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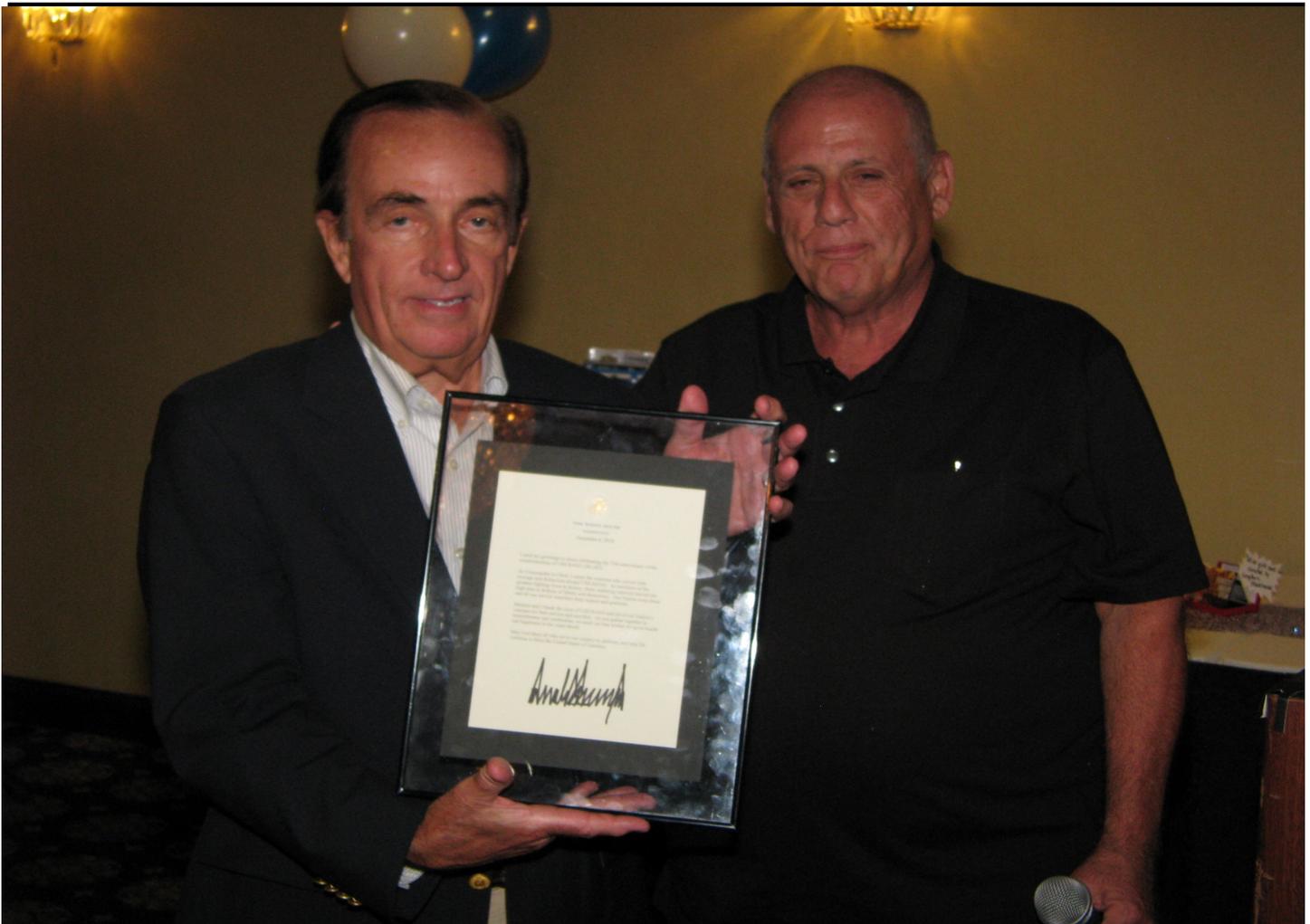
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REUNION ISSUE

PHILADELPHIA , PA OCTOBER 1ST-4TH 2018

Bill Fenton and Host Ike Cohen display letter from President Trump



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

Editor's Notes and Ramble: Hi Shipmates!

My name is Eric H. Ericson, III and I am your new Bang Gang Newsletter Editor. I was a TM assigned to the BANG from 1967-68. I took over from the able stewardship of Phil Beals and Hal Wilkins. This issue is, as you are aware rather late getting to press. I sincerely apologize for the wait, but I was getting up to speed on this new job, and was having a little problem with "qualifying" in Publisher. (See above Torpedoman reference). But with the able help of Phil Beals I was able to stumble along. I cannot express my gratitude to Phil for all the help (and patience) he extended to me. Help he is still affording me. You were a Godsend Phil!



Since this is my first issue, there were no letters or comments from the Bang Gang. For your information, my address, phone number, and email address is on the mast head. But for now I'll put it here, so everyone can be sure to have it for the next issue:

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There is some exciting news regarding the next reunion. Originally slated for Orlando, Florida, however due to some logistical problems, it is now going to be in Myrtle Beach, SC and will take place from September 30-October 3, 2019. The hotel is the Ocean Reef Resort, which is an ocean front hotel. The organizers are the great team of Jennifer Wilson and Paul Schramm who did a great job putting together the reunion in New Orleans two years ago. I'm sure it is going to be another great reunion.

Speaking of reunions, if you missed Philadelphia, you missed a doozy! Ike Cohen and Marilyn put on a 75th anniversary reunion which I feel will be the benchmark for reunions to come. Ike wanted me to make sure he thanked all those who helped make last year's reunion a great success, especially Dennis Obrien, Paul Schramm and all those who helped transport people to and from the airport. Ike is very grateful.

I'll be putting on the 2020 reunion in the Washington, D.C. area. I'm looking at someplace near Arlington and Fairfax Virginia. I originally had Portsmouth, NH and a cruise in mind, but Portsmouth presented some transportation problems, and the cruise, while tempting was in the end not really what the reunions are all about and some people would be left out simply because they are not "cruise" people. So D.C. it is and I hope I see many of you there.

Well, I've talked for a lot longer than I planned, but I wanted to introduce myself, give you an idea what is in store and most of all apologize again for the late newsletter. I promise that the next one will come out on time, and you'll a lot less about me. So shipmates, let's single all lines, set the maneuvering watch, and head out on this new adventure!

Fair winds and following seas, Shipmates!





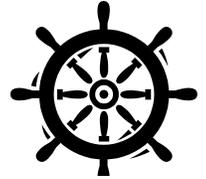
LOST AND FOUND



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 J. Whittet CS (53-55)



JT Murray ENC (46) (56-59)

Robert C Seeley EMC (57-58)

David Randall Grizzle SKSN (71-72)

Alan J Moquin 1C (62-63)

Charles Heater TM (52-53)



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
Gaines Jr.	John	103 Mesa Verda CV	Clinton, MS	39056-5936		68-71
Lott	Paul	349 Knox Way	Hopatcong NJ	07843-1114	(973) 398-6959	70



THANK YOU!

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



**Linn Rogers
Jim Hampton**

**Jim Schultz
Dennis OBrien**

**Jim Klein
Eric H Ericson, III**

THE INTERNET CONNECTION
CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

**Gary Dannenbaum –gsdannenbaum@gmail.com
John Kraft-jkraftus@gmail.com**

Robert J. Whittet 86 of Whiting, (formerly of Carteret), passed away on April 20, 2018. Born November 26, 1931 and raised in Staten Island, Robert resided in Carteret, NJ for most of his life where he raised his family before retiring to Marshall Creek, PA and eventually Whiting, NJ. Robert was a U.S. Navy Submarine Veteran; serving on the USS Bang (SS 385) during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Whittet was employed as a manager at Proctor and Gamble for 38 years before retiring and was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church in Carteret. He was an avid golfer and loving husband, father, grandfather and brother who will be deeply missed. Bob came to the BANG from Odax (SS484) on 02/25/53 as a SN. While aboard BANG he attended SO Sch KyWst on 05/1953 and on 06/1953 was promoted to CS3. He disembarked BANG on 05/17/55SMB/NL.

Charles Heater— passed away on October 13, 2018. Charles reported aboard BANG from PNS as a TM3 on 10/18/1952 and while aboard made TM2 and successfully completed a diver's course at AUW Key West. He transferred to USS TAUTOG (SS199) on 7/29/1955 and eventually became a member of the Navy Frog Men. Cremation Services were provided by Cremation Society of Virginia, Richmond VA.



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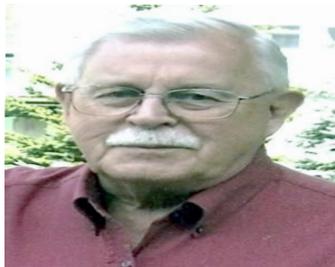
Mr. David Randall “Randy” Grizzle-55 a resident of Point of Rocks, WV died January 26, 2007 at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was the loving husband of Kim Clarke Grizzle. Born September 16, 1951, in Wheeling West Virginia, Randy was a son of Heyward H. and Dora Elizabeth Young Grizzle of Wellsburg, W. VA. Randy with the United States Navy from January 1970 until his honorable discharge in January 1976. Randy served aboard BANG as a SKSN from August 1971 to August 1972. He worked as a cruise director of passenger ships for a number of years, and sold real estate for I sell houses.com. At the time of his death he was employed with the United States Postal Service. Memorial services were held February 1, 2007 at the Etchison Memorial Chapel of the Keeney and Basford P.A. Funeral home. Internment was private.

Robert C. Seely Sr. 90— Resident of Mystic CT. Deployed on Eternal Patrol on November 10, 2018. Robert passed away at the Pendleton Health and Rehab Center where he had been a recent resident. Born in Natick, MA. He was the son of the late Walter and Helen (Grover) Seely and lived in Mystic CT. since 1961. He was predeceased by his wife Catherine (Riley) Seely. Bob was a U.S. Navy veteran serving aboard several submarines including the USS Irex, (his qual boat), USS Corporal, USS Lapon, USS Albacore, and the USS Dogfish. He served aboard USS BANG 57-58 as an EMC. He was honorably discharged in 1975 with the rank of Senior Chief Electrician's Mate. He was a member of the Groton Base USSVI.



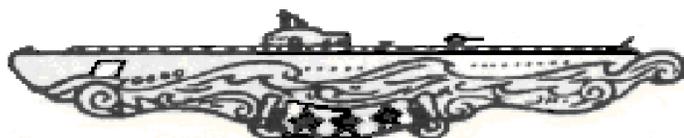
John “JT” Murray- Deployed on Eternal patrol 5/29/2017. JT made war patrols aboard the USS ROCK

(SS274) during WWII. After the war, JT reported aboard BANG as a fireman 1/c on 01/26/46 while she was stationed in Panama. After a short stay he transferred to the USS DIABLO (SS479) on 03/13/46. JT and BANG's paths crossed again on 08/05/1956 when he transferred from USS GAR (SS206) as an EN1 and was put in charge of the Auxiliary Gang . During his second tour of duty aboard the BANG he made ENC on 02/1958 before leaving for NPSch SMB/NL on 06/17/1959. As an aside, John's brother Byron served on the BANG from 1958-1960.



Alan J. Moquin— 81, of Waynesboro, deployed on Eternal Patrol on October 24, 2018. He proudly served and retired as a Chief Petty Officer after 20 years in the Navy's Submarine Service. He

then worked as a planner in the Charleston Navy Yard. Alan embarked on the BANG from SMB/NL on 11/14/1962 as an IC2 and shortly thereafter was promoted to IC1. After completing a successful Northern Run under **Alex Sinclair's** command, he disembarked on 12/02/1963 for NTC GrLakes. He is loved and will be missed by his wife, Chris; son Jeff and grandson Austin of Charleston SC. Son Adam and grandchildren Parker, Alissa, and Landon, of Fishersville, VA. Stepchildren he raised, Carolyn (Steve) Paulding, Mark and Robert Gaynor; sister, sister Janice McDonald of NY and numerous relatives scattered around the country, along with special friends who were considered family. A memorial service was held on November 18, at the Waynesboro Elks Lodge #2270. Alan requested whole body donation through Med Cure to help as many possible. A scattering of his ashes will be private at a later date.



PHILADELPHIA REUNION OVERVIEW

While I'm here, I'd like to give a short overview of our Philadelphia reunion this past Fall. Held in Exton, Pa. a suburb close to Philly, Ike Cohen and Michelle Ostapiej were the hosts and a varied and enjoyable week it was. Tours included a bus trip to the downtown of Philly, where we treated to an up close and personal tour of one of America's finest cities. Tours of downtown included the iconic Museum of Art steps made famous in the movie ROCKY, and many of us retraced Sly Stallone's steps, (albeit at a much slower pace). Lunch was the other iconic Philly mainstay, the cheesesteak. It was delicious, although those who know me, know I've never met a bad cheesesteak. We always visited the country's first post office, the only US Post office that does not have a flag out front. Wednesday was a trip to the waterfront and visits aboard the USS BECUNA and the historic Battleship and Dewey's flagship the USS OLYMPIA. It was rumored, but not substantiated that a couple of former oilers broke into hives upon entering the engine rooms on the BECUNA and confronting, once again, the dreaded Gim-mies. Thursday's Banquet was held at the hotel and proved to be quite a time, a DJ, challenge coins, appreciation letters and the piece de resistance, a personal letter from our chief executive, Donald J Trump Jr. rounded out a very memorable and fun filled reunion. I'm sure we all can't wait until we see each other in Myrtle Beach later this year. I hope to chronicle all future reunions because they hold a special place for me. I've only been to one of my College reunions, I don't go to my high school reunions any more, but I try to get to as many of the BANG's get togethers as I can, and as your Editor, I guess I'll be everyone from now on, which is fine by me, because I couldn't be happier than being with a bunch of guys who over the years have meant so much to me. So that's it. Let's have a great turnout for Myrtle Beach.

REUNION 2018



Jack & Dianne O'Connor



Harry & Jo Ann Ross



The Usual Suspects



Kathy Seader

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Dick & Chris Flanagan



Tom & Rose Hill & Son

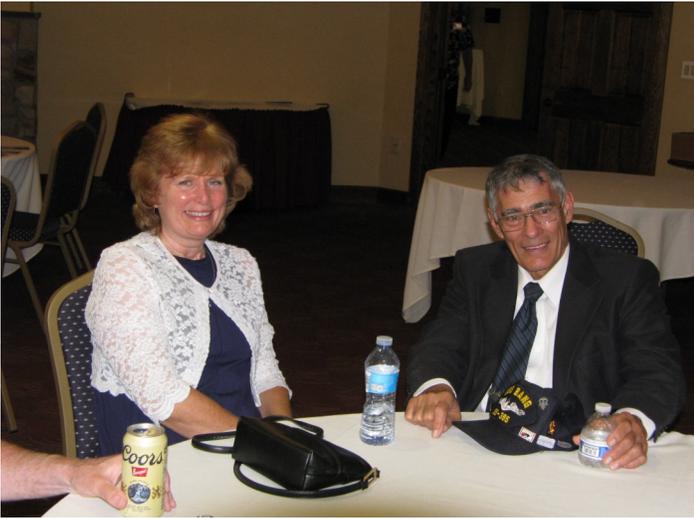


Chaplin Dave Smith & Robert Bridle



Rocco & Nancy De Leo

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 Luis Arellano & Wendy Kingsbauer



 Marv & JoAnn Christenson



 Pamela & Gabe Lewis



 Len Fagotti & Marilyn Barrett



 Sally & Eric Ericson



 Jim & Harriet Schultz

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 **Dot & Phil Beals**



 **Darlene & John Kraft**



 **Alan & Linda Thole**



 **Jim & Yolanda Klein**



 **Charles Kimball**



 **Wayne & Elaine Thalasinis**

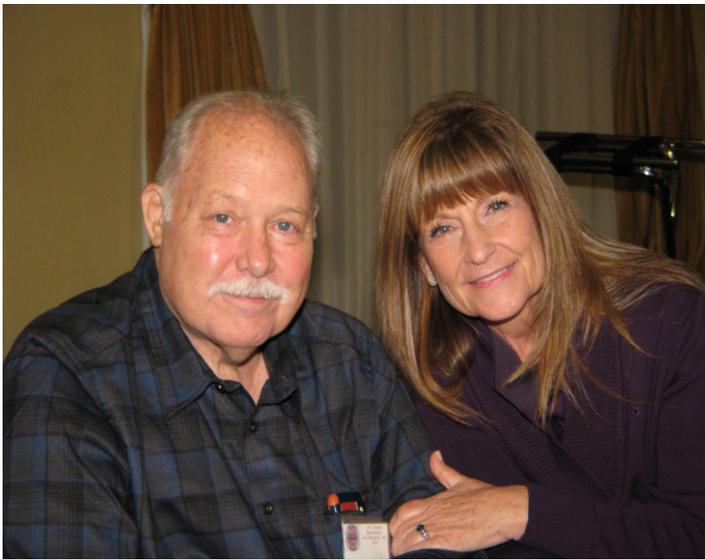
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Ed & Jane DeLong



Bill & Joan Fenton



Jim & Esther Hampton



Denis & Maureen O'Brien



60's & 70's Gang



Harley & Jennifer Wilson

USS BANG (SS385) MEMORIAL SITES

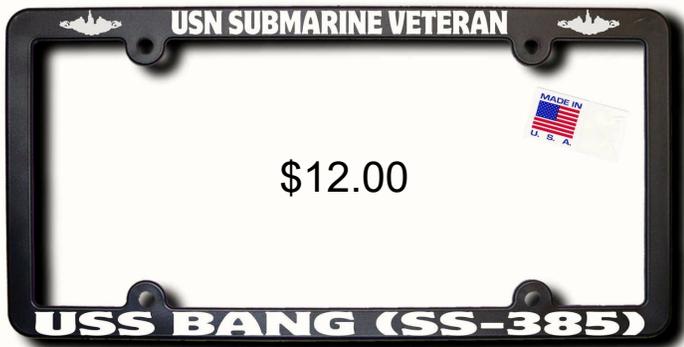
"Keeping The Memory Alive"

- 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.



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SALE!!

....and No Sales Tax either.....

All items are sold at our Reunions or shipped PBW. Send mail orders to **Ike Cohen** 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**.....(40's Sold Out).....\$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.

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Paul Schramm and Jennifer Wilson



Well shipmates, that's it for this quarter's Newsletter. Again, my apologies for the delay and wait, we had some trouble moving some of the existing Publisher records to my newer version, requiring the extra step in going through Microsoft Word. The next Newsletter will be coming out in May, and I promise it will be on time. Plus it will be in a format that will be more familiar to you all.

Before I go, I again want to thank Phil Beals, and Hal Wilkins for all their help and patience. It was greatly appreciated. While I'm on the subject of giving thanks, Philadelphia Host Issac "Ike" Cohen wanted to be sure his heartfelt thanks went out to all that assisted him in putting on a fantastic reunion in the City of Brotherly Love. These include Jennifer, Harley and Harley Sr. Wilson, Gabe and Pam Lewis, Karla Lindquist, Kathy Seader, Darlene Kraft, Denis O'Brien, Frank Steinmetz, Dick Gahan and Alan Thole. Ike and Michelle sends out a tremendous THANK YOU to all that hepped put on this great reunion.

Watch this space next Newsletter for info on tours and costs and menu items for our Thursday night banquet.

Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shipmates!

Eric H. Ericson, III-Editor



BANG GANG BUSINESS MEETING

Philadelphia/Exton, Pa Reunion

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The diving alarm was sounded and President **Bill Fenton** called the meeting to order at 0906 hours and requested all present to stand and pledge their allegiance to our flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DEPARTED SHIPMATES:

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Bill Fenton - **PRESENT**
VICE PRES: Paul Schramm - **PRESENT**
SECRETARY: Harry Ross - **PRESENT**
TREASURER: Ed DeLong - **PRESENT**
CHAPLIN: ABSENT

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Richard (Dick) Flanagan made a motion to accept the minutes as posted in the Newsletter; (seconded); **MOTION CARRIED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ed DeLong gave a detailed report on our organization's income and expenses as of 1 July 2018. It was further noted that when making a donation by check, please make checks "payable to the USS BANG". A motion was made by **Phil Beals** and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report; **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1.) **Bill Fenton** asked first time attendees to stand and be recognized by giving their name, rank, years on board. Those attending for the first time were Dick Flanagan (57-58), Larry Schafer (63-65) and Dave Smith (63-64)
- (2.) Hal Wilkins had to resign his duties as the Newsletter editor and small stores and memorabilia curator due to health and time commitment reasons.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1.) **Jennifer (Klein) Wilson** and **Paul Schramm** will host our 2019 Reunion in Myrtle Beach, SC from September 30, thru October 3, 2019 at the **Ocean Reef Hotel**, a beachfront hotel. The room rates start at \$94.92 plus taxes. All other details will be published in future Newsletters and the BANG website.
- (2.) **Paul Schramm** will take the lead and be sure the 2019 Reunion will be well advertised, and report back to the Board those publications which will carry notice of our upcoming reunion.
- (3.) The 2020 reunion will be hosted by Eric and Sally Ericson. It will be in the Washington D.C. area. The concept of a reunion cruise has been scrapped. Future information will be in following newsletters
- (4.) **Election of Board Officers** will be held this year in Myrtle Beach. Anyone interested in one of the positions, please let your Secretary know.
- (5.) Eric Ericson is the new newsletter editor, Ike Cohen will take over duties as storekeeper, and Dave Smith will be the chaplain when he is in attendance, otherwise the reunion host will assume those duties.
- (6.) Motion was made by Gabe Lewis and seconded by Larry Schafer that the first Comp room will go to the Host of that year's reunion. Additional comp rooms, if any will be split 50/50 between the Newsletter Editor and the Webmaster. The "Hosting a Reunion Guidelines" will be corrected to reflect this revision.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- (1.) An acknowledgement was made by the "Gang" to thank **Ike and Michelle** for a most memorable and enjoyable reunion.
- (2.) **Gabe Lewis** said that the Roster on the website was incomplete. Discussion followed and it was mentioned that privacy issues is the main concern. It was agreed that while we would not post complete addresses on the website, any shipmate who wants could receive a complete roster. A slip of paper was made available for those who want the roster to list their email and Eric Ericson will send it to them
- (3.) As in the past, the Business Meeting minutes will be posted in the Newsletter and the Newsletter will be posted on the website.
- (4.) President Bill Fenton adjourned the USS BANG Business meeting for 2018 at 1031 hours to be reconvened in Myrtle Beach, SC in September 2019.



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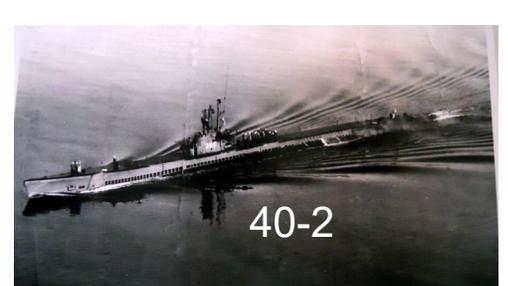


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