

# Sea Poacher Association



*Dedicated to the men who served  
on this great fighting ship!*



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## Reunion Virginia Beach

**May 17-21,  
2006**

**Ramada Plaza  
Resort  
Oceanfront**

**5700 Atlantic Ave.,  
Virginia Beach, VA  
23451**



The following is a tentative Schedule of Events.

### **Wednesday, May 17, 2006**

• **1000-1700** – Registration in hotel lobby. Golfers and early arrivals welcome. Packets available for pick-up.

• **1700-2000** – Hospitality room open. Note: This will be a free day for all, with no planned group activities. (Except for those who may want to get in an extra game of golf.)

### **Thursday, May 18, 2006**

• **0700** – Breakfast on your own. Hotel restaurant opens at 0700.

• **0800-1700** – Hospitality room open. Registration in hotel lobby.

• **0900** – Golf outing at Cypress Point Golf Course in Virginia

Beach. All golfers meet John Rabusse at 0900 in the main lobby for details on directions, transportation, pairings and tee times. (\$)

• **0900** – Non-golfers may tour the area and eat breakfast and lunch today on your own. (See Note #2 of the General Notes). Sign-up sheets for tonight's "No-Host" dinner are located in the lobby at the registration table.

• **1000-1630** – Hospitality room open..

• **1730** – Depart for dinner. Car pool departures for dinner at the restaurant you signed up for. (You may also dine on your own, anywhere you choose). Reservations have been made for you at 1800 IF you signed up earlier at one of the three restaurant choices. These are *Dutch Treat* dinners with individual checks. (See note #3 of the General Notes).

• **After dinner - 2300** – Hospitality Room Open.

### **Friday, May 19, 2006**

• **0700-0830** – Breakfast on your own. Hotel restaurant opens at 0700 and many local breakfast choices are available (including fast food chains) within easy driving distance from the hotel.

• **0800-0845** – Hospitality room opens for late arrivals to pick up their registration packets.

• **0900** – Load charter buses (\$). Enjoy guided tours of the Norfolk Navy Base, Admiral's Row, and the Destroyer/Submarine Piers (Tours conducted by "step-on guides").

• **1200** – Seafood luncheon buffet at the Breezy Point Officer's Club. (\$)

• **1300** – Depart on charter coaches for tour of the USS Wisconsin (BB-64), Nauticus and Naval Museum. (\$)

• **1600** – Depart on charter coaches for return to Ramada.

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**Don't Delay!!!  
Make Your  
Room Reservations  
TODAY!!!**

### **Change of Address**

Please let us know of any change of status – address, phone or email. Either call Jack Merrill at 863-393-2138 or Bill Brinkman at 512-255-0285



Bonnie Minchey accepts the Memorial Placque in memory of our shipmate Morgan who served on Sea Poacher as a TM 61-63. Presenting the plaque was Cal & Joyce Cochran, MM 55-56 and Bill & Marie Luttrell, YN 55-56.

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## 2006 Reunion

• **1730** – Car pool dinner departure. Depart hotel in car pools for 10 block ride north to 67th Street Beach Club for Fried Chicken & BBQ Catered Buffet. (Entertainment pending) (\$)

• **After Dinner-2300**– Hospitality room open.

### Saturday, May 20, 2006

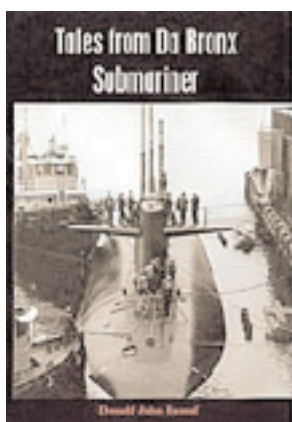
• **0700-0830** – Breakfast on your own. Hotel restaurant opens at 0700 and many local breakfast choices are available (including fast food chains) within easy driving distance from the hotel.

• **0900** – Load charter coaches for trip to Woodlawn Cemetery for Memorial Service at USS Scorpion Memorial. Guest Speaker, Mrs. Beth Duke, followed by "Tolling of the Boats" ceremony. (\$).

• **1130** – Board charter coaches for trip back to hotel.

• **1200 (approximately)** – Lunch on your own.

• **1400** – USS Sea Poacher Association business meeting in Cape Colony Ballroom on second floor.



**Donald J. Kamuf**

**EN 60-61**

Author

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• **1800** – Reception in Cape Colony Ballroom. Enjoy pre-dinner cocktails and socializing. (Cash bars available). Please refrain from smoking in the Cape Colony Ballroom. For your convenience, you may exit to the second floor of the parking garage to enjoy tobacco products. (\$)

• **1830** – Buffet dinner served followed by special surprise entertainment. At least one cash bar will remain open throughout the evening. Please note: Dress for the banquet is "dressy casual". Coat and tie is preferred for men, but not mandatory. (\$)

• **2100 (approximately) - 2300** – Hospitality room open.

**Sunday, May 21, 2006**

• **0800-0930** – Group buffet breakfast in the Cape Colony Ballroom for final goodbyes before departures. (\$)

### General Notes:

**#1** - Hospitality room hours will be posted on the doors. Hospitality rooms are located on the ground floor off the hall to the right of the beach exit doors. Join your shipmates for drinks, snacks and memories.

**#2** - There are numerous sight-seeing and tourist attractions within close driving distance from the Ramada, such as The Life Saving Museum, the Virginia Marine Science Museum, the Norwegian Lady and Neptune statues, an IMAX movie theater and the famous Cape Henry and Ft. Story lighthouses. Information pamphlets are available in the main lobby.

**#3** - Thursday night's dinner is a sign-up affair so you can enjoy dining with shipmates on a "Pay For Own" basis. Three well known local restaurants have been selected for your choice based on their specialties and reasonable pricing: 1. steaks; 2. seafood ; or 3. Italian. You must sign up before 1630 Thursday so that your party will be included in the advance reservation count.

**#4** - Strict no smoking laws must be observed while on charter coaches, in meeting rooms at the hotel, and in all restaurants and eating areas.

**#5** - All functions for which there is a charge will require specific color coded admission tickets for you and your guests. These will be verified when you check in at the registration table to ensure the correct tickets are issued for the weekend. Do not lose your tickets and please have them ready to present at each event.

**#6** - Dress for Saturday evening's banquet is "dressy casual". Coat and tie is preferred for men, but not mandatory.

**#7** - Items followed by (\$) require advance registration and payment. Ticket required for entry.

**#8** - Have a safe return. See you at the next Sea Poacher Reunion.





## From the Treasurer:

**Ken LeBlanc**

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The USS Sea Poacher Assn. has \$12,292.13 in the bank as of 11/10/05. However, we have written additional checks totaling \$3975.00 and have a true balance of \$8,317.13. Most of this additional expense is related to the upcoming reunion.

### Hurricane Relief Fund

In response to our plea for donations to distribute among those Sea Poacher shipmates who were severely affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, we received \$3,470 from 49 donors. We conducted a search for shipmates that were living on the affected gulf coast and contacted them to determine their well-being and the extent of their loss.

From the information we gathered, we were able to narrow the list to five shipmates that needed assistance from the relief fund. It was decided early on that we would add money from the general fund to make each check a whole, round number. The general fund contributed \$155 to the relief effort to bring the total to \$3,625 and each needy shipmate was awarded a check in the amount of \$725. Four of the checks have been hand-delivered and the fifth is in the mail to a shipmate that relocated to Nebraska.

I spent a couple of hours with Marty and Enola Stokes yesterday afternoon. They are both well except from allergies brought on by all the dust in their neighborhood. Their house is a mess. They have discarded almost all of their furniture. The sheetrock has been removed up to four feet from the floor. They have no power because of shorts in some of their electrical outlets. The power company has them locked out until the problems are corrected. They had 9 inches of water throughout their house. Maybe you've read about the questionable evacuation of the drainage pump operators in Jefferson Parish. Well, that's what got them. Enola says it's a good thing Marty's guns are at the gunsmith right now. She's not a happy camper in that regard.

They'll be alright. It'll take time, lots of time.

I gave them a check from the Hurricane Relief Fund for \$725 and it brought them to tears. Choked me up to. They said they will be in touch soon. They just need some time on a computer somewhere.

### Raffle Items Needed!

SHIPMATES! Please consider bringing raffle items to our 2006 Reunion in Virginia Beach. You probably have good Navy related items and books (does not necessarily need to be Navy related) which will be attractive gifts for our raffle which will be held during our Saturday night banquet.

Let Bill Brinkman know what you plan to bring so that he can keep track of the number of items to be raffled.

Examples collected so far are: a purple Navy bear, a Navy tie and a magazine subscription to "Sea Waves"

If everyone could bring just ONE items we could have a great raffle.



**Above: Marty and Enola Stokes at the time of their accepting their Hurricane Relief check from the USS Sea Poacher Association presented by Ken LeBlanc.**

**Below: John and Caroline Majzun at the time of their accepting their Hurricane Relief check from the USS Sea Poacher Association presented by Ken LeBlanc and Mike Kassinger**



where.

Believe me, we have done a mighty good thing. You had to see the appreciation on the faces of Marty and Enola. Well done Sea Poacher.



# Sea Poacher Ships' Store



## SPECIAL OFFER:

**\$ 2 off** if you buy a shirt along with either an Afghan or coffee cup or Tankard as we use the shirt to protect the coffee cup/tankard during shipping:

Afghan + Shirt = \$ 70.00  
 Coffee cup + shirt = \$ 34.00  
 Tankard + shirt = \$ 40.00



ITEM	Quan.	Price	TOTAL
Afghan	—	\$50.00	—
Ships' Patch	—	\$5.50	—
Ballcap	—	\$12.00	—
Coffee Cup	—	\$14.00	—
Golf Shirt	—	\$22.00	—
Etched Glass Tankard	—	\$20.00	—
WWII & Reunion 2003 Video	—	\$14.00	—
Reunion 2004 Video	—	\$10.00	—
TOTAL			—

Please make check payable to Bill Brinkman and mail to: *Bill Brinkman, 4500 Tiffany Nicole St., Round Rock, TX 78664-9466.* Prices includes shipping!



# FINAL PATROL

*I have one consolation that lives  
with me today.*

*That God is near to them, in his own special way.  
So, God in all Your mercy, keep near Thyself the soul,  
Of every Submariner, still on his final patrol.  
Lord, these departed shipmates, with dolphins on their chests  
are part of an outfit known as the best.  
Make them welcome and take them by the hand.  
You'll find without a doubt they were the best in all the land.  
So, heavenly Father add their names to the roll of our  
departed shipmates still on patrol.  
Let them know that we who survive will  
always keep their memories  
alive.*

Bruce Adams, MoMM 44  
Raymond E. Adcock, SN 47 -  
December 1974  
Robert P. Ayer, EN 60 - 1978  
Don Barnes, EM 44-49  
Raymond Bassett, FT 64 - July 2000  
Irwin Battle, MoMM 45-46 - July 2000  
Ray Bayans, EN 49 - November 1983  
Richard Baybutt, FN 44-46 - December 2002  
Reynold A. Binder, MoMM 46-47 - June 1993  
Powell Blair, Pritc, 45 - April 1992  
Salvatore Biagiardi, EN 61 - June 2002  
Federick Boczon, EN 48-50 - May 1993  
Joseph Bole, ET 50-51 - 1995  
John Bornowski, TM 54-57  
W. D. Boulton, 44  
George Bracey, TN 58-59 - USS Thresher  
Norris Bradley, SN 44-45  
Jim Brink, Ens 44 - September 2003  
Josephino Bugarin TN 50-54  
Everett N. Burbes, IC 51-52  
James Burke, EN 44-46  
George Butkis, EN 62-63 - October 2003  
Richard Byom, QM 51 - April 1976  
Louis Cafone SN 44-45 - June 1981  
Olie L. Carden, EN 50-57  
J.B. Carson, TM 53, 56-59  
Clarence Carter, EM 45 - September 2003  
Vinton Carver, QM 55-56 - December 1990  
Murry Cherry, TM 48-49 - April 1984  
Robert Chestnut, EN 59-62  
Raymond Conahan, SA 49 - 20 October 2001  
Arthur Cornish, MoMM 45-48 - 2001  
Timothy Cotter, EM, 44-46 - June 2005  
Richard H. Coupe, XO 61-63 - May 2003  
Raymond J. Cremin, EM 60 - January 2005  
Richard Crittenden, EM 58 - January 2004  
Stephen P. Cyganik, FT 45 - February 2002  
Jerome A. Davi, XO 60-61 - February 2003  
Fred Davis, TM 49-53  
William Davis, MoMM 44-48  
Maurice Demers, HM 48-50 - October 1995  
Robert Demonge, TM 55-57 - August 8, 1996  
Kenneth Deramus, TM 57-63  
Alfred Despang, EM 59, 61-63  
John Dittmer, MoMM 47-48  
Jere W. Driver, RM 63 - March 1998  
Francis Drosch, EN 59 - 1978  
Richard Earl, EN 63-65 - 1980  
William G. Eason, TM 63  
John H. Epps, Ltjg 47  
Morris E. Ezell Jr., QM 46 - June 2004  
Jess Favors, EM 59-60 - February, 2003  
George Fender, EN 52-July 2003

Elwod  
H. Forni, SO 58 -  
USS Thresher  
James N. Forrester, EN 50-54  
Taylor Fox, TM 46 - November 1999  
Charles H. Foy, GM 45-46 - May 22, 1974  
Roy Holland Gallemore, Lt 44-47 - February 2005  
Frank Michael Gambacorta, CO 44 - December 2000  
Warden Gaskins, XO 45  
Robert C. Gaunt, TM 44 - 1953  
John Gerenser, SN 46-49 - 2000  
Raymond Jerome Gillin, ET 58-59 - March 2005  
William Goold, EN 46-49 - June 2003  
John A. Goordman, ET 54-55 - January 1990  
John H. Goss, MM 46-49 - 1954  
Rober Gouge, EN 57-60  
Henry Guthrie, EN 63-65 - 2001  
Bobbie Joe Hammac, FA 58-62 - May 1995  
John E. Harvey, CS 59-63 - November 2004  
Michael Hehmann ET 68-69 - 1993  
Joe Hemphill, EM 44-45  
Jere Hensel, TM 58  
James High, Lt, 57-60 - December 2003  
Dale Holtzclaw, EN 60-61 - 1999  
Scott E. Horton Jr., QM 44-47  
Ira R. Houston, RM 48-49  
Jerry Hucks, Ltjg 63-66 - June 2001  
William Hurt, MM 44-45  
Jack Johns, QM 49-50  
Alfred Jonas, EN 57 - February 2003  
Douglas Jordan, Lt, 59-61 - February 2005  
Matthew H. Jordan, EM 69  
Jerry Jorn, IC 51-54 - 7 November 2002  
John Juricek, QM 63 - March 2000  
Zigmond Kanaszka, EM 52-55 - 1975  
Arthur Keovil, Ltjg, 47 - August 1993  
Carlos Killgore, EM 63-65 - February 2003  
Edward Kilosky, EM 63 - 1997  
Gary G. Kirkpatrick, EN 50-52  
Geroge Klarmann, IC 54 - May 2003  
Leonard R. Kojm, CO 61-63 - September 2004  
Leonard Kroll, TM 52-55  
Harry Kumanski, TM 45 - July 1993  
Stephen Kurkjian, EN 51 - November 1977  
Paul Lacouture, Lt 44  
Thomas L. Lampley, SN, 45-46 - March 2005  
Johnny Lazo, SO 61-63 - December 2002  
Robert Lebel, FN 44-46

Neal Ledford, EN 49-

50 - April 1993  
Charles F. Leigh, CO, 45-46  
Andrew Leslie, RM 55 - January 2000  
Herman LeVaur, MM 61 - 1994  
Jim Lofland, CS 58-61 - January 2004  
John Lorrey, MoMM 47 - December 1997  
John P. Macuszonok, N 49-52  
Robert Madill, EN 49-50 - Jan. 1998  
D. B. Maher, CO 55  
Gerald Matern, YN 46 - 1998  
James L. McCombs, TM 49-50 - April 2002  
William McNeil, SN 47-48 - December 1999  
Morgan J. Minchey, TM 61-63 - May 2004  
John Minett, YN 45 - June 1989  
Rudolph Myers, QM 58-60 - 1993  
William Nelson, EM 52-54 - Jan. 2002  
Bobbie Newell, GM 44-46  
Edgar Nies, RM 49 - Sept. 2002  
Bliss Nisonger, TM 44 - 2000  
Constantine Pappas, SC 44-45  
John Park, CS 63-65  
Nando Passerine, TM 53-54 - July 1980  
Thomas H. Polk, CO 55-57  
William Porter, EM 44-46  
Tracey Price, EM 44-46  
Paul Purkrabek, Ltjg 47 - November 2003  
Allen K. Rhodes, TM 49-52 - February 2004  
Burton E. Rider, EN 51-53 - March 2003  
Henry Robertson, EN 48-50  
Horace Rogers, TM 58-59 - June 1993  
John Ross, SN 44-47  
Bruce Rounds, SN 44-46  
Charles Russell, Lt. 59-61  
Frank Rutzen, FN 55-57 - November 1999  
Ernest Sabol, Ltjg 57 - June 2003  
Richard Sanders, IC 66-68  
Louis Sardo, QM 60-61 & 64 - April 2004  
William G. Sargent, EM 63-64  
Henry Schmidt, CS 55-57  
Herman Schoenberger, TM 57-59  
Sid Schorr, SN 45 - March 2003  
James W. Scott, QM 60  
Walter Seifert, EN 60-62  
Vernon Seiple, SO 61-63  
Ed Sharp, EN 67  
Edward Shook, EM 64-68  
Robert Silvis, SC 45-46 - May 1999  
Thomas Sirici, EN 63-67  
Norman Skiles, RM 58-59 - October 2003  
Frederick S. Smith CP 44-46 - 1961  
James E. Smith, TM 63-64 - 1991  
Ebrue G. Smojcie, EN 44-51  
Nolan (Dave) Spence, ET 54-56 - October 2000  
Yaber Staggs, EM 67-68 - September 1989  
Lawrence Stahl, XO 59-61 - April 2000  
Peter Stea, EN 53 - May 2002  
Ezra Swartz, MoMM 46-47, August 2001  
James Symanek, SA 68-69 - July 1970  
Melvin Syme, TM 44-45  
William N. V. Tackett, EN 51-55 - February 2005  
Frank J. Taggart, FT 56-59  
Joe Tasillo, FA 52 - March 1993  
Charlie Thieme, MM 44-47 - 2003  
Richard Todd, SN 45  
Gordon Townsend, RM 57 - June 1982  
Theodore M. Ustick, CO 49 - May 2000  
Warren Vanderwerker, EM 57-63  
Robert E. Van Meter Jr., EM 60-62 - August 2003  
Peter Wallin, QM 56-59 - March 1991  
Charlie Wentz, YN 56-58 - June 1999  
Ellis White, Lt 44 - June 2004  
Wayne White, EN 61-62 - April 1962  
Jesse Wiles, RM 61 - November 1999  
R. K. R. Worthington, XO 44  
Fred Yarbrough, TN 48-50 - 1990  
Theodore Znuj, MM 44-46

## Sailors Rest Your Oars . . .



## From the President:

**Bill Brinkman**

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After Hurricane Katrina, several shipmates all had the same idea. That we should take up a collection for affected shipmates. Accordingly, the Association Officers set up a mechanism for collecting donations, finding those shipmates affected, and finally, disbursing the funds.

First, since our treasurer, Ken LeBlanc was in the affected area and initially not able to be contacted, it was decided that I would be able to disburse funds on an emergency basis in Ken's absence (I have a second set of checks).

Then Jack Merrill made up a special "SOS Shipmates In Distress" postcard to send to all shipmates that didn't have e-mail. In addition, I sent word out to all those shipmates with e-mail.

The appeal to shipmates to donate was outstanding. Many of those who donated had already donated to other relief organizations, but still sent a check for their USS Sea Poacher shipmates. We collected \$3,570 from 49 shipmates.

In addition, the Association paid \$116.68 for the postcards and \$55 as a donation to "round-up" the checks to 5 individuals to a "real number" of \$725 each.

The affected shipmates were:

1 – **Marty Stokes** (Metairie, LA. He had nine inches of water in his home) He is temporarily living in another location in Metairie, LA.

2. – **Eddie Montz** (Metairie, LA. He had six inches of water in his home, extensive damage). He is temporarily living in Ponchatoula, LA.

3. – **Harold Sander** (Pascagoula, MS) He has moved to Imperial, NE.

4. – **Harold Swan** (Gretna, LA. He had extensive damage). He is living in Harahan, LA now.

5. – **John Mazjun** (Lost his home in Milton, FL due to Hurricanes Ivan and Dennis in 2004)

6. – **Rudolph Swensen**, Pascagoula, MS

Although Harold Swan lost his home, he told us not to send him a check as he was well reimbursed by insurance, and relief agencies and Catholic and Protestant relief societies.

The Association Officers decided to include John Mazjun in the Hurricane relief when we found out that his home was completely destroyed during Hurricanes Ivan and Dennis in 2004.

Shipmates, one big problem with an event like Hurricane Katrina is that we've had problems finding shipmates after the event is over. If you suffer damages in the future due to a large event such as a hurricane, please remember to contact any one of the Association Officers as to your damages and new address.

As you can see from Ken LeBlanc's column, we're still trying to find Harold Sander and Rudolph Swensen at this time. If you know their address, please contact us.

Ken LeBlanc is presently planning on visiting all the affected shipmates and delivering the checks on behalf of the USS Sea Poacher Association.

## Membership Roll

The following is a list of paid-up members. Are you on this list? If not, why not?

### LIFETIME MEMBERS

Robert Abbott	Larry Garrett	Jack Nims
Bob Acor	Ron Godwin	Paul Ogg
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Dave Andres	Ray Heckroth	Dewey Reed
Ted Anthony	Bill Hellmer	Larry Reiche
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Cal Cochrane	Ken LeBlanc	Richard Stickney
Lawrence Colwell	Frank Lederer	Marty Stokes
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Bill Crismon	John Mach	Robert Sumner
William Deitrich	Ken Manion	Chester Taylor
Alfred Dickey	Mark Markham	Tommy Thompson
William Donnelan	Robert Matheny	James Tryon
Merlyn Dorrheim	John Mazjun	Ed Urban
Daniel Dybala	Jim McClanahan	Don Waltrop
Leon Eggleston	Carl McCutcheon	Arne Weinfurter
Jack Ensminger	Jack Merrill	Larry Weinfurter
Buster Flaskas	Eddie Montz	James Weston
Dante Fortini	Joe Murdoch	Olin Williams
Richard Fox	Gary Nagle	George Wyse
Harold Gall	Jon Nagle	Bruce Young

### MEMBERS

Dewey Akins	Daniel Eberhardt	Ron Patterson
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Vernon Barnett	Francis Evens	Robert Poteet
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Rodney Benefield	Ralph French	Roy Randall
Richard Bernotiet	Harold Gall	Mark Richwine
Ray Binns	Arthur Geddes	Robert Roth
Stanley Bissen	James Gentry	John Saeli
Donald Blomquist	Lyle Gillette	Herman Scallen
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Warren Burkett	Jimmie E. Hickman	John Sohl Jr.
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Don Cipra	Jim Lemmerman	Terry Tague
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William Cook	Buster McCollum	Ron Thompson
James Deming	Peter McCormack	Albert Turbeville
Ray Dicaire	Daniel McLaren	Tony Tuttbene
William Docekal	Thomas Nein	Andrew Viers
Charles Donnelly	Charles O'Baker	Ed Voloka
William Dougherty	Charles Owen	Ross Wesner
William Douthit	Roy Palmer	Don Wilkison
John Dubbs	William Parhamenko	Lee Yonts

If your name does not appear here . . . Why not??? Please help support your association!!!! Dues are \$10 per year or \$100 for a life membership. Please make check payable to "Sea Poacher Association" and Mail to: Bill Brinkman, 4500 Tiffany Nicole St., Round Rock, TX 78664-9466





J. J. Lynch, CS 59-62, presents Memorial Plaque to Lucy Higley the wife of departed shipmate William Higley, SO 60-61. Looking on is Milt Beard, EM 57-59 and Dan Eberhardt, EN 57-59. Also present was Bill's daughter Jennifer Platts.

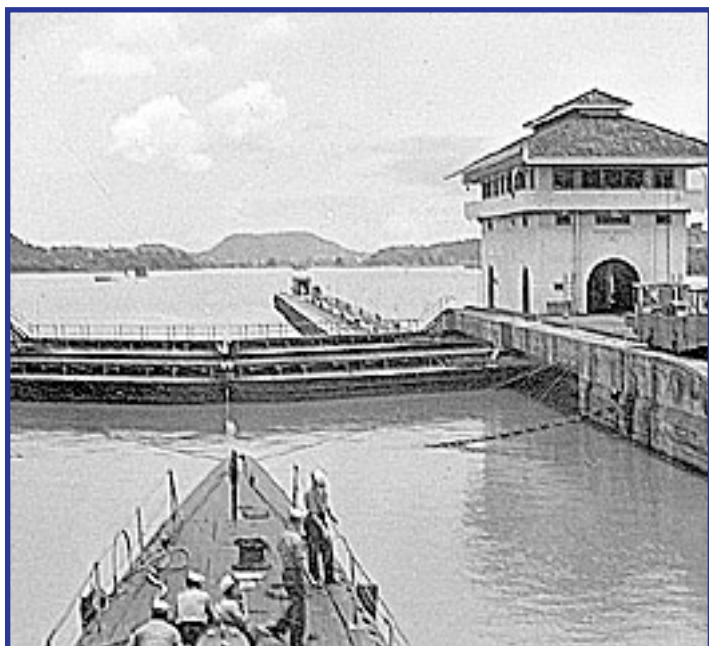
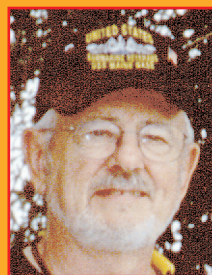


Photo courtesy of Bob Sumner, EN 60-63

Sea Poacher in one of the locks of the Panama Canal.



## From the Editor:

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From left to right: Larry Weinfurter, Gerald "Joe" Joseph and myself on a recent visit to Wisconsin.

The last week of October I completed a long time dream of traveling across this great country and visiting friends and shipmates along the way.

I left Florida last May and along with my fiancée, Sandra, we headed up to Maine visiting Savannah, GA; Asheville, NC; Durham, NC; Roanoke, VA; Williamsburg, VA; Virginia Beach (to check out our accommodations for the reunion), and Plymouth Plantation in MA.

While passing through Rhode Island I stopped to look up Bob Bradley, TM 58-62 (I worked for him in the ATR). But unfortunately I missed him. I hope to see him at the Reunion in May.

Sandra had to go back to work so she flew back to Florida and I spent a few more weeks in Maine, I went back to NC and VA for a couple of weeks visit with my daughters.

I then headed to Wisconsin, stopping in West Virginia for dinner with Dick Jennison, EM 60-64. We had a great time chatting about the old days. He is well.

I then continued on up to Wisconsin where I spent some time with Russ Bauer and Joe Joseph. I can't tell you how much I appreciate their hospitality. Although it had been some 40 plus years since we last saw each other, it seemed like yesterday.

This column is not long enough to go into detail. But I visited some 30 plus ex-Sea Poacher sailors.

I wish I could have visited more, but in Salinas, California my trailer was hit by a car and I was stuck there for a month and a half. Luckily, there was a USS Chopper shipmate in the area who put me up.

In spite of the accident, I can truthfully say the trip was well worthwhile and I got to see a lot of the sights that I hadn't seen in years.

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Bill Brinkman and Jack Merrill standing next to fixed wing glider. Proof that we survived the landing!

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Sandra flew out to CA to drag me back to FL. Along the way back we stopped to visit our Association President Bill Brinkman and he took me soaring in a fixed wing glider. We had a great time and really appreciate Bill and Lin's hospitality.

All that being said, that is the reason this edition of your newsletter is late, It should have come out around the 1st and will more likely be toward the last of the month.

I was just having TOO much fun.

## Shipmates!

### 2006 Dues are Due!

There are some 73 shipmates who have not paid their 05-06 dues. The Sea Poacher Association needs your support. Please help by getting paid up today!





## REGISTRATION FORM

### USS Sea Poacher (SS406)



## REUNION 2006

Shipmate Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Apt. PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ (If more than one guest, please place number in box and add names on reverse side of his sheet).

### Required Registration & Event Fees

	Shipmate	\$ 75.00
	( ) – Guests @ \$35.00 ea =	\$
This fee covers all charter coach transportation, plus the costs involved in outfitting the hospitality rooms, as well as entertainment fees, and other associated reunion costs to ensure a successful, enjoyable event for all shipmates and guests.		
<b>Thursday</b>		
Golf Round @ Cypress Point (fee includes cart)	( ) – Golfers @ \$33.00 ea =	\$
<b>Friday</b>		
Seafood Lunch Buffet	( ) – Dining @ \$12.00 ea =	\$
USS Wisconsin, Nauticus, Navy Museum	( ) – Touring @ \$8.00 ea =	\$
BBQ & Fried Chicken Buffet	( ) – Dining @ \$15.00 ea =	\$
<b>Saturday</b>		
Evening Banquet Buffet	( ) – Dining @ \$40.00 ea =	\$
<b>Sunday</b>		
Morning Farewell Breakfast	( ) – Dining @ \$20.00 ea =	\$
<b>Registration Deadline is April 30, 2006</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	

Please complete the registration form and mail, along with a check for the full amount to:

**Bill Brinkman, 4500 Tiffany Nicole St., Round Rock, TX 78664-9466.**

Email contact: [seapoacher@austin.rr.com](mailto:seapoacher@austin.rr.com)

Make checks payable to: **Sea Poacher Association**

## Be Sure To Make Your Reservations Early!!!

Here are the steps to make your room reservations.

Ramada has given us outstanding nightly room rates of \$109.00 for an oceanfront room, and \$89.00 for a non-oceanfront room. ALL rooms in our 100 rooms 'block' will have ocean views, but the oceanfront rooms actually face the Atlantic. One and two bedroom suites are also available at \$225 and \$325 per night respectively. All rates are for single/double occupancy. Approximately 14% State and local taxes per night will be added. These very special rates will be in effect for 3 days prior to 5/17/06 and for 3 days following 5/21/06, for those who may wish to come early or stay late.

The Reservations Account has already been established, and shipmates can begin to make reservations NOW. Individuals are responsible for making their own room reservations and can do so anytime by calling 1-800-365-3032. Be sure and tell them you are booking for the **SEA POACHER REUNION**.

If you should experience any problem making your reservations, please call Bill Brinkman at 512-255-0285.