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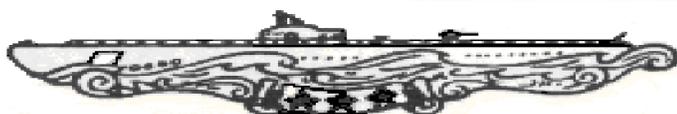
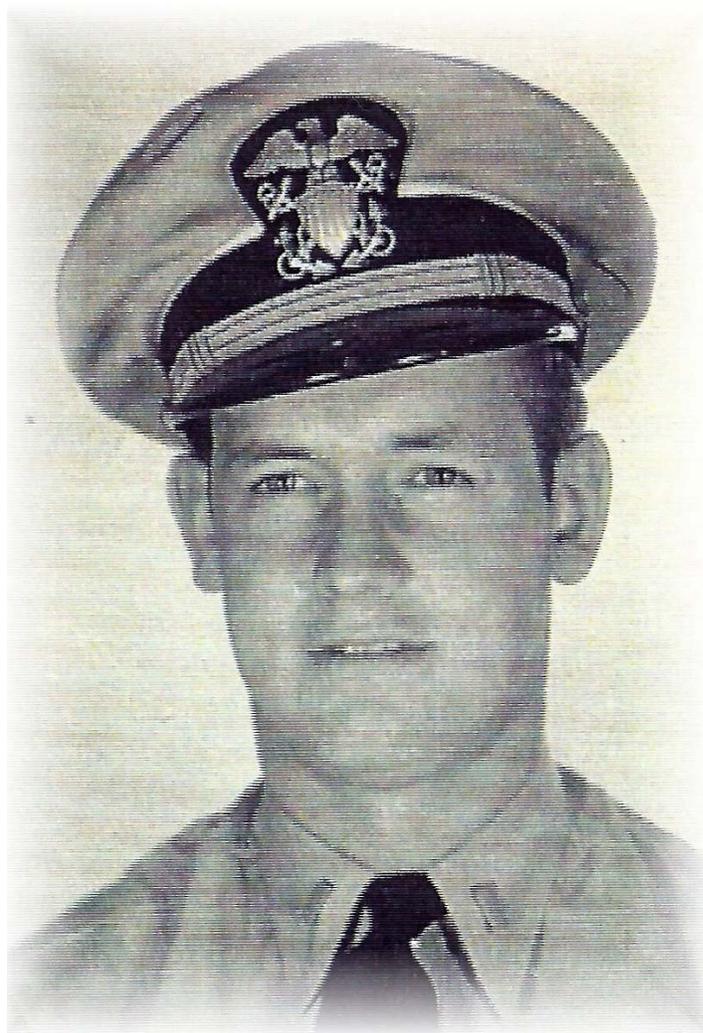
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**Daniel M. Rosenfeld**  
1921—2015

**James E. Heg**  
1919—2015



# 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 shipmate has passed away and will be placed on Eternal Patrol.

**Daniel M. Rosenfeld, MoMM (43-46, WP1,2,3,4,5,6)**

**James E. Heg, Officer (44-46, WP2,3,4,5,6)**

**Thomas Robustelli, FTG (65-69)**

**Frank B. Costa, ETR (61-62)**

**Howard Burton, SD (54-55)**

**SHIPMATES, REST YOUR OARS!**



The following shipmate is a new (found) addition to our roster. Your committee is thankful for all who helped in locating her and we will continue our search until we have attempted to locate everyone.

LASTNAME FIRSTNAME ADDRESS CITY ST ZIPCODE PHONE Y-O-B

**NONE TO REPORT!!!**

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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## THANK YOU!

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



**Jim Andree  
Basil Asteriades**

**Dave Blaha  
Marv Christenson**

**Sharon (Clark)  
Don Craig**

**Ed Schovajsa  
Dennis Smeage**

**Donna Tardiff  
Carl "Ed" White**



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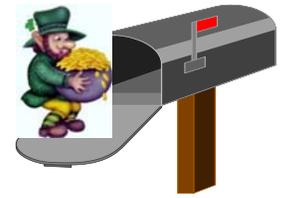
THE INTERNET CONNECTION  
CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

**NONE TO REPORT!**





# FPO



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

## Editor's Notes and Ramble: Hi Shipmates!

I just read that since SecNav, Ray Mabus has allowed women access to all Navy positions, he is now mandating that the Navy's ratings and titles become more gender-neutral and relevant by April 1st. In other words, get rid of the 'man' or 'men' portion of the title.

I am not sure just how that is going to affect my reporting of your rating in this Newsletter. Maybe they will allow you to keep your title by grandfathering - oops! - grandparenting you in. I'm positive Mr. Mabus will have all the answers for us by the time his deadline rolls around - after all, it is All Fools Day.

.....  
**Dan "Rosey" Rosenfeld**, MoMM (43-46 WP1,2,3,4,5,6) was the last standing member of a unique group of men (9) who Commissioned BANG in December 1943, rode her to the Pacific, made all six of her War Patrols, rode her back to New London, and continued to stay aboard until she was well on her way to decommissioning and a well earned rest in the "mothball" fleet. (All the rest of the Plank Owners, for one reason or another made five or less Patrols.)

On 8/31/1946 Rosey was transferred from BANG to USS Thornback (SS418) where he proudly continued his Naval career of 27 years - never once forgetting his time spent aboard BANG. Even his tour of Shore Duty as a Recruiter was filled with sea stories about BANG and why you should join the Submarine Service. One of his recruits eventually became a BANG Shipmate.

Though retired from the Navy, Dan continued showing his love for the Submarine Service by annually attending WWII Submariner Conventions and BANG Reunions. No matter what color their dolphins were, Submariners always enjoyed Dan's company as much as he enjoyed theirs.

During my last phone conversation with him, he talked of attending our up-coming Reunions in

TN and FL because they were close by. I guess it finally dawned on him that his wife, Goldie wasn't around anymore and, rather than attend our Reunions without her, he decided to go see the one person in his life he loved greater than Submariners.

**ROSENFELD, Daniel Marshall**, 94, died Sunday December 6, 2015 at his home.

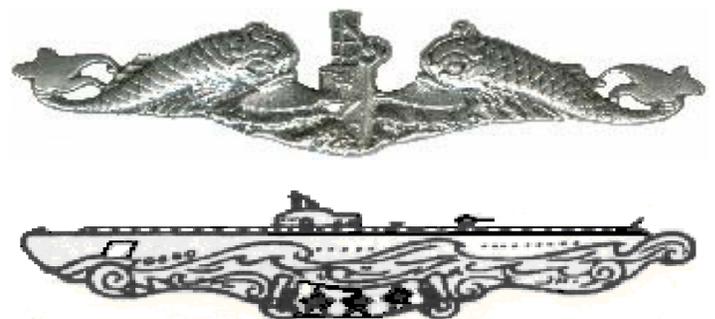


He was a graduate of Miami Senior High and was retired from the Navy after 27 years in the Submarine service. He was a Mason and member of the VFW. Daniel is predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Goldie. Survivors include his sister, Stella Rosenfeld; brothers,

Irving Rosenfeld and Sig (Lucille) Rosenfeld. Special thank you to Dawn Barrett and Javier Milian for their wonderful compassion and care of Daniel. Graveside services and Military honors were held Wednesday December 9th 2015 at Mt. Nebo Cemetery 5900 SW 77 Ave. Memorials may be made in his honor to the VFW or the charity of your choice.

"Rosey, a shipmate well liked by all, will always remain a Bang icon to me." - **Bob Gunny**.

"Rosey was one of the good ones." - **Frank Walker**.



**James E. Heg**, Ens/Ltjg (44-46 WP2,3,4,5,6) reported aboard BANG in Midway, 5/27/1944 in time for her second War Patrol. He remained aboard for the rest of BANG's Patrols, garnering a Bronze Star - "for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in action against the enemy while aboard a U.S. Submarine on patrol" - and then rode her back to Portsmouth, NH for repairs. He transferred off BANG on 1/02/1946. During Jim's Naval career he was CO of Sunbird ASR15 (6/4/1952 - 4/21/1954) and Cimarron AO-22 (7/26/1966 - 9/11/1967). He also served aboard submarines Conger477, Odax484, Burrfish312, and Tigrone419.

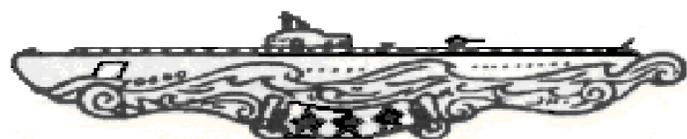
Jim and BANG crossed paths again in the early 60's when he became Commander, SubDiv101 and chose BANG to carry his flag.

**HEG, James Elmer**, CAPT, USN, Ret., 95, passed



away November 21, 2015. He was born on December 15, 1919 in Kent, WA., and attended Everett High School (class of '38), where he lettered in football and track. Following studies at the U.S. Naval Academy, he served on submarine USS Bang in the Pacific during World War II, earning the Bronze Star. He served

in the Navy for 31 years, retiring as Captain, and then joined the National Science Foundation, Washington, DC, as Director of Polar Programs in the Arctic and Antarctic. He moved home to Seattle in 1975. He was preceded in death by his wife, Hester Hicks Tolar (1919-1996) of Fayetteville, NC; and sisters, Katherine Heg Carlson and Mary Heg McLemore. He is survived by a second wife, Adelaide Hayes Smith; sons, James T. Heg, John M. Heg, and Christopher T. Heg; sisters, Elizabeth Heg Brannstrom and Jean Heg Smith; and five grandchildren.



**Howard Burton**, SD (54-55) reported aboard BANG from USS Fulton (AS11) on 12/31/1954 and served as a StewardsMate until 5/19/1955 when, at that time, he was transferred to NAS Milton, FL.



Howard and wife, Hazel attended a few of our Reunions about ten years ago.

I located the following brief obit on-line. There was no mention of whether Hazel preceded him in death or not.

**Howard** passed away on Sunday, August 23, 2015. Howard was a resident of Norfolk, Virginia at the time of his passing.

HE retired with 20 years of service from United States Navy as a submariner.

He was married to Hazel.

The funeral was held Saturday August 29 2015.



**Thomas Robustelli**, FTG (65-69) embarked aboard BANG on 12/04/1965 and transferred to the Sub Base in New London on 4/28/1969.

The USSVI web site listed that he died on 6/21/2015 but I was unable to locate his obit.



**Frank B. Costa**, ETR (61-62) was assigned to BANG from the Sub Base in New London on 11/16/1961 and re-assigned to Nuke School in Bainbridge, MD on 6/8/1962.

The USSVI web site listed that Frank died on 10/02/2015 but I was unable to locate his obit.



*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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**Donna Tardiff**, widow of **Henry Tardiff**, Chief Electrician (66-68), "Merry Christmas to the Bang Crew. My Newsletter arrived today - what a treat to be in the Bang Gang loop. The pictures are great and, believe it or not, I did recognize **Gabe Lewis**.

Thank you for doing such a great job. I wish you Holiday Cheer and a Happy New Year." ... *Donna, Thank you for choosing such a great card with a nautical theme and also for your generous donation to our slush fund. Happy to hear that you are enjoying the Newsletter and hope you continue to do so for many years to come.*

**Ed White**, Torpedoman (56-60), "I have been intending to write for quite sometime but, am so busy doing nothing I couldn't find the time.

Anyway, I just want to say "Hi" to all of my old shipmates. As I get older, I forget on which Boat I knew who.

Outside of knee operations the past two years, my health is very good. Last year I had my right knee replaced and this year it was the left one. Can walk much better now.

Sorry to say I won't be able to make the Reunion but I do want to thank everyone for the time and effort they put into the Bang Gang Newsletter. You folks do a great job!" ... *It is*

*always a pleasure to hear from you, Ed. We spent some quality time together aboard BANG. Happy to hear your health is still in good shape and hope those new knees have you actively back on the flea market circuit. Thank you for supporting the Newsletter and please keep in touch, shipmate.*

**James Andree**, Electronics Tech (62-64), "Just received the Bang Gang Newsletter and it reminded me that a Christmas gift to myself would be nice. I have enclosed a check to cover my present and have added a little extra for the Slush Fund.

I will be sending you an email regarding my status."... *Jim, thanks for you small stores order and contribution. Looking forward to your upcoming Email. Hope it is filled with good news.*

**David Blaha**, Fireman (71-72), "Please send me the following small stores and put the rest in the Slush Fund."... *Your stores order and donation are most welcome, David. Thank you for contributing.*

**Ed "Tex" Schovajsa**, Engineman (55-57), "I enjoy the newsletter very much and let out a loud cheer while reading the last one that revealed the news that **Chief Bartoline's** cancer was in remission. He was my Chief after **Chief Hipp** transferred and was a fine leader.

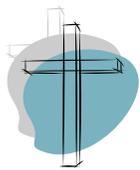
My best to all."... *Thanks Tex for your on-going generous donation to our Slush Fund. We have missed you and Alice at the past two Reunions. Hope you are in good health and we get to see you again in Chattanooga.*

**Don Craig**, Torpedoman (56-57), "Enclosed is my check for the Slush Fund. It's been a long time since the last funding. Last time I went to a Reunion was 2003 when it was held in Las Vegas. If there is ever another reunion on the West Coast again, I will be there!

I served with Phil Beals and someone else, but forgot his name so, say Hello to Phil Beals.

PS; I have been single for 4 years now so if you know a gal who would like to live in the bush / Alaska, send her up!" ... *And Hello to you too, Don. Thank you for your donation. It is nice to hear from you again. I'm not sure when we will return to the West Coast as our next three Reunions are on the East Coast. Want to host one in AK in 2019???*

**Dennis Smeage**, Officer (68-69), "Enclosed is a check to cover the cost of my small stores purchase and put the remainder into the Slush Fund. Happy New Year to all." ... *Thanks Dennis, for your stores purchase and Slush Fund contribution. It was nice to hear from you and hope to see you at a Reunion some day. We would consider holding one in the Northwest if we could find a coordinator???*



**The Chaplain's  
Corner**  
**Len Sciuto**  
**Bang Gang Chaplain**



A Positive Attitude...

You know, as the Chaplain of this group, I am constantly reminded of man's frailty and mortality as I write the cards to the families of our shipmates who have passed away.

I, also, think of man's accomplishments. I think of how far the human race has come over the centuries. We have extended human life, created better standards of living, and cured diseases. We have come so far. And yet, we haven't moved an inch. What I mean can be summed up in four words: " man's inhumanity to man." Will we ever change? Are we willing to change? Can we ever accept people and their lifestyles in different parts of the globe? Why do we have to keep killing each other just for the perpetuation of our own philosophy? When we each say the word GOD, it brings forth an image in our mind. That image is different for every human being on the planet. If we believe in GOD as a loving and merciful GOD, why do we kill and say it is in his name and for his will? It's for our own selfish reasons.

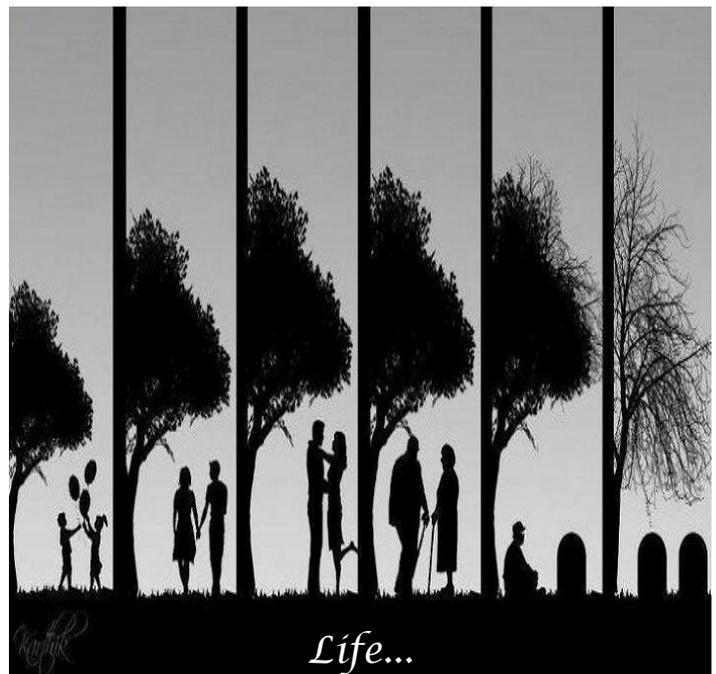
Easter is fast approaching. It is a special time of the year. Those of us who believe, know that Christ was born into this world for the purpose of redemption and sin removal. Our sin was removed by His death on the cross. That is why

I thank GOD for my very special family, for my friends, shipmates and health. I thank GOD for America.

Yes, attitude is everything. But sometimes, you have to bear the pain of losing a loved one, or numerous surgeries, or extended physical pain while mending, or living alone to realize that all these negative things make us stronger. All these things push us back to a positive attitude to make us move forward. All of these commonalities bind the human race together. No one is exempt from these experiences. The bridge back to a positive attitude is made and held together by mourning, overcoming pain, companionship, and a "never ever give up" motivation. It's cemented by accepting those negative things. We all go to the negative side, and over time, move back to the positive. You and I know that when bad things happen, eventually they get better.

Even after Teri's death, my attitude is positive for she is in a better place. A place where there is no pain, sorrow, loneliness and inhumanity. She is where she is supposed to be. Held in God's loving arms, happy and content in knowing that she lived her life as best she could with care, compassion and love. I just wish the world would live like that as well. God Bless us all and these United States of America.

*Len*



# 2015 50's Group





**2015 60's Group**

REUNION 2015



Ralph & Claire Gates



The 'Gang'



Jim Klein, Yolanda Klein & Barbara Herring



Lou Arellano & Joan Fenton



'Doc' & Friends



Yolanda Klein & Jennifer Wilson



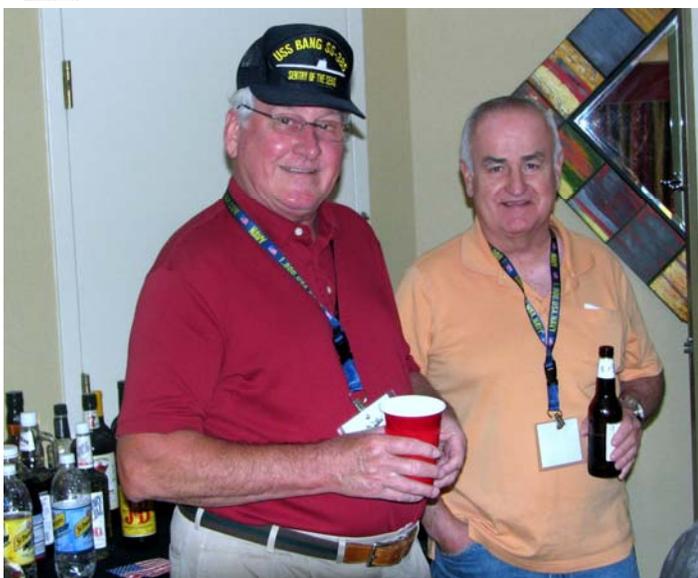
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Ed Kracker & Al Cadenhead



Darlene Kraft



Jack O'Connor & Paul Schramm



Jane DeLong & Claudia Steinmetz



Klara & Dennis Kelly

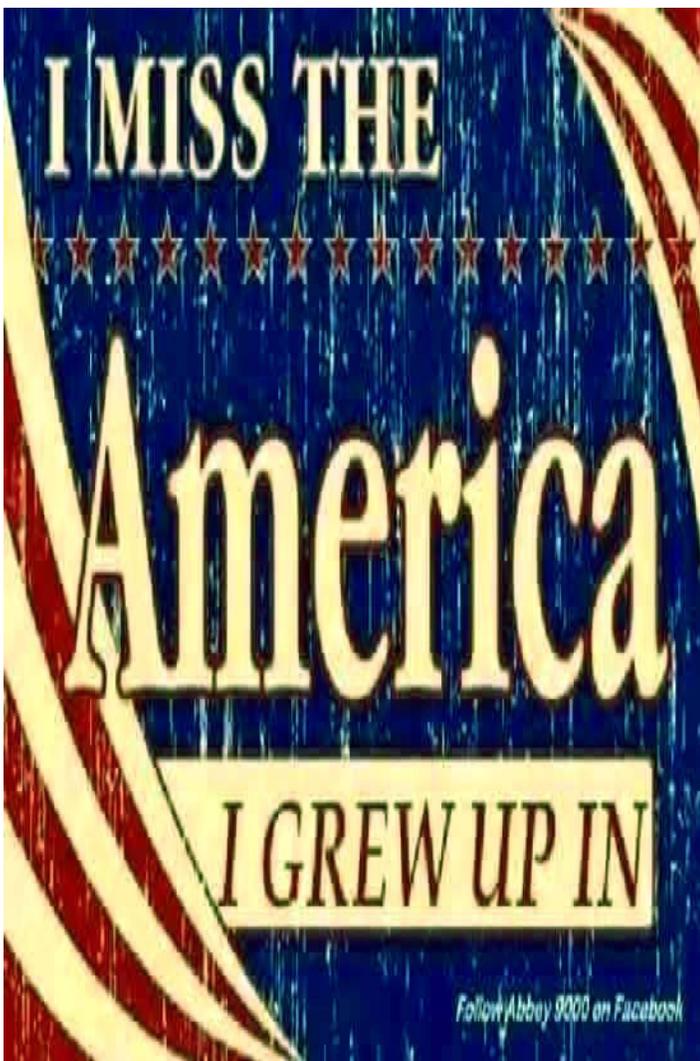


Marv & JoAnn Christenson

## 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



## Gender-Neutral SALE!!

All items are Gender-Neutral  
and 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  
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**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 configura-  
tions and patches in full color.....\$5.00

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

# REUNION UPDATE 2016



# CHATTANOOGA TENNESSEE

Hello Shipmates, Welcome to **Chattanooga, TN** - site of the Bang Gang's 73rd Anniversary Reunion.

"Nooga" is located centrally in the Southeastern corner of TN, nestled on the banks of the Tennessee River and surrounded by mountains affluent in Civil War history.

The Downtown, Northshore, and Southside Districts offer a compact, walkable, and vibrant area. To make it easier to get around these areas without driving, there's a FREE electric shuttle bus - CARTA - that will take care of all your downtown transportation needs with stops for shopping, dining, and sightseeing. The shuttles run every ten minutes.

You can also use the Bicycle Transit System that provides inexpensive, convenient 24/7 access to 300 bicycles at 30 stations placed around the downtown area.

If you plan to drive to the Reunion, You will find that Interstates 24, 59 and 75 all lead to your journey's end, which for many of you will be no more than a days drive.

The Metropolitan Airport, just 15 minutes from downtown, is serviced by Allegiant, American, and Delta.

Sorry to say, after once being Southern Railway's major hub, Track 29 no longer runs to Chattanooga.

Our headquarters, **Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel** (423-266-5000), is the result of the 1973 restoration and conversion of the original Terminal Railroad Station and has recently completed a major renovation. Its been listed on the National Historic Register since 1974. Our room rate is **\$99.00** plus tax and is good for three (3) days before and three (3) days after the Reunion when you mention USS BANG.

Our rooms are located in two unique buildings - the **MacArthur** and the **Empress**.

The MacArthur Building is named for Southern Railway's last steam-powered Locomotive No.

6330, which was nicknamed "The MacArthur", and features recently renovated guestrooms available with a king bed or two queen beds. A year round heated indoor pool is located in the center of the MacArthur Building.

The Empress Building, a tribute to the Empress of Blues and Chattanooga-native, Bessie Smith also features a room choice of a king bed or two double beds and your own private balcony overlooking the tranquil outdoor pool and waterfall.

Pullman Train Car guestrooms and Suites are also available at **higher nightly rates**. The Pullman Car features one queen size bed and deluxe bath amenities. Some Pullman rooms have an extra daybed with pull-out trundle bed.

All rooms offer high speed wireless internet access, flat screen TV, desk with chair, coffee maker, and iron/ ironing board.

Other hotel amenities besides the swimming pools include a fitness center, laundry room, FREE parking, FREE airport shuttle and - you can catch the CARTA complimentary shuttle service just across the way from the hotel lobby.

The Registration Form will be included in the next Newsletter along with detailed information about the planned trips and banquet. In the meantime, why not make your hotel reservations **(423-266-5000)**. There is **no penalty** for canceling your reservation up to 24 hours before your arrival date so secure your room of choice now - you have nothing to lose.

Please feel free to contact Beth and I with any questions you may have about the Reunion.

*Dick & Beth Gahan*

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73rd Anniversary Reunion

Chattanooga, TN

Monday - September 12th 2016  
through

Thursday - September 15th 2016

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**1400 Market St. Chattanooga, TN 37402**

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with assistance from "Doc" Dougherty

**Registration Form will be published in next issue.**

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