

# SEA POACHER ASSOCIATION



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

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## **LOOSE LIPS—SINK SUBMARINES**

Some of you may know this story, but I heard it for the first time recently on a radio talk show which was discussing the book *NO EASY DAY* on the SEAL mission to get Osama Bin Laden. It was on leaking classified information. There was a comment involving World War II submarine depth charge operations by the Japanese. I checked the Internet and there are dozens of citations on this. It seems that Andrew Jackson May of Kentucky, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1931 to 1947, in 1943 was briefed on flaws in Japanese anti-submarine depth charges. Our submarines had been conducting very successful undersea warfare against Japanese shipping and were frequently escaping depth charge attacks, because their depth charges were typically fused to explode too shallow. At a press conference in June 1943, May revealed this highly sensitive and classified fact. The story was sent over the wires and many newspapers printed it. Shortly thereafter, their depth charges were adjusted to explode at a deeper depth. Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, Commander of the U.S. Pacific Submarine Fleet, later estimated that May's security breach cost as many as 10 submarines and 800 crewmen killed in action. The below photo is the bow of a U.S. submarine sunk off Japan 3 months later by depth charges although mines and other means cannot be ruled out. Taken by Vladimar Kartashev in July 2006. Can you figure out what submarine this is?



During World War II, May was also involved with businessmen seeking lucrative munitions contracts from the U.S. Government. After the war, a Senate investigating committee, reviewing the situation, discovered evidence that May had received substantial cash payments and other inducements from those contractors who were producing 4.2 inch mortar shells with defective fuses, resulting in premature detonation and the deaths of 38 American soldiers. After an 11 week trial, May was convicted by a federal jury on 3 July 1947, after less than two hours of deliberation, on charges of accepting bribes (about \$53,000) to use his position as Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee to secure munitions contracts. He subsequently served nine months in prison and was not required to pay any fine. However, he continued to retain some influence in Democratic party politics, and President Truman granted him a full pardon in 1952, and May was able to return to his law practice. He died in 1959 at the age of 84.

# THE 2014 SEA POACHER REUNION



You are in for a treat when you attend the upcoming 2014 Sea Poacher reunion in Charleston, South Carolina. Charleston is rated the top US City and the third best city in the world for tourists. Home to the first American museum, theater, revolutionary war victory, shot of the civil war, railroad and submarine to sink an enemy ship, Charleston has a lot to offer. And there will be a special surprise treat in store for all attendees. With direct flights from 14 cities, Charleston is very easy to get to. Remember, mark your calendars for April 29 to May 3, 2014. The registration form will be in an upcoming newsletter and also on the Sea Poacher web page, "seapoacher.com". If you have any questions you can email me at [jknmm1ss@gmail.com](mailto:jknmm1ss@gmail.com). Look forward to seeing you all here.

## 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY - CUBA

Yes, the 50th Anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis should have been mentioned in the October Newsletter, but your Editor forgot despite also being there. Oh well, President Bill Brinkman did not and submitted a Sea Poacher article to the Nautilus Submarine Force Museum (at their request) that was published in their Newsletter PING in October 1-12 as Issue #21. You can find it on the Internet and there is a convenient link to them on our website. Or you can read it in our WE REMEMBER SEA POACHER in Jigger's chapter.

During that dramatic confrontation, ships and aircraft of the U.S. Navy formed a blockade around the island of Cuba, to put a stop to Soviet efforts to build an offensive nuclear force on that island nation. In the fall of 1962, SEA POACHER was deployed with other Atlantic Fleet units to take part in contingency operations during the period of the Cuban Blockade and Quarantine, 24 October through 31 December 1962. There were some tense moments during that operation, and again many of those stories are detailed in our book.

The Secretary of the Navy awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal to 223 ships and 42 combined units for this Action offshore Cuba.

SEA POACHER WAS THE ONLY SUBMARINE TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD.

# REPORT FROM 406 ASSOCIATION TREASURER HUBERT JACKSON

## BEGINNING BALANCE ON 3 MAY 2012

Memorial Fund.....	\$1,779.36
Humanitarian Fund.....	\$1,420.00
General Fund.....	\$19,557.31
Bank Balance.....	\$22,756.67

Debit Activity	Check#	Amount	Purpose
May	317	500.00	Holiday Inn Charleston Deposit
	Bank Withdrawal	2.50	Fee for Canadian Money Order
June	318	137.15	Postage for Newsletter
	319	432.15	Printing of Newsletter
July and August	No Debit Activity		
September	320	93.60	Postage for Newsletter
	321	333.83	Printing of Newsletter
October	322	200.00	Donation KAPPS4KIDDS Fund
November	323	596.22	476.36 from General Fund for Ships Stores and Postage. 119.86 from Memorial Fund for Plaques/Shipping

Deposit Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose	To
May	No Deposit Activity			
June	6/27	79.00	Ships Stores	General Fund
July	7/23	78.00	Ships Stores	General Fund
August	8/27	225.00	Donation	Memorial Fund
September	No Deposit Activity			
October	10/15	100.00	Life Membership	General Fund
November	No Deposit Activity to Date			

## ENDING BALANCE ON 10 NOVEMBER 2012

Memorial Fund.....	\$1,884.50
Humanitarian Fund.....	\$1,420.00
General Fund.....	\$17,638.72
Bank Balance.....	\$20,943.22

## DAMAGES SUPERSTORM SANDY?

Bill Brinkman has taken the lead here, and just as with Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma, the Association Officers are trying to determine the storm impact on shipmates. Emails have been sent to those in the area to ascertain any un-insured damages and to lend a helping hand and/or donation. This article also seeks this information from those who do not have email or lost computer services.

If there are such un-insured damages, we will on a case by case basis, determine the use of our Humanitarian Fund to assist and depending on the extent of damages, we may also attempt to solicit more funds from our shipmates if the need exceeds our Humanitarian Fund resources. Just like the hurricanes, it might take months to determine the real impact as we had shipmates move to other places, but we eventually supported five affected shipmates. Two of these were not even members and both immediately sent back \$100 to become Life Members. I guess they figured that any Association that sends you funds and you aren't even a member...is a great Association! Accordingly, please contact Bill or any Association Officer if you have been affected by Sandy. Some responses have already been received, and thankfully no damage has been reported to date.



# WHAT'S NEW AT THE BARRACKS



Publisher Bill Dukacz IC67-68 and John Romeo IC68-69 at the Key West Submarine Barracks with John's new 1968 Ford Fairlane 500. Duke called it Sweet! Photo by QM called TREE. John unexpectedly went on Eternal Patrol 30 May 2012, just after participating in our San Antonio Reunion. His wife Aggie is planning on Charleston.

## WWII SUBVETS DISBAND

From West Coast Posse Leader Rustler Bob Henry and the Associated Press. They had seen this coming for a long time. At their National Convention in September 2012 in Norfolk, only 62 veterans attended where thousands used to go. The U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II disbanded at the end of its convention. Local chapters now must decide whether to continue operating under another name or to dissolve. Of the 1,100 remaining members the youngest is 86 and the oldest is 102, and they could not remain a viable national organization. Three years ago they wanted to keep it going "until the last man was gone." However, it was too difficult to find members able to serve as officers and to complete the administrative tasks. The organization was established in 1955 to honor submarine veterans who served in World War II. Submarines were just 2 percent of the Navy's fleet then, but subs sank more than 30 percent of the Japanese Navy and nearly 5 million tons of shipping. About 16,000 men served on submarine war patrols. The submarine force lost 52 boats and more than 3,500 men. They established memorials all over the country. The submarine veterans considered themselves a unique group and that uniqueness forged a strong bond. The end of the organization represents the end of an era where they were able to get together and blow their own horn, remembering the circumstances under which they fought. They lived the horror and the glory, but no longer needed the administrative burdens of a federally chartered organization to preserve their memories. They will never be forgotten, and it is sad they had to disband.

Many of the group are also members of USSVI which has began maintaining the memorials and conducting ceremonies when the WWII Subvets could no longer do it. West Coast Posse Member John Savory also noted that the local WWII San Diego Chapter closed immediately and brought in its remaining members to the USSVI Doug Smay Chapter, which was established at the Point Loma Sub Base to pass the baton from WWII Subvets to USSVI. This received major recognition in a September 2012 Union Tribune article including the 52 Boat Memorial Project they worked so hard to establish at the San Diego Naval Training Center. Doug Smay, whose father was a WWII Subvet, tried to serve in submarines after the war but was physically disqualified. However, this did not discourage his love of submarines, and he spearheaded the 52 Boat Memorial Project. He now meets with his namesake chapter.

# MEMBERSHIP JANUARY 2013

Robert Abbott  
Robert Acor  
Charles Ahler  
Dewey Akins  
Paul Allers  
Peter Amunrud  
David Andres  
Ted Anthony  
Ed Ashedon  
Charles Auclair  
Les Axford  
Vernon Barnett  
Russell Bauer  
Amelia Beers  
Harvey Benson  
Carol Bergs  
Truman Bernhard  
Richard Bernoteit  
Charles M. Birk  
Douglas Bishop  
Stanley Bissen  
James Blackmon  
Kenneth Bonnell  
George Boyajian  
Bob Bradley  
Fred Brattain  
John Brill  
Deidre Bridewell  
Bill Brinkman  
Leroy Broadbent  
William Buckley  
James Burgett  
Warren Burkett  
Russell Burrows  
Frank Calderone  
Richard Carlson  
Dick Carney  
Leo Carr  
Kent Carroll  
John Chaich  
James Clark  
Norm Clark  
Richard Clubb  
Ralph Cobb  
Cal Cochrane  
Lawrence Colwell  
William Cook  
Carolyn Cooley  
James Cooney  
Billy Cowart  
Bill Crismon  
Walter Culp  
Jolene Darnold  
James Demming  
Richard Dempsey  
Tom Deuley  
Floyd Dickerson  
Betty Dickey

William Dietrich  
William Donnelan  
Charles Donnelly  
Merlyn Dorrheim  
William Dougherty  
Jack Dubbs  
Bill Dukacz  
Dan Dybala  
Richard Earl  
Martha D. Easley  
Daniel Eberhardt  
Fred Edwards  
Leon Eggleston  
Richard Elliott  
David Elmore  
Jack Ensminger  
Ellwood Erickson  
Garl Eubank  
Francis Evans  
Buster Flaskas  
Robert Ford  
Dante Fortini  
Richard Fox  
Ron Fraley  
Harold Gall  
Larry Garrett  
Barbara Geddes  
Louise Gentry  
Ed Gibbons  
William Gibson  
Lyle Gillette  
Ron Godwin  
Billy Gorsuch  
Jack Graham  
David Green  
John Greenville  
Lillian Guilbault  
Mildred Gusler  
Tom Haire  
Jim Halbert  
Carol Hale  
John Hallam  
Dave Harms  
William Hayes  
Carl Headland  
Frances Heckroth  
Bill Hellmer  
Bob Henry  
Marjorie Hickman  
Dick Holtz  
Billy Howerton  
Jerry Houchens  
Harry Huggins  
C.R. Humphries  
Rodney Ihrig  
William H. Jackson  
Richard Jennison  
Arnold Johnson

Gerald Joseph  
Ivan Joslin  
Mike Kassinger  
Allen Katen  
David Keffeler  
Gerald Keffer  
Kenneth Kile  
Chuck Kilgore  
Terry Kleineweber  
Terry Kopansky  
Ray Krivascy  
Richard Laake  
Troy Law  
Robert Lawrence  
Carroll Lawson  
Gail LeBlanc  
Frank Lederer  
Ted Lee  
James Lemmerman  
George Lockwood  
John Love  
Jerry Loveless  
Nathan Lundy  
Bill Luttrell  
JJ Lynch  
John Mach  
Ken Manion  
Mark Markham  
Robert Matheny  
Earl Mathews  
John Mazjun  
Jim McClanahan  
Buster McCollum  
Karen McCommas  
Carl McCutcheon  
Daniel McLaren  
James McNerney  
Jack Merrill  
Ty Merritt  
Mark Mordecai  
Joe Murdoch  
Anna Murphy  
Lester Murray  
Joe Musgrave  
Gary Nagle  
Jon Nagle  
John Nicholoy  
Jack Nims  
Charles O'Baker  
Julius O'Bannon  
James Ochs  
John O'Grady  
Paul Ogg  
William Parhamenko  
Ron Patterson  
Charles Peppler  
Dale Petersen  
Tom Polen

James Powers  
Henry Primeaux  
Jeanne Rabuse  
Charles Rager  
Dewey Reed  
Larry Reiche  
Zelda Richwine  
David Richter  
Dick Rigger  
Roy (Luke) Riley  
David Ringland  
Robert Ritz  
Nick Romano  
Agnes Romeo  
Salvatore Rosina  
Robert Roth  
Martin Ruch  
Marcelle Rull  
John Saeli  
John Savory  
Herman Scallan  
Bob Schindhelm  
Karl Schipper  
Ron Schnars  
Russell Schondorf  
Donald Schwartz  
William Sharp  
Ben Sheldon  
Harry Sherman  
Delvin Smith  
John Smith  
Rick Smock  
John Snook  
Fred Socha  
John Sohl  
Bill Sokoloski  
Vincent Sottile  
Richard Stickney  
Marty Stokes  
Chuck Strand  
Evelyn Strunk  
Tom Sudgen  
Robert Sumner  
Glenn Suttle  
Terry Tague  
Chester Taylor  
Ed Thompson  
Ron Thompson  
James Thompson  
Thomas Thompson  
Richard Trench  
James Tryon  
John Tulodeski  
Albert Turbeville  
Tony Tuttobene  
Ed Urban  
Fred Vavra  
Edward Voloka

Don Waldrop  
John Walton  
Arne Weinfurter  
Larry Weinfurter  
Ray Wengrzyn  
James Weston  
Richard Whitmire  
Olin Williams  
Lanny Yeske  
Lee Yonts  
Hope Young  
Jerry Young  
Robert Young

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# 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 these Sea Poacher shipmates, still on 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 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.

Eduardo L. Abans, SD 68-69 - Jan 2000  
Samuel W. Acree, ET 57 - October 2003  
Bruce M. Adams, MoMM 44  
Horace M. Adams, EN 63-64 - Nov 1987  
Raymond E. Adcock, SN 47 - Dec 1974  
Frank R. Alvis, LCDR, 53 - Nov 1987  
Charles Amos, ET 63-64 - October 2008  
Stephen Atkins, QM 55 - August 2005  
John Austin, EN 69—1970's  
Willie Austin, EM 49-56  
Robert P. Ayer, EN 60 - 1978  
James W. Bain, LTJg 44-45 - Feb 2008  
Donald E. Barnes, EM 46-49 - May 2002  
Wayne E. Barton, TM 47-48 - July 1997  
Raymond Bassett, FT 64 - July 2000  
Irwin Battle, MoMM 45-46 - July 2000  
Harold Baumgartner, SK 63-64 - Apr 2006  
Ray Bayans, EN 49 - November 1983  
Richard Baybutt, FN 44-46 - Dec 2002  
Howard Beers, TM 50-56 - August 1988  
Robert N. Beers, LT 68-69 - Sep 2007  
Edwin Belden, EM 44-46  
Robert A. Bergs, XO 57-58 - Feb 2007  
Joseph Beuchler, TM 59-61 - Sep 1975  
Reynold Binder, MoMM 46-47 -1993  
Raymond Binns, FN 52-53 - Jan 2009  
Powell Blair, PRITC 45 - April 1992  
Charles Blanco, SD 48-49 - June 1994  
Salvatore Blangiardi, EN 61 - June 2002  
LuVern Blankenhagan, EM 59-60 -1998  
Wesley L. Blankenship, TM 49 - Oct 1998  
Jesus R. Blas, SD 49-50 - January 2000  
Gerald O. Bludau, MM 61-62 - Feb 1986  
Federick Boczon, EN 48-50 - May 1993  
Joseph Bole, ET 50-51 - 1995  
John Bornowski, TM/Ens 54-57 -1991  
Joseph D. Boscarelli, CS 50 - Oct 2000  
W. D. Boulton, 44  
John S. Bour, EM 48-49 - July 1974  
George Bracey, SD 58-59 - 10 April 1963

Norris Bradley, SN 44-45  
Norman Breeden, TM 49-50 - Nov 1993  
Henry Brengleman, EM 49-54 - Sep 1968  
Charles Breyman, HM 55-58 - Nov 1993  
James Bridewell, ET 63-67 - 1993  
James A. Brink, Ens 44 - September 2003  
William V. Brown, YN 47-48 - Mar2010  
Josephino F. Bugarin, TN 50-54  
Everett N. Burbes, IC 51-52  
James Burke, EN 44-46 - 1999  
George J. Butkis, EN 62-63 - October 2003  
Rudolph Buzzerd, SN 68-69 - Feb 2007  
Richard Byom, QM 51 - April 1976  
Edward B. Bzullak, YN 45 - July 2003  
Louis Cafone SN 44-45 - June 1981  
Bobbie J. Calvert, FT 55-59 - Oct 2007  
Nicholas G. Camera, EM 47 - July 1993  
Olie L. Carden, EN 50-57 - February 1990  
J.B. Carson, TM 53, 56-59 - April 1999  
Clarence Carter, EM 45 - September 2003  
Vinton Carver, QM 55-56 - Dec 1990  
Murry Cherry, TM 48-49 - April 1984  
Robert Chestnut, EN 59-62  
George Childs, TM 45 - March 2011  
Edwin Chubb, YN 49-51 - July 2006  
Donald E. Cipra, COB 64-65-Dec 2011  
Arthur B. Clifton, EM 62-63 - July 1987  
Howard A. Coffman, HM 50-56 - 2004  
James M. Coogan, RM 48-51 - Nov 2006  
Raymond Conahan, SA 49 - October 2001  
Paul M. Conklin, SK 66-68 - August 1998  
Harold W. Cook, TM 46-49 - Sep 2007  
Robert H. Cooley, SM 44-45  
Donald Cooper, QM 63-66  
Quebert Cormier, EM 69 - March 2000  
Arthur J. Cornish, MoMM 45-48 - 2002  
Timothy Cotter, EM 44-46 - July 2005  
Donald J. Coughlin, RM 54 - Dec 1997  
Richard H. Coupe, XO 61-63 - May 2003  
George Coutu, TM 55-59, 2011

Mack W. Cowart, ET 52 - August 2006  
Kenneth Crago, MoMM 46 - Mar 2008  
Raymond J. Cremin, EM 60 - Jan 2005  
Richard Crittenden, EM 58 - Jan 2004  
Enrique B. Cruz, TN, 45-49 - July 2005  
Stephen P. Cyganik, FT 45 - Feb 2002  
Wendell Darnold, RM 50-51 - Dec 2007  
Jerome A. Davi, XO 60-61 - Feb 2003  
Carroll Davidson, CS 50-51-July 2012  
Carl Davis, CO 57-59 - 1988  
Fred Davis, TM 49-53 - February 2000  
William H. Davis, MoMM 44-48  
Floyd Day Jr., EN 60 - April 2003  
John O. Dean, MoMM 47 - March 2002  
Maurice L. Demers, HM 48-50 - Nov 1990  
Robert Demonge, TM 55-57 - August, 1996  
George Denham, TM 45-46 - Dec 2010  
Kenneth Deramus, TM 57-63 - Nov 1989  
Alfred Despang, EM 59, 61-63  
Alfred Dickey, SA 45 - December 2007  
John H. Dittmer, MoMM 47-48  
G. Carol Dodson, TM 60-62 - Dec 2007  
Gary Dorn, ET 55-57 - September 2006  
Jere W. Driver, RM 63 - March 1998  
Francis J. Droesch, EN 59 - 1978  
Jack W. Easley, SC 45-46 - January 2010  
William G. Eason, TM 63 - February 2000  
James M. Ellis, ET 65-67 - February 1987  
John R. Engels, IC 58-59—May 2012  
Edward Englert, GM 45 - November 1962  
John H. Epps, LTJg 47  
Alois Ertl, EN 60-63 - February 1988  
John B. Estes, IC 61-64 - February 2005  
George Everaert, TM 49-52 - July 1996  
Morris E. Ezell Jr., QM 46 - June 2004  
Joseph Farnsworth, RM 48-49 - Jun1985  
Dale N. Fate, CS 54-59 - January 1999  
Jess W. Favors, EM 59-60 - February 2003  
George Fender, EN 52-July 2003  
Richard E. Ferris, SS 47-49-Apr 2012

William Fitzgerald, EN 51-52 - Nov 1996  
Ernest W. Flintoff, FA 48-49 - Jan 1998  
Ernest Fontes, EN 51-52-Jan 2012  
Ellwood H. Forni, SO 58 - 10 Apr 1963  
James N. Forrester, EN 50-54  
Taylor L. Fox, TM 46 - November 1997  
Charles H. Foy, GM 45-46 - May 1974  
Alfred Fredrich, TM 47-48 - October 2005  
Amos Freeland, EM 57-58P - March 2011  
Ralph E. French, CS 59-60 - October 2007  
John L. From Jr., LT 51 - March 2004  
John Fulmer, MM 45 - May 2008  
Roy H. Gallemore, LT 44-47 - Feb 2005  
Frank M. Gambacorta, CO 44 - Dec 2000  
Warden Gaskins, XO 45  
Robert C. Gaunt, TM 44 - 1953  
Arthur Geddes, QM 48-51 - Feb 2009  
James Gentry, TM C 62—63, Jan 2012  
John E. Gerenser, SN 46-49 - 2000  
Raymond J. Gillin, ET 58-59 - March 2005  
William H. Goold, EN 58-60-June 2002  
John A. Goordman, ET 54-55 - Jan 1990  
Richard M. Gorton, CS 54 - May 1993  
John H. Goss, MM 46-49 - December 2001  
Robert Gouge, EN 59-60 - November 1993  
William P. Graef, FT 60 - April 1984  
Ira Grayboff, MM 44-45 - February 2004  
Donald Green, CS 54-57  
Eugene Guilbault, EN 51-52, 2011  
Henry Guthrie, EN 63-66 - 2001  
Carl L. Hale, EM 59-61 - July 2009  
Bobbie Joe Hammac, FA 58-62 - May 1995  
James Harbin, QM 52 - February 2006  
James Harper, SA 46 - December 1999  
Max Harrell, FC 49-50—November 2011  
Otto D. Harrod, MoMM 45-47 - Jan 1984  
John E. Harvey, CS 59-63 - Nov 2004  
Lee R. Harvey, SN 48-49 - January 2006  
Raymond Heckroth, QM 49-52 - 2007  
Michael C. Hehmann ET 68-69 - 1993

Bruce Heilman, QM 49-50 – Dec 1997  
 James W. Hellieson, EN 61 – March 1991  
 Joe Hemphill, EM 44-45  
 Pat H. Henard. Sr., TM 45-47 –Dec 1997  
 Leonard Hendrix, LTjg 51-54, July 1997  
 William Henry, LTjg 58-59  
 Jere W. Hensel, TM 58  
 Darrell J. Hickman, TM 44-45 – May 2008  
 James T. High, Jr., LT 57-60 – Dece 2003  
 William F. Higley, SO 60-61 – Oct 2005  
 William Hoagland, TM 46-49 – Dec 1995  
 Donald E. Holley, TM 63-64 – May 2001  
 T. John Hollins, EM 53 – July 2007  
 Wayne Holmgren, RM 44-45 – Nov 2009  
 Dale D. Holtzclaw, EN 60-61 – June 1994  
 Robert B. Horne, EN 60-61 –July 2009  
 Scott E. Horton Jr., QM 44-47  
 Ira R. Houston, RM 44-49  
 Jerry Hucks, LTjg 63-66 – June 2001  
 William Hurt, MM 44-45  
 Henry C. Jahnke, TM 58 February 1982  
 William H. Jahns, IC 56-57 – Apr 2009  
 John Jascot, SN 45-46 – November 1988  
 John L. Jensen Jr., LT 55-57 – Dec 2007  
 Jack H. Johns, QM 49-50 – Sep 2004  
 Alfred Jonas, EN 57 – February 2003  
 Douglas S. Jordan, LT 59-61 – Feb 1992  
 Matthew H. Jordan, EM 69  
 Jerry L. Jorn, IC 51-54 – November 2002  
 William H. Judy, EM 49 – December 1990  
 John G. Juricek, QM 63 – March 2000  
 Donald J. Kamuf, EN 60-61 – June 2006  
 Zigmond Kanaszka, EM 52-55 –1975  
 Arthur Keevil, LTjg 47 – August 1993  
 Warren F. Kendall, SN 50-52 – Sep 1981  
 Joseph L. Kentz, MoMM 47 – Feb 1971  
 Carlos S. Killgore, EM 63-65 – Feb 2003  
 Edward Kilosky, EM 63 – 1997  
 Edward L. King, LTjg 55-57 – Sep 2000  
 Robert A. H. King, LTjg 53-55 – Sep 2003  
 Phillip Kinnie, EN 53-56 – May 2011  
 Gary G. Kirkpatrick, EN 50-52  
 Geroge A. Klarmann, IC 54 – May 2003  
 Leonard R. Kojm, CO 61-63 – Sep 2004  
 James J. Kondrat, TM 49 – August 2005  
 Joseph J. Koron, EM 46-48 – Feb 1980  
 Leonard C. Kroll, TM 52-55  
 Harry Kumanski, TM 45 – July 1993  
 Stephen Kurkjian, EN 51 – Nov1977  
 Frederick O. Kyber, CS 52 – Nov 2006  
 Paul Lacouture, LT 44-45  
 Thomas Lampley, SN 45-46 – Mar 2005  
 Clayton LaPlante, EN 56-58 – 2000  
 Wallace R. Larson, EN 49-52 – Feb 2007  
 James V. Lavelle, LT 48-49 – January 2005  
 Johnny Lazo, SO 61-63– December 2002  
 Robert LeBel, FN 44-46  
 Kenneth L. LeBlanc, ET 60 – May 2007  
 Neal D. Ledford, EN 49-50 – April 1993  
 Charles F. Leigh, CO 45-46 – Jan 1954  
 Andrew Leslie, RM 55 – January 2000  
 Herman J. LeVaur, MM 61 – Sep 1994  
 Burt L. Levin, LT 57-58 – March 2007  
 Alfred C. Lewis, GM 50 – July 1964  
 William Lilliot, LT 44 –September 2010  
 Jim Lofland, CS 58-61 – January 2004  
 John Lorrey, MoMM 47 – May 1997  
 Nathan Lundy, EM 48-53-July 2012  
 John P. Macuszonok, EN 49-52  
 Robert Madill, EM 49-50 – January 1998

Anton Madsen, QM 68-69 –Sep 2012  
 David B. Maher, CO 55 – February 1992  
 Joseph E. Marmaud, EN 53-56 – Aug 2007  
 Stanley C. Martell, FT 69 – March 2006  
 Gerald K. Matern, YN 46 – March 1998  
 Nelson Mattingly, EM 52-56 – Oct 2006  
 Clemens F. Maue Jr., SN 46-48 – Oct 2005  
 Robert E. Mauldin, RM 48-50 – Jan 2003  
 Andrew V. Mayberry, QM 49 – May 2004  
 James L. McCombs, TM 49-50 – Apr 2002  
 Tilden McCommas, EM 63-66 – 2004  
 John J. McCormack, FN – February 1998  
 Peter McCormack, YN 51 – 2010  
 Karl P. McDonough, TM 59 – April 1963  
 Daniel McGowan, TM 45-46 – Nov 2007  
 Wallace McMahon, TM 52 – Nov 2006  
 Donald R. McManis, SA 48-49 – Aug 2002  
 William I. McNeil, SN 47-48 – Dec 1999  
 Thomas A. Meek, ET 50-53 – Sep 1994  
 Alfred W. Miller, SC 47-48 – October 2006  
 Calvin G. Miller, LTjg 63-67 – Sep 2005  
 Eugene C. Miller, RD 52-53 – May 2007  
 Jack K. Miller, RD 52-53 – May 2007  
 Morgan J. Minchey, TM 61-63 – May 2004  
 John Minett, YN 45 – June 1989  
 Fred Montgomery, TM 59-60 – Mar 1997  
 Edward E. Montz, YN 52-53 –Feb 2010  
 Robert Mortenson, CS 54-55 – June 1999  
 Frank Murphy, EN 62-65  
 William Murphy, YN 66-67 –Dec 2008  
 Charles E. Napier, QM 50-53  
 William T. Nelson, EM 52-54 – Jan 2002  
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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT-BILL BRINKMAN

**1. Dues:** We have 216 Life and 34 Regular members. If you're a Life Member or have paid your 2012 and 2013 dues, thank you. If not, please pay \$10 for each year or become a Life Member for \$100. There are several good reasons for becoming a Life Member like a. You'll never again get these annoying letters from me or our Treasurer Hubert Jackson, b. You'll receive a free patch, and c. The Association continues Life Membership status for your widow. Send your check (made out to Sea Poacher Association) to me at 4500 Tiffany Nicole Street, Round Rock, TX 78665-9466 or email me at [seapoacher@austin.rr.com](mailto:seapoacher@austin.rr.com) if you have questions.

**2. Address and e-mail changes:** Please be sure to send us your latest mailing and e-mail addresses. Remember, it is our Association policy to not show your mailing address and telephone number on our newsletters or on our website. When shipmates request them, we do put them in touch with you. Also, **let me know** that you want to get your newsletter off the computer and be taken off the mailing list to save us over \$10 a year. We'll use the savings for other activities. Then four times a year, I'll e-mail you that the latest newsletter is on the website to view and/or print.

**3. Sea Poacher Memorial Fund:** When a shipmate passes on, our Association presents to the next of kin a Memorial Plaque. The framed and matted picture of Sea Poacher underway at sunset includes a Final Prayer and indicates the service years. We decided that funding for this should stand alone, so we are accepting contributions made out to Sea Poacher Association and mailed to me. Please indicate "Memorial Fund" on your check.

**4. Newsletter Contributions:** Our Editor welcomes anything new be it a write-up or photos. Send to Lanny Yeske, 1063 MacArthur Place, Forest, VA 24551-1931 or email [drlannyyeske@gmail.com](mailto:drlannyyeske@gmail.com). Most everything will be printed.

**5. Charitable Contribution:** Our \$200 contribution to the USSVI Charitable Foundation was applied to the KAPPS4KIDDS Fund and was most appreciated in a 5 Nov 2012 letter from Albert H. Singleman, Jr. of USSVI.

**6. Irony:** From George (Bill) West, EN3 58-60. First, I was shopping at COSTCO Christmas 2011 and since the weather was a bit inclement I was wearing a USS New Mexico hat, that included silver dolphins, and a guy came up to me and asked; "Have you ever heard of the Sea Poacher?" What were the odds? He didn't live here and I got a call from him on my answering machine before he left for home. Second, I read the letter from Rear Admiral Ugas in the April 2012 Newsletter and was struck by more irony. I began sailing as a Radio Officer in the Merchant Marine in 1981. My first ship carried passengers and required 3 RO's. I was the most junior at the time. The Chief was a retired WWII sub radioman. We ported in Callao, Peru and he and I were looking at the Peruvian sub fleet parked a mile or so away. He pointed to one boat and told me it was formerly the Sea Poacher. What a surprise! There was no way for me to validate the info but found it hard not to believe. She would have been close to 40 years old by then. The Navy would not allow us to get close as they always stationed guards at the gangway and throughout Callao.

**7. USS Clamagore (SS-343) Restoration.** Located at Patriot's Point in Charleston, SC, the boat is in dire need of at least a \$3M overhaul or else will be sunk at an offshore reef. As of October 11, they have only \$34,990 so it looks bad. While it is open for touring, we are not certain of its availability for our April 2014 Reunion. There are no State or local funds for this. Sea Poacher is considering a donation, but if not enough funds are attained the money goes into some educational fund, and we are holding off for right now. We will keep you advised on the situation.

**8. Hendrix Fishing Record.** From his CO Bill Gibson 51-53 who was delighted to see the article on his former officer and commented that Len arrived onboard with a flair. Congressman L. Mendel Rivers brought him to the boat and carried his luggage into the Charleston Shipyard office we were using during the Guppy conversion. Len was an excellent officer and had a very lovely wife. While most of us were renting places in Key West, he purchased a nice new house in the upscale section. I recall his father was a successful businessman and a good contributor of the Congressman. Len resigned from the Navy and received an MBA from Harvard. From all appearances, he used his education very well. Thanks to the Board for preserving the history and heritage of the 406. Aside: Congressman Rivers went on to become Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee during Vietnam and was a major Navy/submarine supporter as evidenced by the USS L. Mendel Rivers (SSN-686).






**9. Key West Remembered.** From John (Pat) O'Grady LTJG 50-51 who at age 91 appreciates the Newsletter and has fond memories of Sea Poacher including making of *The Frogmen* movie and the names of many of his shipmates at the time. Pat also just submitted his check for lifetime dues in the Association. We are seeking more information on his life after Sea Poacher.

**10. Leo Carr EN49-51.** He is working a 137+ page bibliography of his 30 year career in the Navy where he retired as a Lieutenant. A pretty amazing project for a shipmate who is legally blind and still does his own yard work. Bravo Zulu Leo!



# SEA POACHER SHIP'S STORE

Marine Artist Richard DeRossett has made us two paintings showing Sea Poacher with the Step Sail and during the Cuban Missile Crises with the North Atlantic Sail. We have prints and high quality canvas reproductions. He has also done a third painting of the WWII Version showing a gun battle with the Japanese in 1945. Our own Ray Krivascy TM 1952-1953 has painted Sea Poacher at the pier in 1952 which he gave to Captain William Gibson at his change of command in 1953. We also have prints and canvas copies of it. All come unframed and prices include shipping/postage. Fill in the below form, make a copy, do your check payable to Bill Brinkman, and mail to him at 4500 Tiffany Nicole Street, Round Rock, TX 78665-9466. Check out the other items also available from our Ship's Store.

 <p>This beautifully crafted stainglass piece of Sea Poacher created by Annette Snook, wife of John B. Snook QM 59-62. This piece will be a crafted by Annette as we receive orders, so there will be some delay in delivery. Piece measures 17"x10 1/2".</p>	<p><b>New Items : 7 Paintings by Richard DeRossett and our own Ray Krivascy.</b></p> <p>DeRossett , WW II 1945 Surface Action 17" X 39"</p>  <p>DeRossett , Step Sail 10" X 23 " Print DeRossett , Step Sail 15 " X 28 " Canvas</p>  <p>DeRossett , North Atlantic Sail 10" X 23 " Print DeRossett , North Atlantic Sail 15" X 28 " Canvas</p>  <p>Krivascy , Step Sail 18.5 " X 15 " Print Krivascy , Step Sail 21.5 " X 18 " Canvas</p> 
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Items	Quantity	Price	Total
Key Chain	_____	\$3.00	_____
Ship Patch	_____	5.50	_____
Ball Cap	_____	14.00	_____
Plastic Mugs	_____	12.00	_____
Golf Shirt Sizes M, L, XL & 2XL (w/o pockets)	_____	22.00	_____
Golf Shirt Sizes M, L, XL & 2XL (with pockets)	_____	25.00	_____
Painting DeRossett 10x23 print Step Sail	_____	20.00	_____
Painting DeRossett 15x28 canvas Step Sail	_____	30.00	_____
Painting DeRossett 10x23 print Cuba	_____	20.00	_____
Painting DeRossett 15x28 canvas Cuba	_____	30.00	_____
Painting DeRossett 17x39 canvas WWII	_____	40.00	_____
Painting Krivascy 15x18 print Step Sail	_____	20.00	_____
Painting Krivascy 18x21.5 canvas Step Sail	_____	35.00	_____
Stained Glass Sea Poacher	_____	110.00	_____
Dolphin Vest chains, gold or silver	_____	25.00	_____
We Remember Sea Poacher Book (on CD)	_____	10.00	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>			_____

# A TOTAL MILITARY FAMILY



Above left is our own John J. Lynch and son Lieutenant Colonel Joseph A. Lynch, Commanding Officer of the 3-108 Cavalry Squadron, who returned in September from a 14 month deployment to Kosovo, and brought his 300 troops home to a jubilant reunion with families in Atlanta. Their busses were escorted by both the Patriot Guard and the Georgia Highway Patrol with blue lights.

Joe is a 1987 graduate of West Point and a Ranger. After 5 years active duty, he went to General Electric and joined the reserves. Joe was activated for Iraq and spent 18 months there. He will have 20 years service in 2014. Joe's wife Karen is a Cal Poly Tech graduate, and they have two children Ryan 14 and Dylan 4 (who has already had 3 open heart surgeries).

JJ himself is a Navy retired Master Chief Commissaryman (SS/Naval Air Crew) who was on Sea Poacher from 1959-63. He served over 31 years including Atule, Chopper, Gudgeon, Pollack, Ben Franklin, and Kamehameha. Your Editor became well acquainted with JJ during the 1961 Charleston overhaul. As a cook he ran the Cumshaw operation, and all I did was give him 3,000 pounds of coffee which he expertly used to obtain hundreds of shipboard jobs not requiring a job order. He almost had the entire boat chromed. JJ met his wife Sonja in Charleston during our 1961 Charleston overhaul. She is a retired Storekeeper Chief (AW/SW). Sonja got out after four years as a SK2 to raise their three children. Sixteen years later she re-enlisted and started all over again as an SN and moved up the ratings quickly. Sonja was selected for Senior Chief but opted to retire after 22 years. Her shipboard duty was aboard the Submarine Tenders Spear and Cable. Sonja and JJ maintain homes both in Jacksonville and San Diego.

Daughter Chris is married to Navy Lieutenant Commander Bryan C. Bost, shown above right during a recent tour in Afghanistan. They are currently stationed in Okinawa where he is a Department Head at the Naval Hospital where she also works with patients having traumatic brain and spinal injuries. Both have Doctorate Degrees in Physical Therapy. They have two children ages 6 and 8.

Daughter Mary is a Registered Nurse in Neonatal care, married with five children and lives in the New Orleans area with her husband who is a Cal State LA graduate. Her oldest son works at the China Lake Naval Air Station in Aeronautical Engineering R&D. The others vary in age from 8 to 20 with the youngest in third grade and the oldest a college sophomore.

JJ and Sonja have been extremely active in the Sea Poacher Association and reunions. They did a wonderful job in coordinating the 2008 Jacksonville Reunion. They are also active in the Chopper and Pollack Associations. Both are experts in Military Space A Travel, know most of the ins and outs associated with it, and would be happy to share their experience and advice with any interested shipmates.



# VETERANS DAY IN BRANSON

From Joe Murdoch. The 2012 Sea Poacher and Friends Reunion in Branson, Missouri was the best ever! Those who arrived early were invited to a Gatherings Plus Vietnam Veterans party. Chuck Kilgore and I volunteered to be interviewed by Colonel Oliver North on the Fox News Channel. Friday evening we enjoyed a picnic in our hospitality room, hosted by Gatherings Plus, before attending the Hughes Brothers Christmas Show. Saturday we arrived at the Brett Family Morning Show. It had been arranged for Tom Brett to meet us on the bus. He chatted briefly and thanked the Sea Poacher attendees for his dolphins. He wears a Navy Commanders uniform upon which his dolphins look good. Tom then led us past those waiting in line and personally seated us in the front row. As the show was concluding he pointed directly at us and touched his dolphins. It was a great gesture and very much appreciated.

On Veterans Day we arose early to meet with Colonel North at Silver Dollar City. There were seven Veterans with their spouses. Ollie lined us up and, prior to going on Fox News, circulated among us. My 22 trips to Branson earned me the first question: "Joe-why do you continue to return to Branson for Veterans day"? I answered: "Because of the Veterans and the Camaraderie". Ollie said: "Joe I believe you have a comment on Marines. I responded that I did and said: "The best Marine is a Submarine". Ollie smiled and said: "You are saying that to a Marine." I smiled and said: "God Bless You." We asked him to autograph and send us a copy of his new book *Heroes Proved*, which his assistant Josh took care of. After learning of the incident, Bill Brinkman sympathetically inquired as to Joe's medical condition following North's reaction to his Marine comment. You can view the entire interview at <http://video.foxnews.com/v/1961357014001/americas-largest-veterans-day-celebration>.

We then hurried back to the hotel to board our DUCK to ride in the Veterans parade which we shared with sailors from the LSD Saint Clair and Air Force Colonel Orrin Lee and his wife who served in WW11 as a Bombar-dier. This was followed by the free Tony Orlando show which was again exceptional. He introduced a Marine named Lucky Eddy Beasley who had lost both legs and for which Tony provided a special IBOT wheelchair. It should be noted that Pam Brown of Gatherings Plus hosted a group of Wounded Warriors, just like Sea Poacher earlier this year in San Antonio, who seemed to be at every event we attended. We all agreed to meet again next year for Veteran's week in Branson so said Bobbi and Chuck Kilgore, Karel and Rich Earl, Dick Whitmore, Pat and Tuffy Sheets, Cliff Smith and Barb Adams, Gene and Shirley Dempsey, and Stella and Joe Murdoch. Needless to say, we had fun.

Chuck Kilgore EM 63-65, Joe Murdoch ET 62-63, and Richard Earl EN 63-65 with Colonel Oliver North.





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JUST A "DOWN LADDER" AWAY