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# USS BANG GANG NEWSLETTER

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Does anyone know who Robert is?  
Who did Robert send holiday wishes?



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Copy of USS Bang Christmas card circa 1960's - 70's.



# - LOST AND FOUND - - CONTACT CHANGES -



## New Found Shipmates - additions to our roster.

*We are thankful for all who helped in locating and continued searching until as we attempt to locate everyone.*

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIPCODE	Y-O-B
Scott Fiene	1941 Lakeshore Dr scottf@fiene.net	Lodi	CA	95242-4233	64-65
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John A. Holt III	2648 1st St, Apt 228	Napa	CA	94558-5590	68-70
Paul M. Savage	119 Watch Hill Rd	Westerly	RI	02891-3560	58
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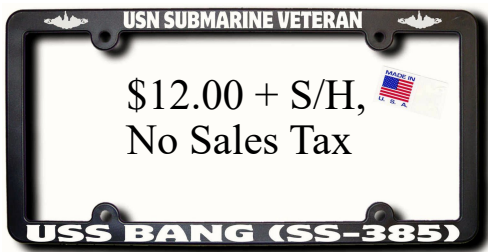
Please keep us updated when changing your contact information & email address, ensure continued delivery of Newsletter.



## SMALL STORES

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[pebeals385@juno.com](mailto:pebeals385@juno.com),

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**Three Choices:** 40's, 50's, 60's, 11x14 B&W  
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**Three Choices:** 40's, 50's, 60's, 5-inch full color  
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full color

# FPO—Mail Call!

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.

## Sr. Editor's Notes and Ramble:

Hi Shipmates!

I am happy to announce the appointment of **Hal Wilkins**, ET (69-72) as my striker and his acceptance to take over the duties of Editing and Publishing this Newsletter from this day forward. Please mail all future articles for publication (Bios, Sea Stories, or Newsworthy Events) to either his email:

**hwilkins.032349@comcast.net**

or USPS address: **2514 Lookout Rd, Haymarket, VA 20169-1554.**

Please continue to mail all **change of addresses** (both email and USPS) to me, **Phil Beals**. I also will continue to handle all requests for Small Stores so keep on sending your orders to me with your check made out to **USS BANG**.

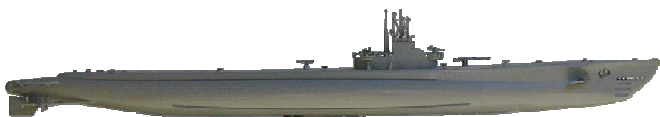
As a reminder, please make all **contribution checks** payable to **USS BANG** as well and mail them to our Treasurer, **Ed DeLong**.

Thank you in advance for your support during this transition.

Well Phil has finally taken a difficult step from being the primary communicator thru the newsletter and to the USS Bang shipmates, relatives and friends. With his many years at the helm of the newsletter, he will continue to provide input to the publication. I have a difficult step up. My background is developing spreadsheets, view graphs and technical proposals. Never created a newsletter before or using publishing software.

The Bang Gang Newsletter has, and I hope, will continue to help all of us get acquainted with other Bang members. Thank you Phil for your dedication, you're still not done yet.

You may continue to contact Phil at **pebeals385@juno.com**, (727) 934-9665, or mail 2127 Oahu Dr., Holiday, FL 34691-3625. and also for the little extra for the Slush Fund.



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## Bang Gang Mail Bag:

**Walter Bushfield**, GM (44 - WP1,2,3,4) called to place a cap order and to wish the "Gang" his best. He states that it is not his health that keeps him from attending the Reunions. At his age, long distant travel doesn't seem to be in his future any more and wishes we would have one close to him in WA.

**Rita Dixon**, widow of **Dallas Dixon**, MM (62-65), writes: Tell everyone "Hello" from me. I hope this contribution in Dallas's name helps out the 'Slush Fund' and everyone gets to have a beer on him. Someday I hope to make it to the BANG Reunion! [*Rita please come and join us, most of us have been domesticated, I think!..*]

**Frank Walker**, Officer, (52-55) writes that he was going to be getting a pacemaker on September 1st.

**Tom Maguire**, SN, (57-58) writes that he wishes he could attend another BANG reunion but health issues keep him from doing so. He is glad that he attended the San Diego Reunion when he did. He also, wishes to let his shipmates know how much he enjoyed serving aboard BANG with them. So much so, that he went on to make a career of the Submarine Navy.

**Andy "Doc" McKaye**, HM (54-57) Sadly we've missed another reunion, the third in a row. Jean and I are losing touch with the Bang Gang. Her recovery from a fall which fractured her left hip and elbow; is slow to heal when your a nonagenarian. Hope with all my heart to resume relationship next year. [*Pray for Jean & Doc to overcome those obstacles keeping them from joining us at the Bang Reunion.*]

**Del Robinson**, SOS (63) Good morning keeper of the guard---you do one hell of a good job---hope to make it to convention as health condition of family member (sister 83 years young) may hamper.

Happy to run across **Yoeman Scott Fiene** at a coffee shop---great visit even though I was not on Bang during his time.. He says he qualified on Bang during 64-65 Med Cruise. Shared Bang news stuff, etc. how to get in touch with you. Health and happiness to all Bang Folks. [*Del we received Scott's contact information. See LOST & FOUND page of this newsletter*]

# FPO

**Bill Powell, RM (69-70)** Rambling thoughts from a fellow shipmate. With any good luck I

will turn 67 in a few months, not ancient, but not a kid anymore. I guess it is safe to say all Bang crew members have a few years on us now.

If I can still do math correctly, I figure the youngest of crew members (say you were 19, when Bang was turned over to Spain) are now 64 going on 65. Time flies by. Enjoy your life.

I would like to take a few moments to thank crew member **John Kraft** for sort of looking after me back in 1969/70. I was an E-3 seaman, doing the usual duties (lookout, helms, bow & stern planes) at sea and grunt work while in port. I wound up being stuck on mess cook duty (helper) for what seemed like a life time. I was mess cook during and when we arrived in Charleston, SC for Bang's final overhaul. Those who were there know we ate in a base dining hall for several months, and I and one other crew member were assigned to work in the base dining hall (ALL DAY) (EVERYDAY) Out of sight, out of mind .. I was sort of left there to rot (and see roaches) .. but at some point John told me I needed to pick out something I would like to be, and do the course work and prepare myself to take the test. I did so, and became a RM3 after the next test. John helped me to learn the duties involved in being qualified to run the radio shack while at sea and never complained about any stupid questions I

had. I have mentioned this story to John, but to him it's not a big deal. But to me it was. Although I did not get to stay aboard Bang as long I had hoped, I appreciate his help when I was a young guy with no idea what I was doing. Thanks, John K.

And finally, I find it unique that the 15 months spent on USS Bang means much more to me than the 2 1/2 years I spent serving at COMSUBFLOT8 in Italy. I have only ever heard from one person that served there with me. Best to all shipmates!

[**Bill**, I served with you during your time on the Bang doing lookout watches and all. To add to your story and misery at the time, I was one reason your mess cook duty was longer. I never did mess cook while onboard, period. I was an ETN2 non-qual, when the COB, Chief Gibson, put a fire under my butt to get qualified or I would have to mess cook until gotten qual. At 8 am Monday morning quarters when I was to go mess cook, I had done final walk-thru the previous night. COB came to escort me to the galley, had a smile on my face since I had qualified. While you got another swing at mess cooking. Sorry, it a small thing but still have a smile knowing I didn't have to mess cook. **Hal...** ]



## SICK CALL

**Ed DeLong (66-66)**, From Jane DeLong:

Ed got Pet Scan results last Tuesday - he is "cancer free" - yea hah! Deeply appreciate all your prayers, love and support. He needs to have cat scans every 3



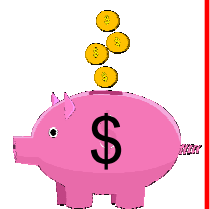
months to make sure it doesn't come back. Our families and friends have been superb during this difficult time. Lots of Love and Hugs. Jane and The Survivor



## SLUSH FUND

### THANK YOU for Your Donation

Since our last publication, the following shipmates have generously donated:



Walt Bushfield  
Ike Cohen  
Rita (Dallas) Dixon  
Charlie Kimball

Tom Maguire  
Andy McKaye  
Jack O'Connor  
John Regish

Nancy (Tom) Stewart  
Donna (Henry) Tardiff  
Harley Wilson  
Marv Christenson



# - ETERNAL PATROL -



**John Lawton, EM (60-63)**

Passed—September 2, 2017, Reno, Nevada

**John F. McNulty, Officer (56-57)**

Passed—March 5, 2017, Newtown, Connecticut

**Lamarr A. Seader, QM (62-65)**

Passed —December 7, 2017, Milton, Florida



**John Lawton, EM (60-63)**

(no Obit photo) was assigned to BANG on 09/14/1960 as an Electrician Mate striker and during his stay he earned his dolphins and was promoted to EM3 before disembarking to the Sub Base Separation Center on 08/22/1963. Fellow Submariner, **Ken Henry**, sent us the following obit:



**John Howard Lawton**, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on September 2, 2017 in Reno, Nevada. John was born in El Paso, Texas on March 14, 1940 to Ashton and Rachel (Dixie) Lawton. He spoke fondly and often of his mischievous-filled childhood, and yes, John was good at raising hell with his neighborhood friends. The stories from his teenage years, including walking over the border to Juarez, Mexico were too numerous for him to even recount. However, he also learned the value of hard work, often working alongside his father, rebuilding cars and remodeling homes.

At the age of 19, John enlisted in the Navy, for 6 years. He was initially stationed in New London, CT where he found his calling in the submarine service. He was involved in numerous missions, but the one he was most fond of recalling, was being submerged off the coast of Russia for 77 days, capturing images of Russian vessels leaving port. Also, he was very proud to represent the **USS Bang (SS-385)**, as the submarine's boxer in the Naval Boxing League, where he won several bouts.

After his service in the Navy, John found professional success in sales which led him from Las Vegas, NV to Reno, NV, where he bought a funeral sales company, started a cemetery, and other real estate development ventures. He was also involved in numerous organizations such as: The Navy League, Rotary International, Chamber of Commerce and The Prospectors Club. It was in Reno that John was fortunate to meet the love of his life, Diane Lynch. They married in the late 70's and had two children; Ashley Anne, and John Drew. Sadly, John lost his bride, and the two young children lost their mother to breast cancer, on September 8, 1984. He was fortunate in his life to find love again with Bertha Bowers, and then to Linda Ostroski, with whom he had a second son, Michael Austin. Later in life, his companion was Lois Daugherty. They shared over a decade's worth of memories together. All who knew John would agree that he had a larger than life personality, and was a what-you-see-is-

what-you-get kind of guy. His gregarious personality, and booming laughter brought joy to so many, and probably offended a few, which was just the way he wanted it. John leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and a wealth of stories for his friends and family. John is survived by his two sons, Drew and Michael Lawton; his daughter Ashley Lawton and his grandson, Maverick Lawton-Galwey. A new grandson, Jack Lawton, son of Drew, is due to be born January 2018. A Celebration of life was held on October 7th, 2017 at his home, 142 Bell St., Reno NV 89503. In lieu of flowers, please remember John by showing kindness to others, each and every day!



**John F. McNulty, Officer, (56-57)**

was assigned as an addition to BANG's Forward Battery on 07/15/1956 and transferred to Separation Center, PNS on 09/30/1957. During his time aboard BANG he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and made many friends.

John's daughter, Susan, sent us the following:

Sadly, I wish to inform you that my father, John F. McNulty passed away on March 5, 2017 surrounded by his family. He always enjoyed receiving the "Bang Gang Newsletter" and was so proud of serving aboard the USS Bang in the 1950's. He was actually looking through the newsletter the day before he passed away. He is greatly missed by us all. He was an outstanding husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. Below is his obituary.



**John Francis McNulty**, age 87, passed away peacefully at home in Newtown, CT on Sunday March 5, 2017 surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of Geraldine (Griffin)McNulty for sixty years.

John was born in Brooklyn, NY on April 12, 1929 son of Frank and Anne McNulty. He graduated from Bishop Laughlin High School and from the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY. Immediately after graduating from Kings Point, John joined the United States Navy and served proudly as a Chief Engineer in the Submarine Service stationed in Groton, CT. He served our nation during the Korean War.

Upon leaving the Navy, John joined Consolidated Edison of New York as a mechanical engineer as part of the

**- ETERNAL PATROL -  
(Continued)**

Indian Point start-up team for the first nuclear power plant in New York State. He held various management positions in Consolidated Edison including Plant Manager of the East River Power Plant. After retiring from Consolidated Edison, John joined Ebasco Services located in the World Trade Center in New York. John was a licensed New York State Professional Engineer and Licensed New York State Master Rigger.

John and Geraldine raised their four children and many loyal dogs in White Plains, NY. He was a very active member of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Valhalla, NY and volunteered through many organizations.

Just prior to retirement, John and Geraldine moved to their beloved home in Newtown, CT. John became an active member of St. Rose of Lima Parish and other volunteer organizations.

John was a Knight of Columbus for 70 years and served as Grand Knight, St. Rose Council #185. He was also a member of the St. Rose Men's club, helped with the annual carnival and volunteered for the homeless through Americares. John also found time to teach Physics at Norwalk Community College.

John loved boating, wood working, gardening and home improvement projects, but most of all he cherished his time with his eleven grandchildren.

John leaves three of his four children: Mary Ann McNulty of Ridgefield, CT; John F. McNulty, Jr (Kelly) of Barrington, IL; and Susan LoPiccolo (Frank) of Newtown, CT. He is predeceased by his daughter Elizabeth Briscoe. John leaves his eleven grandchildren, a sister, Mary Anne Omundsen and several nieces and nephews. John also leaves his loyal golden retriever, Daisy.

21 January 1939, departing on Eternal Patrol 7 December 2017, just a month short of his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday. Lamar did thirty one years in the Navy. His first four years were in the surface Navy, reporting to his first submarine and qual boat, Halfbeak (SS 352), as an SM2, 1960. Following boats included Entemedor (SS 340), Bang (SS 385), Francis Scott Key (SSBN 657) and James K. Polk (SSBN 645). His last twelve years was a career recruiter. He graduated from the University of Maryland, Heidelberg, Germany receiving his BS degree. He married his best friend and soul mate Kathleen on 25 September 1982. After retirement he enjoyed real estate and traveling. His journey in life ended after a battle with cancer. He is now on Eternal Patrol safely with his Lord. Sailor- Rest Your Oar.

Mr. Seader is preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Blanche Williamson Seader; five siblings, Lucille, Dorothy, Edward, Conrad and Charles. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Kathleen; sons, Arthur Gager (Lynny Jo), Robert Gager (Carol); daughter, Angela Dempsey (Jack); siblings, Charlotte Trammel (LeRoy), Francis (Patricia), Brian (Elizabeth) Georgina Phillips (James) and Frederick (Wanda); sisters in law, Karen Rasbury and Elsa Will (Michael); nephew, Robert Szegda (Fran) and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 am until the funeral service begins at 10:30 am on Friday, 15 December 2017 at Grace Lutheran Church, 6601 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pensacola, FL 32504 with Rev. Dr. Gary J. Carstens officiating. Burial will follow at Barrancas National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, 6601 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pensacola, FL 32504.

Special thanks to Dr. Cary Ostegaard and Dr. Tarek Eldawy.



**Lamarr A. Seader (62-65)**, 78, of Milton, FL, passed away on December 7, 2017. Master Chief Quartermaster (SS) **Lamarr A. Seader**, USN (ret.) was born

**USS BANG (SS385) MEMORIAL SITES**  
"Keeping The Memory Alive"



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



Our Hosts & Hostesses, 2017 USS Bang Reunion  
Yolanda & Jim Kleim, Paul Schramm, Harley & Jennifer Wilson



Ed & June Kracker (43-45)



## KRACKER'S

They remember shipmates already gone  
 Who will forever hold a spot,  
 In the stories of old  
 When sailors were bold  
 And lubbers were a pitiful lot.  
 They rode their boats through many a storm  
 When the sea was showing its might,  
 And the mighty waves  
 Might be digging their graves  
 As they sailed on through the night.  
 They speak of nights in a bawdy house  
 Somewhere on a foreign shore,  
 And the beer they downed  
 As they gathered 'round  
 Cracking jokes with a busty whore.  
 Their sailing days are gone away  
 Never more will they cross the brow,  
 But they have no regrets  
 For they know they've be blessed  
 'cause they've honored their sacred vow.  
 Their numbers go less with each passing day  
 As their chits in this life are called in,  
 But they've nothing to lose  
 For they've all paid their dues  
 And they'll sail with their shipmates again.  
 I've heard them say before getting underway  
 That there's still more sailing to do,  
 And they'll exclaim with a grin  
 That their boat has come in  
 And the Lord is commanding the crew.

Author Unknown



Deborah Maguire & Fred Meilminster (Guests)



Fred Meilminster, Ed's guest, also had served on the boats during WWII. Shown here providing us with a few words of gratitude for welcoming him to the Bang Gang..



Ed & June Kracker (43-45) with Fred Meilminster, a WWII Sub Veteran and Deborah Maguire (Guests)



No sh..t, there was this long-legged brunette in New Orleans, and I ....



**Richard Gahan (58-62)**



**Bill & Barbara Mancusco (54-58)**



**Marvin & JoAnn Christenson (56-58)**



**Wayne & Elaine Thalasin (57-60)**



**Charles Kimball (53-55)**



**50's Bang Gang attending 2017 banquet**



**Rocco & Nancy DeLeo (63-66)**



**Jim & Yolanda Klein (64-66)**



**Len Fagotti & Marilyn Barratt (63-66)**



**Mark & Estelle Walerzak (Guests)**



**Joseph Burdeshaw (64-65)**



**Harley & Jennifer Wilson (Guests)**



**Jerry & Pam Casebolt (64-65)**



**Gerald & Judith Holmberg (Guest)**



**Jim Herward (64-70)**



**Gerald & Connie Simpson (66-68)**



**Gabe & Pamela Lewis (66-68)**



**Eric & Sally Erickson (67-68)**



**Karla Lindquist (Guest, Pamela's sister)**



**Jim & Ester Hampton (67-68)**



**Diana Lindquist (Guest, Pamela's sister)**



**Rob & Bette Bridle (67-70)**



**Bill & Joan Fenton (67-71)**



**Ike Cohen (70)**



**Alan & Linda Thole (68-69)**



**Paul Schramm (70-71) [selfie/w Jennifer & Ike]**



**Len & Sharon Sciuto (69-71)**

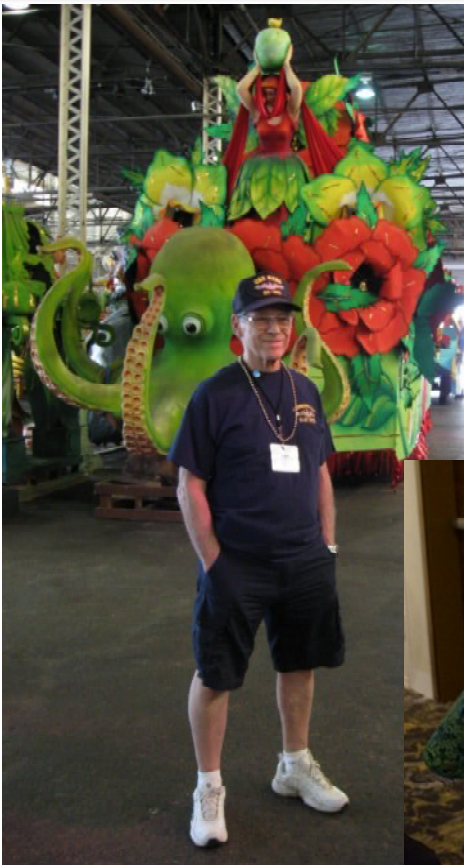


**Hal & Edith Wilkins (69-72)**



**Queen of Mardi Gras & her court jester Paul Schramm at the 2017 USS Bang Reunion Banquet.**

# 60-70's Bang Gang attending 2017 banquet



A sailor's Mardi Gras dream .. Tall. long legs and doesn't mind ... .. , Told ya, no sh.t





Cajun Pride Swamp Tours



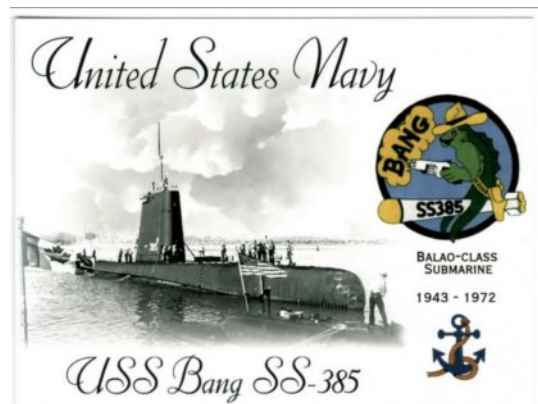
Breaux Family Restaurant



Laura Historic Sugar Plantation (Built 1805)



# Crew's Muster: Annual Business Mtg



- **CALLED TO ORDER: 09:03 hours**, by President Bill Fenton

- **UNITED STATES PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- **Moment of Silence for Departed Shipmates**

- **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

President: Bill Fenton

VP: Paul Schramm

Sec: Harry Ross (Absent), Acting Sec. Isaac Cohen

Treas: Ed DeLong (Absent)

Chaplain: Len Sciuto

- **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Hal Wilkins made a motion and it was seconded to accept the minutes as posted in Newsletter; **MOTION CARRIED.**

- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ike Cohen read a detailed report on the organization's income and expenses as of 1 July 2017, sent by Ed DeLong. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report; **MOTION CARRIED.**

- **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Conducted a roll call of all new members present or members that have not been in attendance for some time to give their name, rank and years on board.
- 2) Hal Wilkins has volunteered to take over the Newsletter. Phil Peals will coordinate with Hal the transfer of the small stores and memorabilia on or before the 2018 reunion.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) 2018 Reunion host is Isaac Cohn

**Date:** Oct. 1-4, 2018, Changed from Oct. 22-26, 2018 conflicted with SubVet Reunion.

**Location:** Clarion Hotel, Exton, PA, east of Philadelphia area.

**Room Rates** for 2: \$98 Estimated Total; \$89 plus 11% tax, includes Buffet Breakfast for 2.

**Volunteers Needed:** Isaac needs help picking up people at the Airport.

(Several people raised their hands, please provide commitment to him so information can be added in the Newsletter's Reunion section.)

Note: Ike Cohen ([ikecohen415@gmail.com](mailto:ikecohen415@gmail.com)) and co-host Michelle Ostapiej ([mostapiej@net-lynx.com](mailto:mostapiej@net-lynx.com)) can also answer any 2018 Reunion questions by phone 908-334-0027.

- 2) **Future reunions:** 2019 in Florida hosted by Len Sciuto & Bob Bridle. 2020, Eric Ericsson will look into the possibility of hosting in the Boston or Portsmouth area.
- 3) **Elections for Board:** Members were held discussions. The current Board Members volunteered to stay on another 2 years. Isaac made a motion to nominate all current members, it was seconded and voted on; **MOTION CARRIED.**

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- 1) **Business Meeting Minutes:** Will continue to be posted in the Newsletter and the Newsletter will be posted on the Web Site.
- 2) **Website Roster:** Gabe Lewis said that website roster was incomplete. Discussion followed and it was mentioned that privacy is the main concern. Solution: Contact board member to find out any further information about shipmates. Motion was made by Bill Fenton and seconded to leave it as is; **MOTION CARRIED.**
- 3) **Guidelines - Hosting a Reunion:** Isaac Cohen stated that in the guidelines, the **first Comp Room** at the Hotel goes to the Editor of the Newsletter. Bill Fenton clarified that it was voted on at the 2003 reunion in Las Vegas that it goes to Phil Beals in recognition of all he has done for the Bang Gang. If there is no complementary room, Phil's room will be paid for by the slush fund. The second room goes to the host. Bill Fenton will update the guidelines. (Note: Since the meeting Phil has declined to receive a comp room and it was agreed the comp room would go to the reunion host. In 2018 Business Meeting, we will discuss what to do with additional comp rooms.)
- 4) **Cost of the Newsletter Publishing:** Isaac Cohen mentioned the publishing **cost of the Newsletter** is high and what can we do about it. He suggested to try to getting more people receive via email list as possible. Newsletter costs for creating, printing, and mailing is about \$900 per quarterly publication. Some of our shipmates don't use email. We are looking for ideas to save money on the quarterly newsletter publication.
- 5) **Acknowledgment Thank You:** Bill Fenton made an **acknowledgment to thank** Paul, Jennifer, Jim, Yolanda and Harley for all they did at this Reunion in New Orleans, LA.

- **MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** 09:47 hours, by Bill Fenton. The USS Bang Business Meeting for 2017 is adjourned, to be reconvened in Exton, PA in October 2018.

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