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# WE WANT YOU!

**TO JOIN US FOR THE 2020 USS BANG REUNION!**  
**AUGUST 26—AUGUST 29, 2020**  
**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON (CRYSTAL CITY)**  
**300 ARMY NAVY DRIVE**  
**ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22202-2891**



# 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.

Hello once again Shipmates,

Well how time flies! It's been a year since I relieved the helm from Phil Beals, and to say the least it hasn't been boring. After a rocky start and some much needed mentorship from Phil, the newsletter, in fits and starts continues to roll out. Now that I'm getting the hang of it, (including figuring out that ON/OFF thingy), I'll feel more and more comfortable with each forthcoming issue. I'll be adding some different sections as time goes by, one of which will be in this issue.

The main body of this issue will of course be the upcoming reunion. It has been quite a roller coaster ride, since we last met in Myrtle Beach. The original venue, the Comfort Inn in Fairfax, Va., proved to be not up to our standards, and thanks to Jennifer Wilson, who has worked on many previous reunions, we have substituted a much better reunion site. It is the Doubletree by Hilton in Arlington Va. Unlike the Comfort Inn, it is right on the Washington, DC Metro, a couple of stops or a short taxi ride from Reagan National Airport, close to the downtown areas of Alexandria and Arlington and the ensuing restaurants, sights and shops. The Metro stop is Pentagon City, to which the hotel provides a free shuttle. This means you are minutes away from any spot in Washington, DC, (the Nationals will be in town that week playing the Mets). Best of all, the room rate is the same— \$129.00/nt. Pl TX, for a far superior hotel! This rate is good for 3 nights before and after the reunion and includes breakfast for two daily. I would suggest that since we are having the reunion in Summer, that you may want to bring along your grandkids for a educational time. In answer to which I am sure many of you are asking at the moment "Why August"? Jennifer and I were looking to have the same dates as before but it was just too price prohibitive. The rate jumped to over \$150.00/nt. We decided to move the reunion forward to take advantage of the lower, more reasonable price.

Then we have the section we call, "Man plans-God laughs" As you are all aware we have a health crisis going in our country at the moment, it is disrupting all walks of life and causing concern nationwide. No one knows for certain when this Pandemic will end and if it will last past the Summer. Jennifer, Bill Fenton and myself have been in constant contact with the Doubletree and as of right now we are proceeding on schedule. The reunion is five months away, I'm hoping that should be sufficient time for the virus to be overcome. However, as I said, we'll be keeping a constant watch and will hopefully have a definite answer by the next newsletter, in June. So keep your fingers crossed for the best. I think we'll all need a break by then.

Finally, as you can read at the top of the page, this is the FPO page which is to be used by shipmates as Phil so eloquently put it, as the IMC. So drop a line to let me know how I'm doing, what you'd like to see in the newsletter, what you like, and don't like. I'm the editor, but it's YOUR newsletter. As a case in point:

In a letter from **EARL LAMB**- Bang Editor, I never served on Bang, but will never forget my first time going to sea on my first submarine as an E2 while in sub school. It was on the USS Bang in 1956. I've served on 5 subs since then 3 Diesels, and 2 Nukes before I retired in 1983. Enjoy reading the Bang Newsletter, so sending a little for the slush fund. Thank you Earl T Lamb TMCM SS (ret).

Thank you Earl, I guess we get around, thank you for your slush fund contribution, your service, and why not join us in D.C. to meet your almost shipmates, Thanks again!



# 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.

**CORNELIUS TIERNEY QM3 (54-56)**

**JOHN W. KLEINFELTER LT (jg) (52-54)**



**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.

**NONE TO REPORT**



## THANK YOU!

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



**MARVIN CHRISTENSON  
EARL LAMB Jr.**

**ANDY McKAYE  
DA IAAMMARINO**

**TOM HILL (SPECIAL THANKS)**

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATES HAVE CHANGED THEIR ADDRESS**

<b>LAUREL MAJOR</b>	<b>5405 BIRCH CIRCLE</b>	<b>WILMINGTON DELAWARE 19808</b>
<b>DENIS OBRIEN</b>	<b>404 NIGHTINGALE DRIVE</b>	<b>MILFORD DELAWARE 19963</b>
<b>IKE COHEN</b>	<b>26 ROSSETTI COURT</b>	<b>BRICK NEW JERSEY 08724-2426</b>
<b>GABE LEWIS</b>	<b>411 MYERS ROAD</b>	<b>LAPEER TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN 48446-3155</b>

**John W. Klinefelter**-Capt. John Winton Klinefelter USN (ret) passed away peacefully on July 4th 2015 at Sentara General Hospital. Captain Klinefelter was born in Seattle, Washington Aug 27, 1925 and had lived in Norfolk, VA for the past 44 years. A Naval Academy graduate "Capt'n Jack" served his country for thirty years. Ltjg Klinefelter was a member of BANG's Third Commissioning crew on 10/4/52 and served aboard until 10/5/54. He served his country with distinction during his thirty year Naval career.



Ltjg Klinefelter, (far right, second row) during BANG's third commissioning ceremony.

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**Cornelius E Tierney**-deployed on eternal patrol on February 2, 2020 in Lansdowne, Va. Cornelius served in the Navy on a destroyer mine-sweeper and later from 1954-56 aboard USS BANG. He mustered out as a Quartermaster Third Class. After Naval Service, Cornelius attended Bryant University, (Smithfield, Virginia) After graduating from Bryant, Cornelius attended Suffolk University, Boston, MA where he received a Masters of Business Administration in accounting. He later received his Doctorate from Bryant University. Throughout his career he specialized in Federal financial management, authoring or co-authoring numerous books and articles on several accounting fields. He was a general partner and National Director with the accounting firm of Ernst & Young.







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26 Rossetti Ct.  
Brick, NJ 08724-2426

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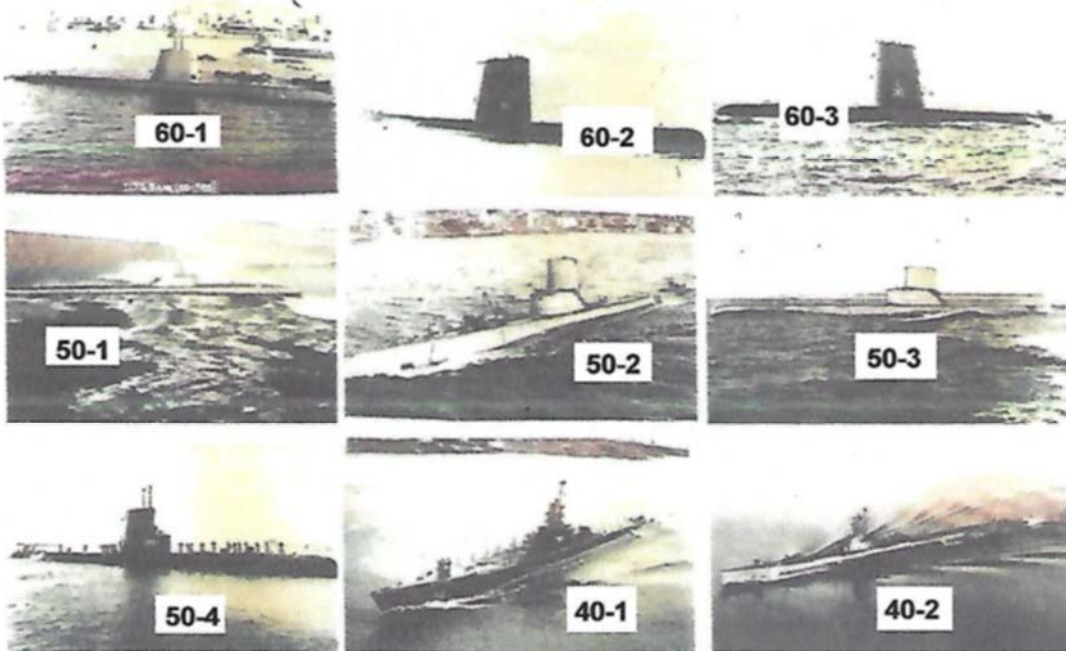


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State Your Choice

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50's



60's/70's

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Challenge Coins

\$15.00



75th Anniversary Hat / Lapel Pin

\$ 5.00



Bang Trilogy

Mouse Pad

\$12.00

## YOUR HOSTS



**ERIC AND SALLY ERICSON  
JENNIFER WILSON**

USS BANG (SS385)  
77TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26TH 2020  
through  
SATURDAY AUGUST 29TH 2020  
Rate is \$129.00 nt./pl tx  
Rate includes Breakfast for Two  
Daily

## HEADQUARTERS



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300 ARMY NAVY BOULEVARD  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22202  
1-703-416-4100**

**CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY AND BE SURE TO SAY YOU'RE WITH THE BANG  
REUNION GROUP**

- Tuesday August 25th—Early Bird Arrivals Hospitality room opens 12 Noon**  
**Wed. August 26th— Check-in— Get “Welcome” Envelope Hosp. Room opens  
at 10am**
- Thurs. August 27th—9:30 am Bus leaves for Marine Corps Museum and  
Mt. Vernon tours**
- Fri. August 28th—9:30am Bus leaves for Washington Navy Yard and  
Nation’s Capitol tours**
- Sat. August 29th— 9:00am-Business meeting/Ladies 50’s 60’s trivia  
6:30pm-Cocktails, pictures, Banquet, Guest speaker  
VADM Richard P. Breckenridge to follow**







## What to see and do around our Nation's Capitol

During our time in Washington D.C. (Arlington , Va.) we will have a fun-filled week awaiting us. With the Double Tree Hilton as our base we will be right in the middle of Washington D.C. The hotel provides a free shuttle to the Pentagon City Metro stop, and Reagan National airport. The Metro will take you to any part of the city in minutes. The quaint, yet busy city of Alexandria with it's famous restaurants and quiet tree lined boulevards is a just a stop away. Further on you can get to Nationals Park to catch a game with the reigning World series champions. They'll be playing the Mets while we're here! From the hotel's hospitality room you have a panoramic view of Washington including the Pentagon, The Capitol building and the Washington Monument. The daily rate of \$129.00/nt/pl tx includes breakfast for two daily, which should prepare us for our two days of tours. I have chosen four tours that I feel will encapsulate America's Military and Historical Heritage for us.

Thursday we will depart for the United States Marine Museum in Triangle Va. near Quantico. Then we'll head on up to Mount Vernon and tour George Washington's mansion. Both sights are very close and not a tiring bus ride. We should be back at the hotel by 5PM.

Friday after breakfast we'll head out to the Washington Navy Yard Museum, again near the hotel. The Navy yard is an actual Navy Base so photo ID is required. I will have more detailed instructions in the next newsletter. The Museum is having a special "Cold War" exhibit right now that highlights the role that submarines played in our actual victory. I'm sure that will be of interest for most of us. Then off to the Capitol building and a tour of the rotunda and surrounding areas, If you watch early morning TV and the talking heads, this is where they film. Then back to the hotel, hopefully by 5PM if the Traffic Gods are on our side! Lunch is on your own each day, but the Marine Museum and the Navy Yard have plenty of places to catch a bite.

Saturday morning we will have our business meeting and the ladies will attend, not bingo, but a 50's and 60's music trivia contest, with fabulous and priceless gifts! That night is our Banquet with, as our special guest speaker, VADM Richard P Breckenridge USN (ret). Adm "Rick" as I call him, is a Naval Academy Graduate Class of 1982. Among his accomplishments are Commanding Officer USS Memphis (SSN 691), Commander SUBGRPTWO New London, and Naval Attaché to former Secretary of Defense William Cohen. His last assignment was Deputy Director Submarine Operations (Atlantic Fleet). He is now employed by Northrop Grumman in Fairfax, Va. Adm Rick is a skilled and entertaining speaker and we are privileged to have him speak to us.

Well, that's a look into what we should expect for our week in Arlington, Va. I hope you all can make it. It is also a great time to bring the kids and grandkids for a road trip to our Nation's Capitol! It will be a week they're sure to remember. Hope to see you there.

**MONUMENTS, STATUES, AND OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST IN D.C. THAT YOU MAY WANT TO SEE OR VISIT IF YOU PLAN TO EXTEND YOUR STAY**



**WORLD WAR II MONUMENT**



**LINCOLN MEMORIAL**



**JEFFERSON MEMORIAL**



**KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL**



**NAVY MEMORIAL**



**VIETNAM MEMORIAL**



**THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES**



**THE NATIONAL GALLERY**



**THE SMITHSONIAN**



**NATIONALS FIELD**



**THE WHITE HOUSE**



**THE MARINE BARRACKS**



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2020 REUNION  
8/26-29 2020



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WASHINGTON, DC

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**YES! I/WE PLAN TO ATTEND THE REUNION**      **RANK/RATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **LAST NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **YRS ON BANG** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **ST.** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE'S/GUEST NAME (S)** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ARRIVAL DATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DEPARTURE DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER ATTENDING MUSEUM/MT.VERNON TOUR** \_\_\_\_\_ **@\$73PP**      **TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER ATTENDING NAVY YARD/CAPITOL TOUR** \_\_\_\_\_ **@\$55PP**      **TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOSPITALITY ROOM STIPEND PER ADULT** \_\_\_\_\_ **@\$30.00**      **TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

USS BANG (SS385)  
2020 REUNION  
AUGUST 26, 2020  
TO  
AUGUST 29,2020



DOUBLETREE  
HILTON  
WASHINGTON  
DC

**ENTRÉE CHOICES**

**SLICED TOP ROUND OF BEEF**

**GRILLED SALMON**

**CHICKEN MARSALA**

**ALL ENTRÉE SELECTIONS COME WITH GARDEN SALAD, VEGETABLE, AND DESSERT**

**NUMBER ATTENDING BANQUET: \_\_\_\_\_ @65.00PP                      TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_**  
**(PRICE INCLUDES STATE AND LOCAL TAX AND GRATUITY)**

**SPECIFY YOUR ENTRÉE CHOICE BEEF # \_\_\_\_\_ CHICKEN # \_\_\_\_\_ SALMON# \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLEASE SPECIFY ANY DIETARY NEEDS \_\_\_\_\_**

**IF YOU HAVE MORE GUESTS COMING WITH YOU PLEASE INCLUDE THEIR NAMES BELOW**

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# THE LUCKY BAG

Ahoy Ships Company—Attention on Deck! (Always wanted to say that)

Well as you can see, this is a new addition to the Bang Gang Newsletter. The reason I instituted the “Lucky Bag” is that I have, in the past, been using the FPO page as a information page and discussing what was coming in the issue, at times putting forth some important issues such as returned news letters, slush fund needs and other house cleaning or mundane incidentals. This is NOT the purpose for which the FPO page was so ably designed by Phil. It is, as the header says, the equivalent of the 1MC. A platform where the Bang Gang can reconnect and renew, share news and learn how our running mates are doing. It is not a page for bloviating by your “esteemed” Editor. Therefore, until further notice, or until we get some letters, emails or other input from the Bang Gang, crew members or significant others, the FPO page will be TAD for the time being. So here is some of what I have in mind, and I have a hunch that I may get some correspondence after this!

You may have noticed that in the slush fund acknowledgements, I singled out Tom Hill for special thanks. The reason is that Tom and Rose Hill gave a very substantial contribution to the slush fund at the Myrtle Beach reunion, and for some reason, it wasn’t acknowledged in the last newsletter. For this I am truly sorry and very thankful. So I am making up for that miscue. Thanks Tom and Rose, your contribution was very well received and much appreciated. As we are on the subject of the slush fund, please remember to send ALL slush fund contributions to our treasurer Ed DeLong. The address is on the masthead, this way the money goes directly to the bank, without a stop along the way. And, as a reminder, the slush is always looking for new blood. So keep those checks coming in...to Ed.

Speaking of good work, also at the Myrtle Beach reunion I made plea to those at the business meeting, to make sure their address was correct and up to date for our newsletter mailings. Well, you certainly stepped up t the plate. As I said at the meeting, we had close to twenty-five returned newsletters that quarter; costing over thirty dollars from the treasury. This last newsletter we had three, as in 3. Great job shipmates! I’ll recommend to President Fenton that you all get a 4.0 rating on your next quarterly performance review!

Well, I hope that gave you an idea how the Lucky Bag works, it is the “writerspeak” equivalent of “OOPS, I forgot to say this.” Let me know how you like it, and how you like the newsletter in general, good or bad. All comments, and suggestions are welcome. Complaints can be sent to [deckape@clamagore343.com](mailto:deckape@clamagore343.com). (just kidding!!). Thanks all, and I’ll leave you with this:

**“Is that your Good Conduct Medal?” the sweet young thing asked.**

**“No Ma'am” the crusty Master Chief replied, “That's my 'I never got caught' medal.**

Take care Shipmates, be safe, and I’ll catch you later!

Eric



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