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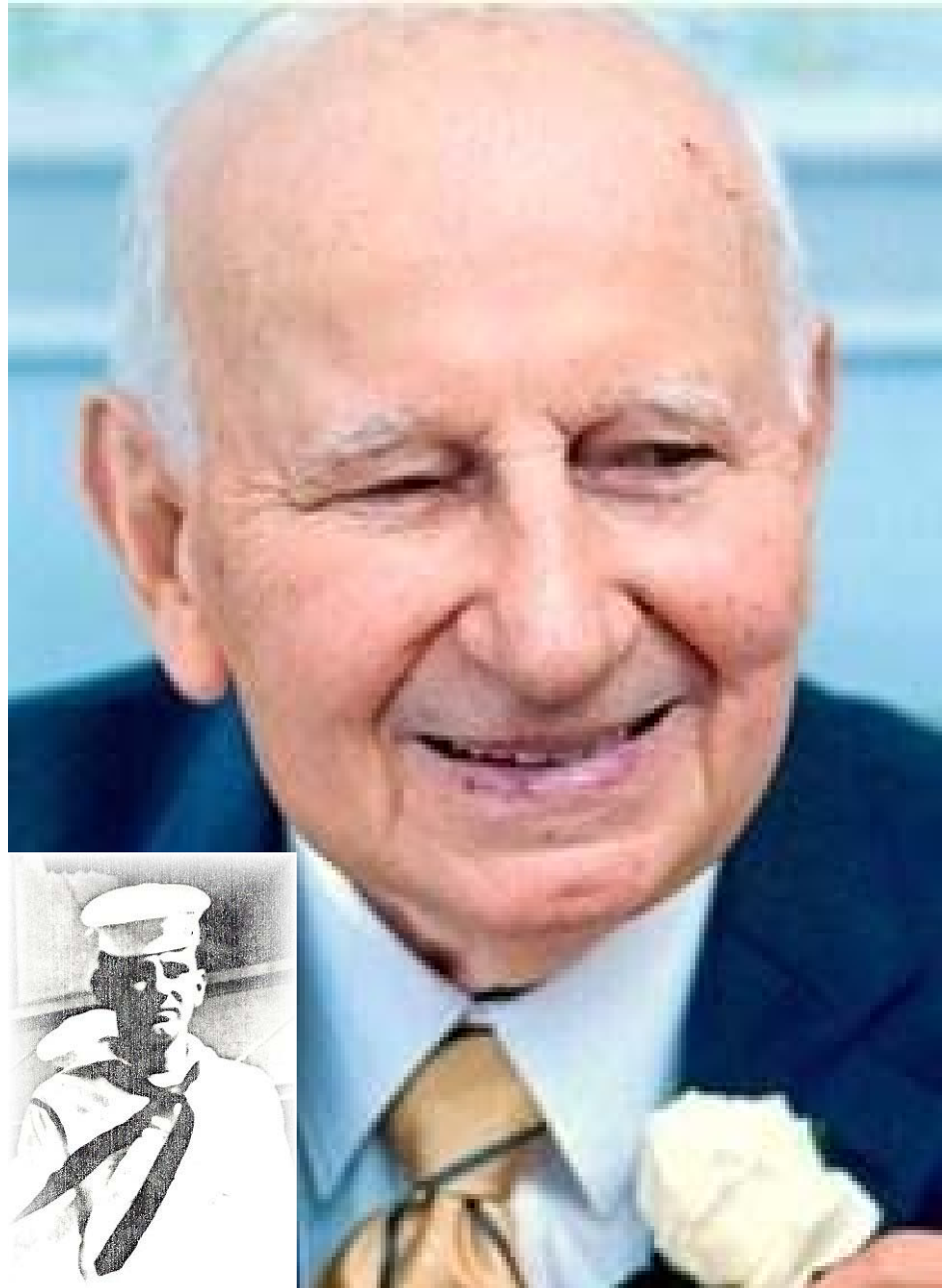
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Joseph Minior 1925 - 2013





LOST AND FOUND



This page is dedicated to informing you of any additions, deletions, or corrections to our active roster.
It has been brought to our attention that the following shipmates have passed away and will be placed on Eternal Patrol.

Joseph Minor, TM (44-46) WP3,4,5.6

Floyd E. Gardinier, CS (60-61)

Richard C. Barbieri, SO (61-64)

Dallas A. Dixon, MM (62-65)



SHIPMATES, REST YOUR OARS!

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

LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIPCODE	PHONE	Y-O-B
Gabler	Douglas J	16831 36th Ave W	Lynwood	WA	98037-7005		71-72
Hazen	John E	6085 Monte Verde Ct	Castro Valley	CA	94552-1831		68-69
Thole	Alan G	13930 Xanthus Ave	Rogers	MN	55374-9187	(612) 281-3333	68-69

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.

LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIPCODE	PHONE	Y-O-B
Hansen	Philip E	421 Crescent Dr	Caldwell	ID	83605-5236		43-45
Sheffel	Ralph	10448 E Evans Creek Rd	Rogue River	OR	97537-9717		58-61



THANK YOU!

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



William Anderson

Roe Granger

Ben LaPorte

Ralph Sheffel

Bill Skorka

Andy McKaye



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**THE INTERNET CONNECTION
CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION**

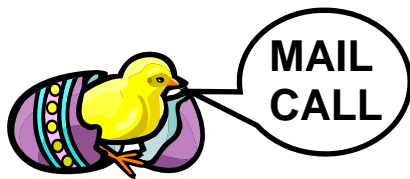
John Hazen ...jellhazen@gmail.com

Alan Thole ...alanthole@yahoo.com



Happy St. Patricks Day





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!

Our Web Master, **Bill Fenton**, continues to enhance our Internet site with photos and video and now has expanded our cyber presence by creating a "Face Book" site for us. It's address, **www.facebook.com/USSBang**, will become a permanent part of our Front Page Masthead alongside our Internet address.

Bill no sooner got the facebook site up and running when it started paying dividends. **Marion Cothran Jr**, EM2 (71-72) posted the following:

"I have just received the Bang Gang Newsletter and as always truly enjoy reading the writings and updates. My time aboard the BANG was 71-72. I was on the BANG for a short one year but it was the best one year of my military career.

I put my time aboard the BANG above my time working at the White House with the White House Communications Agency. I was selected for this assignment and I fully believe my being on the BANG and qualifying was a determining factor in my selection for this military job. I had the title of Supervisor of the White House Emergency Relocation Complex.

I have several things that I want to say but I am going to save them for the next Newsletter. I do have two observations to make. **Bill Powell** wrote about the Halfbeak SS352 crashing into the pier. I was attending Sub School and was on a tour when this happened. I did not see the accident but I did hear the crash and was on the scene within a minute after the crash. WHAT a mess!!! The sub looked like a picture from a war movie.

Also, I read the input **Ron Gecks** made. Ron may not remember me but I was an Electrician Mate on the BANG. He was a tall red headed man if my memory serves me correct.

Does anyone remember the time that we played a softball game against the prisoners at Naval Correctional Center at Portsmouth? I remember it clearly. I pitched and remember guards with rifles and machine guns standing guard as we played. I cannot make the next Reunion because of

restrictions on travel but I am excited that the 2016 Reunion will be at Chattanooga. I live 1 1/2 hours from that town and will look forward to attending this reunion and meeting all my Bang shipmates."

Hey, Marion! With all the armed guards at the ballgame, I'll bet the prisoners didn't STEAL many bases and I'm sure no one yelled "Kill the Umpire". See you in Chattanooga!

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The following note is another "dividend". This time from our Web Site:

"My name is **Alan Thole** and I served aboard the BANG from Apr 67 thru Feb 69 as an IC Electrician. I happened to look on the BANG website this fall when we were on a trip to CT. I noticed there was a reunion notice posted but unfortunately I was not going to be able to make it.

I then researched and found the phone number and address of **Charles J. Dougherty** and called him. Chuck and I were good friends during our duty together. He suggested contacting you to get myself added to the list for contact info on reunions, etc.

Thank you in advance and I look forward to attending the next reunion."

Alan, thanks for looking us up on the net. I'm sure "Doc" was happy to hear from you - unless he owes you money. If that's the case, show up at the next Reunion and we'll make him pay up.

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**"I showed up, I stood up, I stepped forward.
I raised my right hand, I stood in the gap,
I walked in the fire.
I did not run, I did not hide,
I did not dodge, I did not evade.**

Consequently...

**I have nothing to prove, no one to convince,
those who matter, already know.
Those who don't, never will."**

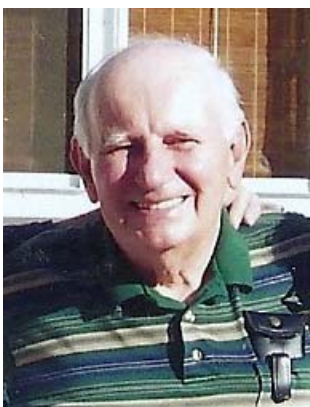
-Author Unknown



When the last Newsletter I mailed to **Joe Minior**, TM (44-46, WP3,4,5,6), was returned to me stamped "*Unable to deliver, No Forwarding Address*", I did some searching on the Internet and found his obituary from 2013.

Joe boarded BANG as a Torpedoman just before she left on her 3rd Patrol in August 1944 and stayed until his discharge in February 1946. During the 2004 Taunton, MA Reunion I was fortunate to join some of Joe's WWII shipmates for a visit at Joe's home.

Joseph Minior, age 88, of Somerset, MA passed away Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at his residence surrounded by his family.



He was the husband of Esther (O'Gara) Minior to whom he has been married for the past 64 years.

Born in Fall River, a son of the late John Minior Sr. and Bridget (Pawlikowska) Minior, he was a lifelong area resident.

A veteran of the United States Navy, he served during World War II as a Torpedo Man 3rd class. He worked at the Newport Naval Base in the maintenance department for the Housing Division for 40 years before retiring in 1986.

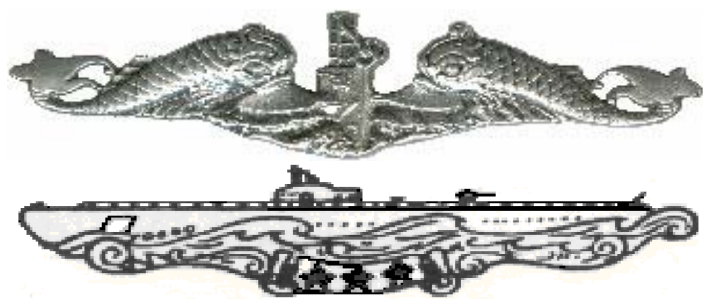
He was a communicant of St. Stanislaus Church in Fall River where he was a Eucharistic Minister and a member of the Holy Rosary Society and the St. Stanislaus Seniors. He also served as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Anne's Hospital.

In addition to his wife he is survived by two daughters; Carolyn Mello and her husband Lewis of Holderness, NH, Kathleen Slavick of Dundee, NY, one brother; John Minior and his wife Doris of Tiverton, four grandchildren; Scott C., Sheena C., and Simone C. Slavick, and Victoria M. Saperia, five great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was brother of the late Nellie "Helen" Pimental, Stella Rivers, Helen Baiocchi, Jane Blain, and Alfred and Edward Minior.

His Funeral was held Monday, February 4, 2013 from the WARING-SULLIVAN HOME OF MEMORIAL TRIBUTE at ROSE E. SULLIVAN, 866 County St., Somerset, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Stanislaus Church, 36 Rockland St., Fall River. Burial in Notre Dame Cemetery, Fall River.

Contributions in his honor may be made to the Southcoast Visiting Nurse Association, 200 Mill Rd.,

Fairhaven, MA 02719.



Susan Barbieri, daughter of **Dick Barbieri**, SO (61-64) informed us of his sudden passing and sent the following obituary.

Dick arrived aboard BANG from the Sub Base in New London in August 1961 and served as a Sonarman until his separation at Philadelphia in February 1964. Dick was a crewmember of a North Atlantic cruise under **Captain Alex Sinclair**. Later on in life, Dick portrayed his BANG experiences in a book he authored and published - "Smoke Boat Sailor".

Richard "Dick" Charles (Sieler) Barbieri, Sr. 73,



of Ashby, MA loving Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle and Nephew died peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on Monday, December 15th, 2014. Dick was predeceased by his loving wife Marie (Brideau) Barbieri. He leaves his children, Richard C. Barbieri, Jr., Darren Johnson, Kimberly (Barbieri) Porter & Susan

Barbieri. Also left were his siblings Tish Jay, Julie Redden, Jodi Rachkovsky, Stan Sieler and his two granddaughters Makayla & Amanda Porter.

Dick was born in Bell CA, traveled the world in the 1960's while serving on the USS Bang SS-385, a U.S. Navy submarine which served as the basis for his top selling book "Smoke Boat Sailor" available on Amazon.

Dick has lived in many locations including Singapore, California, Hawaii, Washington, South Dakota, New York, and Massachusetts. He attended Pearl Harbor Intermediate School Honolulu, HI from 1955-1957 and graduated from Charlestown, MA High School Class of 1960. Dick then attended Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, MA from 1965-1967 where he obtained an Associates

degree in Electrical Engineering. Later he attended Northeastern University in Boston, MA and earned a degree in Industrial Engineering, followed by a Masters degree in Business from Lesley College in Cambridge, MA. Dick was a pioneer in the field of Quality Management and Control. He is a respected Fellow member of the American Society of Quality (ASQ) and has written many innovative books and training materials on quality control and management. Fellow Membership is an honor bestowed by other ASQ Members. A Fellow represents the upper echelon of the quality profession and serves as the backbone of the ASQ. Dick was a lifelong teacher and worked as a Senior Graduate Lecturer in the Masters Degree program in the College of Professional Studies at Northeastern University. Dick was well known as an entrepreneur and was the founder and President of both The Quality Improvement Network and Barbieri Quality Registrars where he helped hundreds of companies worldwide. He was a Consultant at SQA Services, Trainer, Auditor & certified on-line Lecturer, Regulatory Affairs and Quality Management Systems for Medical devices and Pharmaceuticals. Most recently, Dick was a Vice President of Quality at Foxx Life Sciences.

Dick was a devoted and caring family man who enjoyed spending time with his family, teaching & playing the 5-String Banjo, fishing, sailing, and camping. He was a man of great integrity, was an extremely hard worker, and always helped those in need. His incredible sense of humor was second to none. Dick was a source of great inspiration and provided many with loving & wise advice and guidance.

Services were held at Silas F. Richardson & Son Funeral Home 106 West Street, Leominster, MA followed by a burial with military honors in Evergreen Cemetery, 357 Main Street, Leominster.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the National Kidney Foundation, Finance Department, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016.

Anyone wishing to express their condolences to Dick's family may contact his daughter Susan.

Cell: (978-257-5107)

Email: Susan.barbieri@gmail.com



We have been notified of the passing of Floyd Gardinier, CS (60-61) on 01/27/2015. Floyd came aboard BANG out of Sub School in April 1960 and served as a CS until transferring to Patrick Henry SSBN599 in February 1961 where he spent the next 9 1/2 years. I recall Floyd telling me that shipmate **Jim Bunch** gave him the nickname "Sarge" and that stuck with him throughout his service career.



Floyd E. Gardinier, 89, passed away Tuesday (Jan 27th) at the Edward L. Wilkinson RHCF.

Born in Amsterdam on June 9, 1926 to the late Edgar and Ethel Herrick Gardinier, Floyd was united in marriage to Dora Mae Roberts in 1948 and who passed away in 1999. They had one son

Bruce R. Gardinier who passed away in October of 2010.

Floyd attended Greater Amsterdam Schools and then enlisted in the Navy in 1943 until 1946 at which time he joined the Reserves and received his high school diploma as a promise to his mother.

In 1959 he re-enlisted with the Navy and attended submarine school in New London Ct. He served aboard the USS Bang, USS Patrick Henry and the USS Robert E. Lee. He retired from the USS George Marshall in 1976. During his 33 year career he underwent 23 Polaris/Poseidon patrols, an extraordinary accomplishment. After retirement Floyd worked for the Amsterdam Bus Service, driving and training.

He was a member of the VFW Post 8690 of Broadalbin, a former member of BPO Elks Lodge 101, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, Commanding Officer of the Amsterdam Naval Cadets and the United Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his grandson Jason Gardinier, granddaughter Kelly (Scott) Carney and great grandchildren Kayden, Brody, Peyton and Brayden. He is also survived by his sisters Marjorie Dunlavey of Tribes Hill, Norma Murphy of Syracuse and Hazel Roberts of Peoria Az.; along with nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by brothers Harlow and Richard Gardinier.

Spring interment with military honors will take place in Pine Grove Cemetery, Tribes Hill. Memorials may be made to the Montgomery Co. SPCA, PO Box 484, Amsterdam.



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This spot originally contained a sad note from **Dallas Dixon** MM (62-65) reporting that his doctors informed him in December that he had an incurable, fast growing brain tumor, Glioblastoma Multiforme, and that they estimated he had about 6 months left before he went on eternal patrol. He went on to say that it was a great honor to serve with and to know all his silent service brothers and he was looking forward to eventually meeting up with his shipmates who preceded him in death.

The doctors were very generous with their estimate because before I could get this edition to the printers, Dallas' daughter Trisia e-mailed me about his passing.

Dallas came aboard BANG out of Sub School in 1962 and served as a MachinistMate until his departure in 1965. He was also a crewmember of a North Atlantic cruise under **Captain Alex Sinclair**. A few years back, he announced the publishing of two "Miss Nancy" books - stating that the first one was dedicated to his BANG Shipmates.

Dallas Dixon, 72, of Waterloo, died peacefully with his family at his side, Friday, March 13, 2015.



He was born on Dec. 18, 1942 in Grundy Center, Iowa, son of Arnold and Dorthea (Hansen) Dixon.

Dallas graduated from Grundy Center High School in 1961. He served in the US Navy on the USS Bang Submarine in the Atlantic. He married Rita Palmitessa March 26, 1966

in Grundy Center.

He became licensed in the State of Iowa for land surveying in 1985. Dallas worked as a land surveyor for Wayne Claassen Engineering and Survey Co., retired in 1999. He was a member of Land Surveyors of Iowa.

Dallas was an artistic person: making many fine pieces of stained glass lamps and windows, building cabinets and furniture, and published author of three novels and wrote his autobiography, "My First Sixty Years." He hand-bound and sewed each book, which took many precious hours. There wasn't an instrument he couldn't learn to play. Most importantly, he was an excellent husband, father, and grandfather, leaving wonderful memories.

Dallas is survived by: his wife, daughters Trisia (Jesse) McElmury and Dawn (Jonny) Silk, both of Farmington, MN, three grandchildren: Jordan Bradfield, Sydney (Brandon) Cole, and Sammantha Silk; brother Don (Jan) Dixon of Cedar Falls. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements by Locke Funeral Home. No services are planned at this time.

Condolences may be left at LockeFuneralHome.com. Memorials to Cedar Valley Hospice.

Anyone wishing to send their condolences to Rita and family may do so to the following address:

Rita Dixon
629 Kingsley Ave
Waterloo, IA 50701-2957



*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.*

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I received a nice Email from **Benito Chereguini**, Primer comandante del S-34 (1st CO of Cosme Garcia). He sends his best wishes for a "HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A BETTER NEW YEAR 2015" to Captain **David Harriss** and all crew members of USS BANG.

He also states that he is retired now (82) and spends his time writing. To date, he has published three books and in one of them he dedicate one full chapter to his stay in New London. Benito has also written the following "Brindis Marinero" (Sailors Toast) and hopes one day he will be able to present it at a Bang Gang Reunion.

*I bid you welcome, my dear old tars
Let's toast while we are merry of heart,
And forget the surging of the bright stars
That tells us soon we must depart.
So until we have set sail
And our ships cross paths anew
Let's refill our glasses with ale
And toast again to the health of the crew.*

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Roe Granger, ENgineman (60-63), "I apologize for my laxness in not being more timely in support of the Newsletter. As luck would have it, I found a short item by **Joe Peluso**. SONarman (59-62) in the latest issue. Happy New Year to the Gang. I look forward to the next issue..." *Thanks for writing Roe and thanks also for your donation. I hope your New Year is a Happy one too.*

Ralph Sheffel, ENgineman (58-61), "Happy New Year! I hope 2015 will be a good year for the Gang. My address has changed again. Thanks for mailing the Newsletters. I have enclosed a few bucks to help out with the postage." ... *Ralph, thanks for updating your address. Best way to guarantee you keep receiving the Newsletter. Thanks also for your "few bucks".*

William Anderson, (68), "Enclosed is a check to add to the Bang Gang Newsletter slush fund to cover whatever costs might be required. Thanks for your efforts along with the other guys for keeping up with the news of the Bang crew..." *Thanks Bill for your help in keeping the memory of the Bang Gang alive.*

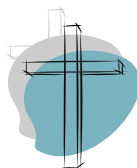
Lois Miner, sister of **Bill Cromie**, ElectriciansMate (64-71), "Just wanted to let you know that I am so happy to receive the Bang Gang Newsletter. Also, I didn't know if you knew that Jeannie had sold the house and is now living in an assisted living place about five miles north of Bechtelsville. She has had some major health problems and surgeries and now needs a walker to get around. So far she is very content where she is and enjoys the meals - said she is even eating better, so hopefully she will gain some strength. I am so afraid I will never have a chance to see her again, but I'm also glad that she will have supervision. I have worried for several years about her falling on ice or otherwise in her driveway and because of where the house was situated, that no one might even find her for days.

I still miss Billy so much, as well as our baby sister, our mom and my husband, all whom I have lost in the last ten years. At least I have my three children, nine grandchildren and soon to be 22 greats.

Jeannie's phone number is the same. Here is her new address:"

Jean Cromie
35 N. Walnut St.
Walnut Woods
Boyertown, PA 19512-1029

...Lois, thank you for sending the update on Jeannie to us. Without Billy there to help her, I sure the move was the right thing to do.



**The Chaplain's
Corner**
Len Sciuto
QMC(SS), USNR
CDR, USCG, retired



Hello and Happy New Year!! I hope the holiday season with family and friends was fun and memorable.

Most of us this year, north of the Mason/Dixon line, have lost some of the tolerance for the "winter wonderland" that we are currently experiencing. Allow me to expand on that thought just a bit.

The winters here, for last 25 of the 26 years, have been typical. But, "Holy Cow", this year has been horrible. The temperature, over the

last 22 of 30 days, has been at or below zero at some point during the day/night. Prior to this week, only 6 inches of remnant snow covered the ground. Then the blizzard came and dumped 2 feet of the white stuff. And 2 days later, we took another 6 inches. And now today (as I write this at 4 am), another 12 inches are gracing the New England terrain!! Add that up and you get 4 feet and, brother, that's a lot of shoveling! And some of you already know that I am very good at shoveling! I thought, at one time, that the snow blower, while working overtime, appeared beet red and was growling at me as if to say, "shut me off and give me a rest!" This is the worst winter I have ever experienced here in my 26 years of dealing with low temperatures and piles of snow. I quietly asked God for a reprieve, while fighting Bronchitis, coughing up a storm, and making copious donations of Kleenex to the waste basket. Suddenly, a little voice went off in my head: "Go south, you old salt. Go South!" So, I put my house up for sale and started my research for a permanent new home in Florida. And to Hades with the sub-zero temperatures and the chest high piles of snow!!

So what's the point here? The point is, in this case, as we grow older and become more tolerant of things, we must remember that there is no need to sweat the small stuff. There are bigger things, in life to worry about. God will handle them for us, Things, for instance, like family, health, and for friends (new and old). We should always try to remember to thank God for what He has given us, in the past, the present and for the future. All of us, when we consider our lives, our families, our friends, our health, and of course, our shipmates, have much to say "thank you" for.

Until we meet again, this year in Detroit for our annual reunion, may GOD bless us all and the United States of America.

Len



REUNION 2014

Wilkins, Ross, Kraft, Christenson (72), Harry Ross (Marv Christenson)



Ronnie "Elvis" Navarra & Bill Fenton



Wayne & Elaine Thalasinis



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Gary Dannenbaum



Gabe Lewis



James & Harriet Schultz



Marilyn Barratt & Len Fagotti



Jane & Ed DeLong



Dot & Phil Beals

USS BANG (SS385) MEMORIAL SITES

"Keeping The Memory Alive"

- Albacore Park - Portsmouth, NH - Red Maple Tree and Engraved Ground Marker
- Battleship Park - Mobile, AL - Engraved Walkway Brick
- Mathis Plaza Waterfront Park - S. Toms River, NJ - Engraved Walkway Brick
- Deterrent Park - Silverdale, WA - Engraved Walkway Brick
- Veterans Memorial Park - Pensacola, FL - Submarine Lifeguard League Memorial Stone
- Idaho Science Center - Arco, ID - Engraved Bronze Plaque @ Hawkbill Memorial
- Veterans Freedom Memorial - Tampa, FL - Engraved Walkway Brick
- USS Lapon Memorial Sail - Springfield, MO - Engraved Walkway Brick
- New Mexico Vets Memorial - Albuquerque, NM - Engraved Walkway Brick
- Nimitz WWII Museum-Fredericksburg, TX - Brass Plaque on Memorial Courtyard Wall
- Submarine Library & Museum - Groton, CT - Engraved Walkway Brick



GOOD HOME NEEDED!



I have recently decommissioned the Bang-Mobile and, since its replacement does not have a rear spare tire carrier, I now have no use for this spare tire cover and am looking for a good home to place it in.

If your vehicle is in need of a spare tire cover, or you would just like to have this one, please contact me, Phil Beals, and we can discuss the best way to get it to you. My address, phone # and email address are on the front page.



TAX REFUND SALE!!

No Sales Tax either.....

All items are sold at our Reunions or shipped PBW. Send mail orders to **Phil Beals** with your check payable to **USS BANG** and be sure to include a few bucks extra to cover the postage.

Navy Blue Ballcap - Solid or mesh top - embroidered USS BANG SS385 + dolphins or Sentry of the Seas. **Please state your choice**.....\$8.00

BANG Photos - 40's, 50's, 60's 11x14 black & white as shown on back page of Newsletter. **Please state your choice**.....\$3.00

Jacket Patches - 40's, 50's, 60's 5 inch in full color as shown on back page of Newsletter. **Please state your choice**.....\$5.00

WWII Battle Flag Patch - 3x5 inch full color.....\$5.00

1" Lapel/Hat pins - depict jacket patches & battle flag. **Please state your choice**.....\$5.00

6" Trilogy Window Decal - depicts all 3 sail configurations and patches in full color.....\$5.00

All proceeds from these sales are deposited directly into our Slush Fund.



REUNION UPDATE 2015



Welcome Shipmates, Guests, and Spouses of our departed brothers. **Jim and Yolanda Klein, Jennifer Wilson and Paul Schramm** are looking forward to hosting the 72 Anniversary of USS BANG Reunion.

The reunion is promoted as Detroit, MI but, with you safety and comfort in mind, we will be based in Troy, MI. The city of Troy is one of the most dynamic and livable cities in Michigan, and the country. It is renowned for A+ rated schools, excellent public services, and a community that's second to none.



Our Headquarters will be the all SMOKE-FREE Embassy Suites Hotel. **(248)-879-7500**. Each two room unit consists of (Bedroom with 2 double beds or king bed, Bath with shower or tub, and Sitting Room with sofa bed and refrigerator) OR (two Bedrooms and two Baths). All suites are Bang Reunion priced at **\$139.00 plus tax** (Rate is good for three days before and after Reunion.) The cutoff date for this guaranteed reservation rate is August 30, 2015. Reservations made after this date will be offered at the group rate on a space available basis. To receive this special rate, be sure to mention

“USS Bang Reunion” when you call.

HOTEL AMENITIES:

- *Accessibility Friendly
- *Complimentary breakfast buffet.
- *Manager’s evening cocktail reception.
- *Indoor Pool, Spa, Fitness Center.
- *Complimentary local shuttle (5 mile radius).
- *Wireless WiFi and Business Center.
- *Three Casinos within short driving distance.

If you are arriving by vehicle, the Hotel affords free parking to not only cars but, trucks, RVs, and buses - as well as charging stations for you electric car drivers.

If you plan on arriving by plane (Detroit DTW) or Amtrak (Troy TRM), take advantage of **Jim’s free ‘Red Cap’ shuttle service** (Tips Accepted) by including your Arrival / Departure Days & Times on the Registration Form and either fill in your Airline and Flight Number or check the Amtrak box.

Monday, 14th - Acclimation Day. Time to get acclimated to the new surroundings you will be enjoying the next few days. Where’s my room? Where’s the Hospitality Room? Where’s Elmo?

Tuesday, 15th - "The Henry Ford Tours". We are offering three excellent tours which are described below in detail. Unfortunately, due to time restrictions, you will only be able to visit two of them. If you intend to go, please tally which two choices you (and all others in your party) wish to see and insert those totals in their appropriate spot on your Registration Form.



1.) **ASSEMBLY LINE TOUR** - is a self-guided

five-part experience that includes:

Legacy Theater - Learn about the triumphs and tragedies surrounding the Factory.

Manufacturing Innovation Theater - A multisensory exploration of the manufacturing experience from concept to highway.

Observation Deck - View the ground-breaking living roof from our 80-ft-high observation deck.

Dearborn Truck Plant - See the new Ford F-150s being assembled.

Legacy Gallery - View five historic vehicles made at the Rouge, hop in a new F-150, and visit the Factory Store.

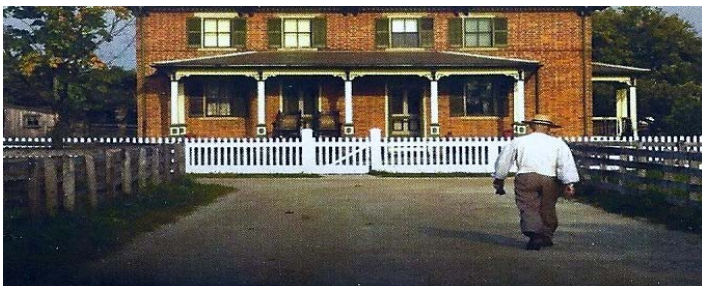
You will spend a good two hours on this tour.



2.) **THE MUSEUM TOUR** - a National Historic Landmark, is a sweeping, single-floor space with soaring 40-foot ceilings covering twelve acres dedicated to showcasing the finest collection of its kind ever assembled. It began as Henry Ford's personal collection of historic objects, which he began collecting as far back as 1906. Today, the site is primarily a collection of antique machinery, pop culture items, automobiles, locomotives, aircraft, and other items. These are some of the themes:

Agriculture, Clockwork, Driving America, Heroes of the Sky, Home Arts, Jewelry, Made in America, Transportation & Mobility, With Liberty & Justice For All, Your Place in Time.

This is Huge! **Paul** spent 3 hours here with his brother-in-law and just barely saw everything.



3.) **THE VILLAGE TOUR** - is a living museum with the actual homes of Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Noah Webster, and more. Entering

Greenfield Village is like stepping into an 80-acre time machine. Step into the sights, sounds and sensations of 300 years of American life.

The Village has the following historic districts: Railroad Junction; 1880's Working Farms; Edison idea's at Work; Porches and Parlors; Liberty Craftworks; Main Street; Henry Ford's Model T.

If the Museum is Huge, then this is Huger! For those that don't walk much, this place is spread out! You can easily spend all day here. Wheelchairs and Electric Scooters are available. Check out The Henry Ford Innovation Nation on CBS Saturday Mornings.

Lunch will be on your own at the cafeteria or one of the many eating places in Greenfield Village.

Wednesday, 16th - "The River Cruise and Motown Tours". Due to **Paul** being on a diet, the only accessible lunch on this trip will be the snacks and libation sold on the River Boat so double up at the Breakfast Buffet or pack a lunch before boarding the bus.



Diamond Jack's River Tour takes us on the beautiful Detroit River, the World's busiest international waterway, for a two hour historically narrated tour of the scenic shorelines of Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Along the way we will pass downriver marinas, islands, and communities. Also, giant Great Lakes and Ocean freighters, steel mills, shipyards, and marine terminals that can only be seen exclusively from the water.

A portion of our trip will take us into Canadian waters but not to worry, passports are not required for illegal aliens! ¿Usted habla español This tour will also let you experience a Skimmer's life but, on the downside, you will be aboard a TARGET.

From the River Tour we will journey back to the roots of the music of our youth - Motown!

Tour Hitsville U.S.A., the birthplace of the Motown Sound. Step into an era of musical magic. Stand where the Temptations, Four

Tops, Miracles, Supremes - and many more of your favorite Motown artists and musicians recorded their music in legendary Studio A.



Learn how Berry Gordy founded Motown Records in 1959 with an \$800 loan from his family and purchased the two-family flat located at 2648 West Grand Boulevard. He, literally, worked from his home by living in the upper unit, while transforming the building's first floor into Hitsville U.S.A., home of the renowned Studio A and Motown Records headquarters until 1968.

Gordy used his remarkable ear for talent and signed many of the greatest, but unknown, songwriters, musicians and singers in the country. From its inauspicious beginning Motown Records grew to become the world's largest independent record company by 1979.

The Museum might not have come into existence if Berry's sister, Ester had not maintained an office at Hitsville U.S.A. after the headquarters moved to Los Angeles in 1972.

Barring any scheduling conflicts, **Sally Erickson** and **Elvis** will be there cutting a new "Duets" album of all your favorite hit songs.

Thursday, 17th - The morning agenda includes the Annual Business Meeting and Ladies Bingo. Highlights of the Business Meeting will include Election of Officers and an Update on our 2016 Reunion. In the evening is our Banquet. **Yolanda** has some great entertainment planned and, in the next newsletter, we will elaborate more on the details.

Jennifer and Paul have done a great job setting this up. Please feel free to contact either with any Reunion questions.

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COORDINATORS



Yolanda & Jim
Klein



Paul
Schramm



Jennifer
Wilson

FREE BREAKFAST BUFFET 06:30 - 09:30 plus COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEUVRES 17:30 - 19:30 EVERYDAY!!!

- MONDAY** **SEPTEMBER 14th** - Check-In - Get "Welcome" envelope - Hospitality Room opens 10:00 a.m.
TUESDAY **SEPTEMBER 15th** - 08:30 a.m. - Bus departs for Henry Ford Tours.
WEDNESDAY **SEPTEMBER 16th** - 11:45 a.m. - Bus departs for River Boat Cruise and Motown Tours.
THURSDAY **SEPTEMBER 17th** - 09:00 a.m. - Business Meeting - Ladies Bingo.
 05:30 p.m. - Photos, Cocktails & Banquet - Live Entertainment.

✂ - - - - - Clip Here and Mail by **AUGUST 15th** To: - - - - - ✂

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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:** _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

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

ARRIVAL DAY: ____ **ARRIVAL TIME:** ____:____ **AIRLINE & FLIGHT #** _____ **AMTRAK**

DEPART DAY: ____ **DEPART TIME:** ____:____ **AIRLINE & FLIGHT #** _____

NUMBER TAKING HENRY FORD TOURS: @ \$50.00 per person. = _____

CHOICE OF 2 PER PERSON: ASSEMBLY LINE# ____ **MUSEUM#** ____ **VILLAGE#** ____

NUMBER TAKING RIVERBOAT AND MOTOWN TOURS: @ \$40.00 per person. = _____

NUMBER ATTENDING BANQUET BUFFET: @ \$45.00 per person. = _____

Please specify any DIETARY NEEDS: _____

HOSPITALITY ROOM STIPEND: @ \$10.00 per adult. = _____

Make check payable to JAMES KLEIN

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