that changed the world - why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today - so that all generations will understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn.



Mardi Gras World offers a behind the scenes look at New Orleans Mardi Gras traditions. Take the tour to see the year-long float building process. Try on costumes, learn history, make masks, and enjoy our famous King Cake!



Cajun Pride Swamp Tours - For many years people have traveled extensively to Louisiana to locate a unique and exciting adventure exploring Louisiana's back country with its meandering bayous and swamp that can be only experience here - the historical Manchac Swamp. We invite you to join us for an educational journey back to the early days of Louisiana bayou and swamp explorations.



Laura, an historic sugar plantation built in 1805.



Offers tours based on The Memoirs of Laura, a detailed account of 200 years of life on this farm. Walk in the footsteps of 4 generations of one Créole family, both free and enslaved.

Please feel free to contact Jennifer or Paul for answers to your questions about the Reunion.

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