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HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

2018 USS Bang Reunion
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
October '1-4, 2018



Historic Philadelphia
Colonial Independence & Birth-
place of a our Nation



Elfreth's Alley is the oldest continuously inhabited residential street in America



Cruiser **Olympia** and Submarine **Becuna** are part of **Independence Seaport Museum** located on Penn's Landing in Philadelphia.

Battleship **New Jersey** is located across the river in Camden, New Jersey.

REUNION UPDATE

Exton/Philadelphia, PA

Oct. 1 – 4, 2018

Hi everyone,

This is The Bang's 75th Diamond Anniversary so we will make it a special occasion and there *will be a few surprises along the way* that we are hoping you all will enjoy. As always we will try and get the best BANG for our bucks.

We will be staying at the **Clarion Hotel 815 North Pottstown Pike Exton PA 19341 (610) 363-1100. The rate is \$89 (including breakfast buffet for 2) + tax.** We have a block of rooms that are good at that price for 3 days before and 3 days after. You must mention The USS Bang Reunion when calling. The block of rooms will continue to be held until the **cutoff of 5:00 PM EDT, September 4, 2018.** Reservations received after 5:00 PM EDT, September 4, 2018 will be provided at the group rate on a space available basis. If traveling by air it's the **Philadelphia International Airport (PHL).** The hotel is 33 miles from the airport but the drive takes about an hour. **Paul Schramm, Dennis O'Brien and Gabe Lewis have volunteered to shuttle** us from and to the airport so it's important to **include your arrival and departure flight numbers & times and a cell phone number on your registration form if you want to use this service.** The Hotel has all the usual amenities including abundant free parking for cars, vans and RVs, free wi-fi, included buffet breakfast, a fitness center, free coffee, free newspaper Mon - Fri, business center, guest laundry, and on-site bar (opens 16:30). Currently the Restaurant is **closed but** might be opened again in October. However, there are numerous restaurants within 2 miles of our hotel, several about 1/2 mile. They range from the upscale Lemoncello (Italian) and historic Vickers Restaurant (American) to the less expensive Ron's Original Bar & Grill, The Pour House, Eagle Tavern and Tap Room and Red Robin Gourmet Burgers. **There are many places that deliver also.**

Monday, October 1st - Arrival Day. Today is a day to get checked in to the hotel and renew old acquaintances. The hospitality room opens at 10:00 in the spacious Malvern Room.



Tuesday Oct. 2, 08:30 Departure for historic Philadelphia, cost \$50 per person (Lunch Included). All aboard our luxurious motor coach for a **“windshield tour”**, we'll see many famous locations such as the **“Rocky Steps and Statue”** at the Philly Art Museum, **Ben Franklin Museum and Print Shop, The Betsy Ross House, Elfreth's Alley** our nation's oldest residential street dating back to 1702. We will pass thru **Society Hill** settled in the 1680's and is the oldest residential neighborhood in Philly. We will stop for **lunch (included)** at **Philly's Gourmet Steaks** where the famous Philly Cheese Steak is featured. If you don't care for a cheese steak, there are burgers and a **large buffet with many appetizing selections.**

After Lunch there will be a little time to visit **Christ Church** across the street and/or the **Oldest Chocolate Factory** in the country which happens to be right next door.

Next stop **Independence Hall.** They risked everything — “their lives, their fortune and their sacred honor.” During the summer of 1776, 56 courageous men gathered at the Pennsylvania State House and defied the King of England. Eleven years later, representatives from 12 states gathered to shape the U.S. Constitution, finally creating one unified nation.

Right after this we will visit **The Liberty Bell** which is an iconic symbol of American independence. The bell acquired its distinctive large crack sometime in the early 19th century.

NOTE: FOR BOTH OF THESE VENUES AND QVC TOUR WE WILL HAVE TO PASS THROUGH SECURITY INCLUDING METAL DETECTORS. ANY METAL ITEMS SHOULD BE LEFT AT THE HOTEL OR ON THE BUS.

Wednesday, October 3rd 08:30 Departure for the Seaport Museum, cost \$75 per person (Lunch Included).– The bus will take us to **The Seaport Museum** starting with the **USS Becuna** which completed five wartime patrols in the Pacific. Becuna is a BALAO-class submarine built in New London, CT. During World War II, "Becky" prowled the Pacific Ocean for Japanese ships. Converted in 1951 to a Guppy 1A type with sophisticated radar and torpedo equipment.



Next is the **USS Olympia** a cruiser that saw service in the United States Navy from her commissioning in 1895 until 1922. In 1921, the ship carried the remains of World War I's Unknown Soldier from France to Washington, D.C., where his body was interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

We will board the Bus and jump across the river to visit the USS New Jersey BB-62. She earned more battle stars for combat actions than any other battleships.

Thursday, Oct. 4.

09:00 Business Meeting & Ladies Bingo. There will be an **optional tour** of QVC leaving **at 08:45** which is 8 miles from the Hotel. **We will need at least 10 people to go.** Cost is \$10 for the tour BUT suggested transportation is carpooling and will be arranged at the reunion.

17:30 Banquet Festivities – meet for pictures & any announcements – will be followed by Banquet seating

Banquet Entrée Choices: All come with bread, salad, unsweetened iced tea, water and sweetened lemonade. ***Cash Bar.***

Pasta Primavera(Veggies)- choice of marinara or mushroom cream sauce.

Honey Barbecue Salmon-rice & veggies

NY Strip Steak- Roasted Onions, Lemon Herb New Potatoes & Green Beans.

FOR A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EVERYTHING GO TO USSBANG.COM.

Contact: Isaac (Ike) Cohen or Michelle Ostapiej at 908-334-0027 or ikecohen415@gmail.com

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75th Diamond Anniversary
Reunion.

Exton/Philadelphia, PA

Monday - October 1, 2018

Thursday - October 4, 2018

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Isaac (Ike) Cohen & Michelle Ostapiej
No more moustache and not much hair
but Michelle still has plenty of hair and
never a moustache.....LOL

HEADQUARTERS



Clarion Hotel
815 North Pottstown Pike, Exton PA 19341
Reservations - (610) 363-1100

ROOM RATE \$89 + tax

(BUFFET BREAKFAST INCLUDED FOR 2)

Reservations: Must Mention USS BANG REUNION to receive this room rate

MONDAY **OCTOBER 1st -10:00** Check-In - Get "Welcome" envelope - Hospitality Room opens
TUESDAY **OCTOBER 2nd -08:30** - Bus departs for Tour of Philadelphia
WEDNESDAY **OCTOBER 3rd -08:30** - Bus departs for Seaport Museum and Battleship New Jersey Tours.
THURSDAY **OCTOBER 4th -09:00** - Business Meeting - Ladies Bingo. Possible QVC Tour.
 17:30 - Photos, Cocktails & Banquet to Follow.

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 DATE: _____ ARRIVAL FLIGHT # _____ ARRIVAL TIME _____

DEPARTURE DATE _____ DEPARTURE FLIGHT # _____ DEPARTURE TIME FROM HOTEL _____

YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER _____ Number of people requesting shuttle: _____

CELL PHONE NUMBERS FOR COURTESY DRIVERS:

Gabe Lewis - (810) 338-8825; Dennis O'Brien - (347) 613-0421; Paul Schramm - (269) 345-0859

NUMBER TAKING PHILADELPHIA TOUR WITH LUNCH..... _____ @ \$50.00 per person. = _____

Specify Lunch Choice(s): Philly Cheese Steak with Fries and Soda _____ Burger with Fries and Soda _____

Cheeseburger with Fries and Soda _____ Lunch Buffet with Soda or Water _____

NUMBER TAKING SEAPORT MUSEUM/BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY TOURS W/HOT BUFFET LUNCH:
_____ @ \$75.00 per person. = _____

NUMBER ATTENDING BANQUET: _____ @ \$60.00 per person. = _____

Specify ENTREE choice(s): NY STRIP STEAK # _____ HONEY BARBECUE SALMON # _____

PASTA PRIMAVERA WITH VEGETABLES AND MARINARA SAUCE # _____ **OR**

PASTA PRIMAVERA WITH VEGETABLES AND MUSHROOM CREAM SAUCE # _____

add any DIETARY NEEDS: _____

OPTIONAL QVC TOUR (CARPOOLING SUGGESTED AND TO BE ARRANGED AT THE REUNION):
NUMBER ATTENDING @ \$10.00 = _____

HOSPITALITY ROOM STIPEND: **per adult.** _____ @ \$20.00 = _____

TOTAL = _____

<u>BEER BRAND</u>	<u>LIQUOR/WINE TYPE</u>	<u>MIXERS</u>	<u>SNACKS</u>
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PLEASE SEND THIS ENTIRE FORM TO:

Make check payable to **Isaac Cohen** and **MUST BE IN BY September 4, 2018** to:

USS BANG REUNION C/O Isaac(Ike) Cohen, 137 Fairview Ave. High Bridge, NJ 08829-1214



- LOST AND FOUND - - CONTACT CHANGES -



New Found Shipmates - additions to our roster.

We are thankful for all who helped in locating and continued searching until as we attempt to locate everyone.

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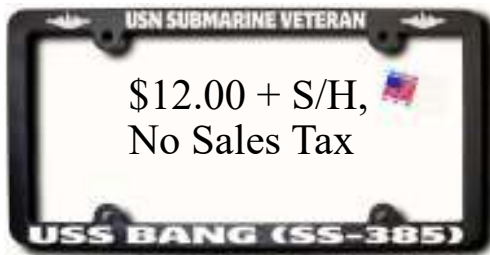
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MAIL CALL

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

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Sr. Editor's Notes and Ramble: Hi Shipmates!

Sorry I am not able to put the time into editing this newsletter. I have several reasons for this inability to make it happen. One is writing a newsletter is not really my calling. There was a reason why those Navy tech manuals were so bad, they were written by engineers. Secondly, I am a volunteer staff bookkeeper for Christ In Action ministry that requires weekly office attendance.

Finally, I have been repairing my rental property with most of my remaining time. Even with hiring contractors, it been a year and more to do. There was a lot of what I call Pandora's box issues. Those repairs that start out fairly simple, like replacing a light fixture, but then found the electrical mounting box has broken apart and must be replaced. When I started this rental repair, there was a 8-page typed list, some I farmed out to contractors while others were opening that Pandora's box. I may be retired from paid employment but I am not retired and watching "I love Lucy".

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



Chris Clark (66-69), Officer - I have enjoyed reading the Newsletter since about 2007, after I ran into the Bang Gang in Albuquerque, NM during the Balloon Festival reunion. Thanks for all that you do.

I am also a retired professor of educational psychology and very much a supporter of teachers and teaching. Lately, I have seen heartwarming posts (on Facebook) and articles that feature reminiscences on the question Who was your favorite teacher, or Which teacher influenced you the most and how did that happen?

Here is the potential connection to the Bang Newsletter: While I appreciate the appropriateness of

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publishing obituaries and memorial addresses when a shipmate dies, it would also be inspiring to invite your readers to write a short reminiscence about a memorable shipmate or mentor, one who got you off on the right foot, who inspired you through the Qualification in Submarines process, who modeled grace under pressure, etc., especially if the writer never got a chance to say "thank you, shipmate". I hope that this finds you well and that you take this modest idea and make it better.

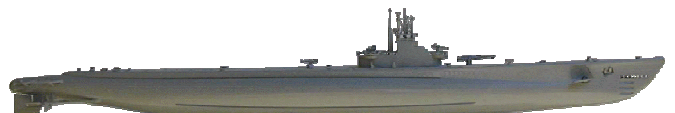
I left the Bang in fall 1969, a month or so before the Charleston Shipyard overhaul, so we just missed each other. (I probably would have enjoyed a return to Charleston, since that was the home port of my first boat, USS Amberjack. But shore duty in northern California beckoned, and orders are orders.

Thanks again for all that you and Phil do to keep our memories of the (mostly) good old days alive.

Bob Sawyer, TM2 (58-61) – For those who don't know me, I am Bob Sawyer and I served on USS Bang as a TM2(SS), August 1958 to February 1961. I have also served on USS Picuda twice, USS Cusk, USS skate (as COB) and Sub School staff (twice) as an instructor. I also served at Sub bas Weapons Department and on USS Fulton as a Warrant Officer. After I retired from the Navy, I worked with Supervisor of Ships at Bath, Maine for 15 years. I was involved with construction of the Arleigh Burke class destroyers and found it quite interesting. In fact, I was lucky enough to the Arleigh Burk down the ways at her launching. They don't use the ways anymore, they just flood the dry dock the ships are built in'



My wife, Barb and I were married while I was with the Bang in 1959 and are still going strong. Just think that was almost 60 years ago! As many of know Barb has Multiple Mylonma, a form of cancer



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which can't be cured. We have been going for chemo at least twice a month for 9 years now. I don't know if they will find a cure for it during our life time or not, so we will just keep plugging along. I have not been to any reunions lately because I don't want to leave her. So, I read the Bang newsletter with enthusiasm. Keep them coming!! I have enclosed a check with I hope will help some. My email is orelio30@comcast.net for anyone who would case to drop a line.

Angela Adams angela.pegasus416@gmail.com, grand-niece **Rudolph Hartsfield (52-55)** wrote this message; While researching my late Great Uncle for my Mom, I was delighted to find your website.

I would like to add the following obit for our beloved Uncle. Thank you for adding this information.

After WWII, he decided to reenlist, he choose the Navy. When the Army recruiter asked why, he stated, "I've had it with you stupid SOBs!" He went on to retire as a CPO4.

Megan Herward Delosky, mlherward@hotmail.com, 404-272-3218, daughter **James "Jim" Dennis Herward (64-70)** ENMC sent this message; I got your contact info from one of my dad's Bang Gang Newsletters and my brother and I wanted to let you know that Dad passed away yesterday. He was diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer back in March. He had been in a lot of pain prior to that and since diagnosis, it had just been an up and down battle to keep him comfortable enough to continue with treatments.

He loved his time at the reunions and looked forward to them each year, so I hope you will do us the honor of letting the rest of the group know of his passing. If there is any info you need from me to include in the next newsletter, or for the upcoming reunion, please don't hesitate to ask.

We do not have anything planned but yet, but a celebration of his life will probably happen later this summer. I will keep you posted as plans are made.

The upcoming reunion sounds like such fun and one that my 9 year old son (Jim's grandson) would really enjoy since he is very much into learning about the history of our nation. Are there any restrictions on family members attending? Not sure that we could but would certainly consider it if possible.

Cliff Harker, TM3 (70-71) - I served aboard the Bang during late 1970 through 1971. How can I get added to the list of people who have served on the Bang. I served the same time as John Brown Gaines,

Andrew Sprainis, John R. Haines, Ronald Plumlee, Charles Brown. Left boat as a Torpedo man Third Class.

Glad you were able to reconnect with Bang Gang. Were you the torpedoman with nickname "Animal".

Myron Fiene, SN (64) - Hi Bill, I was surprised to receive your e-mail, but it was a good surprise. I would definitely be honored to be a member of the Bang Gang and would be like to receive the newsletter.

I was introduced to the USSVI by a member of the USSVI Mare Island Base POC who happened to also had been on the Bang – Del Robertson. Ironically, Del brought the bang into the Philly Navy shipyard, and I took the bang out to New London. Small world.

If I can adjust my schedule in October (I'm a volunteer at the Safeway Open Golf Tournament in Napa, CA on the first week of October) I would be happy see some of my old shipmates which is ironically going to be in Philly where I reported to the Bang. Still a small world. My wife and I are looking at flights, etc.

Jon Capacasa (son), capa235@comcast.net, and **Anita Churan (daughter)** of **Marino Capacasa, GM3 (44)** sent this message: Our father was a crew member on the Bang during World War II. His service occurred during the 1943-45 time period we believe. He passed away in August 1978 at the age of 55.

We receive the USS Bang newsletter regularly and thank you for keeping the information going. In recent news, his wife of 31 years, **Lucy Capacasa** passed away on August 7 2017 at the age of 90. She demonstrated abundant love and kindness to her family and enjoyed her 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren both in Arizona and New Jersey. One grandchild Marina Capacasa Tranchina lives in Shrewsbury NJ close to the original training facilities for the Navy in north Jersey.

Hoping that you can include a short notice of our parents and their connection to the USS Bang. I don't know how crew members handled the tough task of being at sea for months on end during wartime conditions. We have a framed photo of the Bang hanging in our house.

Willard Paul, TM3 (66-67) - WORKING UNIFORM INSPECTION

I reported aboard Bang in the Spring of 1966 as a third class torpedoman with two years of naval service behind me. I had only been aboard about a week when the Chief of the Boat informed me that there would be a working uniform inspection in three

FPO days.

I didn't say anything, but I had never heard of a working uniform inspection. And I was too embarrassed to ask any of my shipmates what was expected of me. It wouldn't have mattered. I was broke.

I went below and examined all my chambray shirts and denim bell bottom trousers. They were definitely working uniforms — and looked like it. Not one item of clothing came close to being pristine. Not one was anywhere near being clean.

It's now Saturday morning. The crew is assembled in rows on the aft deck. The sun is shining brightly. Over one hundred sailors are standing at attention waiting for Captain Miller, the COB, and the yeoman to start the inspection. Over one-hundred sailors are standing at attention. Clean, starched shirts, spotless white hats, and bell-bottoms looking like they just came from the store with work shoes glinting in the warmth of the sun's rays daring the CO to find one imperfection.

And then there was me. My shirt and jeans were pressed. But they were far from spotless. Grease and paint stains were evident. The jeans were faded. The boots couldn't have taken a shine if I had worked twenty-four hours on them.

And then there was the Captain standing in front of me. He looked sharp. I did not. He asked me if I had prior notice of there being an inspection this morning. I answered in the affirmative.

"Why aren't you prepared?"

"I'm wearing a working uniform."

Needless to say, that wasn't the response he was looking for. Meanwhile, the yeoman is writing. The Captain turned to the COB and told him to make sure this didn't happen again.

After the inspection was over the COB explained to me that that I should have a brand new working uniform ready for inspection at all times.

I thought then, and still do, that that was about the silliest thing I had heard in a long time.

Fortunately, that was the last working uniform inspection of my naval career.

Hal Wilkins (69-72) ETN2 – Fond farewell to a mentor & Chief ET; **Richard McGirr (70-72) ETSC** was our ET & ST gang leader during his time aboard the Bang. His nickname while aboard was Reggie, given by **Henry Connelly (69-72) ST1**. Missing from his obituary was the fact that he served on boomers, I recall, the USS George Washington (SSBN-598).

When he came aboard the Bang, one of the first things he did was have a meeting with the ET-ST gang at the EM club for lunch. There he explained his expectations of us and if we kept all the

equipment working properly, he would give us all the liberty he could. Well we got lots of liberty and a few more lunch-time EM club visits, usually on a Friday afternoon. He helped put together a Bang softball team where he liked to pitch. Reggie was transferred to the LORAN school at Groton Submarine base after our return from 1972 Caribbean deployment and before Bang was sent to Portsmouth shipyard for decommissioning.

This is more ironic than a sea-story, Chief McGirr was teaching me how to measure the sensitivity of the BRD-7 AM-FM receiver down in the electronic space below the control room of the Bang. He patiently went through the testing procedures, I really didn't understand most of it. Can I blame it on those US Navy tech manuals? Ironically, my first job after earning BSEE degree was as a developmental engineer designing & testing receiver sensitivity. So I always recalled fondly that day when the Chief was teaching me how to measure sensitivity, and later applying those same test principles many times.

Charles Bernard ETN2 (70-71) - Tribute to shipmate by Hal Wilkins (69-72). Charlie's nicknamed was Arlo, was a co-member of the ET gang aboard the Bang. We did the 70-71 Med Cruise together. He was runner-up in the beard growing contest during the cruise to Lt. Petrino.

While in Naples, Italy, Charlie purchase a TEAC reel-to-reel tape deck & speakers, so for the remainder of the cruise we listen to The Who's Pinball Wizard and other songs over & over again down in the Sonar & Electronic equipment space under the control room. When he left the boat in 71, he had completed his enlistment and was discharged from the navy. Wish to clarify one thing, we were electronic technicians, not electronics intelligence specialist. "Sorry Charlie" from the tuna commercial was commonly battered in jest.

Charlie & Chief McGirr would discuss in control room about college course such as calculus and kidding me since I didn't comprehend the math terms. He naturally had an inquisitive mind and was our lead ET when he first came aboard Bang. He exhaustively troubleshot the LORAN-A to find an assembly problem created during equipment overhaul in Charleston shipyard, SC 1969-70 and earned that extra liberty from Chief McGirr. As alluded to in Charlie's obit, he dropped out of Va Tech. and joined the navy. I am really glad he returned to finish his BSEE and MSEE degrees.

Sorry our paths didn't cross after leaving the navy, we both had similar careers, just supporting different military electronic systems.

World War II Submarine Veterans Honored at Memorial Ceremony, Norfolk, VA

Cmdr. Leighton Pitre, commanding officer of the Submarine Learning Facility, welcomed the more than 80 submarine veterans, active duty Sailors, family member and friends in attendance.



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“This ceremony is something I hold as one of the more important things we do” said Pitre. “We should always take time to honor those who braved the perils of the undersea domain before us. We should always appreciate the ability to celebrate with all generation of submariners. I am convinced that your legacy and our celebration of that legacy is at the core of our submarine forces’ excellence.”

The ceremony began with the honored tradition of “Tolling the Boats” which recognizes the submariners who sacrificed their lives in the service of their country. The roll call was conducted by Master Chief Electronics Technician Jamie Lehnick, the disposition was read by Master Chief Machinist Mate Cindy Huratiak, and the Tolling of the Boats was performed by Electronics Technician Second class Garrett Handwork.

After each submarine’s name was called the bell was struck, a small submarine from a neatly arranged group, was gently placed in a woven basket adorned with red, white and blue ribbons. As the last small submarine was placed in the basket, a bugler stepped forward and played taps.

A ceremonial wreath was presented by WWII submarine veteran Mr. **Ed Kracker** to Cmdr. Matthew Brouilarrd, executive officer, and Senior Chief Electronics Technician Jeffrey Skogn, chief of the boat, of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Boise (SSN 764). The wreath will be ceremoniously committed to the deep by the next deploying Norfolk-based submarine. Mr. Kracker is the oldest submarine-qualified WWII submarine veteran in the Hampton Roads area. He earned his submarine qualification on the Balao-class submarine USS Bang (SS 385) in 1944.

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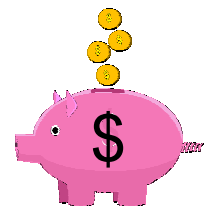
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- ETERNAL PATROL - "Rest Your Oars"



Philip Edward Hansen, MoMM2 (43-45)
Passed —May 7, 2018, Caldwell, ID

John Robert Caldwell, SC2 (43-44)
Passed —January 22, 2018, Corpus Christi, TX

Gilbert Smith Wuebker, ET (45-46)
Passed —April 30, 2018, Sacramento, CA

Rudolph T. Hartsfield, RM (52-55)
Passed —February 17, 2004, Tallahassee, FL

Carl H Hagenkotter Jr, YN (52-54)
Passed —January 17, 2018, Crestview, FL

LeRoy O. Webb, TM (54-55), TM (54-55)
Passed —December 30, 2017, Mystic, CT

James Harland Gilbert, EN1 (60-61)
Passed —May 27, 2018, Vanceboro, NC

George Thomas Bailey, XO (63-64)
Passed —June 27, 2018, Pensacola, FL

James Dennis Herward, ENMC (64-70)
Passed —June 28, 2018, Lynchburg, VA

David John Schwab, rate unknown (65)
Passed —February 6, 2018, Pensacola, FL

James Francis Maloney (68-69)
Passed—January 15, 2018, Mystic, CT

Clarence (Joe) Taff Jr, CO (69-71)
Passed — July 26, 2016, Camarillo, CA

Richard Gordon McGirr Jr., ETSC (70-72)
Passed—January 12, 2018, New London, CT

Charles D. Bernard, ETN2 (70-71)
Passed—June 4, 2011, Marlborough, MA

Francis Joseph Marcille Jr., CS1 (71-72)
Passed—February 2, 2018, New London, CT



Philip Edward Hansen, MoMM2 (43-45), 94, of Caldwell, Idaho passed away May 7, 2018 at a local care facility. Arrangements are

under the direction of Cremation Society of Idaho.

Phil is another of our Founding Fathers putting BANG into commission for the first time on 12/04/1943 as a MoMM3. He stayed aboard for BANG's first three War Patrols and then disembarked on 09/30/1944 to CSD61. While aboard he was promoted to MoMM2.



John Robert Caldwell, SC2 (43-44), 98 of Corpus Christi, TX, died January 22, 2018. He was born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1919 at the old home

place on Tom's Creek Road in Del Rio Tennessee to William Patton and Polly Ellen Wilds Caldwell. He was the seventh child in a family of ten children that included Lettie Mae Hensley, Geneva Dockery, Ruth Dockery, Cecil Goodnough, Sue Martin, Hilliard Caldwell, John Caldwell, James Caldwell, Junior Caldwell, and Roy Caldwell. He is preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth



Richards Caldwell and son, Robert Howard Caldwell. John is survived by his three children, Helen Anne Caldwell Gillespie, William Patton (Gina) Caldwell II, Bartley O'Neil (Amy) Caldwell, and by daughter-in-law, Angelica Caldwell; nine grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. John attended Oak Grove Elementary School at the head of Tom's Creek Road.

John was a veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, and was involved in major actions in convoy runs through the North Atlantic to Russia, North Africa invasion at Casablanca, Guadalcanal in South Pacific, Aleutian Islands in North Pacific, a submarine war patrol off the Coast of Japan, and with occupation forces in Japan at end of World War II in 1945. He enlisted in the United States Navy in January of 1940, and retired 30 years later in February of 1970 as a Senior Chief Petty Officer. He qualified in submarines in USS Bang (SS-385) in 1944.



After retiring from the Navy, he worked for the State of Texas at the Corpus Christi State School for seventeen years as the Chief of Food Service Management. After retiring from this job, he and his wife Elizabeth and their two beagles, Rambo and Dolly spent their summer months in the foot hills of the Smokey Mountains at the Old Home Place on Tom's Creek Road with children coming and going and relatives and friends visiting. Winters were spent back at their home in Corpus Christi, Texas. John and Libby were instrumental in the construction of a pa-

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vilion at the Deep Gap Church and Cemetery which benefited the community church and general public. He not only served his country well, but his native community as well.

Visitation followed by Funeral Services was held Thursday, January 25, 2018 at Cage Mills Funeral Directors Chapel. Burial was in Clark Cemetery at Deep Gap Baptist Church in Del Rio, Tennessee on January 29, 2018.

John helped put BANG into commission for the first time on 12/04/1943 as a SC2 and rode her to the Pacific Ocean to assist in the war effort. After BANG's successful first War Patrol, he transferred to Proteus AS19 on 05/28/1944.



Gilbert Smith Wuebker, ET (45-46), 1925-2018, passed away in Sacramento on April 30, 2018 at age 93. He was born in Ellis Hospital in Schenectady, NY in April 1925 to Carl Ludwig Wuebker and Laura Smith Wuebker. At age 16 he attended Kenyon College in Ohio prior to joining the United States Navy in 1942 at age 17 to fight in World



War II. He was trained at the College of the Ozarks as a Navy engineer then was stationed at Treasure Island in San Francisco, California. He fell in love with the San Francisco Bay Area and always knew he wanted to return to California.

Gil served as a submariner in the Pacific on the USS Bang through the end of the war. After the war, he bought a gas station in Schenectady. He was introduced to and fell head over heels in love with Palma Salerno, a young lady who lived across the street from the gas station. Gil married Pam on February 29, 1952. He joined the American Locomotive Company and was promoted to management just before the workers went on strike. The strike eventually caused the company to go bankrupt, so Gil joined IBM where he worked in engineering and management.



In 1960, Gil was assigned to IBM Japan for 4 years. He lived in Yokahama and in the Sagami-hara area with his family of five until returning to the States in 1964 and moving to Atlanta. In 1982 he accepted a job with IBM in the Disk Storage Unit in San Jose and was delighted to return to the Bay Area. After 37 years with IBM, Gil and Pam enjoyed an active retirement, walking 2 miles a day and volunteering for the City of San Jose and for the Tech Museum. In 2005 Gil was recognized by the President of the United States with a Volunteer Service Award for the difference his service made to the community. Gil loved spending time with his family, exploring new places, and enjoying good conversation. He had a wonderful sense of humor and he seemed to make friends with all he came in contact with. Gil is survived by his wife Palma, his son

Carl (Jan), daughters Carol Wuebker (Joyce) and Cathy Drummond (Scott), grandchildren Neil Wuebker and Laura Heimlich (Chris) and great granddaughter Ivy Heimlich.

You may send your condolences to Palma and family at 2067 Shafer Avenue, Morgan Hill California 95037, cathy@wuebker.com.



Rudolph T. Hartsfield, RM (52-55), belated obituary, at age 78, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004. The service was 2 p.m. EST Saturday at Culley's MeadowWood Funeral



Home, Riggins Road Chapel (877-8191), with burial at Aeon Church Cemetery. He

was a lifelong resident of Tallahassee. He retired from the Navy and served in World War II where he was part of the replacement troop for the Battle of the Bulge. He graduated from Florida State University. Mr. Hartsfield was a certified public accountant. He was formerly employed and retired from the Auditor General's Office and the Florida Retirement System. He was a member of the American Foreign Legion. Survivors include a sister, Tensie Shapard of Cordele, Ga., and numerous nieces and nephews including James A. Leonard, Paula J. Adams, Linda Ogle, Marjorie Lee, R.J. Hartsfield III, Meria Barrow and Catherine Kirchgeffner. Published in Tallahassee Democrat on Feb. 18, 2004.



Carl H Hagenkotter Jr, YN (52-54), of Crestview, FL departed this life on January 17, 2018 at the age of 85. Carl was born in Laurelton, Long Island, New York on January 29, 1932 to the late Emily L. Hagenkotter and Carl H Hagenkotter Sr.

He served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1949-1970. The submarine force is where most of his military career was spent. After retiring from the Navy he was a Commercial Fishermen. Carl built his own 40 foot Crawfish boat out of Mahogany. The next adventure was owner of a 75 foot Shrimp Boat and many sizes of Sail Boats. Key West High School hired him to teach students how to safely operate a sea-going vessel with field trips on the shrimp boat (Halcyon). In addition to his Naval Service he was a volunteer for 35 years in the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Key West, FL and Destin, FL. He also, obtained a Merchant Marine Officer's certification with a 500 ton ocean endorsement.

He is survived by his Daughter, Debra, and son-in-law Tim, Daughter Terri and son-in-law John Sr., Sons Kirk and Keith; six Grand-Children (John Pat, David, Kyle, Samantha, Carl IV, Zach), Four great Grandchildren (DeKayla, Carl V, Travis Jr., Anthony).

Most of his life was devoted to his love of the sea.



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LeRoy O. Webb, TM (54-55), passed away on December 30, 2017 of Mystic, CT, was born in Anselmo, Neb., on Feb. 12, 1924. His father was Rev. Louis Otis Webb and his mother was Myra Eberle Webb. The family moved quite frequently because of changes in ministry. They moved to DuBois, Neb., in 1936, when LeRoy was in the 6th grade. It was here that he met his future wife, Irene Cutshall Webb.

LeRoy joined the U.S. Navy May 10, 1942, and was called to active duty in 1943. He was stationed in the Pacific for war patrols during World War II, serving on the Moray and Spot. After the war ended, Leroy was stationed in California serving on the Blueback. Here he married his schoolmate and sweetheart, Irene, in 1946. Before they left California, their daughter, Opal, was born. LeRoy was then stationed in Connecticut in the Atlantic Reserve Fleet, also serving on the Dogfish, Dace and Bang. Here they welcomed two more daughters, Sharon and Janet. The next duty station was Washington D.C., where he attended schooling. The family was moved to Hawaii where LeRoy served on the Bonita, Bass and Carp. He was sent to the Gudgeon where he did an "around the world" tour in 1959, for seven months. During that tour, the men on the boat were able to have a special audience with the Pope. LeRoy also served on the Greenfish before leaving Hawaii. LeRoy and his family moved to Long Island where he attended schooling. After moving to New Hampshire, LeRoy was stationed on the Abraham Lincoln. They then moved back to Connecticut, where LeRoy served on the Becuna, worked at the Sub School as staff, served on the Robert E. Lee, Fulton, Entemedor and as Squadron 2 staff.

LeRoy retired in 1975, as an E-8 after serving in the Navy for 33 ½ years. He originally served as a torpedoman, but later changed to fire controlman. LeRoy served on 17 subs during his Navy career.

He and his family settled in Connecticut where he lived with his wife Irene. LeRoy is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Doug Rebein, daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Ed Kent, son-in-law and wife, Tom and Anita Kapolowicz. He also has six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Irene, daughter Opal Kapolowicz, brother Louis Webb and sister Margaret Webb. A funeral service was held on Jan. 5, at Byles-Groton Memorial Home. Burial followed in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic. In lieu of flowers, donations in LeRoy's memory may be made to the Sub-Vets of Groton, 40 School St., Groton, CT 06340.

LeRoy embarked aboard BANG as a TM on 06/26/1954 from SubGrpOne and disembarked to NavCruitSta, DC shortly after re-enlisting on 03/03/1955.

James Harland Gilbert, EN1 (60-61), 81, passed away on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at his home, Vanceboro, North Carolina. James was born in Breckenridge, Michigan on August 10, 1936 to the late Ralph and Katherine Gilbert. He was a Veteran of the United States Navy having served on the U.S.S Blackfin and the U.S.S Bang for a total of 6 years. He worked for many years as a Principle Technician and Machinist for several Public Universities. He was a member of the VFW.



James will be fondly remembered as a straight forward person. He was considered by many as a Master Craftsman who greatly enjoyed both the craft of building guitars as well as oil, water color and acrylic painting.

James is survived by: Wife of 13 years, Jeanne Gilbert; Daughters, Janet Macones and husband, Patrick, of California; Sheila Burgdorf of Oregon; and Nancy Gilbert of Washington State; 3 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; Jeanne's children, Michael Hardy and husband, Landon, of Mocksville, and Bill Cheatham of New Jersey; Jeanne's grandchildren, 2 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, all of Pennsylvania; Sister, Diania Koehler and husband, Marty, of Florida; Uncle, Jack Gilbert and wife, Jewell, of Illinois; and several nieces and nephews.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to: Riley's Army, P.O. Box 720, Winterville, NC 28590-0720.

Jim Gilbert came aboard BANG as an EN2 on 06/11/1960 from USS Blackfin SS322 and disembarked to USNH Portsmouth NH on 02/20/1961. While aboard BANG he obtained the rank of EN1.

George Thomas Bailey, XO (63-64), Ret. CAPT. USN, passed away on June 27, 2018, in Pensacola, FL. George was born in Gulfport, Mississippi on May 29, 1929 to Stanley and Daisy Bailey. Devoted husband to Annette Lejeune Bailey, George offered a lifetime of service to his family, his friends, his community and his country. George graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1951 where he earned a BBA degree in Business Administration and was an active



member in the Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Shortly thereafter, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on board the USS H. J. THOMAS (DDR833). In 1952, he attended Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, where he received his commission. He then reported to the USS BRUSH (DD745) based in Long Beach, California, and saw extensive duty in Korean waters with Task Force 77. Two years later, he entered Submarine School in New London, Connecticut, graduating in June 1955. Subse-

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quently he served on the USS RAY (SSR-271) and USS SEALION (APSS-315) in Norfolk, Virginia. After a chance meeting on the beach in St. Simon's Island, Annette and George stayed in touch while she traveled the United States. They wed in Annette's hometown of Bath, Somerset, England in 1957. Married for 55 years, they had four sons, four granddaughters, two grand-sons and one great grandson.

From 1963 to 1964, George was the Executive Officer of the USS BANG (SS-385) in New London, Connecticut.

From July 1966 to August 1968, George commanded the attack submarine USS POMFRET (SS-391), based in San Diego, California and made a seven-month WESTPAC deployment, during which time he conducted patrols in Vietnamese as well as Northern Pacific waters. His shore duty assignments include a tour in Oslo, Norway at the Military Assistance Advisory Group from 1959 to 1962 where he served as Submarine Liaison Officer to the Royal Norwegian Submarine Force, a tour in the Logistics Plans Division of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations from 1964 to 1966, and as NATO War Plans Officer on the staff of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe in London, England from 1968 to 1971. George attended the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, graduating from the Naval Warfare Course in June 1972. From 1972 to 1975 Captain Bailey served in the Strategic Plans Division of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, DC. From 1975 to 1977, George served as part of the U.S. Mission at NATO in Brussels, Belgium. Captain Bailey then served as Commander, U.S. Naval Activities, United Kingdom, in London, England from 1977 to 1981. His final assignment was as the Inspector General for the Chief of Naval Education and Training in Pensacola, Florida. Captain Bailey retired from the U.S. Navy in 1983.

After his naval career, George became active in real estate and served as Executive Director of the Pensacola Realtors Association from 1991 to 2000, was active in the Rotary Club of Gulf Breeze, and also served numerous years on the Pensacola State College Board of Governors. While retired, George enjoyed traveling, playing tennis, golfing and spending time with his family and friends.

George is survived by his three sons: Mark (Karen) and granddaughters, Samantha, Meghan, and Mackenzie, and great grandson, Liam of Atlanta, Georgia; son, Richard of Austin, Texas; son, David (Jeni) and grandsons, Boden and Curran, and granddaughter Colette. George was preceded in death by his wife, Annette Bailey; son, Patrick Bailey; brother, Stanley Bailey, Jr.; and sister, Ellen Menetre. A Memorial Service was held on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at Oak Lawn Funeral Home with a private burial following at the Barrancas National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society.

Lcdr. George Bailey embarked aboard BANG on 01/08/1963 from MAAG Norway and served as XO until his disembarkation to CNO Washington, DC on 09/23/1964.



James Dennis Herward, ENMC (64-70), 77, died in his Lynchburg home on Thursday, June 28, 2018. His children were with him at the time of his passing. He was preceded in death by his wife of 39 years, Hannah Loeffler Herward. Born on July 21, 1940, in Newburyport, Mass. Jim was the son of the late James Thomas Herward and the late Julia Agnes Murphy Herward.



Jim was a career Navy man, serving 24 years in the U.S. Navy until his retirement as a Chief Warrant Officer. During his time in the Navy, he served on both submarines and surface ships. For over 20 years, Jim also worked in the physical plant at Lynchburg College, providing the opportunity for both of his children and his wife to graduate from the college. Later in life Jim returned to work on the water as a volunteer for the Smith Mountain Lake based Coast Guard Auxiliary unit. In his free time, Jim involved himself in activities that allowed him to pursue his personal interests. He took trumpet lessons, an instrument he played when he was younger, and for several years was a trumpeter in a local community orchestra. He was a mentor with the local Sea Cadets chapter and enjoyed the water so much he even built several small boats. Jim had a love of Italian culture and taught himself to speak the language. He was a part of two Italian language conversation groups in Charlottesville. When he could, he enjoyed spending time at nearby performing arts venues, particularly when there were operas or Shakespeare plays being performed. Jim was a quiet man but those who were close to him learned that he often spoke through his actions. By watching him you could learn what it meant to be a dependable friend, a loyal employee, a creative problem solver, generous when there is a need, to measure twice and cut once and how to stick things out until the end, even the tough things.

In addition to his son, Bryan, of Madison Heights, and daughter, Megan, of Atlanta, Jim is survived by his son-in-law, Andrew; grandsons, Alex and Jayson, many nieces and nephews, and extended family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make contributions to the following organizations that were special to Jim, The Lynchburg Humane Society, Camp Kum-Ba-Yah in Lynchburg, Va. or Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton, Va. Tharp Funeral Home & Crematory, Lynchburg, is assisting the family. To send condolences, please visit tharfuneralhome.com. A celebration of life ceremony will be planned for later this summer.

Jim reported aboard BANG from the Naval Station in Newport, RI on 7/30/1964 as an EN2. During his stay



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aboard BANG he qualified in Submarines in October 1964 and re-enlisted in May 1966. He transferred to a Navy school in San Diego, CA on 11/12/1970 after promotion to Chief Petty Officer.



David John Schwab, Rate Unknown (65), 70, of Pensacola, FL passed away on Tuesday February 6, 2018.



David was born on October 10, 1947 in Ashland, OH, the son of an Air Force Master Sergeant. He lived in California, England, Georgia, Nebraska, Massachusetts, Germany, Colorado and Michigan. After graduating from Grosse Pointe High School in Michigan, he attended the Naval Submarine School in Groton, CT and then served on the USS Bang and USS Jallao. Following service he worked for Pratt-Whitney in CT, but was transferred to Florida where he also joined the Air Force Reserves as a Staff Sergeant.

David is preceded in death by his father John Melvin Schwab. He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth Schwab of Pensacola; sister, Susan Smith (Colin) of Lewiston NY; nephew, Douglas Smith (Holly) of Youngstown, NY; and niece, Adrienne Smith of Buffalo, NY.

A Private Family Service will be held at a future date at Barrancas National Cemetery.

Since Bang's 1965 Deck Logs were destroyed by a fire at the National Archives, it is assumed that David reported aboard BANG after graduating from Sub School and transferred to Jallao late 1965 - early 1966.



James "Jim" Francis Maloney, TM2 (68-69), 71, died suddenly on Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, just over two weeks after his beloved wife, Agnes (Olsen) Maloney, passed away after a lengthy illness.

Jim was born on Aug. 17, 1946, in Somerville, Mass., the son and stepson of the late Dorothy (O'Rourke) Maloney LaCroix and Maurice LaCroix. He attended St. John's Parochial School in N. Cambridge, Mass., and graduated from Burlington High School (Massachusetts) in 1964, whereupon he immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

Jim was a torpedoman in the Submarine Service, retiring as a chief petty officer after 23 years of serving his country with pride. He then began his second career as a locksmith and founded Shoreline Locksmith in 1985. Jim and his distinctive white truck were familiar sights throughout the area; locals and business owners depended on "Jim the Locksmith" for his quality workmanship and appreciated his cheerful can-do attitude no matter the size of the job. He loved his work so much that a call at 3 a.m. would have him dressed and backing his truck out of the driveway



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later.
Jim was a talented woodworker. He handcrafted the cabinetry in his truck, leading many to suggest he should start a custom cabinetry business as his third career. He relaxed by watching Animal Planet, Friday night wrestling and listening to country-western music. Jim was looking forward to renovating his home this spring in anticipation of hosting many family visits.

He leaves a stepson, David Burrell of Columbia, who respected Jim for caring for his mother devotedly during her last years; his stepdaughter, Diana Burrell Lawton and her husband, Scott, of Bedford, Mass., will deeply miss Jim's stories and his kind-hearted nature; as will his grandson, Oliver, who was planning a locksmithing apprenticeship this summer with "Grampy." Jim is survived by his sister, Jean Maloney-Stewart and brother-in-law, Phil Stewart, of Reading Mass. and their son, Matthew, of Malden, Mass.

A private celebration of Jim's life will be held on his birthday this August by his family. Donations in his memory may be directed to the CT Humane Society, 169 Old Colchester Road, Quaker Hill, CT 06375 or Disabled Veterans of America.

James was assigned to USS BANG as a TM2 on 12/08/1968 from USS Sennet (SS408) and disembarked BANG for SMB/NL SepCtr on 05/29/1969.



Clarence (Joe) Taff Jr, CO (69-71), Belated obituary, 83, passed away Tuesday, July 26, 2016, Camarillo, CA. He was born March 2, 1933 in Hawaii.



Clarence O. Taff Jr graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1956. After graduating he served several duties: on the USS Saipan, USS Canberra, USS Greenfish, Navigator on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, Executive Officer on USS Tench, Commanding Officer on USS Blenny then assumed

command of USS Bang. His next assignments were: Special Projects Liaison Officer UK to Chief Polaris Executive of the UK Ministry of Defense, London, next as Executive Officer of Strategic Weapon Facility, Pacific Banger, WA, followed by Officer in Charge, Strategic Weapons Project Office Great Neck, NY. He then assumed command of Navy Astronautics Group, Point Magu, CA. Captain Taff retired in 1986 with 36 years of active service. His awards include Legion of Merit, Secretary of Navy Achievement Medal and two Navy Unit Commendations.



He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Elizabeth, son, Clarence III, grandsons: Clarence IV and Jesse, granddaughter, Lauren, sister-in-law, Mary Ann Wesey, brothers-in-law, Peter and Tony Kurtin and nieces and nephews.

He will be remembered as a loving, humble and patriotic man. For the past 35 years, without fail, he raised the

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American flag at dawn and took it down at sunset. He will be forever missed but not forgotten. Services will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, August 21 at Griffin Family Funeral Chapels, 1075 E. Daily Dr., Camarillo (805)482-1166.



Richard Gordon McGirr Jr., ETSC (70-72)

Richard Gordon McGirr Jr. passed away on Friday morning, Jan. 12, 2018, surrounded by family and friends at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. He was 80 years old. He was born Nov. 22, 1937, the son of Richard Gordon McGirr Sr. and Frances McGirr.



He served as a submariner from 1958 to 1977, retiring as a senior chief petty officer. He served proudly on the Gato (SS-212), Bang (SS-385), Redfish (SS-395), Tinosa (SS-283), and Sea Robin (SS-407). Richard spent the remainder of his working career at Sonalysts as an analyst. He spent many hours further serving on the committee for the World War II Submarine Veterans Memorial, and was a member of the Submarine Veterans and Fleet Reserve Associations in Groton.

Richard was a deeply devoted, compassionate, and loving family man who had many interests, including his beloved pets, golf, bowling, billiards, classical music, reading, travel and all pursuits intellectual. He was married to Toni McGirr, and previously to Sarah McGirr, whom he survived in 2004.

He is survived by his wife Toni; his sons, Richard and Michael; his grandchildren, Sean, Eric, and Sarah; his sister, Pat Woodland of Seattle, Wash.; and stepchildren, Jeff Zimmerman, Jeremy Zimmerman, Skippy Zimmerman; as well as a niece and nephew and numerous step grandchildren.

Richard was a wonderful husband, father, role model, and human being whose family, friends and colleagues will miss dearly. The family received relatives and friends Jan. 19, at the Thomas L. Neilan & Sons Funeral Home, New London. Interment will be at sea by the U.S. Navy.

Donations in his memory may be made to the ASPCA Gift Processing Center, PO Box 96929, Washington, DC 20077-71270.



Charles D. Bernard, ETN2 (70-71), Belated obituary, passed away Friday, June 4, 2011. He was 63. Charlie was born in Fayetteville, NC, to the late Col. Joseph T. Bernard and Genevieve Rose Bernard. He is mourned by his wife, Marjory (Tsouprake) Bernard, his brother Joseph A. Bernard, his two sisters, Patricia Bernard Steele and Genevieve Bernard, 2 nieces, 3 nephews, 2 grand nieces, and his many

friends.

Charlie graduated from Yorktown High School in Arlington, VA. As a member of the gymnastics team in 1965 he won the state gymnastics championship for the pommel horse. Charlie's undergraduate college career was interrupted during the Vietnam era while he served as an electronics intelligence specialist aboard a U.S. Navy submarine. Following his Navy service, Charlie returned to Virginia Tech. to complete his education. After earning his bachelor's degree and subsequent master's degree in electrical engineering, Charlie worked as an electronics designer for several years.

In mid-career he found his calling when he signed on with Magnavox Corp. to work as a systems engineer on the U.S. Defense Department's Milstar Army terminal program. (Milstar satellites provide secure, jam resistant, worldwide communications to meet the requirements of the United States military.) Over the ensuing years Charlie became widely recognized within the military and the defense-contractor community as an expert on satellite ground terminal design and testing. He was recognized by his peers and management multiple times as an outstanding individual technical contributor. He retired from Raytheon in July 2010.

Charlie's passion in life was saltwater game fishing. His avid pursuit throughout his adult life included fishing the surf on Cape Hatteras for red drum; the surf on Cape Cod for striped bass; the Atlantic waters off Cape Hatteras for Blue and White Marlin, and Yellowfin, Bigeye and Giant Bluefin tuna; the flats of the Florida keys for tarpon, bonefish and permit (57 grand slams); Mexico's Caribbean waters for sailfish, and Mexico's Pacific waters for striped marlin. His dream retirement a life of surf fishing from his home in Cape Hatteras sadly was short-lived.

A Memorial Service was held on Thursday (June 9,2011) at 6 P.M. in the John P. Rowe Funeral Home Inc., 57 Main St., Marlborough,MA. Donations to keep the beaches open to all recreational use may be made in Charlie's memory to the Outer Banks Preservation Association (OBPA),P.O. Box 1355,Buxton,NC 27920-1335. Published in MetroWest Daily News from June 5 to June 7, 2011.



Francis Joseph Marcille Jr., CS1 (71-72), 77, of New London, CT entered eternal life on Feb. 2, 2018, at Yale New Haven Hospital.



Skip, as he was known to most, was born April 15, 1940, the son of Francis J. Marcille Sr. and Stella Ostrowski, later raised by Anna McCarthy. He was united in marriage to Karla Greenleaf on April 27, 1963, in St. Mary Star of the Sea in New London.

Frank grew up and lived most of his life in New London and attended St. Joseph School and New London High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1957, and

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served proudly for 20 years as a subsistence specialist on several submarines including the USS Jack and USS Trepang. Following his naval service, he co-owned the New London landmark Kozy Korner on Truman Street, and was then employed by Millstone until his retirement. His work ethic and devotion to serving was a role model for us all as he often held more than one job, including delivering school lunches with his brother-in-law Dan Long. He took pride in the many pizzas that were crafted from his dough at the Recovery Room restaurant in New London for over a decade. He enjoyed every moment of his time and loved to talk with anybody who would take the time to listen, be it at a Red Sox game, doctor's office or on a barstool at the old Chief's Club at the Coast Guard Academy.

Skip was a card carrying member of the local VFW, Retired Armed Forces Association and Knights of Colum-

bus, and spent many hours sharing sea stories about his adventures, including cooking a steak dinner for John Wayne aboard his submarine in Spain, and dancing with Rosemary Clooney in Naples.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years Karla; and five children, Susan Cash, Denise and husband Jeff Cox, Andrea and husband Nick Mynuk, Barbra-Jean Marcille, and Frank Marcille III and wife Sunshine; along with ten grandchildren, Ashley, Zachary, Frankie Ann, Jeffrey, Billy, Matthew, Adelina, Sophie, Nolan and Alex.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Mary Star of the Sea, New London. Interment will be at St. Mary Cemetery in New London on a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the James A. Greenleaf Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund. P.O. Box 420, Waterford, CT 06385 or www.jamesgreenleaf.org.



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| 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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