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LAST CALL.....Y' ALL
 IF YOU HAVEN'T REGISTERED FOR THIS YEAR'S BANG REUNION
 DO IT NOW!
 YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS ALL THE FUN WITH YOUR SHIPMATES!
 CALL TODAY OPERATORS ARE STANDING BY!
 OCEAN REEF RESORT
 1-843-449-4441 PRESS 0 AND ASK FOR HALLIE OR ELAINA
 ASK FOR THE USSBANG19 GROUP RATE
 BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!





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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.

Hello Shipmates!

Well it's that time again, a little early but I wanted to get out this quarter's newsletter out sooner than usual so that any stragglers or procrastinators can still be able to sign up for this year's reunion in Myrtle Beach. Our Hosts Paul Schramm and Jennifer Wilson have put in a lot of time and work to make this reunion a smashing success, so it would be a shame to miss it. Plus, Jennifer has been in contact with the Ocean Reef Resort and has secured **LOWER RATES!** These rates are shown later on in the newsletter and reflect a significant reduction, plus a new room category. For those shipmates who had already reserved under old rates, do not worry, the new lower rate will be automatically applied. I was one of those early birds, and I was given the new rate, so not to worry. There may have been some of you who experienced some difficulty when trying to reach Group Reservations, (again, yours truly), again thanks to Jennifer's dogged determination, this situation has been solved. The problem was a new reservation system whose time had not come and was eliminated. The Ocean Reef fixed the problem with a new reservation number and two dedicated agents to take care of us. The new number is 1-843-449-4441 EXT 0 and the people to talk to are Hallie or Elena. Again, I called the new number, was put through to Hallie immediately and everything worked like a charm. **Great work Jennifer!** So if you haven't signed up yet, shake a leg. Believe me you do not want to miss this year's reunion.

The snail mail shipmates received a surprise with the last newsletter, it was in living color! Don't get used to it. Staples, our printer had some technical typos and was late on the delivery date so they printed the newsletter in color at no extra charge. So as I said, don't get used to it.

Storekeeper Ike has informed me that the USS BANG (SS385) license plate holders are sold out and at the present no supplier has been found to resupply them. Ike is diligently searching for a new supplier, but for the present time, the holders will be MIA.

This issue is not only early, but as you will see, a little thin. We need some more correspondence from the crew and I still haven't received any Sick Bay notifications, hopefully this means everyone is off the binnacle list, but I doubt it. Please keep those cards and letters coming in, every shipmate loves to hear about you.

Having said that, I received an email from **Lenny Sciuto** informing me that Bantam books, a subsidiary of Penguin Random House has contacted him, and they are negotiating a contract for his manuscript THE DEVIL'S DELEGATION. He says he has received correspondence from Clint Eastwood regarding certain protocols regarding book to movie, so it looks very promising. Great news Scooby! As a published writer myself, I can truthfully say there is nothing like the feeling of that first acceptance letter. Good luck and keep us informed on your progress, so we can all say "We knew him when!"

Next issue should be out between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and it will be a double issue with a holiday and reunion theme. So help me make it a rousing end of year issue!





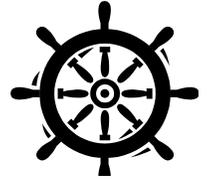
LOST AND FOUND



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.



NONE TO REPORT AMEN!



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.



THANK YOU!

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



**Barbara Gallagher
Eric H. Ericson III**

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76th Anniversary Reunion

Myrtle Beach, SC

Monday - September 30th 2019

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Thursday - October 03rd 2019

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Paul Schramm and Jennifer Wilson



HEADQUARTERS



Ocean Reef Resort

7100 No. Ocean Blvd

Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

Room Rates per night

Standard \$89.27

Efficiency \$94.92

1 Bedroom Condo \$117.52

All rooms are Ocean front and rates include tax and resort fee, rates are good three days before and after the reunion

Reservations can be made by calling the hotel (843) 449-4441 press 0, ask for Elaine or Hallie and indicate you are with the Bang Reunion Group to obtain the special rate

Some of you shipmates may have experienced some difficulty in the past in reaching the resort's group reservation people. The Ocean Reef people have acknowledged this and apologize profusely. The old number was part of a new reservation system that was not working well and has been changed to the number above. I have tried the new number, and it works fantastically! Hallie and Elaine will take care of you and make sure your reservation experience a seamless and anxiety free experience. Below is the sailing list so far, reserve early and make sure you get to see your old running mates.

Robert Bridle
Walter and Becky Cedeholm
Issac (Ike) Cohen & Michelle Ostapeji
Leonard Faggotti & Marilyn Barrett
John & Terri Regish
Mark & Estelle Walerzak
Gerald & Judith Holmberg
Tom & Rose Hill
Wayne & Elaine Thalasinis
Marvin & JoAnn Christenson
Eric & Sally Ericson

Paul Schramm
Johnny & Denise Wilhite
Jim & Yolanda Klein
Jennifer & Harley Wilson
Bill & Joan Fenton



Schedule of events for the 76th USS BANG (SS 385) Reunion 29 Sept-3 Oct 2019

Sunday-September 29th– Early Birds Hospitality room opens at 1300 (1PM)

Monday-September 30th– Arrival Day-Today is a day to check-in to the hotel and renew old acquaintances. The Hospitality Room opens at 1000 (10AM)

Tuesday-October 1st-All Aboard our luxurious motor coach for our 10am departure to Georgetown, SC for Captain Rod’s low country riverboat cruise and plantation tour.

11am-1245pm-Lunch is on your own at one of the many fine restaurants in picturesque Georgetown along the Harbour Walk. We’ll meet at the boat dock at 1245 pm for the 1pm to 4pm tour and return to the hotel around 5pm. Tour cost is \$55.00 per person

Wednesday-October 2nd-All aboard our luxurious motor coach for the 5pm departure for Barefoot Landing where there are numerous waterfront restaurants for dinner on your own. After a great meal we will meet at the Alabama Theater.

Country music stars ALABAMA had a desire to return to their musical roots in Myrtle Beach where they honed their impressive three part harmonies while playing for tips at The Bowery, a local night club. They wanted to bring their unique perspective to the rising entertainment industry on the Grand Strand and the Alabama Theater was born. Tonight’s show, “ONE” brings audiences an incredible entertainment experience featuring everything from Country, Gospel, Broadway, Pop and Rock to plenty of hilarious family comedy. The talented entertainers, extravagant costumes and extraordinary scenery will make you feel like you are in New York or Las Vegas-at a fraction of the price! As always, the charm of emcee and featured vocalist Greg Rowles will make audiences feel at home while crowd favorite Grant Turner, one of the funniest comedians in the country returns as Ricky Mokol with new jokes and antics to entertain and delight everyone. As one theater patron said, “three generations of my family laughed until we cried.” Tour cost is \$45.00 per person

Thursday-October 3rd-

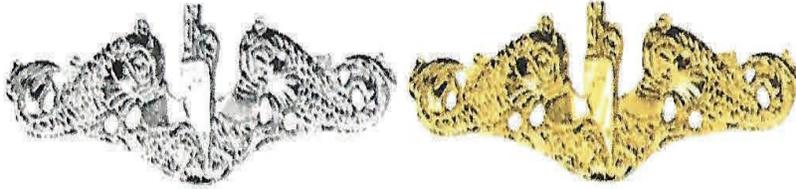
9am-Business Meeting for all shipmates

9am-Ladies Brunch-\$14.00 per person



person





-----Complete form, print and mail to:-----

Paul Schramm-----3402 Onondaga Avenue-----Kalamazoo, Michigan-----49004-1636

YES! I/we plan to attend the reunion!

RANK/RATE:

FIRST NAME: LAST NAME: YEARS ON BANG: TO

ADDRESS: CELL PHONE: () IMPORTANT IF YOU ARE USING THE SHIPMATE SHUTTLE!

CITY: ST: ZIP: E-MAIL:

SPOUSE/GUEST'S NAME(S):

ARRIVAL DATE: ARRIVAL TIME AND FLIGHT NUMBER:

DEPARTURE DATE: DEPARTURE TIME AND FLIGHT NUMBER:

NUMBER REQUESTING THE SHIPMATE SHUTTLE: KEEP PAUL'S CELL PHONE NUMBER WITH YOU: (269) 345-0859

FREE!

NUMBER ATTENDING CAPTAIN ROD'S RIVER CRUISE/PLANTATION TOUR: @ \$55 PER PERSON. TOTAL COST

NUMBER ATTENDING ALABAMA THEATRE: @ \$45 PER PERSON. TOTAL COST

NUMBER ATTENDING WOMEN'S BRUNCH: (DURING SHIPMATES BUSINESS MEETING) @ \$15 PER PERSON. TOTAL COST

NUMBER ATTENDING BANQUET (BUFFET): @ \$55 PER PERSON

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:

HOSPITALITY ROOM STIPEND PER ADULT: @ \$25 PER ADULT.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Paul J Schramm

TOTAL: \$

MUST BE IN BY AUGUST 30TH

GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE - WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE HOSPITALITY ROOM?:



Navy Blue Ballcap - \$8.00 ea.
Solid or Mesh top State Your Choice



6" Window Trilogy Decal
 \$5.00 ea.

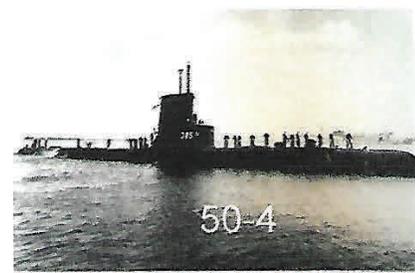
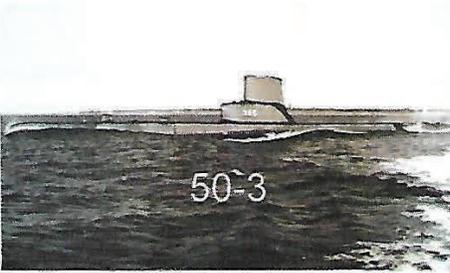
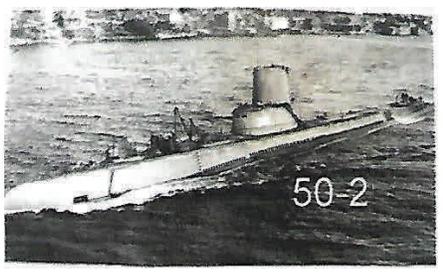


5" Jacket Patch - \$5.00 ea.
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1" Lapel/Hat pins - \$5.00 ea.
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