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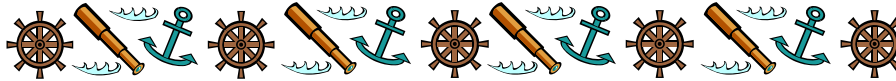
NEW ORLEANS 2017

Those listed below made plans to attend the Reunion. Please join them.

- Ed & June Kracker (43-45)
- Fred Meilminster (Guest)
- Deborah Maguire (Guest)
- Wayne & Elaine Thalasinios (57-60)
- Hal & Edith Wilkins (69-72)
- Joseph Bundeshausen (64-65)
- Maurin & JoAnn Christensen (59-58)
- Rob & Petter Purple (67-70)
- War & Linda Shore (68-69)
- Richard Gorkan (58-62)
- Len Sagetti & Marilyn Barrett (63-66)
- Rocco & Nancy DeLeo (63-66)
- Jim & Yolanda Klein (64-66)
- Harley & Jennifer Wilson (Guests)
- Mark & Estelle Walerzak (Guests)
- The Cohen & Michelle Ostapie (70)
- Jack & Diane O'Connor (64-67)
- Frank & Claudia Steinmetz (Guest)
- Ralph & Claire Gates (65-67)
- Bill & Barbera Mancuso (55-58)
- Phil & Dot Beals (56-59)
- Harry & JoAnn Ross (64-67)
- Jerry & Pam Casebolt (64-65)
- James & Harriet Schultz (67-68)
- Gabe & Pam Lewis (66-68)
- Karla Lindquist (Guest)
- Paul Schramm (70-71)
- Eric & Sally Erickson (67-68)
- Denis & Maureen O'Brien (67-68)
- Bill & Joan Fenton (67-71)



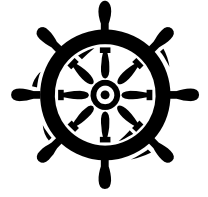
LOST AND FOUND



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.



Boyd W. Cohenour EN (52-55) ComCrew3



David R. Dzialoski YN (70-71)

Robert C. Ware STS (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

NONE TO REPORT!!!

The following shipmate has changed his mailing address.

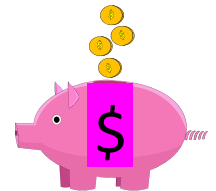
Please let us know when your address has changed or you may not receive the next Newsletter.

LASTNAME FIRSTNAME ADDRESS CITY ST ZIPCODE PHONE Y-O-B
Howard John 8760 W Little Big Horn St Rathdrum ID 83858-5081 66-68



THANK YOU!

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



Dave Blaha

John Franklin

Larry Meaie

Chuck Walker



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THE INTERNET CONNECTION
CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

NONE TO REPORT!





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!

Our **President, Bill Fenton**, requested the following notice be posted:

"As you know we will be holding the election of officers at this year's reunion in New Orleans. I will have been president for 10 years by then and am willing to step down and let someone else take over, if they want to. I just thought you'd all be tired of seeing me conduct the business meeting and host the banquet by now. It's been an honor to serve and I'll continue in this role if that's what everyone wants but, I also will be glad to step aside and let some new blood take on the office of president. Please give some thought to whom else might be good at leading the group."

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Dave Dzialoski reported to BANG on 8/23/1970 from Sub School as a YNSN and while aboard he attained the rank of 3rd class. Dave was transferred from BANG in October 1971. The following obit was located on the Internet:



David R. Dzialoski, age 62, of Tonawanda, NY died Monday, May 28, 2012 after a long illness. Born in Buffalo, January 16, 1950, he was the son of the late John and Florence (nee Bucala) Dzialoski and was a Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War. A lifelong resident of Tonawanda, he was employed at the General Motors Engine

Plant in the Town of Tonawanda before retiring. He is survived by his two sons, Lt. Commander John (Lisa) Dzialoski, U.S.N. and Michael (Kim) Dzialoski; his daughter, Anastasia (Scott); his former wife, Krystyana (nee Kaplon) Dzialoski; and 7 grandchildren.

A memorial Service was held at HAMP FUNERAL HOME, Inc.



Robert Ware was assigned to BANG from Sub School as a STS on 11/24/1964 and left sometime in 1965. His obit was also located on the Internet:



Robert Calhoun Ware, Sr., age 72, of Dublin, GA died Saturday, July 29, 2017. Mr. Ware was born on February 28, 1945 in Toombs County and was preceded in death by his parents, Woodrow Wilson Ware, Sr. and Frankie Calhoun Ware, and his son, Robby Ware.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy Submarine Service where he served on the USS Tusk. He was retired from Triple C Trucking, Wrightsville, and was of the Baptist faith.



Boyd Cohenour became a member of BANG's 3rd commissioning crew on 10/04/1952 and served aboard as an EN until his transfer to Atomic Energy School, Schenectady NY on 6/16/1955 and later to USS Nautilus (SSN571).

The following was published in the Norwich Bulletin:



Boyd Wayne Cohenour, 89, of Westerly, RI and Palm Harbor, FL passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 30, 2017, surrounded in love by his immediate family at his RI home.

Born to Clyde and Myrle Cohenour on June 23, 1928, in Liberal, Kansas, Boyd was one of 15 children. The family were

corn farmers who survived the great dust bowl of the 1930's, but lost the farm as a result and relocated to Burlington, IA.

In 1946, at the age of 17, Boyd joined the US Navy and served his country for 20 years. He was a proud crew member of the USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear powered submarine, and made the historic and heroic voyage under the polar ice cap in 1958. He and his crewmates were lauded for this epic accomplishment with a grand parade in New York City upon their safe return. His travels with the Navy took him all around the world. Boyd retired from the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer in 1966. Boyd's second career was spent as a production supervisor for Chesebrough-Ponds in Clinton, CT. The jobs he loved and excelled at most, however, were husband and father. He married the love of his life, Gloria Ann Davino on May 31, 1953. Their marriage was to last for 64 years, during which they raised three children, Jocelyn, Jody and Jason. Always a supportive father, Boyd became a huge fan of St. Bernard's High School wrestling team in the late 70's. Legendary for being the loudest fan in the gym, he was voted #1 fan of the team in 1981. In recent years, he became an ardent and vocal fan of the UCONN Women Huskies Basketball team. Boyd is survived by his wife, Gloria; daughters Jocelyn McElveen and Jody Cohenour; son Jason Cohenour and wife Dana; grandchildren Jack Cohenour, Courtney Hyland and her husband, Matt; sister Leota Kisler and brother Walden Cohenour. A memorial service was held at the Curlew Hills Memorial Gardens in Palm Harbor, FL. Condolences may be sent to Gloria and family at the following address:

**38 Quartz Dr
Westerly, RI 02891-1443**



*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.*

Our Vice President, Paul Schramm, who is busily preparing our upcoming Reunion in New Orleans requests that you be given a final reminder of two important dates: **8/23/2017** which is the last day you are guaranteed reserving a room for our reunion at the Troubadour Hotel and **9/1/2017** which is the last day to submit your Registration Form to

him and be guaranteed you will get your trip and food selections. If you haven't already done so - **WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR???**



As of this writing, our Treasurer, **Ed DeLong** may not be in attendance at this year's Reunion due to "health problems".

Also, **Lamarr Seader** informed us that he and Kathy will not be able to make the New Orleans reunion as he was diagnosed with kidney cancer in March and has been currently under treatment for the past four months. A new PET scan is due late July/early Aug to see if any progress has been made controlling it. Please include both Ed and Lamarr in your prayers and hope for their speedy recovery so that they may get back to attending our Reunions once again.

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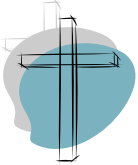


Fran Ferguson, IC (58-61), "Sorry I took so long to respond to your welcoming email. I live in a deed restricted community and am very active with the community governance, I also am part owner of a used car business. So, I'm very busy. I came aboard Bang in June of 1958 along with 6 or 7 other guys fresh out of sub school. I remember **Larry Buckmaster** was one of the other guys. We entered Bang through the forward torpedo room so the first guys we met were "Red" **Gardner** (he was the bosun) and, of course, we met the "**Greek**". Here was a 17 year old farm boy from New Hampshire who never had 2 nickels to rub together, now he's getting a monthly pay and has no responsibilities except to the Navy. Life was good! And life was always good on BANG." ...*Unbelievable!* Another one who survived my chow. Thanks for writing Fran and hope you can make a reunion some day so that you can relive those GOOD years aboard BANG.

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Larry Meaike, SK (70-72) sends the following: "Thank you for the Newsletter. You do a great job. Enclosed is a small donation to the Slush Fund to help keep sending it to me. After I get done reading it, I pass it on to my dear friend, Kenny Clark. He is a real history buff and

enjoys it greatly. Keep up the good work!"... Thank you for the Slush Fund donation, Larry. Happy to hear that you are recycling our Newsletter differently than one may expect.

I have recently received requests for Small Stores from **David Blaha, FN (71-72)** and **Charles Walker, MM (62-63)**. Thanks for the business shipmates and also for the little extra for the Slush Fund.



The Chaplain's Corner

Len Sciuto
Bang Gang Chaplain



Scars

On a Saturday morning, a boy went to a carnival with some of his friends & his grandfather. They rode the rides, played some games, & had a couple hot dogs. After eating, they decided to go see some of the side shows. As they walked around, a man sitting on a bale of hay caught their eye. He wasn't an old man but he was an unusual man. The boy's friends stared & laughed at him. He heard them laughing & asked them to come closer. The boy was the only one who wasn't afraid. He walked up to the man & held out his hand. "Hi, I'm John & I am not afraid of you." The man smiled & replied, "I'm Greg, & that's good because I'm not afraid of you either. Would you care to sit down?" The boy sat down & continued to stare at the man's face. The man asked, "Do you like what you see?" The boy answered, "No, I don't. What happened to you?" The man paused a moment and replied, "I got this huge scar from a bomb that exploded too close to my foxhole. I'm not a mean or bad man. I'm just a man who is different now." The boy lifted his hand & touched the side of the man's face. It was hard & rough. The man looked at the boy & smiled again. "I have no family & my friends are few now. I was never married but I had a girlfriend who left me because she couldn't deal with my scar. The scar in my mind is much larger than the one on my face." "Why," asked the boy? "Because people think I'm a freak." The boy thought for a moment and replied, "Does that mean my grandpa is a freak too?" The man stared at the boy & then asked, "Where is your grandfather?" The boy pointed to an old man leaning against a wall watching the man & the boy. He motioned his grandfather to come over. His grandfather complied. The old man shook the hand of the roustabout & said, "I got mine from nerve gas and incendiaries." The old man's face was similar to Greg's face.

After a short casual conversation, the old man stared into Greg's eyes and said, "Son, there will always be some

one who will walk away from you & not want anything to do with you. But there are so many others who care about you for what you did for this country. The cemeteries all over the globe have graves of the men who gave their all for you & the rest of us. You have a responsibility to them to stand tall & be proud because of your courage & willingness to lose all, if necessary. I had scars but I don't have them anymore. You won't either if you look for the good in others & try to have just good thoughts about them. Seek out help if you need it. But remember one thing, "God made us all in his image and likeness. None of us are alike."

May God Bless us all & the United States of America.

Len



Cold War Recognition Certificate (How To Obtain)

If you served honorably on active duty, the Guard, Reserve, or as a DOD federal employee from Sept 2, 1945 to Dec 26, 1991, you are authorized the Cold War Recognition Certificate [as per section 1084 of the Fiscal Year 1998 National Defense Authorization Act]. Here's how to obtain your copy free:

1. You will need proof of your service, such as a DD Form 214 (Record of Military Service), WD AGO Form 53-55 (War Department Separation Document); or Oath of Office -- Military Personnel or Letter of Appointment.
2. Qualifying civilian service also can be proved with a Standard Form 50 (Notification of Personnel Action); Standard Form 2809 (Health Benefit Registration Form); an award certificate with employee's name, name of service or agency, and dates; or retirement forms with the employee's name, service or agency and dates.
3. Prepare, date, and sign a letter, requesting the award of the Cold War Recognition Certificate.

Send the letter or request form, and a copy of your service proof to: **Commander, USAHRC**

ATTN: AHRC-PDP-A, Dept 480
1600 Spearhead Division Avenue
Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408

Your letter must contain the phrase "**I certify that my service was honorable and faithful**" whether as a member of the U.S. armed forces or as a federal civilian employee during the Cold War era, or it will be rejected.

Do not send the original of your proof of service. Send a copy. Original documentation will not be returned.

There is a large demand for this program. Individuals normally will receive a response within 60 days; however, the turnaround time will depend upon the amount of requests received.

A telephone help line is available at (502)613-9126.

[Source: <https://www.thebalance.com/how-to-obtain-a-cold-war-certificate-3332660>]

REUNION UPDATE 2017



NEW ORLEANS
LOUISIANA
9/25-28/2017



Hi Shipmates,

There is a lot more to New Orleans than just Bourbon Street! Our Reunion headquarters is conveniently located near many attractions - all within less than a mile: 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. N'Awlins, a multicultural melting pot laden with American history, world renowned food and interests for all age groups. (Bang Gang welcomes family and friends).

Our group rate for a SINGLE or DOUBLE is \$119.00 + tax. A block of rooms will be held at this rate until the cutoff date of Wednesday, **August 23, 2017**. Just mention USS Bang Reunion at time of room reservation. Any reservations made after the cutoff date will be provided at the group rate on a space available basis. So, now is the time to get New Orleans off your bucket list. Call the hotel at (888) 858-6652 and make your room reservations TODAY!

To help you decide your mode of travel to New Orleans, the Troubadour has valet parking only 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 to 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 experienced 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.

Jennifer Wilson - (313) 350-2037
jennifer@emergencyfleetservice.com

Paul Schramm - (269) 345-0859
inkazoo@hotmail.com

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74th Anniversary Reunion

New Orleans, LA

Monday - September 25th 2017

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Thursday - September 28th 2017

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Paul Schramm and Jennifer Wilson

HEADQUARTERS



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Reservations - (888) 858-6652

ROOM RATE \$119 + tax
(Must mention USS BANG REUNION)

- 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.

✂ - - - - - Clip Here and Mail by **SEPTEMBER 1st** To: - - - - - ✂

USS BANG REUNION - PO BOX 32 - KALAMAZOO, MI 49004

YES, I/WE PLAN TO ATTEND THE REUNION.

RATE/RANK: _____

NAME: _____

YEARS ABOARD BANG: _____ to _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO: (____) ____ - ____

CITY: _____

ST: _____

ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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. = _____

Please write your favorite Hospitality Room Libation and Snack requests on back!!!

Make check payable to **PAUL J. SCHRAMM**

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