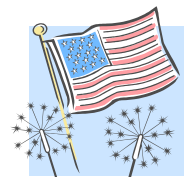


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LOST AND FOUND



This column 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.



Lloyd W. Foglesong, MoMM (43-44) WP1,2,3

James R. Hervey, SN (44) WP2,3

Willard M. Devling, CS (45-46)



SHIPMATES, REST YOUR OARS!

The following shipmates have changed their mailing address.

Please let us know when your address has changed or you may not receive the next Newsletter.

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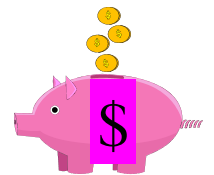
The following shipmates are new (found) additions to our roster. Your committee is thankful for all your help in locating them and we will continue our search until we have attempted to locate everyone.

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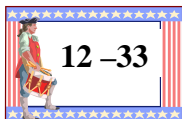
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**Bob Gunny
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**Raymond Moore
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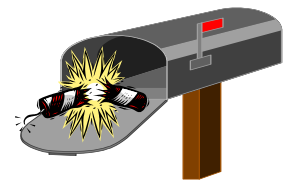
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This column is dedicated to all the letters we receive from you. Any info about yourself or others you want to share with your shipmates will be published here. Think of this as a combination of the bulletin board in the Crew's Mess and the IMC.

Editor's Notes and Ramble: Hi Shipmates!

Most of you have heeded my warning in the last issue and have updated my Email address in your address book. For those of you who have yet to do so, your emails are still getting through only for the grace of JUNO's decision to just down grade me to their "freebee" account rather than delete me altogether. What this means is that my JUNO address is still active but only for simple emails. I doubt that any large attachments will be accepted. So, check your address book and if my address is not pebeals385@verizon.net please change it. This will save me from forwarding your JUNO emails to my VERIZON box.

While on the subject of Email Addresses, please send us your new address (both email and postal) whenever you change them. We need your latest to keep you current with the Newsletter and also for some important notices that we email out from time to time.

An update on **Alex Sinclair**, CO (62-64). Alex had hernia surgery last August, and wasn't released until December. Even with 24 hour help, he requires more than home care so he recently was moved to the Arleigh Burke Pavilion in Mc Clean, Va, about 8 miles from his Great Falls home.

A daughter of Alex suggested that he would enjoy receiving news about his friends, and former shipmates. Either his wife, or daughter, reads his mail to him. Some days he can speak well, other days he cannot express himself, making it frustrating for all concerned.

Shipmates, a simple note or get well card would go a long way to make Alex's day. It makes no difference whose command you served under aboard BANG, Alex is a member of the "Gang" and deserves our support. Lets not forsake him in his hour of need. Alex's address is:

**1101 Jonquil Cir
Great Falls, VA 22066-1824**

Gary Dannenbaum, a Radioman, (58-59) sends us the following photo of he and wife Karen with their ever growing family at a Mothers Day get together. The reason Gary's smile is so wide is because he is really excited about being cast as Juror #7 in the Albuquerque Adobe Theater's production of Twelve



Angry Men which will open at the theater in Albuquerque on Friday, June 5 through June 28. This is his first theatrical performance in about fifteen years. Break a leg, Gary.....



Frank Walker, an Officer, (52-55) writes that he was pleased to read about **Ken Colby** in the last issue. Frank recalls many a fond memory standing watch with Ken, **Dick Barringer**, **Carl Hagenkotter**, **Jim Nute** and **Andy McKaye**.

Frank also sent us the sad news about the passing of **Shirley Swank**, wife of **Bob Swank**, a YoemaN, (53). Shirley has been fighting cancer for years and won many a battle with it but never could completely rid herself of its relentless force. She is finally at peace. I know I speak for all the "Gang" when I send Bob and family our deepest condolences.



I was unable to locate an obituary for Shirley but the following is Bob's address for those who wish to extend their own personal sympathy note.

**18112 Fernando Circle
Villa Park, CA 92861-6420
Rdswank@juno.com**

Alisa Martin, niece of **Lloyd Foglesong**, a MotorMachinistMate (43-44, WP1,2,3), e-mailed me the following notification of Lloyd's passing.

I recall meeting Lloyd at our 1999 San Diego Reunion. I was fortunate enough to be asked to tag along with some of the WWII attendees on a road trip to visit with **Earl Bronson**. It was the highlight of the Reunion for me.

What better way to spend a warm, sunny afternoon than with a bunch of your heroes.



I'm writing to inform you of the death of my uncle, Mr. Lloyd Foglesong, on March 8. Prior to his passing, he had asked me to notify the editors of the Bang Gang and the Gooney News in the event of his death. Are obituaries published in the Bang Gang Newsletter, and are you the right contact person to help me? I have provided an obituary below, as well as a photo.

OCEANSIDE -- Lloyd Wilbur Foglesong, age 89, passed away peacefully on March 8, 2009, with family at his side.



He is survived by his daughter, Anne Lauren of Santa Monica, Calif.; sisters, June Garrett of Oceanside, Hildreth Madsen of Omaha, Neb and Velma Anville of Nebraska City, Neb.; brothers, Leo Foglesong of Spring Valley, Calif and Loren Foglesong of Kissimmee, Fla.; and numerous nieces and

nephews. He was preceded in death by sister, Bernice Smith of Oceanside, Calif., and parents George and Gertrude Foglesong. Born in Ladysmith, Wis., Lloyd grew up in Nebraska City, Neb. A veteran of WWII, he served the United States Navy aboard the submarines USS Bang and USS Finback from 1939-1945, achieving the rank of Chief Motor Machinist's Mate. In August 1944, the USS Finback undertook a mission to recover five downed pilots in the China Sea, one of whom was George H.W. Bush, the future 41st President of the United States. Many years later, President Bush would extend an invitation to his inaugural ceremonies as a gesture of

gratitude to the USS Finback crew, and Lloyd was thrilled to attend.

Lloyd moved to California in 1949, and was a resident of San Diego County for over 30 years, working primarily in the hardware industry. He remained active in the WWII Subvets Association and previously served as president of the Ventura County chapter. He will be lovingly remembered by family and friends for his keen memory, plethora of stories, passion for sports and Lotto, easygoing nature, loyalty, and commitment to family and country. A memorial is planned for May 16 in Oceanside.

The following were sent to us by SubVets WWII Secretary, **Ken Henry**.

HERVEY, Sr., James Robert, 86, of North Fort Myers, FL died Monday, April 27, 2009. He was born March 3, 1923 in Astoria, NY. He is a Navy veteran of WWII, serving on the submarine USS Bang (SS-385). He is a retired member of the Nassau County Police Department of New York. James is survived by his loving wife of 65 years Joanne, his son James Jr., his daughters Kathleen Hervey and Elaine Martorana, grandchildren Denise, Joseph and James Martorana. James will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Memorial donations can be sent to Hope Hospice House, 2430 Diplomat Pkwy. E., Cape Coral, 33909 or Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Assoc. Resource Center, Inc., 10051 McGregor Blvd., Ste. 101, Fort Myers, FL or American Cancer Society, 4575 Via Royale, Ste. 110, Fort Myers, FL 33919.

Willard Devling, 88, of Colorado Springs, passed away 1/15/09. Survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Lorraine; children, Carole (Gil) Vondrasek, Maggie (Tom) McLaughlin and Daniel Devling; grandchildren, Heather, Steffen, Hayley, Kate, Brian, Lisa, Tari & Tricia and 9 great grandchildren. Memorial Service, Monday, 1/26/09 at 1pm, Newcomer Chapel West. Interment, Fort Logan National Cemetery, Area "C", 2:15pm, 3698 S. Sheridan Blvd., Denver, CO 80235.

*Lord these departed Shipmates with Dolphins on their chest,
Are part of an outfit known to be the best.
Please welcome them and offer them your hand,
As you no doubt know they're the best in the land.
And also heavenly Father add their name to the roll
Of our departed Shipmates who serve on Final Patrol.
Assure them all that we, who still survive
Will always keep their memory alive.*



When I arrived at our camp in NY I noticed that there were a couple of messages on my answering machine. Since my son opens and closes the camp, the power is still on for a few weeks after we leave in the Fall and before we arrive in the Spring so I am not sure just when they were recorded.



One of the messages was from Roxy(?), the daughter of **Don Kersbergen**, TorpedoMan, (43-44, WP1,2,3,4). She said that Don had some medical problems and was going into rehab. She also asked me to return her call. I would be happy to talk with her but, so far, I have been unsuccessful in returning her call. I hope that Don's health has improved by now and, by the time he or Roxy read this, his rehab is complete.

I am sorry I wasn't available to take your call and if you still have a need to talk I can be reached at (518) 784-2376.

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Dan Dudley, a TorpedoMan (45-46), "It's been a long time since I last wrote and a lot of water has run under the bridge. My wife, Mary, had been ill for a number of years, almost ten in fact, and taking care of her was a full time job. I had to learn to cook, take care of the house, and so forth. Mary passed away in September 2008 after 61 years of being together and I am still trying to get myself organized. During that time I did enjoy receiving the Newsletters and want to thank you for keeping them coming. To help you keep up your good work I am enclosing a little something for the Slush Fund.

If I ever get to FL, I will give you a call and hope to get to know you."....*My belated condolences to you, Dan on Mary's passing. After 61 years, (that's a lifetime for a lot of people) things just don't change over night. You may have to alter your lifestyle to live without her but the memories you have will stay with you forever. Thanks for your generous donation and why not make plans to attend our Reunion this year in Virginia Beach. Not only will it give you the chance for us to meet, it is a lot shorter distance for you than FL.*

Bob Gunny, a TorpedoMan (44-45, WP2,3,4,5,6), "Just received the latest newsletter and was surprised to see that you published so many of the photos that I sent you. I really thought that you

would devote a single page to a selected few; however, it was nice that you saw fit to include all of them. Perhaps, as you stated, some of them will bring fond memories to the few who are still around as well as family members of those who are on eternal patrol. Also, just know that I consider myself very fortunate to have served with such a great bunch of guys as well as a wonderful skipper."....*Bob, as you read the letters in this issue from Clara Dunn and others — your photos are a hit! I wish there were more of them. A GREAT crew indeed. Thanks for the donation — photos and money.*

Bob Herzog, a RadioMan (43-45, WP1,2,3,4,5), "Thanks for your continuing work to publish the great Bang Gang Newsletter. I always enjoy it! Hope this donation to the Slush Fund helps a little with your endeavor." ...*Thanks, Bob, for your donation. Hope all is well with you and Eleanor.*

Clara Dunn, widow of **Bill Dunn**, an Officer (44-46, WP4,5,6), "Thank you so much for sending me the "Bang Gang Newsletter" all these years. Submariners are so very special and I enjoy reading about them.

The pictures in the Winter/Spring 2009 issue were great! I recognized Bill and several of his shipmates. There is just a few of Bill's shipmates left. We were blessed with 60 years together and life isn't the same without him."....*Clara, I am pleased to hear that the photos aroused some of those 60 years of memories you have of Bill. We have Bob Gunny's frugality and generosity to thank for saving those photos and then sharing them with us. While in FL, I frequently visit with another of Bill's shipmates, Charlie Miles, who is always quick to respond with praising words whenever Bill's name is mentioned during our conversation.*

Dan Rosenfeld, a MotorMachinistMate (43-46, WP1,2,3,4,5,6), "I hope this letter finds all shipmates well and in the best of health as Goldie and I are likewise now. Thank God.

We are going to Atlantic City, NJ on the 25th of April until the 2nd of May.

It was sure good talking with you on the phone recently. Hope to see you at the San Diego Convention in September.

You do a fine job with the Newsletter. Enclosed is a check to help fund its continuance. Have a safe trip North this Summer."....*Rosie, thanks for your continuing donations to the Slush Fund. Hope you and Goldie hit the big one in Atlantic City.*

I too enjoy our phone conversations and hope there is many more. Sorry to say that Dot and I will not be attending the San Diego Convention.

Raymond Moore, an ElectriciansMate (59-60), "I enjoyed reading the "Bang Gang" newsletter for Winter/Spring 2009. It was great to see pictures of the war patrol crews.

In my last letter (summer/fall 2007) I mentioned that a crew member got me a blind date and we are now at our 49th anniversary. I didn't mention any names in my last writing. **Bob Wagner** got the blind date for me. **Roe Granger** was my best man, **Peter Douglass** and **Marshall Fischer** were ushers (all Bang crew members).

I have a 16" by 10" framed picture of Bang that was the full back page of the Groton Sub Base newsletter, the "Dolphin". Each week they put a boat's picture on the back with a history written on it. Enclosed is a check for the slush fund."...*I'm glad to hear that you enjoyed the photos, Raymond and thank you for you donation. Your Best Man is the only member of your wedding party that is currently on our mailing list but we haven't given up on the others yet.*



David Krieger, an Officer (67-69), "I found the BANG website and thought I would check in with you. I qualified on BANG and served onboard from September, 1967 until March 1969 as Weapons and Supply officer. **Bud Alexander** was my XO on BANG and the day he took command of Cobbler, I reported to him for duty. Eventually, I took

command of USS FLINT (AE 32) and various shore duty assignments before retiring after 29 years.

My wife, Jane, and I are blessed with two great sons. Our eldest is an Army Captain who has served in both Iraq and Afghanistan as an Airborne Field Artillery Officer and our youngest son, a Navy officer and mechanical engineer now serving in the Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program at Balston Spa, NY and on his way to submarine school within a month or so.

I have a bio up at <http://www.HobsonNBT.com>, a trading company I recently started to keep me busy after retiring last November." ...*Thanks for making contact David and becoming a member of the "Gang" again. Your bio relates a very interesting Naval career. We thank your sons for their service to our country and pray for their safe keeping. Hope you and Jane can make a Reunion someday.*

Jack O'Connor, a MachinistMate (64-67), "For some time I have been trying to make contact with the BANG GANG from the 67 yard overhaul.

I was seriously injured in a single car crash in April 67. I was hospitalized from April 8, 1967 thru Dec

30, 1967 in either civilian or military hospitals. I was medically discharged from the navy on Dec 30, 1967, transferred to a VA hospital near my home on January 2, 1968, and checked out. I lasted overnight. I made a deal with the orthopedic surgeon that I would check-in on Fridays so he could chart my progress.

In January 1968 I began working for the third largest electric and gas company in the US. I was with PSE&G for thirty plus years. I was involuntary retired in 1998.

I drove a limo for one year thinking I would start my own business, perish the thought. Twice the hours for less than one-half the pay.

I started consulting thru an agency and was kept busy for most of the calendar year. These postings resulted in being hired by a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) as an accountant. However unknown to me staff was bailing out and my responsibilities grew larger. The pay remained the same. My boss backed me into a corner (figuratively) and I pushed back and he fired me.

The agency then placed me in an inner-city court as a senior accountant and I've been there since 2003. While in St Alban's Naval Hospital I met the woman who would become my wife. In May 1968 I married Diane. We have no children and I have become the baby of the family. Real long story, we'll go over it at the reunion.

Looking forward to Oct in Virginia Beach!" ...*Jack, I'm glad that Harry was able to locate you. See you and Diane at the Reunion.*

Frank Callaghan, a TorpedoMan (52-54), "Pardon me for taking so long to thank you for going out of your way to accommodate my request for back issues of the Bang Gang .

The old issues answered many question as to the happenings to members of the crew during my service [52-54]. I think of many of them often & very fondly to be sure.

I've missed the last 3 reunions due to health issues, namely throat & neck cancer. I am currently undergoing radiation & chemo to the neck & hope to be finished the 2nd week of June. If all goes well, I hope that Joan & I will be able to join the Gang at Virginia Beach in Oct.

I know that you have been told many times about how great a job you do on the Newsletter. Well, you're going to hear it again. You're Newsletter is worthy of being Award Winning in any category. I know we all look forward to getting it & it's the first piece of mail I open when I receive it. So there!!

I am sending some expense \$\$ under separate cover to ease a little bit of the burden.

Again thanks & stay healthy.".... *Thanks Frank for the kind words and the donation. I hope you are healthy*

enough for you and Joan to attend the Reunion this year. A BANG Reunion may not cure your ills but it sure will make you forget them.

George LeBlanc, a MachinistMate (66-68), “Here we are, **Eric Ericson** and myself, of Sub Vets Marblehead Base participating in the Lexington MA. Patriot’s Day Parade. Eric is holding the banner on the left side, and I am in the next row, just to the left of the right banner holder. One of our participants is



a WWII vet, and he is always in amazingly good condition after each parade. It was a cool blustery day, but not a bad day for a long walk. We had to march about three miles or so. There was a very good turnout of spectators cheering and clapping for us while thanking us for our service. The Marblehead base has been participating in this parade for about 6 or 7 years. There are usually around 70 or more different marching groups participating in this parade every year. We are both looking forward to next year's parade. We will be marching in the Marblehead Memorial day parade as well which is not quite as long, but also has a good spectator turnout. The Base usually gets about 20 members to participate in it.

By the way you now have my E-mail address, and can send me my newsletter that way.” *Thanks for sending in the photo, George. No prouder group of guys marching in that parade. Thanks also for choosing to receive the Newsletter via email and save us a few bucks. I understand that Eric plans to attend our Reunion this fall. Why not join him and the rest of the “Gang”?*

Lenny Sciuto, a QuarterMaster (69-71), “Now that things have kind of settled down, I regret to inform you that my wife, Susan, age 57, succumbed to liver cancer on February 9th of this year. She fought cancer for eleven plus years. Her wish was to be at home until her death. We honored that wish. However, I must tell you that it was horrific. It tore

my heart out to see her that way the last week of her life. I wouldn't wish that kind of death even upon my own worst enemy. But, thank God, it is over for her. God holds her in His loving arms. Her internment will be at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday, June 25th at 11 am. Her internment is that late due to our youngest son flying jets for the Air Force in the Middle East until then. I will eventually be interned there as well due to my 36 plus years of service to our country.

I have a bunch of photographs I will mail to you. They are in color and date 1969 to 1971. They are pictures of some of the Bang crew onboard during those dates. I thought it would be great to publish them in our booklet and have others get a laugh of how we looked then versus now.

Take care and keep well. May God Bless us all!”.... *Lenny, belated as they may be, our deepest condolences go out to you and your family for your loss and we pray for the safe return of your son. Let him know that the “Gang” appreciates his dedicated service. The photos are great and I’m sure that our shipmates will enjoy them.*

CHANGING THE “BOTTLE”

Lou Arellano, a SonarTech (71-72) sends in the following article—“On submarines the active sonar ping is made by a transducer which is a ganged crystal assembly. It's something like 6 inches around and about six feet long. I never saw one up close because they're underwater and inside the superstructure. To make a crystal vibrate that loud (like you hear in the old submarine movies) it takes a few thousand volts, somewhere in the range of 5000 to 20000, but when you work on a circuit over 120 volts, what does it matter?

Back when the system (BQS-4) was developed there were no semiconductors. All they had was vacuum tubes. We had a row of steel cabinets in the torpedo room that held a hefty oil-filled transformer, a big oil-filled capacitor (probably filled with PCB) and a big vacuum tube that we referred to affectionately as "the bottle," about a foot high and about 4 inches around. Back then, we were only allowed to stock a couple of them in the spares inventory because they were so expensive - and we're talking "government" expensive! I think they were like \$500 a pop back then.

The high voltage cabinets had big red warning signs on the front and were securely locked. There were strict procedures for working in them and everyone quaked at the prospect of being assigned to change that particular bottle. I got to do it once on a sea trial aboard George C. Marshall when the active sonar failed to ping.

First you had to get approval for the job from several people, do some paperwork and visit a few places to

get your red tags approved, logged and issued. You then shut off the power at several places and you red tagged all the switches and put a sign on the operator's console in the Sonar shack.

There were some clothing restrictions that I don't remember exactly, but I think they included removing your ring, belt buckles and all other metal; emptying your pockets; wearing a welder's style of mask; multiple gloves of heavy rubber and cotton like a lineman would wear; and rubber-soled shoes. You put down a thick rubber mat on the floor in front of the cabinet and wore ground straps on your wrists. They tied a rope around your waist in case you got hung up on something "live" and had to be hauled out.

There was a safety crew standing by (and the Corpsman was on notice) in case you got jolted and needed revival, also to block you from hitting anything because you would be thrown across the torpedo room if you got nailed. At least that's what they told you. The sonar chief was also there to oversee everything. You might think he would assign this task to punish some dink, but the job would have gone to someone he completely trusted to do it properly and safely - without dropping any bottles.

Before you stuck your hands in there, you double checked that all the pilot lights were dark and there was no voltage on the input terminals. Then you took a grounded cattle prod and poked it in the adjacent cabinet to discharge the big capacitor, which was about the size of a truck battery, hence the welder's mask. Everyone else stood clear and looked away for that. Once everybody was comfortable that the capacitor was discharged, you got on your knees and clamped an alligator grounding cable on the hot line to make sure it stayed dead and to drain off any lingering charge. Then you waited a couple of minutes for everything to really zero out and stabilize.

When you opened the rectifier cabinet the tube stood there in a spacious opening like a female glass robot in a hair dryer, with a fat, well-insulated anode wire going to the top of her, and I think the wire might even have been clamped to the top of the tube - not a slip-on. Then you disconnected the anode wire and pulled out the old tube, being careful not to fracture it. If it broke with the bottom still mounted, your task, anxiety and cleanup would be compounded. Unlike other electrical tasks we did, this one was deadly serious. No nearby clown would yell "Pow!" as you stuck your hand inside for the first time.

The new bottle came wrapped in excelsior within a sturdy cardboard box. You had to handle it with cotton gloves much as you'd handle a quartz lamp today. The storekeeper was usually on hand to

confirm it had passed through his custody unbroken, since it was risky to unpack and inspect it too many times. About three people helped you get the new bottle out of the package and everyone made sure it stayed absolutely clean. After carefully installing it and double checking that the cabinet was clear of all tools and debris and that all connections were made, you ungrounded the system, accounted for all your tools like a surgeon, and then sealed up and locked the door.

Then you had to get approval, pull the red tags and clear them from the tag system, but you didn't power the system up until some time after the tags were cleared.

On a missile submarine the active sonar was almost always powered down. On other boats it would be off unless current operations might require it. You had to get specific permission from the Officer of the Deck (and then he would usually ask the Captain) for authorization to energize and test the active sonar. An active test had its own checklist to make sure there were no divers in the water, that everybody knew a ping was coming, etc. Anyone operating the passive sonar systems had to secure their headsets temporarily during the ping. One ping would suffice.

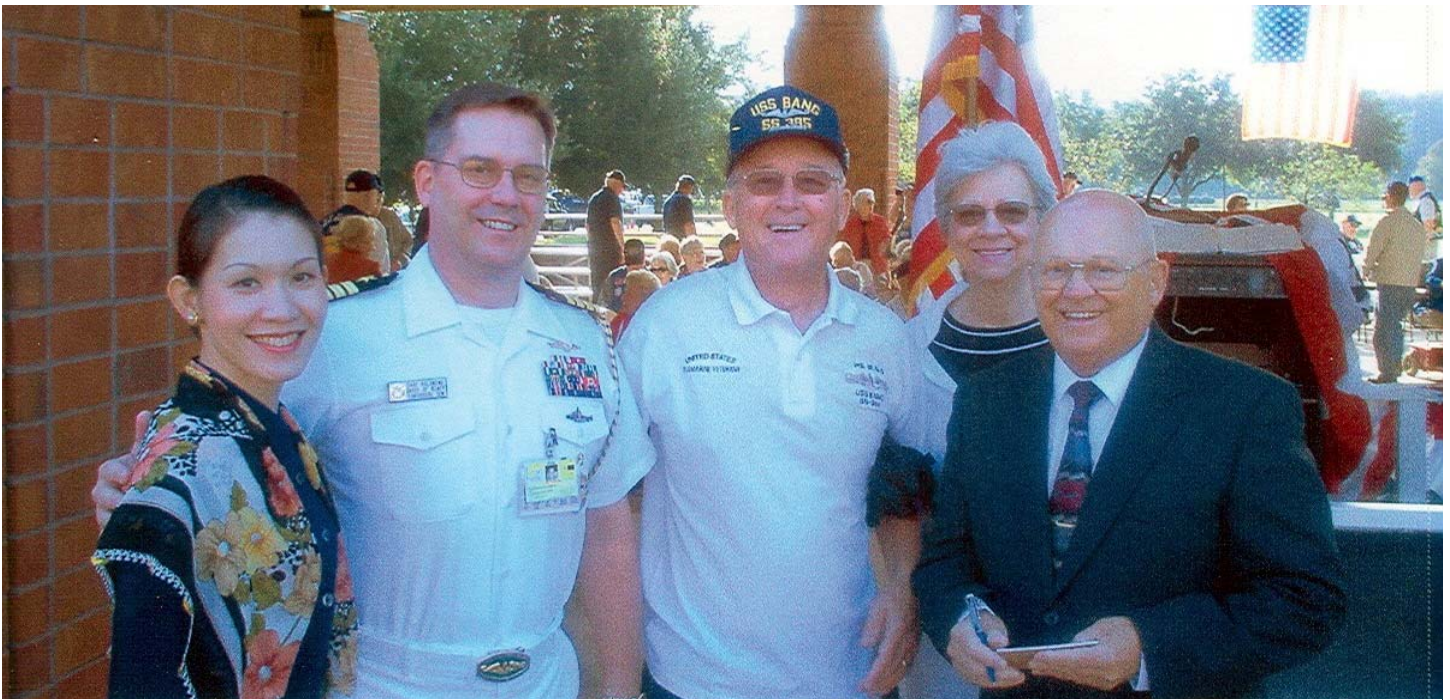
You had to be at sea to ping after changing that bottle, because they said in port you'd have dead fish floating up all around the boat. The lack of sea pressure so close to the surface would also be detrimental to the transducer. It was a relief to hear that ping, because it meant nobody would have to troubleshoot further in those dreaded cabinets.

I always thought one of those old bottles would make a great souvenir but oddly there never seemed to be any of them floating around and I probably would have dropped it by now anyway.

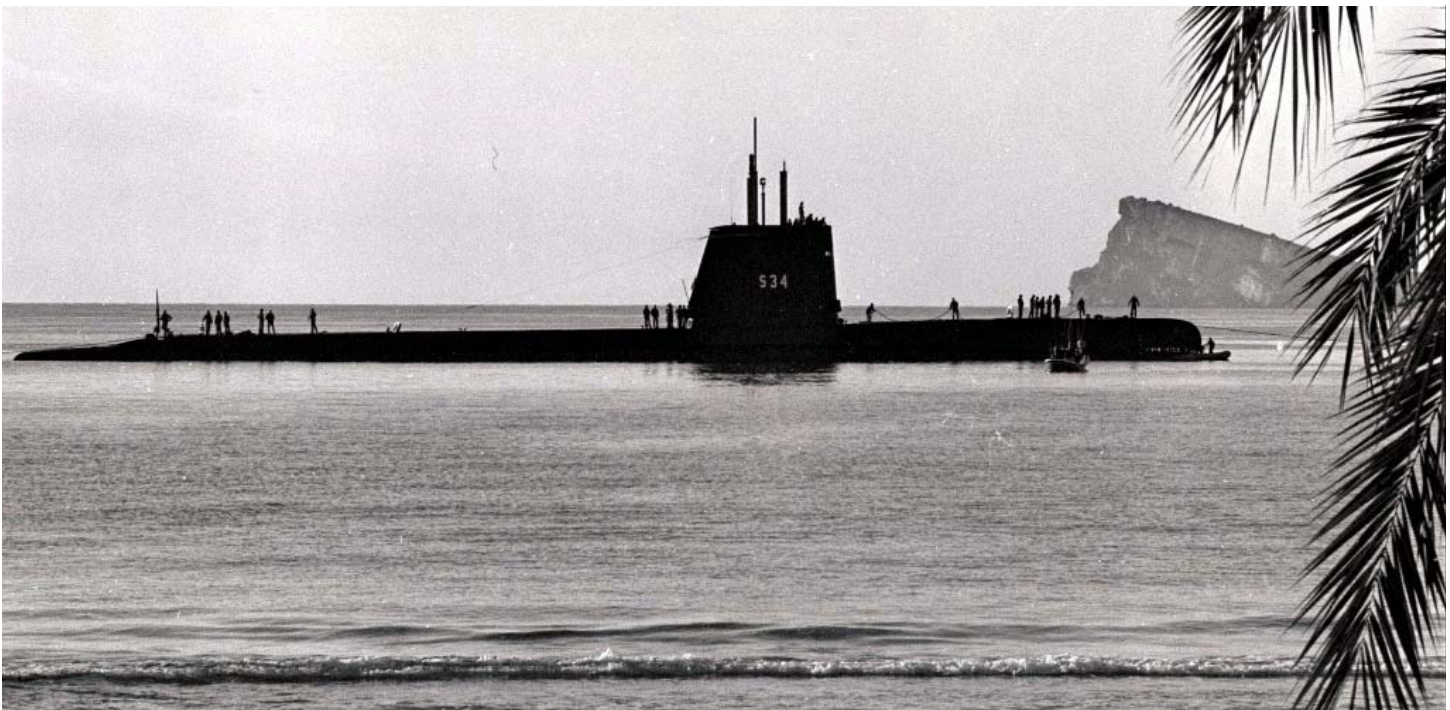
In 1971 I went to Bang and there was the ubiquitous BQS-4. I don't specifically remember anyone changing the big bottle on Bang during my tour, but the same cabinets were there and we did have to do PM's.

A PM on a BQS-4 included taking some readings of the "lower" voltages and opening the doors on the high voltage cabinets to look for corrosion, burned or leaky components and other favorite problems like unauthorized storage. We were always on the alert for nests in our equipment but I never saw evidence of a mouse on board.

There were other active sonars on the boats that required high voltage but at much less power. They included the UQC-1 underwater telephone, the UQN-1 fathometer. These also had vacuum tube finals but they were small and easy to swap compared to the BQS-4. The boomers also had the DUUG-2 which was a small dome topside forward, plus a classified navigational sonar that was maintained by the NAV ET's."



This photo was taken a couple of years ago at the Kings Bay Memorial Service. Dominick Volonino, Sonarman, 52-53, on right, yours truly, center, and Dominick's son on left—who was command at Kings Bay at the time. A wonderful day to honor our heroes.



This photo of Cosme Garcia was emailed to Bill Fenton by Enrique Such, Benidorm, Spain. It was taken 1978 in the Bay of Benidorm, Alicante, Spain.

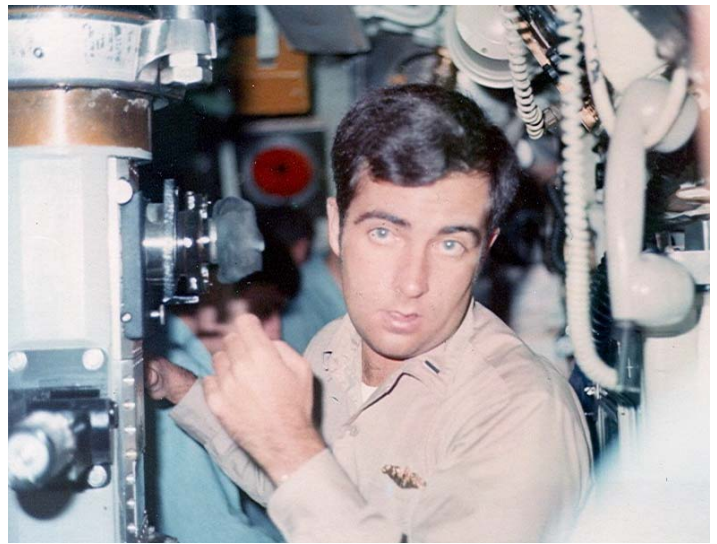
CALL FOR PHOTOS

Our photo contributor this issue is **Lenny Sciuto**, a QuarterMaster (69-71). Thanks Lenny! He did a good job on naming most of the faces after all these years. Anyone recognizing the four marked "unknown" please let us know so that we can update our files.

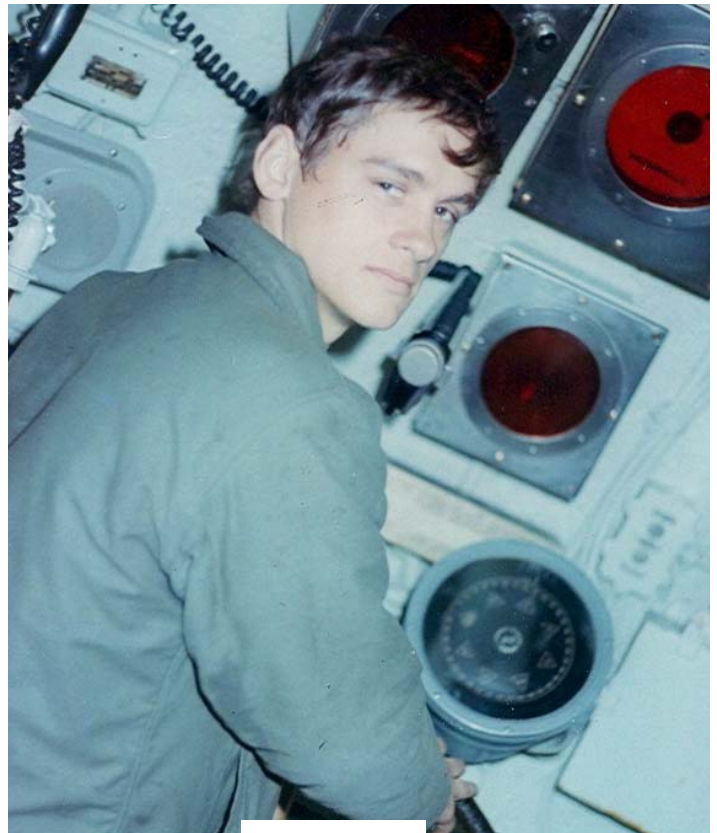
I know there are many more photos out there so please share them with your shipmates on these pages. Makes no difference whether they are of your shipmates or just of yourself. Send them to me, Phil Beals, and I will make sure that they are returned to you, if you so wish, or I will enter them in our Scrap Books. Sometimes one photo will recall a great sea story that happened while you were aboard BANG. Send it in! I'm sure your shipmates will enjoy reading about it.



UNKNOWN???



LT "WILD BILL" FENTON



UNKNOWN???



JIM FRICKE(FT) LT RICHARD PETRINO IKE COHEN(SK)



UNKNOWN??? LT DON MCHUGH RICK ZIRKLE(QM)



LT DON MCHUGH LEN SCIUTO(QM) JOHN MONROE(CS)



MARK HOOPER (FT)



GLEN ARMBRUSTER (ET) FRANK OSTMANN (FT) & MRS



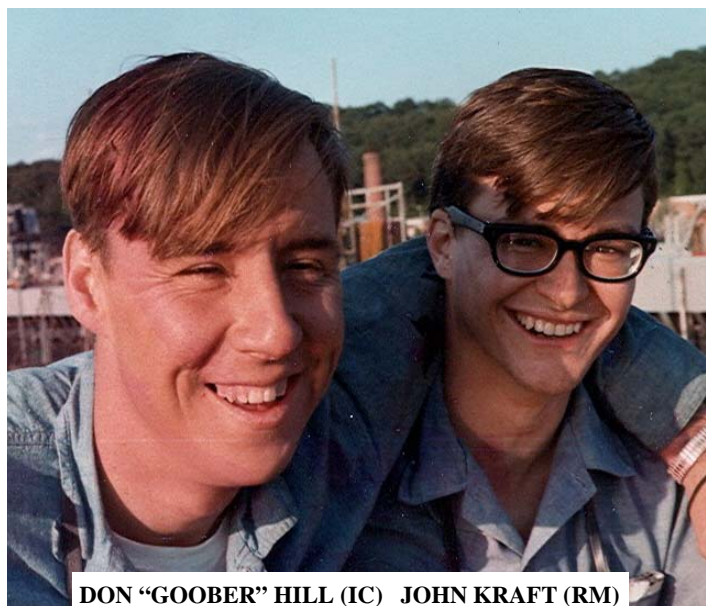
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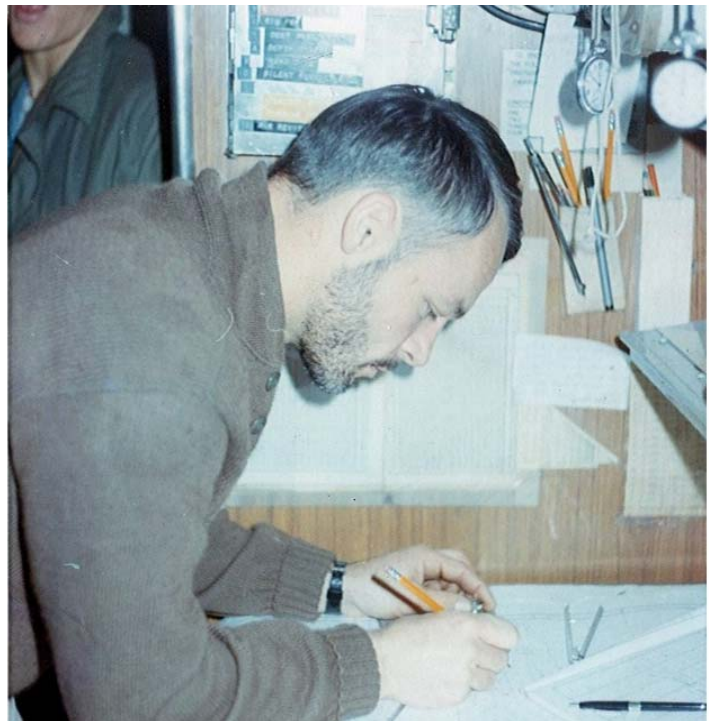
WINTHROP "TRIP" KNOX (QM)



DON "GOOBER" HILL (IC) JOHN KRAFT (RM)



RICHARD MCGIRR (ET)



JIM KRONZER (OPERATIONS)



UNKNOWN???



TIM BROOKS (QM)



LENNY "SCOOBIE DOO" SCIUTO (QM)



HENRY CONOLY (ST)

BANG VIDEOS NOW ON SALE!



John Monroe is still offering these videos for sale:

- (1). 1993 Reunion in Portsmouth, NH.
- (2). 1994 Reunion in Portsmouth, VA.
- (3). A compilation of photos and 8mm film recording BANG's history throughout her Commissioned years and featured highlights of a 1970-1971 Med Cruise.

Though the source documents are vintage, the quality of the reproduction media is very good.

John is offering these videos for \$20.00 each in either VHS tape or CD/DVD format. And, he will send a portion of the proceeds to our Slush Fund.

John also states that if you have difficulty playing the DVD recording on your player, call him and he will rectify the problem.

Anyone interested in purchasing any or all of these videos contact John by phone or mail at the following:

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Navy Blue Ballcap - USS BANG SS385 embroidered in gold with silver dolphins and solid or mesh top.

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10% OFF!!!

Bob Ashley, an ElectronicsTech (64-65) informs us that he just found out that Lowes has a 10% discount, anytime, and for almost anything, for all active or retired military personnel.

He says that they don't advertise it but it is available. You just show your ID card to the cashier when they ring up your purchase. This can amount to a substantial savings if you are in the market for a major appliance.





REUNION UPDATE

2009

Greetings everyone! So far, the following shipmates have mailed their Reunion reservations to me:

1. **Richard Cornell (62-65)**
2. **Ed Moran (60-62)**
3. **Ben Laporte (57-60)**
4. **Joe Leonardi (57-59)**
5. **Bill Fenton (68-71)**
6. **John Monroe (69-72)**
7. **William McNeil (66-68)**
8. **Dale Larson (55-57)**
9. **John Regish (56-58)**
10. **Marvin Christenson (56-58)**
11. **Eric Ericson (67-68)**
12. **Phil Beals (56-59)**

I know many more of you have stated that you plan on attending but, until I receive your Registration Form, I cannot count you on my sailing List. I hope you have not had to alter your plans and this Newsletter acts as a wake up call to get your reservations to me ASAP.

All reservations must reach me by September 15th in order to provide the vendors with the head count they need to make their preparations. As further incentive, I heard that the legendary “**Billy Bang**” **Cromie** is planning to join us this year.

Surfside Oceanfront Inn and Suites is our Headquarters. All of the rooms have been newly renovated since our last stay in 2002 and each comes with a balcony and ocean view. The total cost per room for the BANG GANG (including taxes) will be **\$56.37** per night for the duration of your stay. And, that includes a **free** Deluxe Continental Breakfast, **free** Internet access, **free** parking, **free** newspaper, enclosed heated swimming pool, and each room has its own refrigerator, microwave, and DVD player. Call now (1-800-437-2497) to reserve your room and don't forget to mention “**BANG GANG**” to get our fantastic room rate.

Monday, October 19, has been left open for late arrivals to check in and for all to renew old friendships and make new ones in our well stocked Hospitality Room. If we don't have it—just ask.

Tuesday's planned activity starts with a ride to the 70 year old **Mariner's Museum**. Besides being one of the largest and most comprehensive maritime

history museums in the world, housing a treasure trove of more than 35,000 items, it is home to the world class and one of the country's premier Civil War attractions — the 63,500 square foot USS Monitor exhibit.

Lunch on your own at the Museum café and then off to the **Casemate Museum**, home of the Army's Coast Artillery collection and the focal point of historic Fort Monroe. See how the armament at the fort improved through time taking advantage of new technologies emerging from the Civil War thru WWII.

Wednesday's planned activity starts with a narrated riding tour of **Olde Towne Portsmouth** on our way to visit the **MacArthur Memorial**, located in Norfolk's historic city hall. It traces the life and times of five-star General Douglas MacArthur.

Lunch on your own at MacArthur mall and then a short stop for a free cone of ice cream at **Doumar's**, home to the first ice cream cone machine, before returning to prepare for the **Dinner Cruise**.

The **Spirit of Norfolk** is an exciting way to tour the Elizabeth River and see the fleet up close at the Norfolk Naval Base. The 3 hour sail includes a bountiful dinner buffet with several hot entrees. And after, an interactive live show, and a lively DJ playing a full range of dance tunes for your entertainment. Things to note: **Dress code is casual. Ship is handicap accessible. Smoking on outdoor decks only.**

Thursday, After a morning Business Meeting you will have the rest of the day to prepare yourself for the evening banquet.

Our **Banquet** will feature your choice of: 8 oz Broiled Chicken Breast, 10 oz Broiled Fresh Catch of the Day, or 10 oz Delmonico steak. All are served with a fresh Garden Salad, Red Potatoes, Grilled Vegetable Medley, Dessert, Coffee/tea. Beer and wine are included and professional entertainment will be provided throughout the evening.

Remember the “Bang Gang” guarantee!
I will gladly refund your payment for whatever part of the Reunion you miss.

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MONDAY **OCTOBER 19th** - Check In - Hospitality Room opens at 12:00 noon.

TUESDAY **OCTOBER 20th** - 9:15 a.m. - Mariner's Museum & Fort Monroe.

WEDNESDAY **OCTOBER 21st** - 9:15 a.m. - MacArthur Memorial & Doumar's
5:45 p.m. - Dinner Cruise - Casual Dress



THURSDAY **OCTOBER 22nd** - 8:30 a.m. - Business Meeting — Election of Officers
5:30 p.m. - Banquet – Beer & Wine Included – Entertainment



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Yes, I/we plan to attend the reunion.

RATE/RANK: _____

NAME: _____ **YEARS ABOARD BANG:** _____ **to** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **PHONE NO:** (____) _____ - _____

CITY: _____ **ST:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

SPOUSE'S / GUEST'S NAME(S): _____

ARRIVAL DATE: ___/___/___ **DEPART DATE:** ___/___/___ **E-ADDR:** _____

NUMBER TAKING MARINERS MUSEUM TOUR: _____ @ \$44.00 per person. = _____

NUMBER TAKING MACARTHUR TOUR: _____ @ \$36.00 per person. = _____

NUMBER TAKING DINNER CRUISE TOUR: _____ @ \$64.00 per person. = _____

NUMBER ATTENDING BANQUET: _____ @ \$50.00 per person. = _____

Please specify entrée choice(s): _____ - Chicken _____ - Steak _____ - Fish

(Indicate how many)

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