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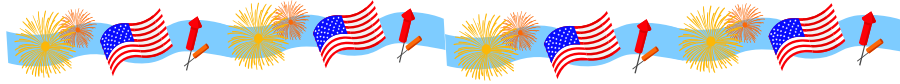
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Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler



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.



Robert M. Robertson RM (63-67)



William C. Davis MM (64-65)

SHIPMATES, REST YOUR OARS!

The following shipmates are new (found) additions to our roster. Your committee is thankful for all who helped in locating them and we will continue our search until we have attempted to locate everyone.

LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIPCODE	PHONE	Y-O-B
Franklin	John	3 Mountain View Dr	Peterborough	NH	03458-1300	(603) 924-3662	59
Ogden	Herbert R	2708 Aston Ave	Plant City	FL	33566-9504	(813) 754-8124	43-44

The following shipmates have changed their mailing address.

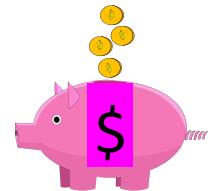
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LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIPCODE	PHONE	Y-O-B
Hansen	Philip E	4119 Lenity Living Ave	Caldwell	ID	83605-4978		43-45
Sciuto	Joseph L	1408 Course View Dr	Fleming Island	FL	32003-7274	(904) 682-1100	69-71



THANK YOU!

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

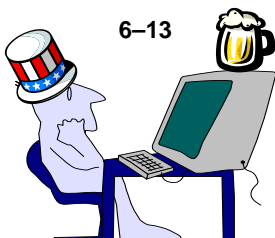


**Ervin Carter
Nancy DeLeo (Rocco)**

**John Donlon
Dale Larson**

**Andy McKaye
Barbara Pankey (Russell)**

**Larry Schafer
Oni Sioson**



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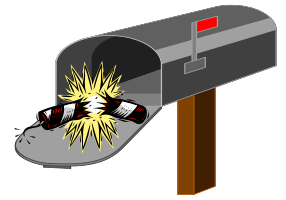
**THE INTERNET CONNECTION
CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION**

Ken Davison ... skipdavison1@gmail.com





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!

Shipmate **Larry Buckmaster, EN (58-61)** has requested help from all shipmates who can recall the date(s) when BANG went to PNS to get her North Atlantic sail installed. (I believe it to be late 1960 early 1961).

Larry has been having some breathing problems lately and, after a few tests, was diagnosed with **PLURAL PLAQUE** lung disease also known as **ASBESTOSIS**.

He is now working with his local Veterans Service Officer to file a claim and they are asking for the exact dates of that yard period.

If you can recall anything about that yard period that you think may be beneficial to Larry's claim, please call or email him at the following:

Email: **Larry_Buckmaster@yahoo.com**

Phone: **(574) 272-9437**

I received a nice note from **Nancy DeLeo**, wife of **Rocco DeLeo**, EM (63-66). She wishes good health to all the Gang. Nancy and Rocco are hoping to attend the reunion in New Orleans this year. Their Reunion plans the last few years have conflicted with health issues but, so far this year they have a green board.

Phil Hansen, MoMM (43-45 WP1,2,3), granddaughter emailed us a change in her grandpa's mailing address (see Page 2) and a heads up that he recently turned 94.

Happy Birthday Phil!!!

From the Gang



We wish you many more!

Our **Chaplain, Len Sciuto** has announced that he will once again be making recordings of interviews with shipmates willing to sit with him at Reunions and relate their experiences aboard BANG. So, brush up on some of your 'ever changing' sea stories and reserve your time with Len to relate them.

Our **President, Bill Fenton**, does a great job in keeping our web site up-to-date with Shipmate and Reunion information of interest. If you are able to access the Internet, I recommend that you pay a visit to our site: **www.usssbang.com** and see for yourself how Bill's informational design has done the "Gang" proud.

Our **Vice President, Paul Schramm**, who is busily preparing our upcoming Reunion in New Orleans has found the time to continue the search for shipmates we have yet to locate.

I am happy to report that he has found WWII Plank Owner, **Herbert Richard Ogden** right in my own backyard so to speak (see Page 2). Herbert, a SignalMan, helped commission BANG on 12/4/1943 and then remained aboard until the completion of her first War Patrol at which time he transferred to USS Proteus AS19 on 5/28/1944.

WELCOME ABOARD AGAIN HERBERT!!!

Paul was also actively involved in making contact with shipmate **John Franklin**, a CT2 masquerading as an RM2 assigned to BANG with TAD orders to chase a Soviet vessel around the Gulf Stream. John has sent us his remembrances of that cruise with hope that it will jog the memory of those who shared this experience with him and, if so, he would be glad to hear from them.

USS Bang Cruise, 1959

"My name is John Franklin. This is my recollection of a roughly 35-day cruise aboard USS Bang (SS-385) in the fall of 1959, from about mid-September to mid-October chasing a Soviet vessel around the



southern east coast and northern Caribbean. I've done a little research and found those to be the likely dates for the deployment in question as there were two hurricanes in our operating area - Gracie (9/22-9/30) and Hannah (9/28-10/4). Most of the details are hazy, but there are some events that are burned in my memory.

First of all, I was not a submariner; I was a CT2 masquerading as an RM2 on special assignment. In fact, there were three of us: the other two were an officer (LT or LTJG) and a CTSN, both of whose names are unfortunately long gone from what remains of my memory.

Since I was the only qualified CT aboard, I was on watch about 20 hours a day — with a couple of longer stints — in the Radio Shack.

The temperature throughout Bang was hot. It was consistently 105 in radio and in excess of 120 in the engine room. I took a stroll into that latter space just to satisfy my curiosity and within five minutes had broken out in prickly heat all across my shoulders. Between the heat and the noise — the diesels were running — I was forced to beat a swift retreat to the relative comfort of the 100-degree mess deck.

We were forced to ride out the two aforementioned hurricanes on the surface. We took some pretty hefty rolls (does 75 degrees sound possible?). I know all the individual cereal boxes we so carefully stowed above the cable runs and ventilation ducts on the mess deck before departure from New London were now strewn all over the deck, with many having been crushed by footsteps that were impossible to control in the rough conditions.

Another memorable occasion was when my officer in charge, who had just put on a freshly laundered shirt, took a bath in the outflow from a drip pan on top of the transmitter in the Radio Shack. He wasn't so g-d pleased!

The worst, though, was snorkeling on the surface while the diesels propelled us. The constant snapping shut of the cap, which of course caused the engines to draw a vacuum in the boat, and the subsequent popping open again raised hell with my ears. To this day I suffer from deafness and ringing in my ears.

This was my only exposure to life on a World War II-

era sub, although I later deployed for three months aboard a nuclear fast attack boat. That latter cruise was a significant improvement in living conditions, even though we spent 79 consecutive days submerged out of an 89-day excursion.

Hopefully, I've tickled the memory of those relatively few of us who are still on this side of the grass nearly 60 years down the road.

Warmest greetings to the "Bang gang."
John Franklin, RMCS, USN (ret.)

Bill Davis, MM, came to BANG from USS Entemedor (SS340) on 2/29/1964 and, due to a fire at the National Archives that destroyed some of BANG's Deck Logs, it is believed that he left BANG sometime in 1965.

The following obituary was published in The Patriot-News from Apr. 1 to Apr. 2, 2017.



William C. (Bill) Davis, 74, of Dillsburg, passed away on March 26 surrounded by his loving family at Lady Lake (The Villages), FL. He was born on June 17th, 1942 in Danville, PA, the son of Jessie Cook and James B. Davis. He graduated from Mechanicsburg High School in 1960.

Following graduation, he joined the U. S. Navy's Submarine Service and served on board the USS Bang. Bill would later become a computer programmer for IBM and eventually co-owner, with his wife Karen, of Davis' Soft Ice Cream and Farm Market, a local landmark for 32 years and known for its ice cream, family atmosphere and numerous farm animals enjoyed by generations of children. Bill had a passion for the farm and horses in particular.

Bill was an active member of the Dillsburg American Legion Post #26, the South Mountain VFW Post #6771, and the Masonic Lodge.

He will be sorely missed by family, friends and his two loving labs, Harvey and Rosie.

Bill is survived by son, Christian J. Davis and his wife Sherrill of Carlisle, son William M. Davis of Camp Hill, daughter Sally J. Master and husband Terry Master of Nazareth, grandson Cody Davis and his companion, Lauren Travitz of Harrisburg, grandson Colton Davis, and his brother James David (JD) Davis of Bloomsburg.

Bill is preceded in death by his loving wife Karen to

whom he was married for 43 years. Services were held at the Cocklin Funeral Home, Inc., 30 N. Chestnut Street, Dillsburg, PA. Entombment was at the Rolling Green Memorial Gardens, Camp Hill. Memorials in Bill's name may be made to Wounded Warriors, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or Furry Friends, P.O. Box 519, Boiling Springs, PA 17007.



Rob Robertson, RM, reported for duty aboard BANG on 04/29/1963 and served as a RadioMan until 02/28/1967 when he transferred to USS Cero AGSS225.

The following obit was located online:



Robert M. Robertson, age 77 of Dundee, NY died Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the Bath VA Hospice Community Living Care.

He was born on December 24, 1938 in Langhorne, PA the son of Charles and Matti (Glattli) Robertson. He grew up in Altay, NY farming and raising beefalo cattle, chickens and pigs. He graduated

from Dundee Central School and was retired from the US Navy after 23 years of service aboard numerous submarines and being stationed many different places around the world. After his retirement he worked in commercial refrigeration for 20 years.

Rob enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also loved to golf and bowl.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Patricia (Barber) Robertson of Dundee, NY, daughter Yvonne Robertson of Dundee, son Robert M. (Melanie) Robertson II of Penn Yan, NY and son Randy (Ellen) Robertson of Pease Air Force Base, NH; six grandchildren, Robbie, Ryan, Nathan, Nicole, Andrew and Dustin, five great grandchildren; brothers, Jim Robertson of TX and John (Margaret) Robertson of NC; sisters, Peggy Herrick of Dundee,

NY, Trisha (Richard) Chilbert and Barbara Jean (Andrew) Doyle of Rock Stream, NY and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father Charles James Robertson in 1942, step-father, Norman A. Foster in 2002 and mother Matti (Glattli) Foster in 2009, father-in-law, Clayton Barber in 2011, mother-in-law Mary Elizabeth 'Betty' Quattrin 2015 and brother-in-law, Clayton Barber.

A graveside service was held at the Bath National Cemetery on May 26, 2016 with full military honors.

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

**4261 Six Corners Rd
Dundee, NY 14837-9380**



*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



Our President, **Bill Fenton**, sent the following update on **Gene Lockwood**, EN (67-71) after receiving a phone call from him a while back.

"I don't know if he called anyone else but FYI, Gene Lockwood called me to let me know that he just spent 5 days in intensive care because his kidneys had shut down. Apparently his doctor prescribed a medication that had a bad reaction to other medications he is taking and it caused his kidney to shut down. He was hallucinating and having trouble keeping his balance. He returned home from the hospital last Thursday. I talked with Ronnie also and both sound in good spirits. Gene says he is now back to normal. He is also now fully retired and may be able to make this year's reunion." ... *Gene, having you and Ronnie in attendance at the Reunions again would be a good thing.*

Merle Meyer, IC (64-67) emailed the following update on his wife Marilyn's health.

"A note to give an update of our situation. First of all, Things are progressing VERY WELL! Marilyn is doing real great. Some of you already know this but I thought I'd include a bit of info so no wild rumors are spread.

Marilyn was in the hospital from May 24th thru June 2nd. She had a small cancerous portion of her tongue removed and some lymph nodes on the left side of her neck that were also infected. According to the Doctor that performed the operation, 'All went well and all infected items were removed'. He recommended radiation and chemo saying that it would bring the chances of reoccurrence below 10%. She did have to come home from the hospital with a feeding tube but has now been able to start eating some semi-regular foods.

In Marilyn's fashion (even though she is not going to work at Emily's Luncheon on a daily basis) she is making some soups and pies for them and visiting occasionally. Around the house she does dishes, washes clothes, washes windows (inside and out), scrubs the kitchen, vacuums the floors, and is talking about shampooing the carpeting throughout the house.

In another couple weeks, after some more visits with the Doctors and another CAT & PET scan, she will start radiation and chemo. I'm sure we'll be able to deal with whatever that presents. Please keep us in

your prayers." ... *Rest assured Merle that you and Marilyn are in our prayers and I look forward to seeing the both of you again at a future Reunion.*

Ron Gecks, EM (66-70) wrote back in March that he was going to have his knee re-replaced. I haven't heard anything from him since so I assume that everything is A-OK by now and Ron is up and running again.

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John Donlon, Officer (58-59), "I always thought I had the shortest tour aboard BANG for an Officer - 10 months. Coming off a two year stint as a Sub School instructor, I received orders to BANG in mid-summer, 18 July 1958, the day the US invaded Lebanon.

Since BANG was on a Northern European tour at the time, she left Copenhagen without provisioning and took station in the Greenland/Iceland/UK gap to intercept Soviet Subs heading for the US East Coast. And I, stayed attached to SUBRON10 until BANG returned to New London late August.

After the Northern run, January-March 1959, I walked across State Pier to report aboard Halfbeak as XO for a MED deployment from mid-July to mid-Oct.

Issue 83 of the Newsletter tells of Loring Clark's 6 month, 14 day tour in BANG at the end of WWII. That makes my claim for shortest tour length look like peanuts! I hereby relinquish my claim.

BANG was a great assignment: I got to serve with **Stu Savage**,,, as NAV/OPS. I thought I was hot stuff - having served as Assistant Navigator in DD862 and DD757, as well as Navigator in SS408 and SS401. Stu taught me things I'd never heard of. He demanded perfection - and gradually was able to squeeze it from me. I missed Stu's burial at Arlington last June by 2 hours.

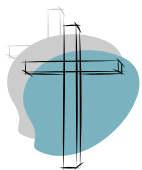
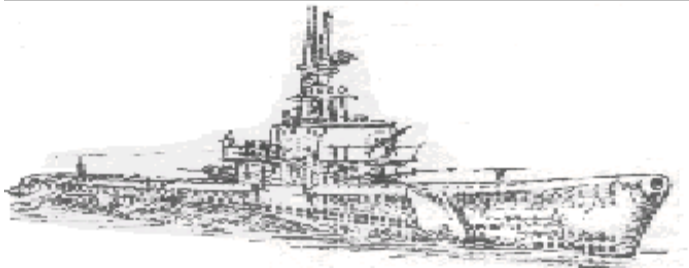
My late wife of 60 years is holding down her half of our Arlington plot. She keeps the grass cut perfectly. My youngest child (she's 51, 2

daughters aged 14 and 9) lives in Collegeville, PA, about 8 miles from our Treasurer, **Ed DeLong**. She's a contractor for MERCK and her husband manages the Northeastern US area for Hitachi Tools. They are Kelly and Randy Hoy.

I'm in the throes of tax time and expect to surface about 17 April.

A proud member of the Bang Gang!"... *John, no matter how long your tour aboard BANG was, it was always too short. Thank you for writing and I am happy to hear that, other than aging, you are faring well. I also thank you for your Slush Fund donation.*

Andy "Doc" McKaye Chief HospitalMan (54-57), "Jean and I feel that we are losing touch with the "Gang". Due to a vicious fall, Jean fractured her left hip and left elbow. Recovery has been slow, causing us to miss both Detroit and Chattanooga Reunions. New Orleans, however, is definitely on our agenda. Hope to see all there."... *Doc, happy to hear that Jean has mended well enough to start traveling again and will look forward to seeing both of you in N'Awlins. Thanks for your Slush Fund donation.*



The Chaplain's Corner

**Len Sciuto
Bang Gang Chaplain**



Science & Religion Thesis

I now live in Florida. That means that I don't live in New Jersey. I don't live in Nebraska. Nor do I live in Nevada. If I don't live in New Jersey, Nebraska or Nevada, then I must live someplace else. So, if I live someplace else, then I don't live here!

We have all learned, through our educational processes, as to how to prove a theory that is of interest. There are specific steps to follow to come to a conclusion:

What is the topic or item you are interested in?

Research: Seek out data & facts that either prove or disprove your interested subject.

Hypothesis: After conducting testing, develop an unproven conclusion based upon your research.

Analysis: Interpretation of the conclusive data which will lead to a defensible final answer.

Conclusion: Based upon the valid analysis, your conclusion could be either physical or theoretical.

Dissemination: Communication of your final result.

These steps are scientifically used.

Science is a systematic activity to acquire knowledge that describes physical, mathematical & social realms & predicts the natural world. It can be motivated by a desire to understand why the world is as we see it & how it came to be.

You can see that the statements I began with are accurate but the final conclusion is not precise! So it goes with Science & Religion. Later in life, Albert Einstein, during a talk at the Union Theological Seminary, when asked about the relationship between Science & Religion said, "Science without Religion is lame and Religion without Science is blind." That comment was a result from discussion of how the universe, our world & other worlds came to be. The following conclusions resulted:

They were created by God; They occurred naturally over a tremendous passing of time; and another conclusion that has been bantered about is that they were created by far superior beings traveling through the galaxy and creating as they went. "All ahead warp factor four" and "May the force be with you!"

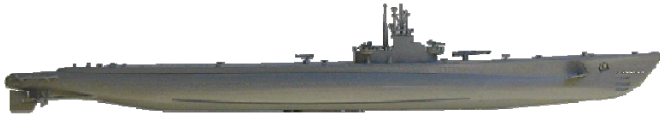
We may never know in our lifetime, or in any other lifetime, which conclusion is the true conclusion. But today we, as human beings, prefer order, organization, predictability & stability. All of these things lead to a sense of well-being of mind, body & spirit. We find ourselves always striving for the "comfort zone." Sometimes that zone leads to a complacent attitude.

We, in our time, lived in a "We" world. Today's world is a "Me" world. It is a world that I find to be distasteful, dishonest, corrupt, chaotic & immoral.

Which world would you prefer to live in? I prefer the "We" world. So what do I & we have to do

to resurrect the "We" world and eliminate the "Me" world? The answer is quite simple. Stand up, without fear of subsequent consequences, and be counted. Practice our religious faith. Lead by example. Finally, inspire and/or encourage others to do the same. May God Bless us all and these United States of America.

Len



CHIEFS - THE BACKBONE OF THE NAVY

This is how you tell if you are in the presence of a "real" **Chief**:

The **Chief** is not afraid of the dark;
The dark is afraid of the **Chief**.

The **Chief** once visited The Virgin Islands;
They are now simply called "The Islands".

Superman owns a pair of **Chief** pajamas.

The **Chief** has never paid taxes;
He just sends in a blank form and includes a picture of himself.

If the **Chief** is late;
Then time had damned well better slow down.

The **Chief** actually died four years ago;
But the Grim Reaper can't get up the courage to tell him.

The **Chief** can divide by zero.

The **Chief** has counted to infinity ... twice!

If the **Chief** ever calls your house, be in!

The **Chief** doesn't leave messages;
He leaves warnings and you had better pay attention to them.

The **Chief** can slam a revolving door.

The **Chief** doesn't send email;
He knows it would be faster to run over with it.

When the Incredible Hulk gets mad;
He becomes the **Chief**.

When the **Chief** exercises;
The machines gets stronger.

Bullets dodge the **Chief**;
If not, he catches them in his teeth.

Chiefs think Ensigns should be seen and not heard;
And should not be allowed to read books on leadership.

Chiefs do not have any civilian clothes;
As civilians, they keep their uniforms forever.

The **Chiefs** favorite national holiday is CPO Initiation.

The **Chiefs** favorite food for breakfast is SOS.

Chiefs don't know how to tell civilian time.

Chiefs only dream in Navy blue, gold, white, haze gray and khaki.

Chiefs have served in ships that are now war memorials or tourist attractions.

Chiefs get tears in their eyes when the Chief dies in the movie "Operation Pacific."

Chiefs have pictures of ships in their wallets.

Chiefs do not own any pens that are not inscribed "Property of U.S. Government."

Chiefs favorite quote is from the movie Ben Hur: "We keep you alive to serve this ship."

A **Chiefs** last ship (or duty station) is always best.

Chiefs know that the black tar in their coffee cup makes the coffee taste better.

A **Chiefs** idea of heaven: Three good PO1's and a Division Officer, all of whom do what they're told.

Chiefs believe John Wayne would have made a good Chief, if he hadn't gone soft and made Marine movies.

TOLL THE BELL

By Bob Harrison

Toll the bell you submariners, for your brethern of the deep,
Who went to sea so long ago and still their constant vigil keep.
Tell the nation who they are and where they lie beneath the sea,
Keep the faith with those brave comrades who patrol eternally.
While you strive to save Cavalla and the Torsk in Baltimore,
Ever mindful of the sailors who will plumb the depths no more.
Inform the world of all our losses and the sacrifices made,
By the men who manned the warships and the awful price they paid.
Toll the bell for Shark and Grunion, gallant warriors of the sea,
Toll the bell for brave Pompano, Grenadier, and Tullibee.
Toll the bell for Skate and Runner, Argonaut and Albacore,
Tell the story of Robalo; she was lost in forty-four.
Sing your praises for the Thresher, Grayling and Amberjack,
For all the men who perished, mother's sons who won't come back.
Oft times we must be reminded to look deep within our souls,
To proclaim to all the people for whom it is the death bell tolls.

USS BANG (SS385) MEMORIAL SITES

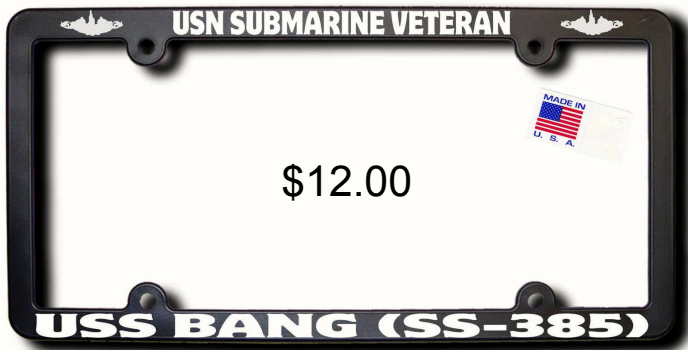
"Keeping The Memory Alive"

- 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



After heeding numerous inquiries from you about restocking USS BANG license plate frames, I finally have made contact with a vendor who will supply us with them - reasonably priced.

I have secured a minimal amount which I will have for sale at the Reunion and, if interest prevails, I will continue to sell them by mail.



This frame will fit standard 12" x 6" license plates and is made of high-impact black acrylic plastic and uses precision, computer-cut all weather vinyl for the text.



Made in the USA



SALE!!

....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 **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 2017



NEW ORLEANS
LOUISIANA
9/25-28/2017



Hi Shipmates,

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

The room rate for a SINGLE or DOUBLE is \$138.00 + tax. We have a block of rooms to be held at this rate until the cutoff date of Wednesday, August 23, 2017. In order to receive this special rate, you must indicate at time of reservation that you are with the USS Bang Reunion. 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, the Troubadour only has valet parking at \$39 per day. Recommended parking is at H.E.A.L. Garage, 300 Lasalle St for \$31.99 for all four days (1-504-522-5128). This facility does NOT allow in/out privileges so you CANNOT enter and exit more than once during the four days. P351 Garage, 275 Lasalle St offers unlimited in/out parking at \$72 for four days (1-504-565-5546). Both garages are less than 1/2 mile from the hotel.

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.

Tuesday Tours have a **12:30 PM start** with our first stop being **The National WWII Museum**, now the top-rated tourist destination in New Orleans. It tells the story through modern technology 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.

If you missed lunch before the tour began, then you might want stop at the American Sector Restaurant & Bar (located in the museum) before continuing on to Mardi Gras World. It serves a unique Victory Garden-to-Table menu inspired by both regional and Southern favorites. There is also a Soda Shop there for lighter fare.

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 their famous King Cake!

Wednesday Tours start 08:30 AM and head up river to Cajun Country and **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.

After the swamp tour we will stop at the Breaux Family restaurant for lunch with your choice of entrée: **Cajun red beans & rice with smoked sausage or fresh catfish OR**

Jambalaya & smoked sausage with fresh catfish or baked chicken OR

Chicken & andouille gumbo with 1/2 po-boy sandwich of fresh catfish or shrimp.

ALL CHOICES COME WITH A SIDE SALAD, HOME BAKED BREAD, DESSERT AND A DRINK.

After lunch it's on to **Laura**, a historic sugar plantation built in 1805. Tours are 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.

Our Banquet Entrée selections are as follows:

Grilled Airline Chicken Breast topped with Stewed Tomato & Artichoke Jus, Roasted Potatoes, Sweet Carrots, Pickled Brussel Sprouts. OR

Flat Iron Steak with Red Wine Portobello Sauce, Sharp Cheddar Whipped Potatoes, Tarragon Baby Carrots. OR

Pecan Crusted Gulf Fish with Lemon Sauce, Wild Rice Pilaf, Sautéed Summer Squash.

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

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- MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25th - Check-In - Get "Welcome" envelope - Hospitality Room opens a.m.
- TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26th - 12:30 p.m. - Bus departs for WWII Museum and Madi Gras World.
- WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27th - 08:30 a.m. - Bus departs for swamp tour and Laura Plantation.
- THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28th - 09:00 a.m. - Business Meeting - Ladies Bingo.
05:30 p.m. - Photos, Cocktails & Banquet to Follow.

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YES, I/WE PLAN TO ATTEND THE REUNION.

RATE/RANK: _____

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

ARRIVAL DAY: _____ DEPARTURE DAY: _____

NUMBER TAKING WWII MUSEUM / MARDI GRAS TOUR: @ \$60.00 per person. = _____

NUMBER TAKING SWAMP / PLANTATION TOUR W/ LUNCH: @ \$70.00 per person. = _____

- Specify LUNCH choice(s):** 1. BEANS & RICE W/ SAUSAGE #____ or CATFISH #____
 2. JAMBALAYA & SAUSAGE W/ CHICKEN #____ or CATFISH #____
 3. GUMBO W/ 1/2 PO-BOY - CATFISH #____ or SHRIMP #____

NUMBER ATTENDING BANQUET: @ \$45.00 per person. = _____

Specify ENTREE choice(s): STEAK #____ CHICKEN BREAST #____ GULF FISH #____

and any DIETARY NEEDS: _____

HOSPITALITY ROOM STIPEND: @ \$15.00 per adult. = _____

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