



Happy Father's Day  
June 21, 2020

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Super  
Heroes  
Don't have  
CAPES...  
They are  
called  
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## USS HENRY L. STIMSON ASSOCIATION SSBN655 NEWSLETTER

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### REUNION CONTROL CENTER

#### 2020 Stimson Reunion

October 7-11, 2020

Hotel: Holiday Inn

1717 Airport Exchange Blvd.  
Erlanger, KY 41018

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Shipmates,

The 2020 Stimson Reunion is in a tough situation as of this writing. The National Emergency seems to be easing but the future is a big unknown. We have 54 reservations for those

attending. We hope to make a decision by July if the reunion will be held. Rest assured if you make a reservation (Reunion or Hotel) and our reunion is cancelled we will send a refund in the mail, the hotel can be cancelled up to 48 hours before your due date to arrive. Needless to say we have never been in this situation before either as a group or a country so we are doing things on a day to day basis. Please bear with us for just a little while longer, hopefully we will have a better handle on the situation in the next 6 weeks. Everyone's well being is our biggest concern and we will follow the

laws of the land, locally and nationally.

Feel free to contact me if you have any reunion questions using the Reunion email address. //  
Regards, Dick Young  
[stimson655reunion2020@aol.com](mailto:stimson655reunion2020@aol.com)

### From the Association President - Tom Krauser, MM1(SS) B 72-74:



Hopefully, none of your family or friends have been affected by COVID-19. Personally I know three people. One has been in the local hospital for several weeks now. He is not on a ventilator but they cannot get his oxygen level right. His wife was also affected but it was a mild case.

My brother in Texas got it from his coworkers on a jobsite; Luckily it was a mild case where he had the sore throat and cough but did not run a fever or have breathing problems but he did test positive. After several weeks the health department said he could return to work on May 18 but they did not run another test to confirm he was negative. His wife and son felt ill but did not show full symptoms and they **COULD NOT** get tested. So much for "if you want a test you can

**get a test”!**

After Texas “reopened” and the health department said he could go back to work he went to the local lumber yard to get things to repair his home. He was wearing a mask and practicing social distancing BUT many of the other patrons did not have a mask and were up to each other including a store employee helping a customer neither with a mask on. I wonder how they would have felt if my brother was without his mask asking them for help. How stupid can they get! **PLEASE BE SAFE !!!**

Marie and I have had several ZOOM dinner parties with three other couples where we all connect at 6PM on Monday nights and eat dinner and have conversations while communicating over the computer. They were actually very interesting and I would recommend giving it a try. We have also been having ZOOM meeting with my kids and Marie’s mother. Her mother really enjoys these sessions. I plug the laptop HDMI into the TV so the screen is large and it almost feels like they are in the room. Using Social Media programs to keep in touch with our loved ones is a great thing to do.

Dick Young and the reunion committee have the 2020 reunion in Cincinnati Ohio in good shape and people are sending in their registrations. The reunion will be here before we know it! Time to start making plans to attend. Look for Dick’s updates in the newsletters.

Please think about where the 2022 reunion could be and if you would like to explore the possibility of chairing it.

If you have any questions or concerns for the board, please feel free to contact us so we can address them.

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**From the Association Historian/Memorabilia Custodian - Larry Knutson, MMCS(SS) B 79-81 USSVI-Charleston Base:**



If you were on the Gold Crew during any portion Bob Weeks was the CO you completed a check-in card for him. The box of cards is now held by our base secretary. If you would like a copy of your card sent to you please contact our Secretary at [655webmaster@ssbn655.org](mailto:655webmaster@ssbn655.org).

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**From The Editor**

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**Sharing Pictures with Shipmates:**

If anyone has pictures you would like to share with your shipmates please follow the directions in this link and I will be glad to put them in the newsletter.

**Picture Upload Instructions (to Dropbox)**

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***The Lean Submariner***

Here's the latest posts on the blog. Still going strong. The link to his blog is

<https://theleansubmariner.com/>

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♦ **Hide and Seek in April 1920 –**

**Submarine Style** by Mister Mac - One of my favorite submarine memories was the first time the USS San Francisco (SSN 711) anchored

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**Submarines Lost During the Month of June**

<b>USS HERRING (SS-233)</b>	June 1, 1944 – 8 <sup>th</sup> war patrol	<b>LOST WITH ALL HANDS - 83 SOULS</b>
<b>USS R-12 (SS-89)</b>	June 12, 1943 – practice torpedo approach near Key West FL	<b>LOST WITH 42 SOULS - 21 SURVIVORS</b>
<b>USS GOLET (SS-361)</b>	June 14, 1944 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> war patrol	<b>LOST WITH ALL HANDS - 82 SOULS</b>
<b>USS BONEFISH (SS-223)</b>	June 18, 1945 – 8 <sup>th</sup> war patrol	<b>LOST WITH ALL HANDS - 85 SOULS</b>
<b>USS S-27 (SS-132)</b>	June 19, 1942 – grounded off Amchitka Island Alaska	<b>NO LOSS OF LIFE</b>
<b>USS O-9 (SS-70)</b>	June 20, 1941 – foundered off Isle of Shoals NH	<b>LOST WITH ALL HANDS - 34 SOULS</b>
<b>USS RUNNER (SS-275)</b>	June 30, 1943 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> war patrol	<b>LOST WITH ALL HANDS - 78 SOULS</b>

**SEVEN Boats and 404 Men Lost**

off the coast of Maui. The mission leading up to that visit was not a long one but we were going to pick up members of some of our families after the stay was over and do [...] [Read more of this post](#)

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- ◆ **The Daring Gambler Held All the Cards – The Plunger Legacy** by Mister Mac - There are few other submarine names that show the progression of the growth of America's submarine propulsion power as clearly as the family of boats named Plunger I wanted to end Submarine Month (April 2020) with a classic story and a tribute to one of the most decorated submarines of the Cold War at the [...] [Read more of this post](#)

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- ◆ **What's in a name? : USS Clamagore SS 343** by Mister Mac - Originally posted on [theleansubmariner](#): What's in a name? : USS Clamagore SS 343 It's been hard the last few years seeing the struggle of the Clamagore. There are so few submarines from her era still afloat and even the thought of losing one is hard for those of us who know their place in history [...] [Read more of this post](#)

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- ◆ **The Dawn of the Polaris Age – Pittsburgh and Bettis in 1960** by Mister Mac - Originally posted on [theleansubmariner](#): The Dawn of the Polaris Age "Those of us here today may not live to write this history, but we must be determined to shape it." Every once in a while, you find yourself in a historic spot and feel a little like there isn't enough time to really understand [...] [Read more of this post](#)

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- ◆ **The story of us – the original Hallmark Movie – May 4th 1980** by Mister Mac - The story of us – the original Hallmark Movie A friend of ours wished my wife and me a happy forty year anniversary for the day we met. May 4th, 1980. She said that we were like a Hallmark Movie. Little did she know? I think we actually pioneered the whole genre of the Hallmark [...] [Read more of this post](#)

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- ◆ **The Battleship Ferryboats – Taking the Doughboys for a Ride** by Mister Mac - Taking care of the Army... Again Dedicated to my Army friend Phil When World War 1 ended, the United States had many soldiers that were stationed in France and Belgium. They had been sent there to help "Defeat the Hun" and now they were ready to come home. My Great Uncle Alex was an Army [...] [Read more of this post](#)

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- ◆ **There was a time...** by Mister Mac - There was a time... No one can question the bravery of the men and women who are on the front lines of this pandemic. They go to work each day and help those who are most in need of help. They wear protective gear that is uncomfortable but necessary and they work long shifts. In [...] [Read more of this post](#)

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**The following Stimson Shipmates have departed on Eternal Patrol.**

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#### **NONE REPORTED IN MAY**

*The following Memorial Pages have been updated with more information. Many thanks to Don Ort.*

**Barnes, Jr., James William 'Jim'**  
EMC(SS) G/SY2 84-86  
**Eternal Patrol March 26, 2006**

**Baeder, Robert Arthur**  
LCDR/XO G 84  
**Eternal Patrol April 9, 2011**

**Arienta, Russell 'Russ'**  
Rate/Crew Unknown 76-78  
**Eternal Patrol April 20, 2011**

**Archer, Robert Wayne**  
MT1(SS) G 78-80  
**Eternal Patrol June 2, 2009**

Bozzo, Peter R.  
LCDR XO G 70-73 OVHL 1  
Eternal Patrol June 12, 2005

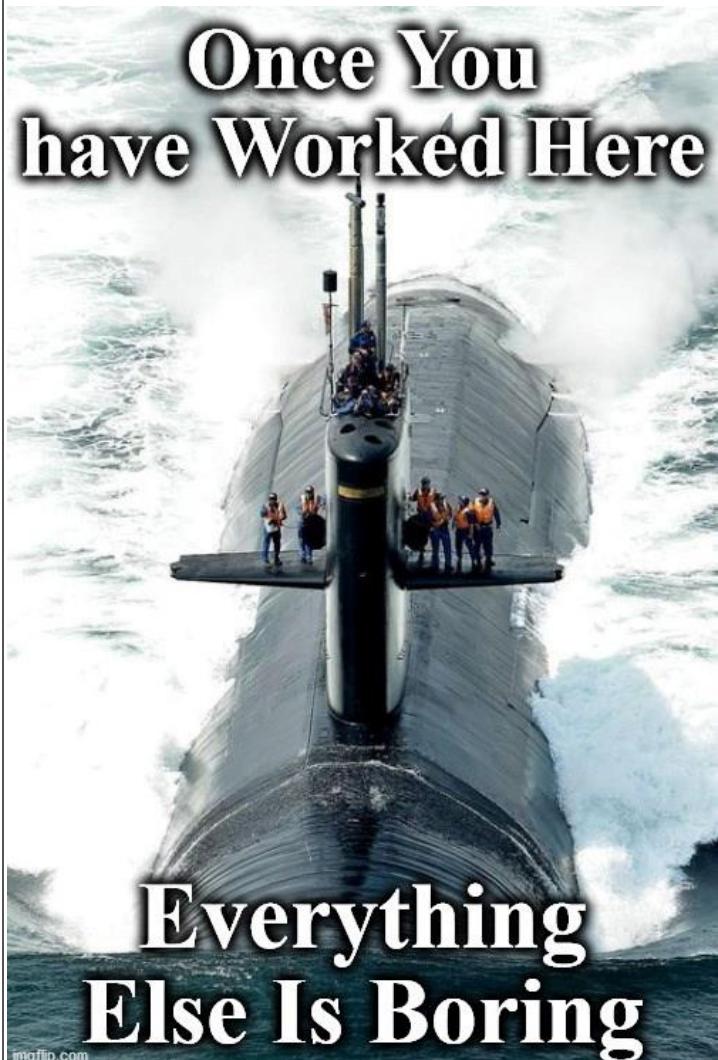
Catola, Stanley Guy  
CDR/CO G 73-74  
Eternal Patrol May 20, 2016

Camilleri, Terrence Joseph 'Terry'  
LT/MPA B 65-66 COMM  
Eternal Patrol May 3, 2017

Brown, Michael S. 'Mike'  
HMC(SS) B 77-80  
Eternal Patrol 1992

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The direct link to the Association Eternal Patrol page is: <http://ssbn655.org/eternal-patrol/eternal-patrol.html>



## WELCOME ABOARD: Found & Updated Shipmates

(Shipmate has contacted us to be added or have info updated on our Sailing List. Please check the online Sailing List to for shipmates contact info.)

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## NONE ADDED THIS MONTH

Many of our shipmates are on FaceBook but are not listed on our Sailing List. Please check the new 'Looking For' Sailing List on the website to help locate these shipmates. When you see shipmates on Facebook ask them if they are on the Sailing List and please send them a personal invite to contact [655webmaster@ssbn655.org](mailto:655webmaster@ssbn655.org) to be listed and become a member of the Stimson Association.

## BINNACLE LIST

(if you would like to be placed on our Association Binnacle List please send an email to [655webmaster@ssbn655.org](mailto:655webmaster@ssbn655.org))

## IMPORTANT:

So that I don't continue printing the same information in the binnacle list, beginning this edition if I have not received an update on a shipmate, I will only note that fact. If you see that note please refer to a prior newsletter to see what the health issue is.

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**Dick Young, SN(SS) G 70-71, USSVI Cincinnati Base, Association Life Member**

Cards to: 7209 Austin Woods Ln., Cincinnati OH 45247-1301

Debbie is recovering from having two more stents placed in her artery Friday, at the same time I was in the hospital with Kidney stones and my best friends wife passed away overnight. I am being evaluated tomorrow (Tuesday) to have the stone removed, its too large to pass on its own and I'm not sure about the funeral. I will attempt to get Zoom on my laptop and may be available in the evenings, right now I'm on pain medication that at times hinders my thinking process,

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**Elam Mauk, EMCM(SS) B 65-69 Plank / COB 66-68, USSVI USS Sailfish Base, Holland Club, Association Life Member**

Cards to: 509 Clubside Cir., Venice FL 34293

**4.12.2020:** From Elam & Angie: I am preparing for a Heart Valve replacement in the near future. Hope to make the next reunion. Sincerely, Elam

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**William 'Sandy' Hastie, CAPT B CO 80 (Oct-Dec)**

Cards to: 75 Lambeth Drive, Asheville, NC 28803

**5.17.2020:** Concerning Sandy Hastie's battle with cancer, there is good news. We got the results back from the March 29, 2020 PET/CT scan. Some cancerous activity is still present; however, the activity is slight and is being controlled by the Ketruda immune therapy. We will continue the Ketruda infusions every three weeks. So all goes well. Donna & Sandy

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**Jim Gray, MM1(SS) B 69-71**

Cards to: 1 Rugby Ct., Toms River NJ 08757

**7.28.19 Last Update**

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**Bob Faulkner, MT1(SS) B/G 80-86 OVHL2**

Cards to: 2901 N 82st Place, Scottsdale AZ 85251

**11.7.17 Last Update**

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**GREAT LINKS TO SPEND TIME WITH  
(all links from "The Draft" will be on the website)**

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**655 Association Website**

[www.ssbn655.org](http://www.ssbn655.org)

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*Submitted by Bob Peterson, MM1(SS) B 70-72, SV MAL USS R-14 (SS-91)*

USS R-14 (SS-91) was an R-class coastal and harbor defense submarine of the United States Navy. R-14 — under acting command of Lieutenant Alexander Dean Douglas — ran out of usable fuel and lost radio communications in May 1921 while on a surface search mission for the seagoing tug Conestoga about 100 nmi (120 mi; 190 km) southeast of the island of Hawaii.

<https://www.chonday.com/sailingsub18/>

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**Pacific Fleet Submarines: Lethal, Agile, Underway\***

11 May 2020 13:19

The U.S. Pacific Fleet submarine force currently has every one of its forward-deployed submarines conducting contingency response operations at sea in the Western Pacific, in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific region amidst the pandemic caused by the Coronavirus.

<http://nns.navy.mil/lists/l.php?tid=sQiyVqWRtgCYkE5PjFti7hvSVTmnkmw6jlNJQC5hHXKBpLSSiz2u/44L8rqZr5qO>

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**The Truth About 5G**

Published on May 13, 2020

Is 5G Dangerous? Marques Brownlee helps us explain what is 5G, the health impacts on your body, whether it can make you sick, and some other claims being made!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cw0A9FUTEKE>

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**Live Virtual Tours of USS Constitution Now on Instagram**

19 May 2020 22:22

USS Constitution is scheduled to host live virtual tours to Instagram every day at 10 a.m. eastern time, from May 18 to 24.

<http://nns.navy.mil/lists/l.php?tid=7X0YCGzxIgKly7Kyk6m9oKkR+Vfs3EFYqO6QGwenR6CBpLSSiz2u/44L8rqZr5qO>

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*Submitted by Don Ransel, MMCS(SS) G 83-86, USSVI Pocono Base*

**Toby Keith - Don't Let the Old Man In**

Published on Feb 20, 2019

Inspirational song for us "old" folks, by Toby Keith, inspired by Clint Eastwood. Sorry if anyone else has posted this. I am not the owner of it, make no claim for copyright or any other right. Just passing along a good thought!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3h6CDGpAlPc&feature=youtu.be>

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**Chuck Mead - "I Ain't Been Nowhere" The Official Song of Quarantine Plowboy Records**

Published on Apr 28, 2020

Chuck Mead & His Grassy Knoll Boys take us through the isolated woes of the 2020 Quarantine to the tune of Hank Snow's 1962 classic, "I've Been Everywhere". Trust us; you will relate to this new zeitgeist masterpiece but in a way that will make you smile!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

v=DIQvaBOuvAs

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*Submitted by Bob Peterson, MM1(SS) B 70-72, SV MAL*

## When The Pubs Reopen

English comedy duo Hale and Pace show what a social distance bar fight will look like once the bars reopen.

<https://biggeekdad.com/2020/05/when-the-pubs-finally-reopen/>

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## **USS Colorado Continues the Tradition of the Submarine Battle Flag\***

30 May 2020 02:29

(NNS) -- The Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Colorado (SSN 788), home ported at Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Connecticut, participated in a unique submarine tradition during its maiden deployment in 2019.

<http://nns.navy.mil/lists/l.php?tid=7Eq7KnjJuQ28tqlXvZOxIEC019ofKAYgtGkuJV84A+BpLSsiz0e/44L8rqZr5qO>

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*Submitted by Don Ransel, MMCS(SS) G 83-86, USSVI  
Pocono Base*

## Silent Service Series

The Silent Service, narrated by Rear Admiral Thomas M. Dykers, who retired from the Navy in 1949 after twenty-two years of service, is an American syndicated anthology television series based on actual events in the submarine division of the United States Navy. He began each episode with this refrain: "Tonight, we bring you another thrilling episode of Silent Service stories, of warfare under the sea."

<https://www.silentservicechallengecoins.com/cat-ss-vids.html>



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<https://www.va.gov/>

## And FLEET RESERVE

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## Court Allows Veterans to use both MGIB and Post 911 GI Bill Benefits

The U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims issued its final ruling on the case of Bo v Wilkie letting stand an earlier decision that the Department of Veterans Affairs practice of making veterans relinquish their Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) eligibility in order to receive Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits is improper. Federal officials argued in court that the arrangement is designed to make sure veterans aren't doubling up on their government benefits for personal profit; but the court rejected that argument, saying that instead veterans eligible for both programs should receive each set of payouts, just not simultaneously. The association welcomes this decision and opposes shifting additional cost of higher education to beneficiaries.

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## **Bill Introduced for Hearing Aid Specialists at all VA Medical Centers**

House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Mark Takano (Calif.) and Ranking Member Dr. Phil Roe (Tenn.) introduced legislation (H.R.6612), which would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to appoint at least one licensed hearing aid specialist to each VA Medical Center in the country. This legislation builds on the Veterans Mobility Safety Act of 2016 which granted the VA authority to appoint licensed hearing aid specialists at their medical centers, though they have so far failed to exercise that authority. This bill would mandate the VA hire these specialists in a timely manner.

"Veterans should not have to travel long distances to receive check-ups related to their hearing or seek help from non-VA contracted hearing aid specialists. VA should widely provide this service so that veterans can access this essential care" said Chairman Takano. "Hearing loss is a tragically common problem among veterans of all generations," said Ranking Member Roe. "This bill would ensure that every VA Medical Center across the country has at least one licensed hearing aid specialist on board to give our nation's heroes who rely on hearing aids the care they need in a timely manner."

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## **Stroke Awareness: Get the Facts**

### **Learn about the risk factors**

A stroke is a sudden interruption in the blood supply of the brain. Brain damage from strokes can be minimized if treated quickly. It's common to mistake signs of a stroke for other health problems, which delays treatment. Discover risk factors and how to prevent a stroke. [Learn more](#).

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## **Don't Let Hearing Loss Sneak Up on You**

Most of the hearing loss among Veterans is the result of noise exposure during service. VA can provide hearing aids and comprehensive care to eligible Veterans at no cost. [Learn more](#)

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## **Vietnam War Veterans Health Issues**

If you served during the Vietnam War, you may be at risk of certain health conditions. Understanding these needs will allow you to

receive better care. [Learn more](#).

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## **Glaucoma: Are You at Risk?**

Glaucoma is one of the leading causes of blindness. Many people with glaucoma might not even know they have it. Regular eye exams could save your sight. [Learn more](#).

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## **Sign These Papers**

5 estate planning documents that Suze Orman recommends for every family by Suze Orman, [AARP The Magazine](#), August/September 2018

I know you love your family. There's not a thing you wouldn't do to help them.

But I also know that what's in your heart is not enough. At this stage of your life, preparing these must-have documents is one of the most profound acts of love you can bestow. This paperwork can shield your family from needless heartache, hassle and expense. The documents will give you and your family not just financial protection but peace of mind. [READ MORE](#)

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## **Caregiving in Times of Crisis**

Planning for the unexpected is tough, but reacting without a plan is even harder by Amanda Singleton, [AARP](#), March 17, 2020

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## **When You Really Need to Go to the ER Symptoms you can't ignore even if you're worried about COVID-19**

by Deborah Pike Olsen, [AARP](#), April 30, 2020

In the past several weeks, examples have mounted of the tragic consequences of people delaying a trip to the ER because of fears of contracting COVID-19. A national [American College of Emergency Physicians \(ACEP\)](#) poll released this week shows the extent of the worries of older patients in particular: Nearly one-third of people over 50 said they had delayed or avoided seeking medical care because of concerns about contracting COVID-19.

Unfortunately, the end result of delaying medical care can be devastating. [READ MORE](#)

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## **V-E Day 2020: The World War II Defeat of the**

## Nazis 75 Years Ago

### Victory celebrations for America and its allies in Europe, then and now

by Aaron Kassraie, [AARP](#), May 7, 2020

Nazi Germany's military leaders signed surrender documents on May 7, 1945, marking the end of nearly six years of war throughout Europe. When the news was announced a day later, mass celebrations erupted across Europe and America as millions took to the streets, cementing May 8's legacy as V-E Day — for victory in Europe. President Harry S. Truman dedicated the day to former President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had died just weeks earlier.

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### SOMETHING FROM OUR SHIPMATES: SEA STORIES, COMMENTS, JOKES, ETC.

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In the April newsletter I ran a question from Pat Cota IRT a medallion he had and wanted to know where it came from. Here is the question and the answer. Just love it when a shipmate gets his answer for another.

Submitted by Pat Cota, IC2(SS) G COMM 66-68, USSVI Hoosier Base, Holland Club

I have a question for all those out there. I found this medallion and was wondering if you know what, where or how I happen to have this. Just curious. It's about the size of a quarter. Thanks for any help you give.



Submitted by Rita Kreul

The charm was given out at the Commission party in August 1966 at the Griswold Inn in Groton. I believe every female attendee received one. Ray bought the bracelet it's on and obviously I still have mine after all these years. This is the flip side of the medallion/charm.



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Submitted by Sandy Hasty, CAPT B CO 80 (1 patrol-Oct-Dec)

Andrew Lloyd Webber is offering one of his shows each weekend, all the shows are free. This week the show is CATs. Each show runs for 48 hours – Friday thru Sunday afternoon and no matter when you tune in, the show starts, and they also have sub-titles. Not sure how they do this but it is great.

The following is the link for this weekend's A.L.W. production. We watched Phantom of the Opera and it was wonderful, and best of all a great way to spend our "quiet" time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqjPQObjZdU>

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Submitted by George Birmingham, ET1(SS) G 69-74, Assoc. Life Member, USVI Carolina Piedmont Base  
**Submariner humor....**

Gabriel came to the Lord and said, "I have to talk to you. We have some Sub Sailors up here who are causing problems.

They're swinging on the pearly gates, my horn

is missing, breakfast SOS is all over their robes, they're racing the chariots, and they're wearing dixie cups and piss cutters instead of their halos. They refuse to keep the ladder to heaven clean.

There are beer cans all over the place. Some of them are walking around with just one wing."

The Lord said, "Sub Sailors are Submariners, Gabriel. Heaven is home to all my children.

If you want to know about real problems, call the Devil."

The Devil answered the phone, "Hello? Hold on a minute."

The Devil returned to the phone, "O.K., I'm back. What can I do for you?"

Gabriel replied, "I just want to know what kind of problems you're having down there."

The Devil said, "Hold on again. I need to check on something."

After about 5 minutes the Devil returned to the phone and said, "I'm back. Now what was the question?"

Gabriel said, "What kind of problems are you having down there?"

The Devil said, "Man, I don't believe this....Hold on."

This time the Devil was gone 15 minutes. He returned and said , "I'm sorry Gabriel, I can't talk right now.

Those damn A-Ganggers have put out my fire and are trying to install air conditioning."

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## The Computer Corner

**By: George Birmingham, ET1(SS), Gold 69-74**

### Comparing the Contents of Two Folders and Synchronizing them



Recently my old faithful PC desktop reached end-of-life as Microsoft ended support for Windows 7 and my PC hardware would not run Windows 10. Over the years I had accumulated a lot of files and folders that I needed to move to the new PC so I would not lose anything that was really important. So the question was – How can I make sure all the files and folders were copied completely, and copied correctly? And that is where my journey to find a solution began.

There are several commercial disk drive cloning programs available, but some come with a price:

#### Acronis Disk Director

<https://www.acronis.com> \$ 49.99

#### Clonezilla

<http://www.clonezilla.org/> FREE

#### EaseUS Todo Backup

<https://www.easeus.com> \$ 29.99

#### Macrium Reflect

<https://www.macrium.com/products/home>  
\$ 69.99

#### Paragon Drive Copy Professional

<https://shop.paragon-software.com>

\$

79.95

#### AOMEI Backupper

<https://www.backup.com> FREE

You can read the reviews here: <https://www.techradar.com/best/best-disk-cloning-software>

I had already purchased a large capacity USB drive and had created new partitions and copied most of the files to the new drive using Windows File Explorer. But was that accurate and complete enough?

So I looked to see if there was a utility that would look at the files on both my PC and the new USB drive and confirm that I had all my files and they were in fact identical. I found the following article to be very useful:

<https://www.winhelponline.com/blog/compare-two-directories-files-find-differences/>

I settled on using WinMerge, which is the second item in the list on the webpage above. What I liked about it the most was that it compares the files bit-for-bit and once the two drives have been scanned, allows you to remove identical file information from the display and only see the files that are different. Then you right-click on a file, or group of files, and you can specify which direction to copy the files to correct for any missing data that need to be copied. It also has a nifty single file compare feature so you can compare the contents of a single file directly. It will compare both binary and text files.

WinMerge can be downloaded for free from here:

<https://winmerge.org/?lang=en>

The software manual can be found here:

<https://manual.winmerge.org/en/>

I hope that you will find information here that will be helpful when you have to migrate to a new PC, or simply want to make sure your backup files are still correct and you are not missing any files. (you do back up your system regularly, right?)

As always, shipmates, comments and suggestions for future topics are welcomed. I am in need of topics for future articles, so please send your ideas along to me. Contact me at [subvet\\_ssbnss@bellsouth.net](mailto:subvet_ssbnss@bellsouth.net).

And if you have a difficult computer or network problem you need help with, contact me. I'm always glad to help out if I can.

//George

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### How many emails went out today? See real-time internet stats

Everybody knows the internet is big, but ask someone "How big?" and they'll probably look confused.

The information superhighway we all know and love might actually be too big to truly comprehend — with more than 4 billion active users and more than one billion websites online today.

And those numbers, by the way, are from just a few moments ago. Yes, the counter just keeps going up!

How do we know this information? Well, thanks to metrics from Google, Alexa ratings and other databases, we can get a pretty good idea of the internet's true scope.

But trawling through all this information can be a chore. If you're looking for a way to see real-time internet stats in a fun, digestible way, you can't beat Internet Live Stats.

This handy website is packed to the brim with live tickers that rank everything from the number of Google searches being performed to the number of blog posts written in the last day.

What's more, the data this platform uses is piped in from real, verified resources like Google Zeitgeist and NetCraft Web Server Survey. There's even a tab to see real-time trends as they appear on social media platforms and search

engines.

It might seem like information overload, but Internet Live Stats is probably your best bet to get a real feel for the digital colossus humanity has created.

[Tap or click here to get a sense of how big the internet really is.](#) →

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*Submitted by Bob Peterson, MM1(SS) B 70-72, SV MAL*

### **It's A New Dawn**

- 1) Tomorrow is the "National Homeschool Tornado Drill." Lock your kids in the basement until you get the all clear. You're welcome!
- 2) I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing?
- 3) 2019: Stay away from negative people.  
2020: Stay away from positive people.
- 4) The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
- 5) You think it's bad now? In 20 years our country will be run by people homeschooled by day drinkers...
- 6) This virus has done what no woman had been able to do...cancel all sports, shut down all bars, and keep men at home!!!
- 7) Do not call the police on suspicious people in your neighborhood! Those are your neighbors without makeup and hair extensions!
- 8) Since we can't eat out, now's the perfect time to eat better, get fit, and stay healthy. We're quarantined! Who are we trying to impress? We have snacks, we have sweatpants – I say we use them!
- 9) Day 7 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew up the furniture!"
- 10) I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
- 11) ME: Alexa what's the weather this weekend?  
ALEXA: It doesn't matter – you're not going anywhere.
- 12) Can everyone please just follow the government instructions so we can knock out this coronavirus and be done?! I feel like a kindergartner who keeps losing more recess time

because one or two kids can't follow directions.

13) I swear my fridge just said "what the hell do you want now?"

14) When this is over... what meeting do I attend first... Weight Watchers or AA?

15) Quarantine has turned us into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told "no" if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides.

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**EDITOR: After the last newsletter, I received the following from Joe Acquisto concerning the article on Stella Awards. He gives a great explanation on how to find whether info is valid or just 'fake news.' Enjoy Joe's take on all this:**

Submitted by Joe Acquisto, ETR2(SS) G 67-70

Glad to hear via the Draft that things are going well for you.

So, it gives me pause to write this, not knowing if it amuse your or upset you, but the last bit in the draft, about the "stella awards", is pretty much "sea story bogus".

According to Snopes.com most of the tales have a nugget of truth, but like most good sea stories, get wildly embellished over time.

<https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/stella-awards/>

One of the links, kind of hard to find in all the text has as an example, a factual explanation of the famous "McDonalds hot coffee" award to Stella Liebeck after whom the awards are named. Reading it casts the verdict in an entirely different light.

<https://www.caoc.org/index.cfm?pg=facts>

There is also a site, apparently by a lawyer that wrote a book on such stuff, that claims to document some actual outrageous verdicts, but has a page on the site that seems to "debunk" most of those listed in the draft.

<https://stellaawards.com/>

No idea what is actually in the book. As for me, I'm gonna search harder for a way to read his book for free, being the cheap so and so I have always been. I mean, have become in my old age.

Best wishes, stay safe. //joe a.

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## **US Navy Military Policewoman stops terrorist**

According to the FBI, the incredible acts of heroism by the NASCC Military Policewoman guarding entrance to the base, saved many last Thursday. The active duty U.S. Navy military police woman at the Ocean Drive gate has probably checked thousands of IDs and allowed access to thousands of authorized people at NAS Corpus Christi.

On the morning of Thursday May 21st, at barely the first light of day, a terrorist tried to get past her. That terrorist, Adam Salem Alsahli (a Syrian born U.S. citizen), picked the wrong gate guard to try to get past. He must've thought that all he would have to do is lift the pistol off of his lap, point it at the gate guard (while she looked him in the face) shoot her point blank in the chest and then be able to drive on to the base and use his assault rifle and shotgun to kill as many people as he could.

He sure was wrong!

She took the bullet dead center in her chest, but that happens to be the area of the bullet resistant Kevlar vest, which has a steel, ceramic-coated plate over center mass to protect the heart and vital organs.



Yes, no doubt the impact knocked her down to the floor, but she got right back up and hit the emergency button that activated a very strong pop up barricade, which stopped and disabled the terrorist's vehicle. Then, as he was getting his assault rifle out of his car, she shot him to death.

He was connected to Jihadists groups in the Middle East and May have acted yesterday, in response to the FBI's announcement on Monday in regard to the terrorist attack back some months ago at NAS Pensacola, which like NASCC, is a major training base for military pilots.

FBI credits the NAS MP, who stopped the Terrorist from mass murder on Naval Air Station CC. For her heroic, lifesaving actions, that U.S. Navy Military Policewoman should get not only the Purple Heart, but also the highest military accommodation that can be applied to this case of domestic terrorism.

## **NAVAL HISTORY: How The Experimental USS Narwhal Ended Up Being The Navy's Stealthiest Nuclear Submarine**

***The sub had a range of exotic improvements over previous designs that allowed it to stalk Soviet submarines like no other.***

(THE DRIVE 30 APR 20) ... Aaron Amick

The USS Narwhal, also known by its hull number SSN-671, was a totally unique and experimental nuclear-powered attack submarine and one of the most successful boats of her era. Her unique design made her the quietest attack submarine in the U.S. fleet in the 1970s and she was routinely deployed far and wide to watch Soviet submarines in the Atlantic and around Soviet-supported satellite states in the Mediterranean Sea. In this piece, we will dive deeply into what made her quieter than any other operational nuclear submarine of her era and how the game-changing technology she pioneered was implemented in future United States submarine projects.

In the first half of the 1960s, the U.S. Navy challenged the Electric Boat Division of the General Dynamics Corporation with constructing an operational prototype submarine using elements of the Sturgeon class hull design. It was

to be quiet, fast, and lethal, while still leveraging existing technology and construction methods.

To understand what made SSN-671 so special, we must understand what makes nuclear submarines vulnerable to detection and destruction. Any piece of equipment that moves is a potential noise source for a submarine. The heavier and faster it moves, the more energy is being exchanged, thus the more likely it is to become a detection problem.

Some of that energy can be transmitted as vibration, a cyclical energy sonar systems detect. If the engineers can remove or improve these heavy energy loads, they will be successful in building a quieter nuclear submarine.

Electric Boat identified areas that could be improved. The first was the Main Reactor Coolant pumps. These large, high-heat, high-pressure pumps spin under heavy load and can be the most vulnerable acoustic source of any nuclear-powered vessel.

General Electric designed Narwhal's unique S5G power plant with the reactor vessel situated low in the submarine's hull and the steam generators situated above the reactor to facilitate a natural flow of the reactor's primary coolant. This Pressurized-Water Reactor (PWR) design heated its primary loop in the reactor and convection moved the water into the steam generator near the top of the loop where energy is exchanged into the secondary system. With less energy, the primary coolant flows back down towards the reactor vessel in a return loop.

This simple design relies on physics to move the water rather than a mechanical pump. Natural circulation only occurs under specific circumstances, so reactor coolant pumps were still used, but only when necessary.

When the reactor is critical, but in a low power state, it may not have enough energy to maintain a natural circulation of the primary coolant. This is when the primary coolant pumps are used to maintain coolant circulation to prevent runaway heat generation in the reactor vessel. Conversely, in a high energy state, a mechanical coolant pump is necessary to keep up with the coolant demands. There is a wide region of power between these two conditions that allow the main

engines and turbines to run normally without main reactor coolant pumps working at all. This portion of the envelope is where Narwhal would be able to operate with unprecedented stealthiness.

The next challenge was addressing the massive reduction gear system used in nuclear submarines. This mechanical complex of pinions and gears is used to convert high energy, high rotations per minute (RPM) main engine steam turbines' motion into a high-torque, low RPM shaft rotation. Every metal-on-metal joining in this reduction system is a noise source. Collectively it can be very detectable at most speeds.

Electric Boat removed it from the ship's plans. They installed a revolutionary, direct-drive main engine turbine that was mechanically linked to the shaft. This system was larger than the original reduction gear design, 12 feet in diameter and 30 feet in length, resulting in a slightly wider submarine than the Sturgeon class, but also a significantly quieter submarine overall.

Electric Boat was determined to remove as many noise sources as possible. They tackled the Main Seawater system next. Two seawater scoops were added to the exterior part of the hull that would force water into the main seawater system as the Narwhal moved forward. During low speed, slow approach operations these scoops moved enough water to cool the engine room loads. The main seawater system could be cross-connected to the axillary water systems effectively supplying all engine room seawater demands without pumps.

With these changes planned, USS Narwhal's keel was laid on 17 January 1966 at the Electric Boat's yard in Groton, Connecticut with strictly compartmentalized access measures put in place to safeguard her secrets. A quiet, but proud, Admiral Hyman G. Rickover—the 'father' of the nuclear Navy—was present at the launch in September 1967 when Mrs. Glynn R. Donaho christened the submarine into Connecticut's Thames River. His new cutting-edge S5G reactor was officially heading to pier-side trials.

The 5,300-ton displacement, 314-foot long, 38-foot wide submarine finished sea trials in 1969 with little rework needed. The crew of about 140 men successfully passed all technical and

operational requirements. The sub performed very well and was amazingly quiet.

Narwhal was assigned to Submarine Detachment Two in New London, Connecticut, and deployed to Holy Loch and Faslane, Scotland in 1970 and 1971. The unique submarine's deployments took her "around the corner," a term used when a sub enters the Barents Sea from the Norwegian Sea, where she successfully trailed Soviet submarines. She was awarded Meritorious Unit Commendations for these missions.

The specifics of her operations are still classified, but she had a high operational tempo because of her incredible acoustic advantage. The Navy was maximizing her opportunities to collect as much data on the Soviet's Northern Fleet as possible. Between 1970 to 1974, she deployed six times and was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Unit Commendation, and Battle Efficiency "E" award. She was a 'hot boat' who deployed often and was rewarded for it with extended shore visits in northern Europe.

From 1975 to 1979, she deployed to the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea. There she operated with the fleet and independently earned two more Meritorious Unit Commendations, two Battle Efficiency "E" and two Anti-Submarine Warfare Gold "A" awards. The USS Narwhal is one of two remarkably successful submarines during this period for the Navy. The other was the USS Parche, which conducted Operation Ivy Bells in the Pacific, among other highly classified operations.

After a drydock and repair period, SSN-671 was deployed back to the Mediterranean Sea and attached to the Sixth Fleet again. She earned another set of Battle Efficiency "E" and Engineering Red "E" awards between 1982 and '85. She participated in annual wargames in the Atlantic and wrapped up the 1980s back in the Mediterranean Sea earning another award, the Supply Blue "E".

She returned to Charleston Naval Base in South Carolina to prepare for an upcoming overhaul period. With her reactor shutdown and diesel fuel offloaded, the sub was in no condition to go to sea when Hurricane Hugo appeared in

the Atlantic. The crew doubled the mooring lines and nine wire cables held the submarine fast to the pier and they prepared to ride out the storm in the watertight, but not a seaworthy vessel.

Hurricane Hugo hit Charleston hard and ripped all but one mooring line free. With the winds pushing the Narwhal out into the river, the captain was faced with two outcomes. Let the storm push the sub down the river and into anything that may be in the way or submerge in the river. He chose to dive and ride out the hurricane on the river bottom with the sail still exposed above the waterline. This was perhaps the most unique underway in submarine history.

The captain was awarded a promotion for his quick decisive action in the most unlikely of circumstances. You can read a detailed accounting of these events in this past War Zone article.

The subsequent 36-month long refuel and overhaul included a sonar upgrade to the AN/BQQ-5D system. This gave the Narwhal the ability to beamform a new thin-line towed array, the TB-23. This new towed array was much longer than the previous TB-16 tactical towed array, allowing much more directivity at low frequency. Low-frequency detection and directivity are important because frequencies below 100 Hz are more difficult to prevent at the source. New and well-maintained submarines may only have low-frequency vulnerabilities. Low frequencies also travel much farther in a water medium because they don't lose as much energy as higher frequencies.

With this in mind, the TB-23 towed array gave the Narwhal a very long-range detection capability. An obvious modification to the hull became known as the 'turtleback.' This was a large expansion of the hull topside just forward of the rudder that was made to house equipment. The Navy never officially released what the modification was for, even after decommissioning. Speculation among media sources suggests it sheltered a remotely operated vehicle or was a lockout chamber similar to the one on the USS Parche. It was probably added to make room for the thin line towed array handling gear, but that has never been confirmed.

Revitalized, she returned to the Sixth Fleet in 1994. There she conducted some local operations in 1995 before taking a four-month-long journey around South America in 1996. In 1998, she began her 17th deployment, a six-month tour around the Mediterranean. She concluded a very secretive, but highly awarded career conducting operations in the North Atlantic and supporting operations in local operating areas off the east coast of the United States until her decommissioning in 1999.

Decommissioning a submarine only a few years after refuel and overhaul is rare and suggests that something may have happened causing her early exit from operational status. Of course, this was a time of great drawdowns in end-strength after the end of the Cold War. Nuclear surface combatants were also being retired well before their service lives expired. With the submarine threat largely reduced by the collapse of the Soviet Union, keeping the one-off boat operational was likely a cost the Navy no longer thought was necessary. The cost of the service's next-generation submarine program had ballooned and those boats would be incredibly capable, as well, further making the Narwhal less of a 'unicorn,' so to speak.

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*Submitted by Bob Peterson, MM1(SS) B 70-72, SV MAL*

### **A Terrific Poem...**

*For those of us who do remember, with deep  
gratitude.....*

He was getting old and paunchy  
His hair was falling fast,  
And he sat around the Legion,  
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in  
And the deeds that he had done,  
In his exploits with his buddies;  
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors  
His tales became a joke,  
All his buddies listened quietly

For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,  
For ol' Joe has passed away,  
And the world's a little poorer  
For a Veteran died today.

He won't be mourned by many,  
Just his children and his wife.  
For he lived an ordinary,  
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,  
Going quietly on his way;  
And the world won't note his passing,  
'Tho a Veteran died today.

When politicians leave this earth,  
Their bodies lie in state,  
While thousands note their passing,  
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories  
>From the time that they were young,  
But the passing of a Veteran  
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution  
To the welfare of our land,  
Some jerk who breaks his promise  
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow  
Who in times of war and strife,  
Goes off to serve his country  
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend  
And the style in which he lives,  
Are often disproportionate,  
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Veteran,  
Who offered up his all,  
Is paid off with a medal  
And perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politicians

With their compromise and ploys,  
Who won for us the freedom  
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,  
With your enemies at hand,  
Would you really want some cop-out,  
With his ever-waffling stand?

Or would you want a Veteran  
His home, his country, his kin,  
Just a common Veteran,  
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Veteran,  
And his ranks are growing thin,  
But his presence should remind us  
We may need his likes again.

For when countries are in conflict,  
We find the Veteran's part,  
Is to clean up all the troubles  
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor  
While he's here to hear the praise,  
Then at least let's give him homage  
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline  
In the paper that might say:  
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,  
A VETERAN DIED TODAY."

PLEASE,  
If you are proud of our Vets, then pass this on.

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*Submitted by Bob Peterson, MM1(SS) B 70-72, SV MAL Tech Support*

A young woman who submitted the tech support message below (about her relationship with her husband) presumably did it as a joke. Then she got a reply which was way too good to keep to herself. The tech support people's love advice was hilarious and genius!

## THE QUERY

Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewelry applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0.

In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6..5, and then installed undesirable programs such as: NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs and House cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system.

Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail.

What can I do?

Signed,  
Desperate

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The response (that came weeks later out of the blue)

**Dear Desperate,**

First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system. Please enter command: Ithoughtyoulovedme.HTML and try to download Tears 6.2.

Do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewelry2.0 and Flowers 3.5.

However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Farting and Snoring Loudly Beta version. Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources.

In addition, please, do not attempt to re-install the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn

new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend: Cooking 3.0.

Good Luck

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*Submitted by George Birmingham, ET1(SS) G 69-74,  
Assoc. Life Member, USVI Carolina Piedmont Base*

I often pause and give thanks for all I have now and for all I have been spared from in my life. I have a few stories where the Hand of God saved me from leaving the world early. I was young then... May the story below warm your heart, bring you calm and peace. Please share it with others as you are led to do. //George B.

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Grandpa's Hands.....

Grandpa, some ninety plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench. He didn't move, just sat with his head down staring at his hands.

When I sat down beside him he didn't acknowledge my presence and the longer I sat, I wondered if he was OK.

Finally, not really wanting to disturb him but wanting to check on him at the same time, I asked him if he was OK.

He raised his head and looked at me and smiled. "Yes, I'm fine, thank you for asking," he said in a clear strong voice.

"I didn't mean to disturb you, Grandpa, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were OK," I explained to him.

"Have you ever looked at your hands," he asked. "I mean really looked at your hands?"

I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point he was making. Grandpa smiled and related this story:

"Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled, shriveled, and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life. They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back.

\* As a child my mother taught me to fold them

in prayer.

- \* They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots.
- \* They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent.
- \* They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son.
- \* Decorated with my wedding band they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special.
- \* They trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse and walked my daughter down the aisle.
- \* They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body.
- \* They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw.
- \* And to this day, when not much of anything else of me works real well, these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer.
- \* These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of my life.
- \* But more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home.
- \* And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of Christ."

I will never look at my hands the same again. But I remember God reached out and took my grandpa's hands and led him home.

When my hands are hurt or sore I think of Grandpa. I know he has been stroked and caressed and held by the hands of God. I too, want to touch the face of God and feel His hands upon my face.

When you receive this, say a prayer for the person who sent it to you and watch God's answer to prayer work in your life. Let's continue praying for one another

Passing this on to anyone you consider a friend will bless you both.

Passing this on to one not considered a friend is something Christ would have done.

## 78 Years Ago, The First Navajo Code Talkers Joined The Marine Corps

### (TASK & PURPOSE 05 MAY 20) ... James Clark

On May 5, 1942, 29 men arrived at Recruit Depot San Diego for basic training in the Marine Corps. They would go on to develop and implement an unbreakable code that was used across the Pacific theater of World War II — one which helped mask the movements of American forces from Guadalcanal, to Tarawa, Peleliu, and onward to Iwo Jima.

These men were the first of the Navajo Code Talkers.

However, according to a Facebook post by the Southern Navajo Nation News, it was on this day, 78 years ago that they swore the oath of enlistment.

"Early on the morning of May 4, 1942 the original twenty-nine Navajo Code Talkers boarded a bus at Fort Defiance and headed for Fort Wingate near Gallup, New Mexico," reads the post. "After lunch in the dining hall at Fort Wingate, the Navajo recruits were sworn into the U.S. Marine Corps."

The idea for the Navajo Code Talker program came from Philip Johnston, a World War I veteran and the son of a missionary who grew up on a Navajo reservation. According to the National Archives, Johnston convinced Marine Maj. Gen. Clayton B. Vogel that the Navajo language — due to it being largely unwritten — would be indecipherable to the Axis powers. Additionally, Johnston argued that the Navajo nation was large enough to supply enough recruits for the program, and isolated enough that it was unlikely that many people outside the tribe had learned the language.

Here's how Vogel articulated those concerns in a letter to the commandant of the Marine Corps:

*Mr. Johnston stated that the Navajo is the only tribe in the United States that has not been infested with German students during the past twenty years. These Germans, studying the various tribal dialects under the guise of art students, anthropologists, etc., have undoubtedly attained a good working knowledge of all tribal dialects except Navajo.*

However, that concern ended up being moot, as the Marine Corps largely saw service in the Pacific against the Empire of Japan.

In combat, the Code Talkers enabled Marines on the ground to safely transmit orders over radio and telephone lines without fear of the message being cracked — a fact which undoubtedly saved lives, with Maj. Howard Cooper, a signal officer commanding the Code Talkers, saying, “Were it not for the Navajos, the Marines would never have taken Iwo Jima.”

It's estimated that between 350 to 420 Navajo served as Code Talkers. The original 29 were: Charlie Sosie Begay, Roy Begay, Samuel H. Begay, John Ashi Benally, Wilsie Bitsie, Cosey Stanley Brown, John Brown Jr., John Chee, Benjamin Cleveland, Eugene Crawford, David Curley, Lowell Damon, George Dennison, James Dixon, William McCabe, Carl Gorman, Oscar Ilthma, Allen June, Alfred Leonard, James Manuelito Sr., Chester Nez, Jack Nez, Lloyd Oliver, Frank Pete, Balmer Slowtalker, Nelson Thompson, Harry Tsosie, John Willife Jr. and Yazzie William.

Though successful, it would be years before word of the program came to light and many more before the Code Talkers received the recognition they deserved. On July 26, 2001, the original 29 Code Talkers were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, while the remaining members were awarded the Silver Medal, during a ceremony at the White House.

Of the roughly 400 code talkers who served during World War II, 13 were killed in action.

<https://taskandpurpose.com/history/navajo-code-talkers-enlistment-date>

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*Submitted by a friend*

### Maybe We Don't Have It That Bad

It's a mess out there now. Hard to discern between what is a real threat and what is simple panic and hysteria. For a small amount of perspective at this moment, imagine you were born in 1900.

On your 14th birthday, World War I starts, and ends on your 18th birthday. 22 million people perish in that war. Later in the year, a Spanish Flu

epidemic hits the planet and runs until your 20th birthday. 50 million people die from it in those two years. Yes, 50 million.

On your 29th birthday, the Great Depression begins. Unemployment hits 25%, the World GDP drops 27%. That runs until you are 33. The country nearly collapses along with the world economy.

When you turn 39, World War II starts. You aren't even over the hill yet. And do not try to catch your breath. On your 41st birthday, the United States is fully pulled into WWII. Between your 39th and 45th birthday, 75 million people perish in the war.

Smallpox was epidemic until you were in your 40's, as it killed 300 million people during your lifetime.

At 50, the Korean War starts. 5 million perish. From your birth, until you are 55 you dealt with the fear of Polio epidemics each summer. You experience friends and family contracting polio and being paralyzed and/or die.

At 55 the Vietnam War begins and does not end for 20 years. 4 million people perish in that conflict. During the Cold War, you lived each day with the fear of nuclear annihilation. On your 62nd birthday you have the Cuban Missile Crisis, a tipping point in the Cold War. Life on our planet, as we know it, almost ended. When you turn 75, the Vietnam War finally ends.

Think of everyone on the planet born in 1900. How did they endure all of that? When you were a kid in 1985 and did not think your 85-year-old grandparent understood how hard school was. And how mean that kid in your class was. Yet they survived through everything listed above.

Perspective is an amazing art. Refined and enlightening as time goes on. Let us try and keep things in perspective. Our parents, grandparents and/or great-grandparents were called to endure all the above and .....

**YOU ARE CALLED TO STAY HOME AND SIT ON YOUR COUCH**

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## The Lesson

A Boeing 777 wide-body jetliner was lumbering along at 800km/hour at 33000 feet when a cocky F-17 fighter jet flashed by at Mach 2.

The F17 pilot decided to show off. On his state of the art radio that is part of his state of the art 3D & million dollar headset, the F17 youngster told the 777 pilot, "Hey Captain, watch this!"

He promptly went into a barrel roll, followed by a steep, unimaginable, vertical climb. He then finished with a sonic boom as he broke the sound barrier, as the F17 screamed down at impossible G's before levelling at almost sea level.

The F-17 pilot asked the 777 pilot what he thought of that?

The 777 pilot said, "That was truly impressive, but watch this!"

The 777 chugged along for about 5 minutes at the steady 800km/hour, and then the 777 pilot came back on and said, "What did you think of that?"

Puzzled, the cocky F-17 pilot asked, "What the heck did you do?"

The 777 pilot chuckled and said, "I stood up, stretched my legs, walked to the back, used the toilet, then got a cup of coffee and a cinnamon roll and secured a date for the next 3 nights in a five star hotel paid for by the company"

## LESSON OF LIFE:

When you are young and foolish, speed and flash may seem like a good thing!

When you get older and smarter, comfort and dullness is not such a bad thing!

It's called S.O.S.

Slower, Older and Smarter!

Dedicated to all my friends approaching S.O.S.

## How to find thousands of free e-books aside from the library

BY KOMANDO STAFF, KOMANDO.COM

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If you've run out of things to watch and are tired of scrolling through social media, how about reading a book? Sure, you can buy actual paper books online and have them shipped, but how do

you borrow them when most libraries are closed due to the pandemic?

How about an e-book? You can easily purchase those online as well, or you can borrow a digital version of a book just like you would at a real brick-and-mortar library. Keep reading and we'll tell you how to get e-books from your local public library and other ways get them for free.

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17:36

Nostradamus wrote in the year 1551 this! There will be a twin year (2020) from which will arise a queen (~~corona~~) who will come from the east (~~China~~) and who will spread a plague (~~virus~~) in the darkness of night, on a country with 7 hills (~~Italy~~) and will transform the twilight of men into dust (~~death~~), to destroy and ruin the world. It will be the end of the world economy as you know it.

## Public libraries are a goldmine

Public libraries these days don't just offer old-school books for free. Now, you can borrow music CDs, movies and even e-books. Here's how.

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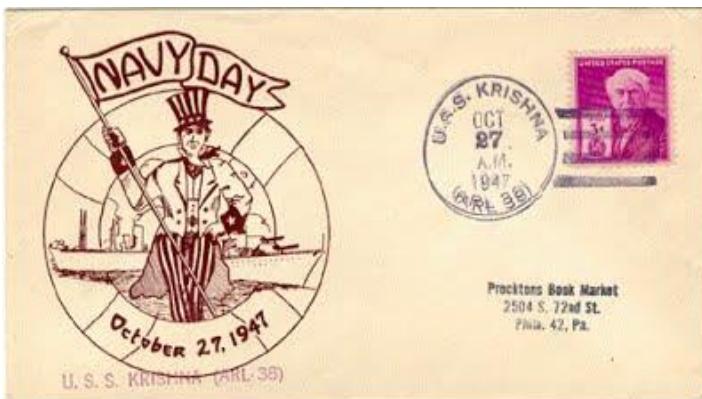
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**THE YEAR WAS 1955...** (if I hadn't lived through it, I wouldn't believe it myself).

It really is hard to believe the changes that have occurred during my lifetime! Can't imagine what the world will be like in another 65 years! Guess I will never know, enjoy the step back in time.....

Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging 7 cents just to mail a letter?



If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.



When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 25 cents a gallon? Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.



Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$50,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the President.



I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They're even making electric typewriters now.



It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet.



It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.



I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.



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Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to government.



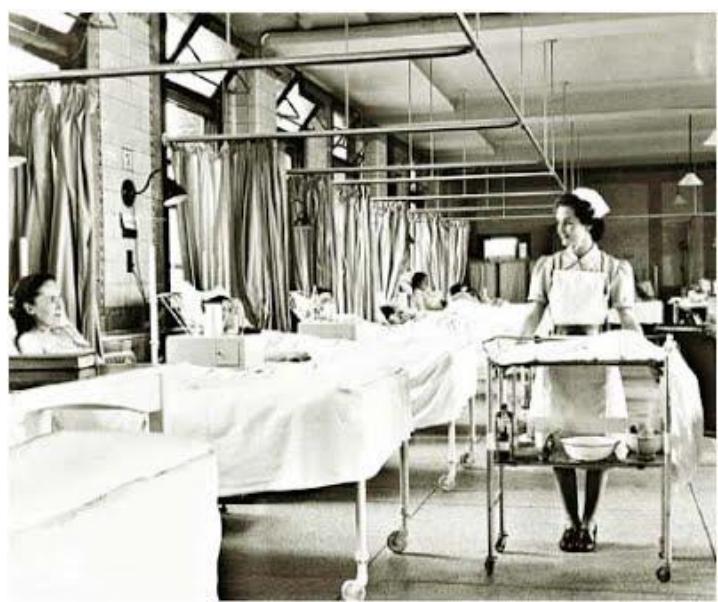
The fast food restaurant is convenient for a quick meal, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.



There is no sense going on short trips any more for a weekend. It costs nearly \$2.00 a night to stay in a hotel.



No one can afford to be sick anymore. At \$15.00 a day in the hospital, it's too rich for my blood.



If they think I'll pay 30 cents for a haircut, forget it.



Know any friends who would get a kick out of these, pass this on! Be sure and send it to your kids and grandkids, too!

The year was 1955

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**A GREAT SUBMARINE STORY Subject: USS Barb & Commanding Officer Lucky Fluckey  
A fascinating WWII story.  
Lucky Fluckey**

Thirty-nine years ago, an Italian submarine was sold for a paltry \$100,000 as scrap. The submarine, given to the Italian Navy in 1953 was originally the USS Barb . . an incredible veteran of World War II service . . with a heritage that should not have been melted away without any recognition.



The U.S.S. Barb was a pioneer, paving the way for the first submarine to launch missiles and it flew a battle flag unlike that of any other ship.



In addition to the Medal of Honor ribbon at the top of the flag identifying the heroism of its Captain, Commander Eugene 'Lucky' Fluckey. And the bottom border of the flag bore the image of a Japanese train locomotive.

The U.S.S. Barb was indeed, the submarine that **SANK A TRAIN!**

July 18, 1945 In Patience Bay, off the coast of Karafuto, Japan.

It was after 4 A.M. and Commander Fluckey rubbed his eyes as he peered over the map spread before him. It was the twelfth war patrol of the Barb, the fifth under Commander Fluckey. He should have turned the submarine's command over to another skipper after four patrols, but had managed to strike a deal with Admiral Lockwood to make a fifth trip with the men he cared for like a father.

Of course, no one suspected when he had struck that deal prior to his fourth and should have been his final war patrol, that Commander Fluckey's success would be so great he would be awarded the Medal of Honor. Commander

Fluckey smiled as he remembered that patrol. Lucky Fluckey they called him. On January 8th the Barb had emerged victorious from a running two-hour night battle after sinking a large enemy ammunition ship. Two weeks later in Mamkwan Harbor he found the mother-lode... more than 30 enemy ships.

In only 5 fathoms (30 feet) of water his crew had unleashed the sub's forward torpedoes, then turned and fired four from the stern. As he pushed the Barb to the full limit of its speed through the dangerous waters in a daring withdrawal to the open sea, he recorded eight direct hits on six enemy ships. What could possibly be left for the Commander to accomplish who, just three months earlier had been in Washington, DC to receive the Medal of Honor? He smiled to himself as he looked again at the map showing the rail line that ran along the enemy coastline.

Now his crew was buzzing excitedly about bagging a train!

The rail line itself wouldn't be a problem. A shore patrol could go ashore under cover of darkness to plant the explosives... one of the sub's 55-pound scuttling charges. But this early morning Lucky Fluckey and his officers were puzzling over how they could blow not only the rails, but also one of the frequent trains that shuttled supplies to equip the Japanese war machine. But no matter how crazy the idea might have sounded; the Barb's skipper would not risk the lives of his men.

Thus the problem... how to detonate the explosives at the moment the train passed, without endangering the life of a shore party.

## PROBLEMS?

If you don't search your brain looking for them, you'll never find them. And even then, sometimes they arrive in the most unusual fashion. Cruising slowly beneath the surface to evade the enemy plane now circling overhead, the monotony was broken with an exciting new idea: Instead of having a crewman on shore to trigger explosives to blow both rail and a passing train, why not let the train **BLOW ITSELF** up?

Billy Hatfield was excitedly explaining how he had cracked nuts on the railroad tracks as a kid,

placing the nuts between two ties so the sagging of the rail under the weight of a train would break them open. "Just like cracking walnuts," he explained. To complete the circuit [ detonating the 55-pound charge ] we hook in a micro switch... and mounted it between two ties, directly under the steel rail.

"We don't set it off . . the TRAIN will." Not only did Hatfield have the plan, he wanted to go along with the volunteer shore party.

After the solution was found, there was no shortage of volunteers; all that was needed was the proper weather... a little cloud cover to darken the moon for the sabotage mission ashore.

Lucky Fluckey established his criteria for the volunteer party:

- [ 1 ] No married men would be included, except for Hatfield,
- [ 2 ] The party would include members from each department,
- [ 3 ] The opportunity would be split evenly between regular Navy and Navy Reserve sailors,
- [ 4 ] At least half of the men had to have been Boy Scouts, experienced in handling medical emergencies and tuned into woods lore.

FINALLY, Lucky Fluckey would lead the saboteurs himself.

When the names of the 8 selected sailors was announced it was greeted with a mixture of excitement and disappointment.

Members of the submarine's demolition squad were:

- Chief Gunners Mate Paul G. Saunders, USN;
- Electricians Mate 3rd Class Billy R. Hatfield, USNR;
- Signalman 2nd Class Francis N. Sevei, USNR;
- Ships Cook 1st Class Lawrence W. Newland, USN;
- Torpedoman Mate 3rd Class Edward W. Klingesmith, USNR;
- Motor Machinists Mate 2nd Class James E. Richard, USN;
- Motor Machinists Mate 1st Class John Markuson, USN; and
- Lieutenant William M. Walker, USNR.

Among the disappointed was Commander Fluckey who surrendered his opportunity at the insistence of his officers that as commander he belonged with the Barb, coupled with the threat from one that "I swear I'll send a message to

ComSubPac if the Commander attempted to join the demolition shore party."

In the meantime, there would be no harassing of Japanese shipping or shore operations by the Barb until the train mission had been accomplished. The crew would ' lay low ' to prepare their equipment, practice and plan and wait for the weather.

#### **July 22, 1945 Patience Bay [ Off the coast of Karafuto, Japan ]**

Waiting in 30 feet of water in Patience Bay was wearing thin the patience of Commander Fluckey and his innovative crew. Everything was ready. In the four days the saboteurs had anxiously watched the skies for cloud cover, the inventive crew of the Barb had crafted and tested their micro switch.

When the need was proposed for a pick and shovel to bury the explosive charge and batteries, the Barb's engineers had cut up steel plates in the lower flats of an engine room, then bent and welded them to create the needed digging tools.

The only things beyond their control were the weather.... and the limited time. Only five days remained in the Barb's patrol.

Anxiously watching the skies, Commander Fluckey noticed plumes of cirrus clouds, then white stratus capping the mountain peaks ashore. A cloud cover was building to hide the three-quarters moon. So, this would be the night.

#### **MIDNIGHT, July 23, 1945**

The Barb had crept within 950 yards of the shoreline. If it was somehow seen from the shore it would probably be mistaken for a schooner or Japanese patrol boat. No one would suspect an American submarine so close to shore or in such shallow water. Slowly the small boats were lowered to the water and the 8 saboteurs began paddling toward the enemy beach. Twenty-five minutes later they pulled the boats ashore and walked on the surface of the Japanese homeland.

Stumbling through noisy waist-high grasses, crossing a highway and then into a 4-foot drainage ditch, the saboteurs made their way to the railroad tracks. Three men were posted as guards, Markuson assigned to examine a nearby water tower. The Barb's auxiliary man climbed the tower's ladder, then stopped in shock as he realized it was an enemy lookout tower . . . an OCCUPIED enemy lookout tower.

Fortunately the Japanese sentry was peacefully sleeping. And Markuson was able to quietly withdraw to warn his raiding party.

The news from Markuson caused the men digging the placement for the explosive charge to continue their work more quietly and slower. Twenty minutes later, the demolition holes had been carved by their crude tools and the explosives and batteries hidden beneath fresh soil.

During planning for the mission, the saboteurs had been told that, with the explosives in place, all would retreat a safe distance while Hatfield made the final connection. BUT IF the sailor who had once cracked walnuts on the railroad tracks slipped or messed up during this final, dangerous procedure . . his would be the only life lost.

On this night it was the only order the sub's saboteurs refused to obey, and all of them peered anxiously over Hatfield's shoulder to be sure he did it right. The men had come too far to be disappointed by a bungled switch installation.  
1:32 A.M.

Watching from the deck of the submarine, Commander Fluckey allowed himself a sigh of relief as he noticed the flashlight signal from the beach announcing the departure of the shore party. Fluckey had daringly, but skillfully guided the Barb within 600 yards of the enemy beach sand.

There was less than 6 feet of water beneath the sub's keel, but Fluckey wanted to be close in case trouble arose and a daring rescue of his bridge saboteurs became necessary.

1:45 A.M.

The two boats carrying his saboteurs were only halfway back to the Barb when the sub's machine gunner yelled, ' CAPTAIN !' There's another train coming up the tracks! The Commander grabbed a megaphone and yelled through the night, "Paddle like the devil !", knowing full well that they wouldn't reach the Barb before the train hit the micro switch.

1:47 A.M.

The darkness was shattered by brilliant light . . and the roar of the explosion! The boilers of the locomotive blew, shattered pieces of the engine blowing 200 feet into the air. Behind it the railroad freight cars accordioned into each other, bursting into flame and adding to the magnificent fireworks

display. Five minutes later the saboteurs were lifted to the deck by their exuberant comrades as the Barb eased away . . slipping back to the safety of the deep.

Moving at only two knots, it would be a while before the Barb was into waters deep enough to allow it to submerge. It was a moment to savor, the culmination of teamwork, ingenuity and daring by the Commander and all his crew. Lucky Fluckey's voice came over the intercom. "All hands below deck not absolutely needed to maneuver the ship have permission to come topside." He didn't have to repeat the invitation. Hatches sprang open as the proud sailors of the Barb gathered on her decks to proudly watch the distant fireworks display.

On August 2, 1945 the Barb arrived at Midway, her twelfth war patrol concluded. Meanwhile United States military commanders had pondered the prospect of an armed assault on the Japanese homeland. Military tacticians estimated such an invasion would cost more than a million American casualties.

Instead of such a costly armed offensive to end the war, on August 6th the B-29 bomber Enola Gay dropped a single atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima, Japan. A second such bomb, unleashed 4 days later on Nagasaki, Japan, caused Japan to agree to surrender terms on August 15th.

On September 2, 1945 in Tokyo Harbor the documents ending the war in the Pacific were signed. The story of the saboteurs of the U.S.S. Barb is one of those unique, little known stories of World War II. It becomes increasingly important when one realizes that the [ 8 ] eight sailors who blew up the train near Kashiho, Japan conducted the ONLY GROUND COMBAT OPERATION on the Japanese homeland during World War II. Members of the sabotage team pose with the Ships flag (The train mission is noted at the center bottom of the flag)





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1. **Thursday:** Wright Patterson AFB Museum Tour in Dayton OH. This is a 70 mile trip (just over an hour) and we will go by coach bus/s. Cost for the tour/transportation is \$30.00 per person.  
(Include the fee in your check for registration.)
2. **Friday:** Ohio River Cruise and Meal. The cruise departure is less than a 30 minutes from the hotel and we will go by coach bus/s. Cost for the Cruise/Meal and transportation is \$75.00 per person.  
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Cincinnati is located in Southwest Ohio and just across the Ohio River is Northern Kentucky where the reunion will be held. It's only 10 miles from Indiana. There are 3 Interstates that lead to Cincinnati: I-74, I-75 and I-71. We are located a day's drive (8-10 hours) from most of the East Coast. There will be plenty of **free parking at the hotel for cars and RV's**.

If you are flying there are 7 major airlines that service Cincinnati (CVG) and several are discount airlines. They include Air Canada, Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier, Southwest and United. A free shuttle service from the airport (1.5 miles) is provided by the hotel.

Along with the planned activities here are a few activities that you can do on your own if you arrive early or stay late or don't plan on going to the Wright Patterson AFB Museum on Thursday.

The baseball season will be over but the Reds have one of the best Museums in the Professional Baseball and it's located next to the Great American Ball Park. The Museum is free to veterans.

<https://www.mlb.com/reds/hall-of-fame>

Our Zoo and Botanical Gardens are second to none with a White Tiger display and Baby Fiona, a hippo raised from birth at the zoo.

<http://cincinnatizoo.org/>

The Creation Museum is about 7 miles from the hotel. It's a state of the art Adventure through biblical history with stunning exhibits, botanical gardens, planetarium, zoo, zip lining ...and dinosaurs. In the Bible??? For real??? You gotta see it to believe it.

<https://creationmuseum.org/>

The Ark Encounter is 20 miles south and has a real wooden Ark based on the size described in the bible; it is huge.

<https://arkencounter.com/>

Kentucky Horse Park is about 45 miles away near Lexington Kentucky.

<https://kyhorsepark.com/>

The Cincinnati Museum Center is near the downtown area and housed in the old Art-Deco Union Terminal Train Station. It has a natural history museum and the Cincinnati History Museum. You can also tour the old railroad control station housed on the top floor. It also features an IMAX theater.

<https://www.cincymuseum.org/>

The Hofbrauhaus in Newport, KY features the best German food outside of Munich.

<https://www.hofbrauhausnewport.com/>

You may want to check out the restaurant on the top of the Radisson Hotel located in Covington, Ky (5 miles from the hotel) on the Ohio River. It sits on the 18th floor of the hotel and revolves once every 45 minutes, giving a great view of the downtown area, and the food is delicious.

<https://www.restaurantcovingtonky.com/>