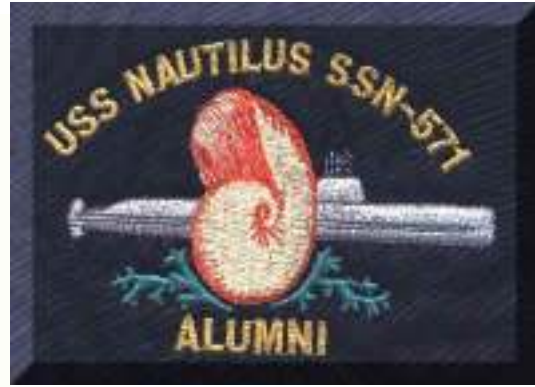
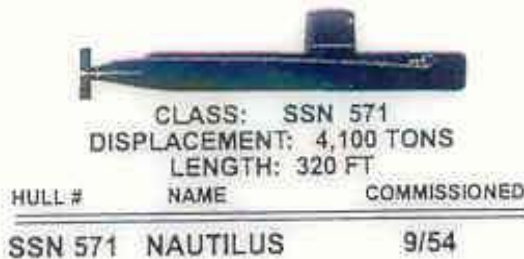


Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc.



NEWSLETTER — WINTER EDITION — JANUARY 15, 2012

USS NAUTILUS (SS-168) - BATTLE FOR MIDWAY

This article, printed in honor of WWII submarine veterans, especially those Honored Life Members of the Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc., who served on USS NAUTILUS (SS-168), is extracted from a Navy Department, Naval History Division (op 0909) document titled "History of Ships Named Nautilus".

NAUTILUS departed Pearl Harbor on 24 May 1942 to help repel the expected Japanese Fleet attack on Midway. She was about 89 miles from that atoll, at 0215, 4 June 1942, when she spotted the loom of four large ships on the horizon and commenced tracking westward. The enemy character of this foursome was definitely established after a four-hour surface chase which brought the fighting submarine within 4,000 yards of her quarry. At this time the nearest target turned directly for *NAUTILUS* and challenged "XJ" by flashing light. The submarine dived for cover in the belief that she was detected but no depth charges came down and the dread sound of enemy screws turning overhead did not occur. She was soon outdistanced by the superior speed of the enemy but got off a contact report a little before she was informed that many enemy planes were headed

for Midway from a point about 150 miles from that island which was on the boundary of her patrol area. Within the hour, tops of enemy masts appeared dead ahead of the submarine and an enemy aircraft came in for a strafing attack that caused *NAUTILUS* to seek temporary safety under the sea.

NAUTILUS soon headed towards the smoke of bombing and antiaircraft fire on the horizon. At 0800 she sighted a battleship and cruiser drawing to starboard and two cruisers making a appearance to her port. As she altered course to attack the battleship, she was bombed by an aircraft and further dogged by a barrage of depth charges which gave her a good shaking. Nine other charges exploded progressively farther away in the sea as the enemy above missed his mark and lost contact.

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Please consider volunteering for a NAAI Office

President's Message

My message will be short and sweet this time around. The creative writing class is beginning to fade from my memory and the only things to write about are from short term memory. Hopefully you don't go into a room and wonder why, or go to get a tool and not remember what you need, last but not least, go to the store and almost never get everything. But I do remember the hot topics for this news letter; number one is making it to the next reunion and number two is getting volunteers for the up coming board positions that will be open. I still need a volunteer for the secretary position, I know there is somebody out there that wants to be a hero, now is the time to step up. [See FIRST CALL, page 9]

The reunion is not that far off. Start making plans now because this will be a great one. Once again we get to come home to the mother ship and recharge our batteries. I know I need a dose of Warren (small), Midgets, Whales and all the other personalities that were part of my crew. I hope you all make your list of the people you want to see and encourage them to attend. We can't afford to leave anybody behind at this point in our lives.

Hope you all are well and I look forward seeing the crew once again.

Rich Young

The Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc. is a non-profit, all volunteer, fraternal membership organization.

Our purpose is to establish for USS NAUTILUS (SSN-571) her permanent place in history and to assist wherever possible in establishing and maintaining the highest traditions of the United States Navy. Our aim is to account for all former crewmen and to bring together as many former and present shipmates and friends as possible and to remember those shipmates on eternal patrol.



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Correction to the Admirals List:

NAAI Historian **Al Charette** was quick to point out two errors in the Admirals List which I wrote for the July newsletter. I demoted ADM **Steve White** to VADM and promoted RADM **Richard Riddell** to VADM. I know the first rule for writing articles---check the facts, then check them again. This is why old Chief Warrant Officers like me wear egg on our face and Admirals, regardless of rank, wear egg on their hats. My apologies --- the errors have been corrected on both the Admirals List and the NAAI Sailing List. *The Editor*

Shipmates do make a difference.

Continued from page 1

When *NAUTILUS* returned to periscope depth, she found herself in the center of the Japanese Fleet with ships on all sides moving across her field at high speed and circling away from her position. About this moment a battleship on her port bow fired a whole starboard broadside toward the submarine, flag hoists were made, and searchlights trained from this enemy fastened onto *NAUTILUS*' periscope. She got off a torpedo shot at this huge antagonist which spoiled the aim with a sudden zig to the left and headed directly away to avoid being hit. A cruiser now moved in for a series of unsuccessful depth charge runs that held the submarine down while the battleship with three other cruisers sped out of range.

USS *NAUTILUS* (SS-168) May 1942



NAUTILUS again raised periscope at 0900, 4 June 1942, sighting a carrier on a converging course and a cruiser heading in for her at high speed. As the latter enemy reached 2,500 yards, *NAUTILUS* managed to fire one torpedo which missed target. She was held under the sea for nearly an hour and surfaced to find no ships in sight. She next set course for four large clouds of smoke on the horizon and by 1145 had identified the nearest smoke cloud as a burning *SORYU* Class aircraft carrier, making about two knots and under the escort of two destroyers which steamed some two miles ahead. This target was the Japanese aircraft carrier *SORYU* whose planes had been lined up on her flight deck and others fueling and arming for a second strike on Midway when she suffered three lethal bomb hits from carrier *YORKTOWN*'s aircraft. The hostile carrier had burst into flames from almost every point and her crew ordered to abandon ship within twenty minutes.

By the time *NAUTILUS* came to attack position, *SORYU* was dead in the water but a damage control party had been sent back on board. The flames under the demolished after flight deck that had attracted the submarine were nearly extinguished and **Commander William H. Brockman** could see efforts being made by boats under the carrier's bow to pass a towing hawser. Many men were also seen working on the forecastle.

Three torpedoes streaked from *NAUTILUS* towards the carrier and were seen to hit as red flames

appeared along the length of *SORYU* from her bow to amidships. The fire beneath her demolished after flight deck broke out again as boats drew away and many men went over her side. As the last torpedo was sent by *NAUTILUS* for the target, the two escorting destroyers reversed course for her at high speed. The fighting submarine was severely shaken by eleven well placed depth charges which were fortunately set so shallow that they exploded above the diving submarine. She sprung a few small leaks and was relieved to hear the last depth charges explode progressively farther away.



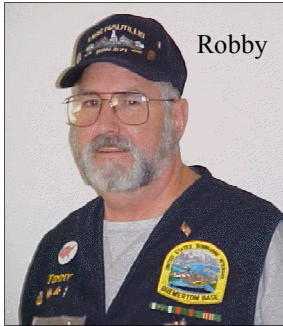
LCDR Brockman Nov 1942

When she again came to periscope depth the escorts were out of sight and the carrier blazed her entire length as heavy black smoke formed and ugly cloud a thousand feet upward. Finally, while *NAUTILUS* was submerged, the carrier's gasoline stowage aft exploded and *SORYU* broke in half, the after part sinking first and then the forward half blew up and sank around 1920. Twenty-one minutes later, with exhausted battery, *NAUTILUS* surfaced and returned to her patrol area. She had weathered forty-two depth charge explosions in her bout with the Japanese warships.

The American aircraft carrier *HORNET*'s planes made the final attack of the Battle of Midway on 6 June 1942, leaving cruiser *MOGAMI* aflame and heavily damaged. This action wrote the finish to one of the decisive battles of history that had far reaching and enduring results on the Pacific War. The Island of Midway was saved to become an important submarine base for operations into the Western Pacific. Likewise saved was Hawaii, the great bastion from which attacks were carried into the South Pacific and Japan itself. Of greatest importance was the crippling of Japan's carrier striking force, a severe blow from which she never recovered. Four of her large aircraft carriers and a cruiser lay at the bottom of the sea along with 250 planes and a high percentage of Japan's most highly trained and battle experienced carrier pilots. This great victory at Midway spelled the doom of the Japanese Navy.

Much additional information is available for viewing at <http://hnsa.org/doc/subreports.htm>. The complete *History of Ship's Named Nautilus* may be read, in addition to declassified War Patrol Reports and U.S. Submarine Action Reports from all submarine war patrols ... written as the action unfolded.
The Editor

Secretaries Scribbles



Robby

On January 15, 2012 the NAAI database (Nautilus Sailing List) contained 2,328 names on four lists distributed as follows:

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|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 1. Crewmember Mailing List | 671 | |
| Plank Owners | | 31 + 3 missing |
| PANOPOs | | 52 |
| Decommissioning Crew | | 37 |
| Historic Ship Crew | | 46 |
| 2. Auxiliary Mailing List | 187 | |
| 3. Eternal Patrol List | 578 | |
| 4. Missing List | 892 | |

Additional numbers of interest:

Life Members - Crew	304
Life Members – Aux	23
Life Members/Widow – Aux	73
Honored Life Members - SS-168	23

We continue to chip away at the **Unknown Address /Status List**. I appreciate the assistance of you who have helped identify and locate missing shipmates and family members.

Bob Holst recently provided sailing lists from mid 1950 to 1969 that he and **Jeff Roberts** obtained from the National Archives and **Jerry Lake** sent a 1968 list. I'm in the process of comparing those names against the database and making appropriate entries. If anyone has sailing lists from 1970 to 1980 I would certainly appreciate a copy.

Laura Holland Alley continues her exceptional work in contacting "lost" family members as time permits.

Tommy Robinson, '63 – '67
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Thank you for supporting the Nautilus Scholarship!

UNANSWERED PRAYER

The Chaplain's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused at the Base chapel and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why.

"Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.

NAUTILUS SCHOLARSHIP

For Family Members of USS/HS NAUTILUS (SSN 571) & (SS 168)

The Nautilus Scholarship was established in 2009 through generous donations from members of the Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc (NAAI) . The Nautilus Scholarship was awarded for the first time in 2011 to two deserving students for the 2011-2012 academic year. They are:



***Benjamin K. Blair** is attending Columbia University, New York, NY.

***Haden T. Cory** is attending California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA.

Nautilus Scholars are eligible to apply thanks to their sponsor's service on *USS/HS Nautilus (SSN-571)* and (*SS-168*). They are selected to receive a grant on the basis of their academic achievement, financial need and commitment and excellence in community service and activities.

This independent scholarship is administered by the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation (DSF) in partnership with the Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc (NAAI). We are currently accepting applications for the 2012/2013 academic year. Applications are available for downloading at <http://users.gotsky.com/rcave/> or phone 360-871-6899 to request an application via mail. * See page 7 for scholar letters.

Race for the Pacific

The Dolphin Scholarship and Anchor Scholarship conducted a fundraising event named *Race for the Pacific* between October 7th and December 7th 2011.

The *Race for the Pacific* was a virtual race to honor the sacrifice of the U.S. Submarine and Surface Fleets in the Pacific Theater of World War II. The race followed the U.S. Navy through the Pacific, ending in Pearl Harbor, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the battle [attack] on December 7th.

The virtual race was run by YOUR donations! Each dollar that YOU donated in the name of *Nautilus* advanced our submarine one nautical mile toward the finish line.

Laura Alley reported the final winners of the *Race for the Pacific*. She said, "Unfortunately , our torpedo's missed a few surface ships and they were able to win the race at the very last minute. However, *Nautilus* did vastly outrun all of the other submarines."

Congratulations to the surface community who donated \$14,147 total— two very generous, last minute donations launched them as the winners of the 2011 *Race for the Pacific!* *USS Prout* joined the race and took the immediate and final lead! Congratulations to submarine community who donated \$10,326 total and to *USS Nautilus* - THE SUBMARINE WINNER—with a total of \$6,245 going to the NEAF.

Thank you all who contributed so generously to the NEAF/Nautilus Scholarship.

Treasurer's Report January 2012

Since July 2011 Report, \$7,000 has been transferred to NEAF, \$5,000 in November 2011 and \$2,000 in January 2012. In addition \$1,000 has been forwarded to DSF to fund 2012-2013 Nautilus Scholarship.

Current balance at Edward Jones is	\$15,502.41
Storekeeper Bank balance is	\$ 1,718.07
Storekeeper Petty Cash is	\$ 48.11
Total Funds as of 11 January 2012	\$17,328.59



Rick Turner
Treasurer

Remember Your Shipmates on Eternal Patrol!



IN MEMORIAM

“There is not one of the ocean’s monsters could trouble the last sleep of the crew of the Nautilus, of those friends riveted to each other in death as in life.

Jules Verne

**20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
Part II, Chapter I**

Since July 15, 2011 these shipmates have either been reported or researched as having received their final orders.

SKCM(SS) **Jennings McKinnon**, USN, Ret.
'61 - '61 SKCM(SS) 05/23/99

RMC(SS) **Kendall B. Harris, Jr.**, USN, Ret.
Unk RM?(SS) 11/13/96

MR **Paul T. Kollar, Jr.**
'61 - '63 ET2(SS) 04/03/01

MR **Floyd W Price**
'63 - '64 IC2(SS) 06/13/02

MR **William H. Cartwright**
'59 - '61 SN(SS) 09/03/02

MR **John A. Smith**
'63 - '68 SN(SS) 01/04/04

EMC(SS) **James A. Newman**, USN, Ret.
'54 - '55 EN3(SS) 06/08/04
Plank Owner

LCDR **Richard E. “Dick” Wood**, USN, Ret.
'57 - '60 MM1(SS) 07/21/04
PANOPO

EMCS(SS) **Vito W. Mecca**, USN, Ret.
'58 - '60 EM3(SS) 10/09/08

MR **James “Jim” Meehan** 03/02/09
WWII - 8 War Patrols/Guardfish & Bream
General Dynamics-NUC Test Engineer
On SSN571 for initial sea Trials

MR **Thomas A. Woodruff**
'58 - '61 IC2(SS) 05/11/08

MMC(SS) **Newton S. Trimmer**, USN, Ret.
'63 - '63 MMC(SS) 04/29/10

MR **Mac E. “Piggy” Griggs**
'68 - '71 TM2(SS) 05/07/10

LCDR **Freddie L. Boswell, Jr.** USN, Ret.
'57 - '58 ET2(SS) 07/23/11
PANOPO

MR. **Howard L. Baker**
'42 - '45 MoMM1(SS) 09/09/11
WWII SS-168

?? **John T. Miles**, USN, Ret.
'69 - '70 ENS 09/11/11

MR. **William W. Stephenson II**
'66 - '67 LT 09/13/11

LCDR **John P. “Phil” Zaretki**, USN, Ret.
'58 - '58 ET3(SS) 11/03/11
PANOPO

LCDR **William J. “Bill” Fleming**, USN, Ret.
'55 - '55 ETC(SS) 12/25/11

*Dedicated to Those
Buried Somewhere in the Vast Oceans
Their Watery Graves Known Only to God*

**“There Are No Roses
On A Sailor’s Grave,**

No Lilies On An Ocean Wave.

**The Only Tribute
Is The Seagull’s Sweeps**

**And The Teardrops
That A Sweetheart Weeps.”**

<Old German Song>



SAILORS, REST YOUR! OAR!

“Rig for Deep Submergence”

Nautilus Scholar's Letters to NAAI

Thank you so much for choosing me as a recipient of the 2011 Nautilus Scholarship. It is a great honor to be recognized by the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation out of many deserving candidates. I truly appreciate your assistance in helping me and my family afford the once in a lifetime experience of attending Columbia University. I plan to study engineering or neuroscience. I would also like to thank you for presenting this scholarship opportunity to the descendants of the *USS Nautilus*.

Thank you.

Benjamin Blair

Grandson of LCDR William A Goodrich, USN, Ret.



I want to thank you all for choosing me to receive a Nautilus Scholarship. I am honored to be one of the first recipients. It means a lot to me for people to believe in who I am and what I want to do enough to help me achieve my goals. I hope to be able to use what you have given me to pass it forward sometime in the future and give someone else an opportunity like the one you have given me. I am also glad that Grandpa Fred got the news before his passing; I always enjoyed his company, as I am sure you did, and someday hope to have my own stories and an "I love me wall" with memorabilia from my life to rival his.

This year at Cal Poly is going well for me so far. I am a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers' Formula Racing Club and spend at least one full day every week fabricating parts for the car. I'm enrolled in the usual engineering support classes such as physics, Linear Analysis, and Engineering Communications, in addition to some General Education classes. I enjoy them all, but as midterms approach (which is way faster than I'd like) I find them a little more challenging. Overall, however, I'm very glad to be where I can have so much fun pursuing my interests. With my sincere thanks,

Haden Cory

Grandson of LCDR Freddie L. Boswell, USN, Ret.
(Eternal Patrol)

Arlington National Cemetery

The Worcester Wreath Company from Maine initiated a tradition of donating and placing wreaths on the headstones of our Nation's fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery. This recognition of the service and sacrifice of our veterans, and their families, is especially poignant during the Christmas season.



Jim Morley writes, "I am forwarding a photos of the wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery that occurred on Dec 9th.. My oldest son Nathan and his wife Jamie were in Washington D.C. and were able to take part in the National event. There were 80,000 wreaths laid at Arlington. Nathan and Jamie placed the wreath on Captain Anderson's grave. Kindest regards to all.

Jim Morley ['56 - '59 - PANOPOJ]"

Then & Now

Then - If you said "damn," people knew you were annoyed and avoided you.

Now - If you say "damn" you'd better be talking about a hydroelectric plant.

MILITARY SERVICE

This is a "slight modification" of an article that sums it up quite well.
By Ken Burger, *The Charleston Post and Courier*, Thursday, March 4, 2010.

Occasionally, I venture back out to the submarine base where I'm greeted by an imposing security guard who looks carefully at my identification card, hands it back, and says, "Have a good day, master chief."

Every time I go back onto Submarine Base, New London (or Kings Bay, or wherever), it feels good to be called by my previous rate, but odd to be in civilian clothes, walking among the servicemen and servicewomen going about their duties as I once did, years ago.

The military is a comfort zone for anyone who has ever worn the uniform. It's a place where you know the rules and know they are enforced -- a place where everybody is busy but not too busy to take care of business.

Because there exists behind the gates of every military facility an **institutional understanding of respect, order, uniformity, accountability, and dedication** that becomes part of your marrow and never, ever leaves you.

Personally, I miss the fact that you always knew where you stood in the military, and who you were dealing with.

That's because you could read somebody's uniform from 20 feet away and know the score.

Service personnel wear their careers on their sleeves, so to speak. When you approach each other, you can read their name tag, examine their rank, see their dolphins, and, if they are in dress uniform, read their ribbons and know where they've served.

I miss all those little things you take for granted when you're in the ranks, like breaking starch on a set of fatigues fresh from the laundry and standing in a perfectly straight line military formation that looks like a mirror as it stretches to the endless horizon.

I miss the sight of sailors out-of-step marching in the early morning mist, the sound of shoes thumping on metal grids, the bark of chiefs and the sing-song answers from the sailors as they carry out their orders.

To romanticize military service is to be far removed from its reality, because it's very serious business -- especially in times of war.

But I miss the salutes I'd throw at officers and the crisp returns as they crossed the brow to board "my" boat.

I miss the smell of diesel fuel hanging heavily on the night air and the sound of engines warming up before revving up to move us away from dockside.

I even miss the hurry-up-and-wait mentality that enlisted men gripe about constantly, a masterful invention that bonded people more than they'll ever know or admit.

I miss sailors speaking directly and clearly to others and never showing disrespect for rank, race, religion, or gender.

Mostly I miss being a small cog in a machine so complex it constantly circumnavigates the Earth and so simple **it feeds everyone on time, three times a day, tied up dockside, by a tender, or at sea.**

Mostly, I don't know anyone who has served who regrets it, and doesn't feel a sense of pride when they pass through those gates and re-enter the world they left behind with their youth.

I wish I could express my thoughts as well about something I loved -- and hated sometimes.

Face it guys - we all miss it....Whether you had one tour or a career, it shaped your life.

Contributed by Alfred "Abie" Shuman, '61—'66



FIRST CALL

First call for Candidates for NAAI Officer Positions. Please consider 'tossing your hat into the ring' for the upcoming elections which will be held at the general business meeting in

Groton on Saturday, September 29, 2012. You do not have to be present to win!

These Offices do not require prior experience. The only prerequisite for NAAI Office is that a nominee be a Regular Member in good standing. Any Annual Member with dues paid though December 31, 2012 or a NAAI Life Member meets the criteria.

Officers and Board Members to be elected are:

President - He presides at meetings; expedites Association business; and acts as parliamentarian.

Vice President - He presides in the absence of the President.

Secretary - He is the recording officer of the Association and custodian of the records.

Treasurer - He is responsible for moneys received and disbursed by and on behalf of the Association.

Board Members - The Board of Directors implements Association policies.

If you wish to stand for any of these positions, please phone NAAI President **Rich Young** at **208-465-7205** or email at young@g2ss.com stating your willingness to be placed on the ballot and serve if elected. More specific information relating to the duties of each position can be found at <http://users.gotsky.com/rcave/>. Scroll down to NAAI bylaws.

Us old sailors would sure like to have some of the younger submariners who served on Nautilus after the 1970s step up and take leadership roles in NAAI. The Ed.

Don't Tread On Me

"...The Rattlesnake is found in no other quarter of the world besides America. She never begins an attack, nor, when once engaged, ever surrenders: she is therefore an emblem of magnanimity and true courage... She never wounds 'till she has generously given notice, given to her enemy, and cautioned him against the danger of treading on her. However, once aroused and provoked to attack, she is LETHAL." — An American colonist, 1775 (Believed to be Ben Franklin)

1976 Stern Plane Jam Casualty.

Some additional thoughts and corrections

In response to the article "Heesen's Way" which appeared in the July 2011 newsletter –The Ed

Don Heesen's story of the casualty needs just a couple of clarifications. I am qualified to provide these because I was the OOD during the casualty.

Angles: A little bit more than he remembers. We hit 47 degrees on the down angle and on the return to the surface we exceeded the range of the inclinometer but measured about 60 degrees using the line left by the coffee in the pots after we got to the surface.

The casualty was not caused by operator error but was caused by a stripped rubber dental coupling in the stern plane feedback servo. When it stripped the system got a full rise error signal which caused the planes to go to full dive.

I did use emergency blow of the forward group (I remember well the Diving Officer questioning did I want "Emergency Blow?" which earned him a very sharp unprofessional response but he got the picture and hit the switch.)

We did not cover the depth gages (who had time to do that?).

The reason for the sharp up angle was once the stern planesman got into emergency mode and got the planes back to full rise, he put his feet on the control panel and refused to let go until we surfaced. He was a seaman by the way, not a midshipman. Speaking of which I did talk to all three midshipman after the event and all three assured me they were not going submarines when commissioned.

However, Heesen's general picture of an exciting few seconds is very accurate.

*Captain Bill Riffer, USN, Ret
Engineer, '74—'77*

It's a shame those Midshipmen didn't go submarines. This event may have been the acme of their Naval careers. The Ed

The best of the best ... or creme de la creme.



Welcome Aboard New Life Members

(Since July 15, 2011)

LT Gilbert C. Spurr, USN, Ret.
'56 - '58 EN1(SS) PANOPO

Michael L Harmody
'59 - '60 EN3(SS)

Paul J. Meaney
'59 - '60 SN(SS)

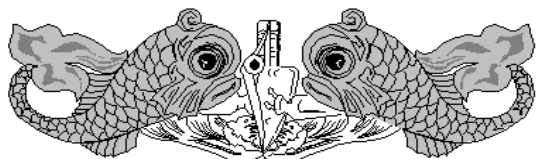
Douglas C. Nutson
'66 - '70 STS2(SS)

TMCS(SS) Merle E. Raimer, USN, Ret
'53 - '57 TM1(SS)
PLANK OWNER

New Auxiliary Life Members

John M. Livingston &
Theresa A Livingston
Son & Daughter of
ET1(SS) John W, Livingston, USN.
(Lost at sea - *USS Scorpion*)

Brian P. Early
Son of RADM Paul J. Early (Eternal Patrol)



ATTENTION ON DECK

For those of you that have internet access.

Please take a few minutes to visit the NAAI Home Page at <http://users.gotsky.com/rcave/> Click on the list under "We need Help Finding Lost Shipmates" and "Sailing List-Known". Please contact me at ss_ssn_ssb@wavecable.com or telephone 360-871-6899 (message) if you can help locate a lost shipmate or you have corrections to the sailing list.
NAAI Secretary Tommy Robinson

Email Re: RV's & The Big "N"

We just got back from our RV trip to the New England State and a whole bunch more. We were gone 3 1/2 months, there were 18 RV's in our caravan and we had one great time and saw a lot of neat stuff. It was great to go aboard the big "N" again. some how it seems smaller than I remember. Our whole group really enjoyed the tour so it was one of the highlights of our trip not only for me, but the group also said they really enjoyed the boat.

Robert "Bob" Simmons, '64-'66

Blessing of the Fleets "Navy Bean Soup"

makes 10 portions

- 12 oz. beans, navy, dry
- 6 cans ham or vegetable broth (14 oz. cans)
- 6 oz. ham, smoked
- 1 head celery, cleaned and chopped
- 4 each carrots, peeled and chopped
- 2 each onions, large, yellow chopped
- 1 can tomatoes, diced (14 oz. can)
- 2 Tbs garlic, fresh, minced
- 1 bunch oregano, chopped
- 1 bunch thyme, chopped
- 1 bunch parsley, chopped
- 1 bunch rosemary, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste

Pick through the beans and remove any foreign debris. Soak beans overnight. Rinse the beans well before cooking. Simmer beans in broth until tender, approximately 1-2 hours. Sauté the ham, celery, onions, carrots and garlic in a large skillet until tender. Add to beans. Add the diced tomatoes & fresh herbs. Allow the soup to simmer until the beans have started to break down. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Email Re: USS Nautilus visit to Portland, Oregon

In 1956, members of the Nigh family from Oklahoma were visiting Jack Nigh and his family in Portland, OR. We visited the *USS Nautilus*, one of the most memorable activities we ever engaged in. Later, we even received letters from the North Pole. Even more notable was that Jack, who had recently served four years in the Navy, re-enlisted, made it into the submarine service, attended nuclear power school, and ultimately served on the *USS Skipjack SSN-585*. His service in the Navy was very important in his life, and visiting the *Nautilus* was the catalyst.

Jack Nigh died November 8, 2011. He will be inured at Arlington National Cemetery on February 1, 2012, with full military honors. We met several of the crewmen aboard *Nautilus*. The one name I remember is Jack Kurrus. I would like very much for him to know of Jack Nigh's death and the influence visiting the *Nautilus* had on his life. Thank you,

Donna Nigh Jones

Hello Donna,

Please accept, on behalf of the Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc (NAAI), my deep condolences regarding Jack's passing. There is no greater bond than that of family members and that of submarine sailors. As you see I have forwarded your email to Jack and I have also included all of the remaining *Nautilus* crewmembers who where on board in 1956. You may receive several emails. Warm regards,

Tommy Robinson, '63 - '67
NAAI-Association Secretary

Hello Donna,

Please let me add my condolences to the passing of Shipmate Nigh. Submarine veterans now will refer to Shipmate Nigh as being on eternal patrol.

The visit to Portland also ranks high on my memory list. I live in McMinnville, OR, about 40 miles from Portland. It was during that visit that I reported aboard *Nautilus* as a 19 year old Petty Officer 3rd Class. I had just completed Nuclear Power Training in Idaho and was on leave visiting my mother in McMinnville. Normally I would have reported to the boat in Groton, CT. But then I found out the boat would come to Portland to pick me up (I can dream can't I). My mother, Ruth was born in OK, drove me to Portland and she

took the attached photo. It was a day that I will long remember. I can remember setting in the crew's mess and smelling the fried chicken that was being prepared for dinner.



Jack Kurrus was a great shipmate and very helpful in my earning my silver dolphins. Jack had a great attitude and was the best looking and smartest guy in the Navy. I remember because he told me that.



This photo is of Jack. I took a still from a Navy movie called "Operation Sunshine". It was the movie that the Navy produced about the North Pole trip. I think that it is also available on DVD.

Thank you for helping me remember a very important day in my life.

May you and yours have a happy holiday season,
Imon Pilcher USN retired

Submariners taking care of submariners.



USS Nautilus SSN 571 2012 Reunion in Groton, Connecticut Registration Form

Please return this form ASAP (No Later than Sept. 4th with your check or money order payable to NAAI. Cancellations are refundable (except for registration) until Sept. 4th. Send to: **Rick Turner, 2559 Walnut Ridge Way, Sevierville, TN 37862** Phone: 865-428-0099 Email: rick@tree-castle.com

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Names as you want them to appear on badges—use reverse for additional names

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All prices are per person. All meal prices include gratuity and Tennessee state taxes.
Additional names can be added on the back.

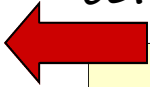
EVENT	Cost	Number Attending	Total
Registration Fee (Non-refundable)	\$10.00		
Thursday - 27 September 2012			
Channel Fever Night - New England Clam Bake (Groton Inn & Suites)	\$34.00		
Friday - 28 September 2012			
Active Boat Tour (morning)	Free		
Nautilus Tour (5:00 PM)	Free		
Casino (evening) (Mahegan Sun, Fox Woods, MGM Grand)			
Saturday - 29 September 2012			
Business Meeting at Groton Inn & Suites (9:00 - 11:00 AM)	Free		
Ladies Activity - To be determined			
Reunion Banquet at Groton Inn & Suites			
Queen Prime Rib	\$44.00		
Chicken Cordon Bleu	\$44.00		
Panko Fish	\$44.00		
Sunday - 30 September 2012			
Departing Buffet Breakfast at Groton Inn & Suites	\$13.00		
Price with voucher from Inn	\$4.00		

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Reunion

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FRIENDS

By
Charles Hanson Towne

Around the corner I have a friend,
In this great city that has no end,
Yet the days go by and weeks rush on,
And before I know it, a year is gone.

And I never see my old friends face,
For life is a swift and terrible race,
He knows I like him just as well,
As in the days when I rang his bell.

And he rang mine but we were younger then,
And now we are busy, tired old men.
Tired of playing a foolish game,
Tired of trying to make a name.

"Tomorrow" I say! "I will call on Jim.
Just to show that I'm thinking of him",
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,
And distance between us grows and grows.

Around the corner, yet miles away,
"Here's a telegram, sir," "Jim died today."
And that's what we get and deserve in the end.
Around the corner, a vanished friend.

Contributed by my shipmate & friend
Dennis "Rosy" Halsted

I can think of no better reason to attend the 2012 reunion in Groton. We certainly aren't getting younger and the reunion is the place to say hello, maybe for the last time, to your "Jim". The Ed

Nautilus Departure Plaque—Hawaii

When was the Nautilus plaque moved from pier S-1 to the Submarine Base Memorial?

Up until 9/11 you could drive right up to the plaque at S-1. Construction on the submarine base led to the expansion and renovation of the Submarine Base Memorial Park. The Nautilus plaque was moved to the Submarine Base Memorial Park after a security fence was put up to limit access to the piers.



The Submarine Base Submarine Memorial has plaques depicting the 52 lost boats of World War II. Also located in the small park on Submarine Base is the conning tower of the *USS PARCHE (SS 384)*. This small park has two pavilions and several large umbrella trees. It is the site for many Change of Command, retirement and reenlistment ceremonies.

Aloha, Eric Antoine

It appears that a can of Brasso, some rags, and elbow grease would do wonders for the Nautilus departure plaque. The Ed

I don't approve of political jokes.

I've seen too many of them get elected.

The Clock

This is just a story about a clock sent to me by an old submarine buddy who swears it's a truism. The Ed.

When the *Sam Houston SSBN-609* went into the yards in Portsmouth, NH, in 1967, I met my first wife. After we had been married for a while my father-in-law showed me an old pendulum clock that he had. It no longer worked, but he didn't want to throw it away as it was quite old and very high quality. When you tried to get it going, it would go 'tick'...and that was it. He had tried to fix it but had no success with it, all it would do is go 'tick'...and that was it. He told me I could have it if I wanted to try my luck with it. To make a long story short....I couldn't get it to do anything but go 'tick', either, and that was it.

I checked around and heard about a kindly old German clock maker in Exeter, NH, that had a reputation of being able to fix any clock. Rumor had it that he had been a member of the Gestapo during WWII, but nobody really knew for sure. Anyway, I decided to take the clock to him since he seemed to be the only one around there that might be able to get it working again.

I brought the clock to his shop and set it on his counter and explained the problem. He looked it over and tried a simple test to see if it would start. All it did was go 'tick'...and that was it. He said he could fix it, but that I would have to leave it and pick it up at a later date. He picked the clock up and headed for his repair shop in the back room. As he closed the door I heard him say to the clock in his heavy German accent, "Vee have vays to make you tock!"

Veteran's Benefit

You may be a wartime vet, eligible for a pension and not even realize it Submitted by: Pat Householder

A little-known veterans' benefit for long-term care expenses is available to wartime veterans and their spouses. But the benefit is being overlooked by thousands of families, industry observers say.

The Special Pension for Veterans' Aid and Attendance pays up to \$1,644 a month, \$19,736 annually, toward assisted living, nursing homes or in-home care for veterans 65 and older who served at least 90 days including at least one day during wartime - stateside or overseas.

Congress defines the periods of war. If your Military Service includes at least 91 days including at least one within any of these time periods: Dec 7, 1941, thru Dec 31, 1946; June 27, 1950 thru Jan 31, 1955; August 5, 1964 thru May 7th 1975; and from August 2nd 1990 to date, you may qualify for this benefit, subject to certain asset and income limits.

Veterans and their spouses can receive up to \$23,396 annually and spouses of deceased veterans, \$12,681. Contact your local VA Office for more information...

"Let me premise here that the bedrock of a naval service is organization; its soul, honor; its necessity, subordination; its demand, courage; its inspiration, love of country; its crown, honor."

Admiral G. E. Belknap, U.S. Navy

Lecture delivered Naval War College, 30 July, 1897

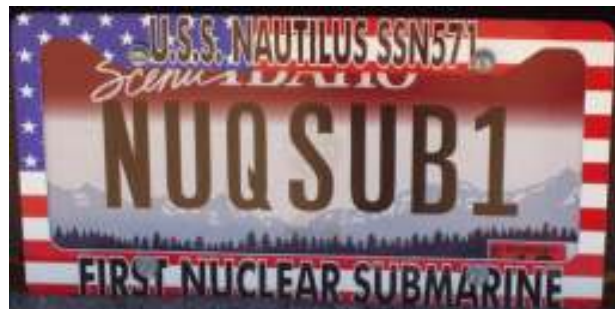
Sibling Rivalry? Or simply Brothers will be Brothers!

NAAI Life Members and Brothers David and William Ross served on *Nautilus* as Seaman between 1959 and 1961. They continue to share the *Nautilus* experience with license plates.

David's CA Plate



William's ID Plate

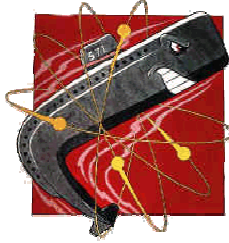


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The Origin of Sub Pay

Should Teddy Roosevelt be the patron saint of submariners? Roosevelt was the first American President to go aboard a submarine and to make a dive. Roosevelt ventured beneath the waters of Long Island Sound aboard *USS Plunger (SS 2)* on March 25, 1905. *Plunger* was the United States' second submarine, commissioned in September 1903....

Beyond this historical first, however, is the fact that Roosevelt was the man directly responsible for submarine pay. The Naval hierarchy in 1905 considered submarine duty, neither unusual nor dangerous, and classified it as shore duty. Therefore, submariners received twenty-five percent less pay than sailors going to sea in Destroyers, Cruisers and similar surface ships.

Roosevelt's two-hour trip on *Plunger* convinced him that this discrimination was unfair. He described submarine duty as hazardous and difficult, and he found that submariners "*have to be trained to the highest possible point as well as to show iron nerve in order to be of any use in their positions...*"

Roosevelt directed that officer service on submarines be equated with duty on surface ships. Enlisted men qualified in submarines were to receive ten dollars per month in addition to the pay of their rating. They were also to be paid a dollar for every day in which they were submerged while underway. Enlisted men assigned to submarines but not yet qualified received an additional five dollars per month.

Roosevelt did not dilly-dally once he made a decision. He issued an Executive Order directing the extra pay for enlisted personnel. This was the beginning of submarine pay!

Contributed by Joe "Jose" Thompson, '65—'66


If you have not joined NAAI ... You should!

2012 Dues

Thanks to all of our members who have paid dues for 2012 and beyond and our shipmates who have taken Life Memberships. For you who have not yet paid annual dues please join your shipmates and send the NAAI Treasurer a \$10 check made out to NAAI and noted DUES to:

NAAI Treasurer, Rick Turner
2559 Walnut Ridge Way
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We are NOT collecting past dues.

Please include the adjacent Dues Form in order to keep the database current. 

If you have any questions regarding your membership status please contact NAAI Secretary, Tommy Robinson, at ss_ssn_ssbm@wavecable.com or phone 360-871-6899 (Message).

NAAI Ship's Store—Report—2011

Total Sales:	\$3535.71
Check Book Balance:	\$1778.07
Merchandise Expenses	\$3645.87
Postage Expenses	\$494.17

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