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**USS HENRY L. STIMSON ASSOCIATION SSBN655 NEWSLETTER**

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**REUNION CONTROL CENTER**  
**2021 Stimson Reunion**  
**October 13-17, 2021**  
**Hotel: Holiday Inn**  
**1717 Airport Exchange Blvd.**  
**Erlanger, KY 41018**

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**From the Reunion Chairman - Dick Young, SN (SS) G 70-71, USSVI Cincinnati Base, Assoc. Life Member:**



Shipmates, as we move on toward the October Reunion I request you consider making your arrangements for attending as early as possible. That would greatly help in the logistics portion of the reunion, mainly getting the proper amount of busses lined up for our local activities and to be sure we have enough rooms at the hotel blocked off.

The area is bouncing back nicely from the medical problems of the past year. A reminder, if you are RV'ing the hotel provides free parking spaces and if you are flying there is free transportation from the airport.

There is a restaurant on the premises with

reasonable prices and the hotel also provides a shuttle to the local restaurants in a 5 mile radius.

If anyone would like to donate items for our raffle they will greatly be appreciated.

Thank You for your early registrations, October will be here in the blink of an eye.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions using my Reunion email address. //  
 Regards, Dick

[stimson655reunion2020@aol.com](mailto:stimson655reunion2020@aol.com)

**From the Association President -Tom Krauser, MM1(SS) B 72-74: Assoc. Life Member**



Marie and I got our second vaccine shot on March 15 so hopefully by now we should be protected and able to freely go to the reunion in October. Marie felt out of sorts on the second day but normal the following day. I felt fine with no side effects.

Another of my brothers got Covid in March but had mild symptoms. He got it from his girlfriend who got it from her sister. His girlfriend's father got Covid and died in March so it can affect each person differently so please get your shots.





least until some smarty pants shows up with the poster that shows exactly where the "i" is. In this case, the word accident and team cannot stand together. Teams must be intentional or [...]

[Read more of this post](#)

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**Watch Where You Are Going... The Ocean Is Big But Not as Big as You Think** by Mister Mac

– Watch where you are going The world is filled with things in motion. Ever since the wheel was invented, one of the most cherished pieces of advice has had to have been to watch where you are going. We heard it as kids. It's easy to become distracted along the way but those distractions can [...]

[Read more of this post](#)

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**The Most Important Letter I have Ever Written – Winston Churchill** by Mister Mac -

March 11, 1941 – Roosevelt Signs the Lend-Lease Act Between 1935 and 1937 Congress passed three "Neutrality Acts" that tried to keep the United States out of war, by making it illegal for Americans to sell or transport arms, or other war materials to belligerent nations. Supporters of neutrality, called "isolationists" by their critics, argued [...]

[Read more of this post](#)

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**“The average citizen is not aware of the dangers that confront America” Launching the Colorado** by Mister Mac –

Happy Spring The weather is getting warmer so writing will be more challenging for a while. As I look at the world situation, I can't help but think that not much has changed in a hundred years. Today's story from the archives is about Sea Power, Great ships, Great men and the thread that connects [...]

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

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[IC2\(SS/DV\) David A. Selle G 66-69 COMM](#)

**ICCM(SS/DV) Retired**

**Departed on Eternal Patrol - 25 July 2015**

(verified by Cary Poston, IC2(SS) B 66-67 Comm & Legacy.com)

[ENCS\(SS\) Fred Russel Stafford G 65-68 COMM](#)

**COB 1967**

**Departed on Eternal Patrol - 18 March 2021**

(verified by Jake Jacobs MT1(SS) G 66-70 COMM & Legacy.com)

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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 for shipmates contact info.)

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**FTG2(SS) Donald P. Sullivan B 66-69 Comm**

(info added per shipmate request)

**MM2(SS) Roland Clark Schuyler  
OVHL2/G 84-88**

(newly added per shipmate request)

**MM2(SS) Gary Jaster B Comm 65-67 Plank**

(info updated per shipmate request)

**BINNACLE LIST UPDATES:** 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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**William 'Sandy' Hastie, CAPT B CO 80 (Oct-Dec)**

Cards to: 75 Lambeth Drive, Asheville, NC 28803

**3.31.2021: No Current Updates**

*12.20.2020: I continue to receive my Keytruda infusions and they continue to control my*

cancer. My oncologist suggested changing the 3-week infusion schedule to every six weeks. This is a new method and it has worked for me as it better protects the integrity of my veins with fewer needle sticks. Also, it provides a better ability to schedule some family visits (when this again becomes possible). I still get a PET and CT scan every three months. As long as the Keytruda continues to control the cancer, I will be in good shape so thank the Lord it has been working!  
Sandy

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

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**655 Association Website**  
**[www.ssb655.org](http://www.ssb655.org)**

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**Vietnam Wall—**

This is really sobering. First click on a state. When it opens, scroll down to the city where you went to high school and look at the names. Click on the name and it will give details of the person's death, a picture or at least their bio and medals.

This really is an amazing web site. Someone spent a lot of time and effort to create it. I hope that everyone who receives this appreciates what those who served in Vietnam sacrificed for our country.

Pass the link on to others, as many knew wonderful people whose names are listed.

**<http://www.virtualwall.org>**

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**Thresher Webinar**

Webinar on THRESHER for the Naval Historical Foundation that is posted on their YouTube channel. This is based on recently declassified documents.

**<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyCg7HTC2c4XcLs3p6nK3Q>**

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*Submitted by Bob Peterson, MM1(SS) B 70-72, USSVI Member at Large*

**7-year-old Malea Emma absolutely crushes the National Anthem before LA Galaxy vs. Seattle Sounders**

Sep 23, 2018

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxyio0XfE4w>**

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*Submitted by Bob Peterson, MM1(SS) B 70-72, USSVI Member at Large*

**Ball Point Pens**

When NASA started sending astronauts into space they quickly discovered that ball-point pens would not work in zero gravity.

To combat this problem, Congress approved a program and NASA scientists spent a decade and over \$165 million developing a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside down, on almost any surface and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to over 300 C.

The Russians used a pencil...

**Your taxes are due again in April.**

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*Submitted by Chuck Hladik, TM2(SS) G 67-70, USSVI USS Oklahoma City Base Base Cmd, Holland Club*

**Chuck says:** We could identify while pulling in the mooring line and night riders.

**The Sea Chanters sing "Boston Harbor", a traditional sea shanty (June 25, 2019) [with lyrics]**

•Jul 3, 2019 [Jeff Malet Photography](#)  
2:53 min

The men of the U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters perform a traditional sea shanty "Boston Harbor" (with lyrics included), at the U.S. Navy Memorial on Tuesday June 25, 2019.

**<https://youtu.be/nZ37wuSnUco>**

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**Here's some more links to US Navy vocal groups. Enjoy!!!**

**US Navy Sea Chanters - 1960s Hit Medley**

•Aug 23, 2018 10:17 min

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9k7jRxVR7c>**

**We Are Never Ever Ever Getting Back Together | A Sea Shanty Parody**

•Premiered Jan 25, 2021 2:18 min

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cRHcHI8H\\_v0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cRHcHI8H_v0)**

### **Fight Song**

•Mar 12, 2016 3:27 min

US Navy band - Recorded Oct. 7, 2015 during a live performance for the 240th birthday of the United States Navy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lhfg3Xah7hA>

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### **Singing You Through**

•Premiered Apr 4, 2020 6:35 min

From our @U.S. Navy family to yours. Composer: Heather Nova Recorded live in 2017 at the Strathmore Music Center Featuring Chief Musician Antje Farmer, Musicians 1st Class Amy Broadbent and Chelsi Vanderpol, and Chief Musician Rachel Sarracco

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71EDPt6Rq7c>

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### **Lean On Me**

•Premiered Apr 10, 2020 4:52 min

Lean on Me Bill Withers Featuring the U.S. Navy Band under the direction of Capt. Kenneth C. Collins

We dedicate this performance to all the personnel serving aboard #USNSComfort and #USNSMercy during the response to the #COVID19 outbreak.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRhruv6Wp2U>

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### **America the Beautiful**

•Jul 4, 2019 3:42 min

As we celebrate the Independence of our great nation, let us remember those "Who more than self their country loved." The women and men serving away from home, protecting the liberties that we hold so dear.

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

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### **One Voice**

•Nov 11, 2014

"One Voice" composed by Ruth Moody United States Navy Band U.S. Navy birthday concert Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014 Music Center at Strathmore Soloists: Musician 1st Class Antje Farmer Chief Musician Beth Revell Musician 1st

Class Jennifer Stothoff

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ZhvWki817o>

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### **Go the Distance**

•Jun 4, 2020 4:27

Featuring Chief Musician Bill Edwards @U.S. Navy Sailors stand ready to go the distance, serving with strength, determination, and dignity on, above, and below the sea. #InThisTogether

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSr9IMr41S4>

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### **For those of us heading towards 80**

I asked a friend who has crossed 70 and is heading towards 80 what sort of changes she is feeling in herself. She sent me the following:

1. After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have now started loving myself.
2. I have realized that I am not "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.
3. I have stopped bargaining with vegetable & fruit vendors. A few pennies more is not going to break me, but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.
4. I leave my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than I am.
5. I stopped telling the elderly that they've already narrated that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane & relive their past.
6. I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.
7. I give compliments freely and generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You."
8. I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.
9. I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.
10. I remain cool when someone plays dirty to









your call for the "games we played" on the non-quals, and I'm moved to share this true tale with you.

When the Gold crew was preparing for our first (STIMSON's second) deterrent patrol in Rota, Spain, in June 1967, CDR Bob Weeks, the CO, got a phone call from the pier (our unofficial "quarterdeck") while he and I were chatting a little after the evening meal. Sitting in the wardroom, sipping coffee and smoking a rum crook, he listened intently to the phone, nodded and said, "Well, they're two days late! It's raining, right? Let 'em stand in the rain for a couple of minutes, then send 'em to the wardroom." He hung up and instantly turned to me - there was no one else in the wardroom - and said, grinning, "Well, the middies are finally here."

We were scheduled to take two Annapolis midshipmen with us on patrol for their "summer cruise," poor bastards, while their classmates were visiting places like Portsmouth, Naples, Marseille or Bremerhaven. Though they were supposed to have reported several days earlier, we had heard nothing of them. Indeed, the middies were cutting things very fine, for we were within two days of getting under way on patrol - fast cruise was set for the next day.

"Quick, Doc, change devices with me - you play the CO and I'll be the ship's doctor. We'll cycle their valves a little - you give 'em a good reaming for being late!" (It must be kept in mind that Bob Weeks was a product of the NROTC program at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and was one of only three officers in the STIMSON wardroom (including me) who was *not* trained at the Naval Academy.)

The skipper put on my collar devices of a Lieutenant, Medical Corps, and I became a line Commander; he lounged on the banquette at the forward end of the wardroom, with his brown Wellington boots on the small coffee table (something I would never have done, by the way), while I sat importantly in his seat at the forward end of the long wardroom table, facing aft and staring stonily at a sheaf of messages when two miserable young men were ushered in by a messenger. They were about 19 years old, I think, and well-soaked from standing in the rain. They

stood at attention against the sideboard, rigid with a combination of fatigue and anxiety, just at my right shoulder. I ignored them for a long minute. Behind me, Bob Weeks farted, loudly. Without looking at him, I growled, "Doctor, you are a slob. If you can't control your bodily functions any better than that, you can leave!" All this in my most vicious Charles Laughton/Captain Bligh voice.

Finally I turned to the two middies and yelled, "Who the Hell are You?! and where the Hell have you been???" The inherent illogic of the question was lost on them in their terror. The taller, skinnier midshipman stammered, "Sir, we're from the Naval Academy, sir, and, ah, reporting aboard for our, ah, for our summer cruise, sir." I paused and then barked, "Well?" They simply blanched and went silent. "WELL??" I roared again, "where the hell are your papers?" Both of them spastically fumbled through their damp jackets and produced their travel orders, proffering them with trembling hands. I took them as if they were somehow contaminated, laid them on the table before me and pretended to study them for another long, long minute.

The middies, we later learned, had not eaten for at least 18 hours, and had been sleepless for about 48. Their trans-Atlantic flight had been delayed, and thus - through no fault of their own - they had missed a vital connection somewhere in Paris that forced them to miss another connection in Barcelona, which finally brought them to Cadiz just after their transport to Rota had left, and so on... They were exhausted, hungry, wet, and dispirited - and now were confronted by an irascible, unsympathetic, altogether nasty martinet.

Finally, in an icy voice, I declared to them that their papers were not in order, that these were merely travel vouchers, f'God's sake, not orders, and *where in hell were their f---ing ORDERS???* All of which was mere bluster, but the middies really didn't know an order from a voucher, and were simply flummoxed. They looked more miserable than ever, and I'm sure were almost despairing, wondering what they'd gotten themselves into.

I finally had them sit on the bench at the far

end of the wardroom table, and buzzed in a steward who was bug-eyed to see me sitting in the CO's seat, but quickly figured out the hoax and went smoothly along with it, acknowledging my order for coffee and sandwiches for the middies. I learned the middies' names from their papers, and managed to mispronounce them while grilling them about their education. "How did you ever get from Ames Central High School to the Naval Academy? Your father must've really kissed the ass of some Senator..." "You're interested in Russian literature? What the hell is that all about? spying? for us or for them??" and so on. I feigned increasing dissatisfaction with them and finally stomped out of the wardroom, disgustedly, saying, "Doctor, see to it these kids check in with the yeoman and the XO and get a place to bunk. Geez. More non-watch-standers - ah, S\*\*T!"

I don't know whether or not Capt. Weeks clued them in in the next moments, but at least *four days later*, after we had started our patrol, one of the middies came to me in sick bay with his orders in his hand and presented them to me, standing at rigid attention, still thinking I was the CO, I guess. I sat him down by the microscope and gently explained that I was really only the doctor, not the CO, ("see that oak leaf on my left collar tab? that's 'Medical Corps'") and that the guy in the brown Wellingtons was in fact the skipper of the ship - really - and that he had a rather wicked sense of humor...

Of course, by the end of the patrol, 56 days later, the middies had become like pets - curious, energetic, good-natured, almost reliable, and - mostly - housebroken. And very proud of their service in submarines!

//Bill Wieting

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*Submitted by Gary Jaster, MM2(SS) B 65-67 Plank*

All vets can join the Armed Forces Vacation Club for free. (Go to AFVC and join) We just spent a week in Los Vegas at the Tahiti Village. \$349/week. If you pay \$100/year for premium membership you get the cheaper rates which are shown here. These rates are less than what they offered for the crew.

Call or email if I can answer any questions. 717-991-3805 [garyjaster@gmail.com](mailto:garyjaster@gmail.com)

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## The Computer Corner

**By: George Birmingham, ET1(SS), Gold 69-74, USSVI Carolina Piedmont Base, Holland Club, Association Life Member**



### Windows 10 Photo App

We often use our various digital devices like iPhones, iPads, and digital cameras to record significant events in our lives. At some point these devices will run out of storage space and we will need to save these memories elsewhere to preserve them. Newer laptops and some desktop systems now come with very large disk drives with ample storage space available. There is a Windows 10 app called Photos that will provide a way to download photos from our devices to our Windows 10 PCs for viewing and storage.

Instead of trying to write a How-To on this subject here, the links below will be useful in understanding the app (available in Windows 10 PCs and also downloadable from the Microsoft Store), its use and how to download from a variety of mobile devices. I hope you find them to be helpful and informative.

### Microsoft Photos (the App)

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/p/microsoft-photos/9wzdncrfjhb4?activetab=pivot:overviewtab>

### Hidden Windows 10 Photo App Tricks You Must Know

<https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/10-things-didnt-know-windows-10-photos-app/>

### Downloading photos from your iPhone

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201302>

This can be difficult at times, and I had problems downloading from my iPhone and iPad to my Windows 10 desktop. In researching the issue I encountered, I found the following article which helped me to succeed:

<https://www.dell.com/community/Windows-10/>

## [Windows-10-can-t-import-photos-from-iPhone/m-p/7508812#M15138](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/import-photos-and-videos-from-an-android-phone-to-pc-aed09800-f826-4d40-a243-7640de229d9d)

You will see that this requires an adjustment to an iPhone/iPad Photos App setting to be successful.

### **Download from an Android device**

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/import-photos-and-videos-from-an-android-phone-to-pc-aed09800-f826-4d40-a243-7640de229d9d>

And once you have those memories downloaded, and verified on your PC, then you can safely delete them from your mobile device. As always, be sure to back up your PC so what you have downloaded is safe from being lost.

Another option is to employ a separate USB Drive so that you can copy those photos and videos from your PC to a drive you can store in a safe place. Western Digital has a great portable drive - WD 4TB Elements Portable External Hard Drive, USB 3.0 - WDBU6Y0040BBK-WESN for just under \$90 that will provide ample storage in a small footprint. Other sizes and prices are available as well. Check your favorite electronics retailer for prices and availability.

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\\_ssbm@bellsouth.net](mailto:subvet_ssbm@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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### **Quick tip of the day**

It happens all the time: You have a dozen tabs open in your browser and accidentally close the wrong one. You could open your browser's history to reopen it, or you can do it with a couple of keystrokes.

- On a PC: Hit Ctrl+Shift+T
- On a Mac: Hit Cmd+Shift+T

Get more [Windows 10 keyboard shortcuts](#) you should be using and [essential Mac shortcuts](#).

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### **Quick tip of the day**

Ah, Google. We use it all day long, but do you

know the tricks pros use to narrow down search results?

- Put a "-" (minus sign) before a word you want to exclude from your search.
- Put a "+" (plus sign) before a word you need. Basically, Google matches words that have a plus at the beginning. The search engine will exclude any word with a minus sign.

Another quick tip: If you're looking for a specific phrase, wrap it in quotation marks. This makes sure your results contain the full phrase instead of just a tidbit of that phrase.

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### **CORONA PRECAUTIONS**

**I went to the bathroom at a restaurant.**

**I washed my hands.**

**Opened the door with my elbow.**

**Raised the toilet seat with my foot.**

**I switched on the water faucet with a tissue.**

**Opened the bathroom door to leave with my elbow.**

**And when i returned to my table I realized.... I forgot to pull up my pants!!!'**

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### **USS Bremerton Submarine, In Its Waning Days, Turns 40**

(KITSAP SUN 27 MAR 21) ... Josh Farley

BREMERTON — Capt. Chris Lindberg was just shy of his 6th birthday when the fast-attack submarine USS Bremerton was commissioned. Today, he is the commander in charge of the boat's last crew, overseeing its inactivation and decommissioning in a dry dock at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

"It's the culmination of 40 years of the Bremerton supporting our national security," said Lindberg, a veteran of the submarine force. "She's served her country well and it's time to complete her last mission."

The venerated vessel, which turns 40 on Sunday, will live on through the 1,500 crew

members that served on board, Lindberg said.

"We are decommissioning the Bremerton but not the crew," he said. "We'll carry on the Bremerton's spirit."

There's also a chance that a piece of the venerated submarine — its sail — could become a landmark in the city for which the boat is named. The Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council Navy League, a booster organization, has expressed interest in keeping the sail to be placed at a park in town.

Bremerton Mayor Greg Wheeler said that while the financial effort to save the sail will have to "be community-driven," he wants to see if there's a way the city can help.

Wheeler has a new spot for the sail he believes would give it visibility and help an underutilized park. He likes the idea of placing it in the ground at the city's World's Fair-created Roto Vista Park, just off of the Warren Avenue Bridge's southeast corner. Wheeler noted that planned pedestrian improvements on the nearby bridge could pair well.

"If done correctly, this could be a beautiful setting," Wheeler said.

In the meantime, the Bremerton remains in a dry dock, where crews from the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard are removing valuable equipment and paring down its size, as they prepare it for long-term storage in nearby waters. In a few years, it will again go into the dry dock to be dismantled, and its reactor will be removed, packaged, and sent to the Department of Energy's Hanford site where it will sit for the next millennia.

The inactivation process not only removes valuable equipment from the submarine — around 260 parts and pieces — and pares down its overall size, but it gets the vessel ready to bob long-term in waters near the shipyard. It can take decades before the submarine is ultimately taken back into dry dock to be sawed into small pieces for recycling.

Rodney Peeler, the shipyard's project superintendent, was born and raised in the area. His father and grandfather, both Navy veterans, also worked in the shipyard.

"Now, as I grow close to retirement, I find myself being the project superintendent for the

decommissioning of my hometown namesake, USS Bremerton," he said. "It is an honor."

The Bremerton's inactivation process costs about \$46 million.

The Bremerton is among the entire Los Angeles class of more than 60 submarines that are trickling into Sinclair Inlet, home to the only place in the world that dismantles and recycles them.

The Bremerton's decommissioning ceremony is planned for May 18 in Keyport, but details about whether the public can attend have not been finalized because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://www.kitsapsun.com/story/news/2021/03/27/uss-bremerton-submarine-its-waning-days-turns-40/7015488002/>

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### **Mystic Submariner Haunted By Fateful Navy Orders Issued 58 Years Ago**

(*THE DAY* 28 MAR 21) ... Brian Hallenbeck

Mystic — A spry 82-year-old, David Cornell has compiled abundant evidence of a life fully lived: his life.

It's all in a binder thick with certificates, patches, official correspondence and photographs, each page sheathed in protective plastic.

He's written his obituary, too, along with a list of who should be notified when he dies; some passages that should be spoken at his wake (and who should speak them); and instructions about how his ashes should be spread over a certain expanse of the Atlantic Ocean.

Apparently, 58 years of survivor's guilt can make a person do such things.

Above all else, Cornell was — no, forever "is," he's quick to point out — a submariner. A machinist's mate, he served on four submarines between 1956 and 1966, a "cold warrior" with many a tale to tell.

It's the story about the boat he almost served on and the buddy who drew the assignment instead that haunts him.

"I've been thinking a lot about Bob Gaynor these days," Cornell said last week during an interview in his Cow Hill Road home. "When Bob came on board the Seadragon, we clicked. He was a bit on the wild side, but what sailor isn't?"

Both men, Boston-area natives, served on the USS Seadragon (SSN-584) from 1959 to 1961. Before the submarine left the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, on a historic 1960 mission to the Pacific via the Northwest Passage, they got fresh orders.

“One of us was going to the Thresher,” Cornell said, tearing up. “Well ... I’m here.”

Robert William Gaynor was among the 129 people — 112 Navy personnel and 17 civilians — who perished April 10, 1963, when the USS Thresher (SSN-593) sank during deep-diving exercises some 220 miles east of Boston. Bits of debris were recovered from the ocean floor, and photographs showed that the Thresher had broken up in 5,500 feet of water. Only last year, the Navy, prompted by a lawsuit, began releasing records of a Court of Inquiry into the sinking, which concluded a welding failure had led to the flooding of the Thresher’s engine room and the eventual shutdown of the submarine’s nuclear reactor.

Cornell speculates that his being “nuclear qualified” kept him assigned to the Seadragon when Gaynor, part of the “auxiliary gang,” was transferred to the Thresher.

At the time of the tragedy, Cornell was serving on the USS Barb (SSN-596). He thought instantly of Gaynor when he heard the news.

He recalled that Gaynor’s nickname was “Mitzi,” the name of the actress with the same surname as Gaynor who starred in the movie version of “South Pacific,” which was popular at the time.

“He was like a brother to me,” Cornell said.

Eschewing computers and cellphones, Cornell has never tried to research Gaynor’s legacy. A website dedicated to the Thresher and its crew says Gaynor was survived by his widow and three children.

Cornell had four sons with his first wife, Sandra, who died in 1994. They bought a house in North Stonington in 1964 and lived there for decades. After leaving the Navy, Cornell went to work for Pratt & Whitney and retired in 1992. In 1996, he married his wife JoAnn. His binder contains copies of newspaper articles about Thresher memorials, including one Cornell

attended in 2013 at Mitchell College in New London on the 50th anniversary of the Thresher’s sinking. Other clippings give accounts of Navy burials at sea of those with connections to the Thresher crew.

In April 2015, the cremated remains of Irene Harvey, wife of the ill-fated submarine’s commanding officer, Lt. Cmdr. John “Wes” Harvey, were laid to rest in the area where the Thresher was lost, as she had requested. In 2016, a similar honor was accorded Capt. Paul “Bud” Rogers, a native Pennsylvanian who up until the last minute was supposed to be on board the Thresher’s last cruise and whose will requested he be buried at sea.

Rogers felt survivor’s remorse much of his life, his wife said at the time.

Cornell has written a speech he hopes to deliver at services marking the 60th anniversary of the Thresher sinking in 2023. He figures such events are likely to take place in Kittery, Maine, and elsewhere.

“I am David T. Cornell and I am a submariner,” the speech begins.

It expresses Cornell’s wish that he “be cremated and ashes transported by a naval submarine, to be spread over the water where the Thresher was lost to join Rober Gaynor and all my fellow submariners ...”

<https://www.theday.com/local-news/20210328/mystic-submariner-haunted-by-fateful-navy-orders-issued-58-years-ago>

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*Submitted by George Birmingham, ET1(SS) G 69-74, Assoc. LM, USSVI Holland Club / Carolina Piedmont Base]*  
Maybe some of us can feel a bit better about ourselves.....

### **Earth's Population in Perspective .....**

The population of Earth is around 7.8 Billion. For most people, it is a large figure, that is all. However, if you condensed 7.8 billion in the world into 100 persons and then into various percentage statistics, the resulting analysis is relatively much easier to comprehend.

#### Out of 100:

11 are in Europe

5 are in North America  
9 are in South America  
15 are in Africa  
60 are in Asia

49 live in the countryside  
51 live in cities

12 speak Chinese  
5 speak Spanish  
5 speak English  
3 speak Arabic  
3 speak Hindi  
3 speak Bengali  
3 speak Portuguese  
2 speak Russian  
2 speak Japanese  
62 speak their own language.

77 have their own houses  
23 have no place to live.

21 are over-nourished  
63 can eat full  
15 are under-nourished  
1 ate the last meal, but did not make it to the next meal.

The daily cost of living for 48 is less than 2 US\$ .

87 have clean drinking water  
13 either lack clean drinking water or have access to a water source that is polluted.

75 have mobile phones  
25 do not.

30 have internet access  
70 do not have conditions to go online

7 received university education  
93 did not attend college.

83 can read  
17 are illiterate.

33 are Christians  
22 are Muslims  
14 are Hindus

7 are Buddhists  
12 are other religions  
12 have no religious beliefs.

26 live less than 14 years  
66 died between 15 - 64 years of age  
8 are over 65 years old.

If you have your own home, eat full meals & drink clean water, have a mobile phone, can surf the internet, and have gone to college, you are in the miniscule privileged lot. (in the less than 7% category)

Amongst 100 persons in the world, only 8 can live or exceed the age of 65.

If you are over 65 years old, be content & grateful. Cherish life, grasp the moment.

You did not leave this world before the age of 64 years like the 92 persons who have gone before you. You are already the blessed amongst mankind.

Take good care of your own health. Cherish every remaining moment.

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Only if you think you are suffering memory loss!

### **Anosognosia Very interesting...**

In the following analysis the French Professor Bruno Dubois Director of the Institute of Memory and Alzheimer's Disease (IMMA) at La Pitié-Salpêtrière - Paris Hospitals / addresses the subject in a rather reassuring way:

"If anyone is aware of his memory problems, he does not have Alzheimer's."

1. I forget the names of families ..
2. I do not remember where I put some things ..

It often happens in people 60 years and older that they complain that they lack memory. "The information is always in the brain, it is the "processor" that is lacking."

This is "Anosognosia" or temporary forgetfulness.

Half of people 60 and older have some symptoms that are due to age rather than disease.

The most common cases are:

- forgetting the name of a person,
- going to a room in the house and not remembering why we were going there,
- a blank memory for a movie title or actor, an actress,
- a waste of time searching where we left our glasses or keys ..

After 60 years most people have such a difficulty, which indicates that it is not a disease but rather a characteristic due to the passage of years ...

Many people are concerned about these oversights hence the importance of the following statement:

"Those who are conscious of being forgetful have no serious problem of memory."

"Those who suffer from a memory illness or Alzheimer's, are not aware of what is happening."

Professor Bruno Dubois, Director of IMMA, reassures the majority of people concerned about their oversights:

"The more we complain about memory loss, the less likely we are to suffer from memory sickness."

Now for a little neurological test:

1- Find the C in the table below!

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3- Now find the N in the table below. Attention, it's a little more difficult!

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- If you pass these three tests without problem:
- you can cancel your annual visit to the neurologist.
  - your brain is in perfect shape!
  - you are far from having any relationship with Alzheimer's.

So, share this with your over-55 friends, it can reassure them.

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*Submitted by a Charleston Base SUBVET*

**This list may not only be useful for you, but for your friends and family too.**

Dunkin Donuts gives free coffee to people over 55. If you're paying for a cup every day, you might want to start getting it for FREE. YOU must ASK for your discount!

**RESTAURANTS:**

Applebee's: 15% off with Golden Apple Card (60+)  
Arby's: 10% off (55 +)  
Ben & Jerry's: 10% off (60+)  
Bennigan's: discount varies by location (60+)  
Bob's Big Boy: discount varies by location (60+)  
Boston Market: 10% off (65+)  
Burger King: 10% off (60+)  
Chick-Fil-A: 10% off or free small drink or coffee (55+)  
Chili's: 10% off (55+)  
CiCi's Pizza: 10% off (60+)  
Denny's: 10% off, 20% off for AARP members (55 +)  
Dunkin' Donuts: 10% off or free coffee (55+)  
Einstein's Bagels: 10% off baker's dozen of bagels (60+)  
Fuddrucker's: 10% off any senior platter (55+)  
Gatti's Pizza: 10% off (60+)  
Golden Corral: 10% off (60+)  
Hardee's: \$0.33 beverages everyday (65+)  
IHOP: 10% off (55+)  
Jack in the Box: up to 20% off (55+)  
KFC: free small drink with any meal (55+)  
Krispy Kreme: 10% off (50+)  
Long John Silver's: various discounts at locations (55+)  
McDonald's: discounts on coffee everyday (55+)  
Mrs. Fields: 10% off at participating locations (60+)  
Shoney's: 10% off  
Sonic: 10% off or free beverage (60+)  
Steak 'n Shake: 10% off every Monday & Tuesday (50+)  
Subway: 10% off (60+)  
Sweet Tomatoes: 10% off (62+)  
Taco Bell: 5% off; free beverages for seniors (65+)  
TCBY: 10% off (55+)

Tea Room Cafe: 10% off (50+)  
Village Inn: 10% off (60+)  
Waffle House: 10% off every Monday (60+)  
Wendy's: 10% off (55 +)  
Whataburger: 10% off (62+)  
White Castle: 10% off (62+)

**RETAIL & APPAREL:**

Banana Republic: 30% off (50 +)  
Bealls: 20% off first Tuesday of each month (50 +)  
Belk's: 15% off first Tuesday of every month (55 +)  
Big Lots: 30% off  
Bon-Ton Department Stores: 15% off on senior discount days (55 +)  
C.J. Banks: 10% off every Wednesday (50+)  
Clarks: 10% off (62+)  
Dress Barn: 20% off (55+)  
Goodwill: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)  
Hallmark: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)  
Kmart: 40% off (Wednesdays only) (50+)  
Kohl's: 15% off (60+) Modell's Sporting Goods: 30% off  
Rite Aid: 10% off on Tuesdays & 10% off prescriptions  
Ross Stores: 10% off every Tuesday (55+)  
The Salvation Army Thrift Stores: up to 50% off (55+)  
Stein Mart: 20% off red dot/clearance items first Monday of every month (55 +)

**GROCERY:**

Albertson's: 10% off first Wednesday of each month (55 +)  
American Discount Stores: 10% off every Monday (50 +)  
Compare Foods Supermarket: 10% off every Wednesday (60+)  
DeCicco Family Markets: 5% off every Wednesday (60+)  
Food Lion: 60% off every Monday (60+)  
Fry's Supermarket: free Fry's VIP Club Membership & 10% off every Monday (55 +)  
Great Valu Food Store: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)  
Gristedes Supermarket: 10% off every Tuesday

(60+)

Harris Teeter: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)

Hy-Vee: 5% off one day a week (date varies by location)

Kroger: 10% off (date varies by location)

Morton Williams Supermarket: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)

The Plant Shed: 10% off every Tuesday (50 +)

Publix: 15% off every Wednesday (55 +)

Rogers Marketplace: 5% off every Thursday (60+)

Uncle Guiseppe's Marketplace: 15% off (62+)

### **TRAVEL:**

#### **Airlines:**

Alaska Airlines: 50% off (65+)

American Airlines: various discounts for 50% off non-peak periods (Tuesdays - Thursdays) (62+) and up (call before booking for discount)

Continental Airlines: no initiation fee for Continental Presidents Club & special fares for select destinations

Southwest Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)

United Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)

U.S. Airways: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)

#### **Rail:**

Amtrak: 15% off (62+)

#### **Bus:**

Greyhound: 15% off (62+)

Trailways Transportation System: various discounts for ages 50+

#### **Car Rental:**

Alamo Car Rental: up to 25% off for AARP members

Avis: up to 25% off for AARP members

Budget Rental Cars: 40% off; up to 50% off for AARP members (50+)

Dollar Rent-A-Car: 10% off (50+) Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 5% off for AARP members Hertz: up to 25% off for AARP members

National Rent-A-Car: up to 30% off for AARP members

### **Overnight Accommodations:**

Holiday Inn: 20-40% off depending on location (62+)

Best Western: 40% off (55+)

Cambria Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)

Waldorf Astoria - NYC \$5,000 off nightly rate for Presidential Suite (55 +)

Clarion Motels: 20%-30% off (60+)

Comfort Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)

Comfort Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)

Econo Lodge: 40% off (60+)

Hampton Inns & Suites: 40% off when booked 72 hours in advance

Hyatt Hotels: 25%-50% off (62+)

InterContinental Hotels Group: various discounts at all hotels (65+)

Mainstay Suites: 10% off with Mature Traveler's Discount (50+); 20%-30% off (60+)

Marriott Hotels: 25% off (62+)

Motel 6: Stay Free Sunday nights (60+)

Myrtle Beach Resort: 30% off (55 +)

Quality Inn: 40%-50% off (60+)

Rodeway Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)

Sleep Inn: 40% off (60+)

### **ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT;:**

AMC Theaters: up to 30% off (55 +)

Bally Total Fitness: \$100 off memberships (62+)

Busch Gardens Tampa, FL: \$13 off one-day tickets (50 +)

Carmike Cinemas: 35% off (65+)

Cinemark/Century Theaters: up to 35% off

Massage Envy - NYC 20% off all "Happy Endings" (62 +)

U.S. National Parks: \$10 lifetime pass; 50% off additional services including camping (62+)

Regal Cinemas: 50% off Ripley's Believe it or Not: @ off one-day ticket (55 +)

SeaWorld, Orlando , FL : \$3 off one-day tickets (50 +)

### **CELL PHONE DISCOUNTS:**

AT&T: Special Senior Nation 200 Plan \$19.99/month (65+)

Jitterbug: \$10/month cell phone service (50 +)

Verizon Wireless: Verizon Nationwide 65 Plus Plan \$29.99/month (65+).

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Great Clips: \$8 off haircuts (60+)

Supercuts: \$8 off haircuts (60+)

NOW, go out there and claim your discounts - - and remember -- YOU must ASK for discount ---- no ask, no discount. I know everyone knows someone over 50 please pass the one on!!!!

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**VERY INTERESTING!**

'A SHOT OF WHISKEY' - In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

BUYING THE FARM - This is synonymous with dying. During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

IRON CLAD CONTRACT - This came about from the ironclad ships of the Civil War. It meant something so strong it could not be broken.

RIFF RAFF - The Mississippi River was the main way of travelling from north to south. Riverboats carried passengers and freight but they were expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right of way over rafts which were considered cheap. The steering oar on the rafts was called a "riff" and this transposed into riff-raff, meaning low class.

COBWEB - The Old English word for "spider" was "cob".

SHIP STATE ROOMS - Travelling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead they were named after states. To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.

SLEEP TIGHT- Early beds were made with a wooden frame. Ropes were tied across the frame in a crisscross pattern. A straw mattress was then put on top of the ropes. Over time the ropes stretched, causing the bed to sag. The owner would then tighten the ropes to get a better night's sleep.

SHOWBOAT - These were floating theatres

built on a barge that was pushed by a steamboat. These played small towns along the Mississippi River . Unlike the boat shown in the movie "Showboat" these did not have an engine. They were gaudy and attention grabbing which is why we say someone who is being the life of the party is "showboating".

OVER A BARREL - In the days before CPR a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel and the barrel would be rolled back and forth in an effort to empty the lungs of water. It was rarely effective. If you are over a barrel you are in deep trouble.

BARGE IN - Heavy freight was moved along the Mississippi in large barges pushed by steamboats. These were hard to control and would sometimes swing into piers or other boats. People would say they "barged in".

HOGWASH - Steamboats carried both people and animals. Since pigs smelled so bad they would be washed before being put on board. The mud and other filth that was washed off was considered useless "hog wash".

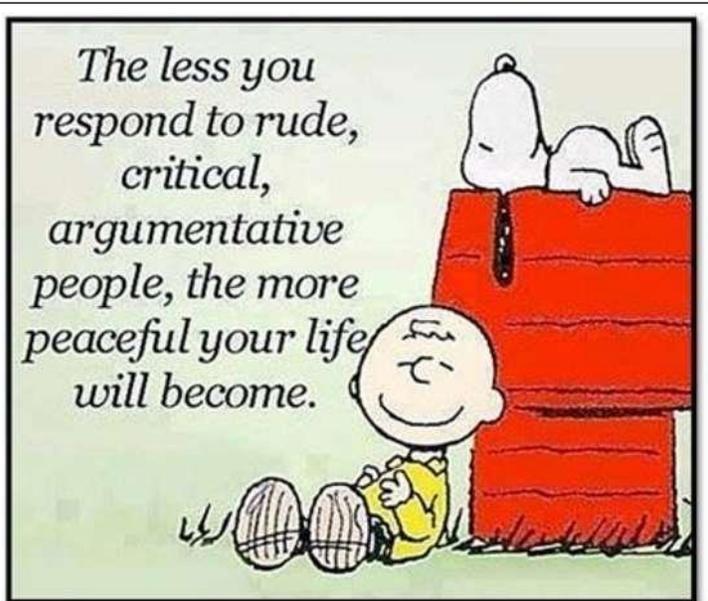
CURFEW - The word "curfew" comes from the French phrase "couvre-feu", which means "cover the fire". It was used to describe the time of blowing out all lamps and candles. It was later adopted into Middle English as "curfeu" which later became the modern "curfew". In the early American colonies homes had no real fireplaces so a fire was built in the centre of the room. In order to make sure a fire did not get out of control during the night it was required that, by an agreed upon time, all fires would be covered with a clay pot called-a "curfew".

BARRELS OF OIL - When the first oil wells were drilled they had made no provision for storing the liquid so they used water barrels. That is why, to this day, we speak of barrels of oil rather than gallons.

HOT OFF THE PRESS - As the paper goes through the rotary printing press friction causes it to heat up. Therefore, if you grab the paper right off the press it's hot The expression means to get immediate information.

There, don't you feel smarter now?

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**Betcha Didn't Know ..**

The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as a substitute for Blood plasma.

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No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven (7) times. Oh go ahead .. I'll wait..

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Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes or shark attacks.

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You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

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Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty (50) years of age, or older.

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The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.

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The King of Hearts is the only king WITHOUT A MOUSTACHE

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American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one (1) olive from each salad served in first-class.

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Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise. (Since Venus is normally associated with women, what does this tell you?)

(That women are going in the 'right' direction...?)

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Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.

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Most dust particles in your house are made from DEAD SKIN!

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The first owner of the Marlboro Company died of lung cancer.

So did the first 'Marlboro Man'.

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Walt Disney was afraid OF MICE!

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PEARLS DISSOLVE IN VINEGAR!

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The ten most valuable brand names on earth: Apple, Coca Cola, Google, IBM, Microsoft, GE, McDonalds, Samsung, Intel, and Toyota in that order.

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A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

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Dentists have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least six (6) feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush.

(I keep my toothbrush in the living room now!)

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Turtles can breathe through their butts.

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(I know some people like that, don't YOU?)



Submarine Day

Of all the servicemembers on duty at any given time, submariners at sea stand duty on six-hour watches 24 hours a day, 7 days a week without holidays .. for months on end .. inside the most perilous and lethal machines on Earth.

They work and live in the intensely inhospitable and unforgiving, cold, black netherworld beneath the rolling waves known as

the realm of Neptune.

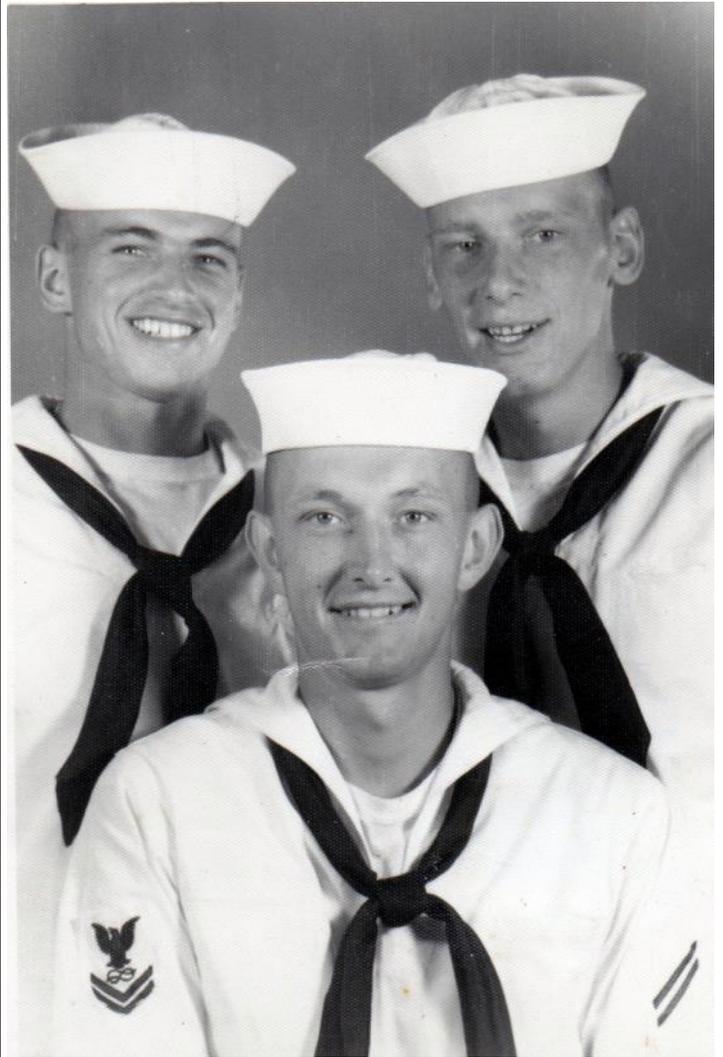
Normal people do not belong here.

**Pictures of  
FTB2(SS) Chester Gorsky  
submitted by his son J.P. Gorsky**

**Dad on patrol while in MCC towards  
the end of his tour on Stimson**



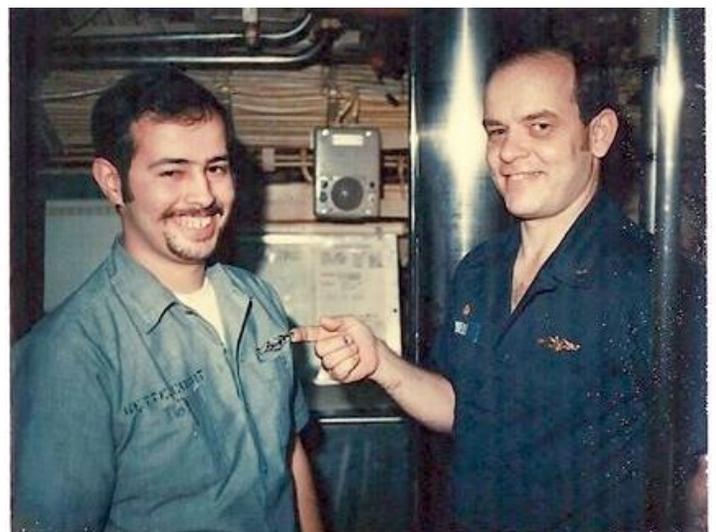
**Dad with some shipmates  
(Chet on far right).**



**Submitted by Phil Bettencourt  
MS Gang 78-79**



**Dolphin pinning CO CDR Bell**



**Submitted by Dan Ballard,  
FTB2(SS) B 86-89**

**Pie in the face! Especially to COB  
Nichols. And the EB Green game!!**



**Submitted by John DeAnda,  
RM3(SS) G 76-79  
Getting Dolphins 1977 from  
CO CDR Bell**



**Submitted by Tim Esch,  
STS2(SS) G 77-78**

**Sonar Gang G 77-78**



Print a copy, complete and mail with your check to the address below:

### Event Registration 655 Reunion #11

13-17 October 2021  
Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport  
1717 Airport Exchange Blvd.  
Erlanger, KY 41018  
**888.294.5067**



[www.holidayinn.com/cvg-airport](http://www.holidayinn.com/cvg-airport)

Call the hotel number above or reserve on their website.

Reserve Group Rates using either:

**Henry L. Stimson 655 Reunion OR Block Code USS**

**Hotel Reservation Deadline SEPT 8, 2021**

*Hotel Reservation is the responsibility of the individual.*

**Reunion Registration Deadline SEPT 8, 2021**

[http://ssbn655.org/reunions/2020\\_Reunion11](http://ssbn655.org/reunions/2020_Reunion11)

Please complete (print legibly), print the form and return along with a check payable to: **Henry L. Stimson Reunion**  
**Mail to:** Dick Young, 7209 Austin Woods Ln., Cincinnati OH 45247 **Email:** [stimson655reunion2020@aol.com](mailto:stimson655reunion2020@aol.com)

Shipmate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_ Significant Other \_\_\_ Family \_\_\_ Friend  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Number who will be attending this event in your group: \_\_\_\_\_

# Patrols on STIMSON: \_\_\_\_\_ Total # Patrols on all boats: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Onboard	Rate	Crew	Dates Onboard	Rate	Crew
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Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Event attendance will be through advance payment only.)**

I am registering for the following per person (Association Member and all guests):

Registration Fee: (required for all)	\$45.00 ea	Number: _____ = _____
Saturday Banquet: (if attending)	\$35.00 ea	Number: _____ = _____
Wright Patterson AFB Tour (if attending)	\$30.00 ea	Number: _____ = _____
Ohio River Cruise/M meal (if attending)	\$75.00 ea	Number: _____ = _____
		Total Enclosed _____

#### REUNION USE ONLY

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Rcvd \_\_\_\_\_

Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Resv: \_\_\_\_\_

Two are two scheduled events. Please indicate your interest. **Include fees with your check for the reunion.**

- 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.)
- 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/M meal and transportation is \$75.00 per person.  
(Include the fee in your check for registration.)

The Association has established a refund policy for reunion registrations and it is located within our Bylaws in Article V.g. You can view this policy at:

<http://ssbn655.org/association/bylaws/1610%20655BylawRev.pdf> or on the back of this form.

g. Cancellation of reunion registration and the refund of monies paid will be based on the timing of the cancellation. Registration cancelled prior to the reunion registration cutoff date will result in refund of monies paid minus the registration/office fee. For cancellation after the registration cutoff date, there will be no refund of monies paid.

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://cincinnati-zoo.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/>