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2023 REUNION #12 WRAPUP

It's done and we've put a fork in it as the saying goes.

During October 11-15, a very successful 12th Reunion was held at the Hilton Garden Inn and Lowcountry Conference Center in Summerville SC.

The 2025 Reunion #13 will be held in Groton CT with John & Gretchen Glaub as co-chairs.

Elected Association Officers for 2023-2035

- President - Jerry Blevins
- Vice President - Ray Kreul
- Secretary - Nick Nichols
- Treasurer - Ken Meigs
- Past President - Tom Krauser
- Appointed for 2023-2025:
- Chaplain - Bruce Stefanik
- Historian - Larry Knutson
- Webmaster - Nick Nichols

It is said that numbers tell a better story sometimes than words. If that's the case here are some wonderful numbers that let you know what a great time we had.

Attendance:

- 143 - Registered to attend
- 11 - Cancelled due to health
- 132 - Attended reunion
- 329 - Stimson patrols made by attenders
- 516 - Total patrols made by attenders

Membership:

- 382 - Shipmates on Eternal Patrol (as of EP Service on 10.14)
- 777 - members with active email on sailing list
- 368 - members on sailing list we can't contact
- 92 - Total Association Life Members [LM]
- 11 - LM on Eternal Patrol
- 81 - Current Association LM

Recognized Shipmates in attendance:

- 3 Commanding Officer's including the last Blue Crew Decom CO
- 3 Chiefs of the Boat including the last Gold Crew Decom COB who was the Reunion Chair
- 2 Stimson Bull Nukes one of which served in that position twice on the boat
- 14 Shipmates attending their **FIRST** Stimson Reunion

A VERY SUCCESSFUL REUNION INDEED!



Veterans Day originated at the end of World War I

October 17, 2023

By VA's National Veterans Outreach Office

World War I—known at the time as “The Great War”—officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles near the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the way to end all wars.”

Veterans Day continues to be observed on Nov. 11, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to Nov. 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date but helps focus attention on the purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s Veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Read the story of Veterans Day [HERE](#)



From the 2023 Reunion Chairman, Harry Nettles, QMCS (SS) G COB 91-92, [QMCM Ret.], USSVI Charleston Base, Holland Club:

Stimson Shipmates. It was an honor serving as the 2023 Stimson Reunion Chairman. I, as did you, enjoyed the ability to get together with those with whom we served so many years ago. Our service was unique and our friendships are forever. Thank you for taking part in the reunion and God Bless you and your families as life carries on.

Harry Nettles SSBN 655G COB 91-92



From the Association President - Jerry Blevins, LT(SS) B 76-79, USSVI USS Groton Base, 655 Assoc Life Member:

I want to thank all of the attendees at our Charleston reunion for their vote of confidence in my assuming the Presidency for the next two years.

My only hesitancy in trying to highlight the Association members responsible for this very successful reunion is because I know I will be forgetting someone. For that, I apologize in advance with my aging memory as my only excuse. A big thanks to Harry and Lee Nettles, Nick and Linda Nichols, Marty Sessler, Larry Knutson, Gordon Long, Don Ort, George Crawford, Lindsay Nelson, and the rest of the reunion committee, for hosting an outstanding event. The table decorations prepared by Karen Huckeba and setup by her, Gretchen Glaub and Joyce Hladik were beautiful. In addition, there were many other members who donated significant time to ensure everything ran smoothly.

Submarines Lost During the Month of November

USS ALBACORE (SS-218)	November 7, 1944 – 11 th War Patrol	Lost with all hands – 85 souls
USS GROWLER (SS-215)	November 8, 1944 – 12 th War Patrol	Lost with all hands – 86 souls
USS SCAMP (SS-277)	November 16, 1944 – 8 th War Patrol	Lost with all hands – 83 souls
USS CORVINA (SS-226)	November 16, 1943 – 1 st War patrol	Lost with all hands – 82 souls
USS SCULPIN (SS-191)	November 19, 1943 – 9 th War Patrol	Lost with 43 souls – 41 became POWs 21 survived the war

Five Boats and 376 Men Lost

It is always wonderful to see so many familiar faces and listening to the sea stories reminds me how lucky we were to not have had smartphones around to record those events. It was great to meet several new members and I hope all of you will bring additional shipmates with you to Groton.

I also want to thank John and Gretchen Glaub for volunteering to be Co-Chairs for our 2025 reunion in Groton.



From the “PAST” Association President - Tom Krauser, MM1 (SS) B 72-74, 655 Assoc Life Member, USSVI Albany-Saratoga Base, Holland Club

Another successful reunion is behind us. Congratulations to Harry Nettles and the Reunion Committee for a very enjoyable reunion.

Congratulations to the new Board of the Stimson Association for 2023-2025.:

Jerry Blevins – President
Ray Kruel – Vice President
Nick Nichols – Secretary
Ken Meigs – Treasurer

Per the Bylaws, I will continue to serve on the Board as the “Past President” for two terms.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Vice President from 2013 to 2018 and as President from 2018 to 2023. I personally want to thank the rest of the Stimson Board for their support in making my job easy. I especially want to thank Nick Nichols for his unending efforts to keep the organization running smoothly. Whenever I had a question, Nick was always my “go-to guy” to get the correct answer and an honest opinion.

Nick and Linda’s efforts to put out an excellent newsletter every month is greatly appreciated by all of us. I am not sure how they do it !

Marie and I are looking forward to the next reunion in Groton, CT.



From the Association Vice President - Ray Kreul, TM2(SS) [TMCM Ret] G Comm 65-69 Plank Owner; Assoc. Life Member; USSVI Groton Base/Snug Harbor Base/Rhode Island Base and Holland Club

Bravo Zulu to Harry Nettles and his crew for putting on a great reunion. Great planning and a smooth event. Can you believe it we had 132 attend and 14 for the first time? It was great to see so many new faces. I want to say a special thanks for the former CO’s who attended: Gary Bell, Sandy Hastie and Sam Johnson and the back aft guys our own Bull Nukes Larry Knutson, Joe Bak.

A huge shout out goes to our past president Tom Krauser for a great job and under taking the task of updating our bylaws.

Then how can we forget what our own secretary Nick Nichols continues to do on a daily basis. Nicks performance and tireless effort is well noted and appreciated by all our shipmates.

Collectively our board members deserve a great thank you from all of us.

We had new elections and a new board was elected with the following positions. Jerry Blevins President, Ray Kreul Vice, Treasurer Ken Meigs, Secretary Nick Nichols. Note Nick and Ken again elected to retain the posts thanks guys.

New location for reunion 13. John and Gretchen Glaub have stepped up to host the next reunion in Groton CT. Once again looking forward to a great time and renewing friendships with old shipmates.

We shall never forget our WWII Subvets, They held the line.



Ship’s Historian - Larry Knutson, MMCS(SS) B 79-81 USSVI Charleston Base, Holland Club:

Many shipmates brought items to the reunion that were able to be viewed along with our remaining historic archives. These were displayed during the entire reunion and I hope all of you had time to view and maybe take some pictures. We had one additional item that was given to use for our

CT showed some nodules of cancer grew a little while some others shrank showing Keytruda has not failed completely. Keytruda treatments will be continued; the outcome we wanted. The next check on Keytruda's effectiveness will be on November 12, 2023. We live in three-month increments!

We are looking into the possibility of treating three spots of cancer in my muscle tissue, one in my right shoulder and two in my gluten area (butt) to eliminate these spots which are growing and thus reduce the cancer load on my immune system and let Keytruda be more effective.

We thank you for your prayers and Jesus for his continued protection. We will keep you informed. Love, Donna and Sandy

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John Cole, LT [CDR Ret] B AWEPS 78-80 [E1-E9 & O1E-CDR Ret.]

Cards to: 5914 Ruby Dr., Pearland TX 77581-8926

10.14.2023: John and Susan were able to attend the reunion in Summerville.

8.21.2023: Email from John: Even though the knee replacement surgery went well, things have gone south since I came home on July 29th just in time for 77th birthday on the 30th. On August 1st I was back in the hospital for an infection in the lower right leg below the surgery area. Diagnosed as infection cellulitis. So, I have spent 17 of the last 27 days in the hospital. At least I am home right now just in time for Susan and I to celebrate our 53rd Anniversary tomorrow on August 22nd. The knee, leg and foot are still very hot and swollen to the point that I can't put on any shoes. Making the reunion is still in GREAT DOUBT unless things turn around soon.

5.24.23: Physical Therapy 3 Times A Week Is Helping Immensely! Susan And I Will See You In Summerville.

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Michael Schwarzott, STS2(SS) B 75-76

Cards to: 7935 Edgebrook Circle Apt 1, N. Charleston SC 29418

8.26.2023: Email from Michael: I was finally going to come to one [reunion] but unfortunately, I

am having a total reverse shoulder replacement on Sept 20th. That will be a hard recovery with lots of PT and relearning to use my arm again.

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Lloyd Hyatt, MT2(SS) B 73-76

Cards to: 134 Coral Way, Jacksonville Beach FL 32250

5.24.23: Email from Lloyd: I did have my bone marrow transplant on April 10. I just met with my doctor after my 30 day bone marrow biopsy and so far everything is going well. I did have some graft verses host disease but things have settled down. My cancer is in remission, no cancer detected in my bone marrow and my donors DNA has been detected in the bone marrow. I want to thank everyone for the prayers. I'll give you a new update after the next biopsy in 60 days. Lloyd Hyatt MT2(SS) Blue Crew

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Ron 'RG' Hyson, STS1(SS) B 70-75, Assoc. Life Member, USSVI Hampton Roads Base, Holland Club, STSCM(SS) Retired

Cards to: 3425 MacDonald Rd., Virginia Beach VA 23464

5.24.23: Email from Jean: I really don't have any updates, just taking it one day at a time. We have started attending some social events at our local VFW and Ron enjoys the camaraderie of his VFW buddies, this certainly raises his spirits. Please keep checking in. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

1.29.23: Email from Ron 'RG': After my diagnoses of Alzheimer's, February 2022, I had to have my Aortic Heart Valve replaced in April followed by Cardio Rehab from June to August of 2022. I entered a CBD Oil Study from July to October through EVMS, Eastern Virginia Medical School, to help with my anxiety and agitation. It seemed to help a lot. January 2023, I was gggbg5reevaluated for my Alzheimer's and I am now in the moderate stage. I was prescribed new medication to help with my memory and anxiety. It seems to be working very well. Thank you for all your prayers, RG and Jean



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In 2000, a Charitable Foundation was created to further support our veterans and their legacy with the creation of a 501(C) 3 Charitable Foundation (USSVCF). The USSVCF is a standalone fully certified charitable organization.

To learn more, go to [USSVI Charitable Foundation \(ussubvets.org\)](http://USSVI Charitable Foundation (ussubvets.org))

GREAT LINKS TO SPEND TIME WITH

655 Association Website

www.ssbn655.org

Submitted by a shipmate

55 Chinese Sailors Dead After Vessel Hit Trap

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=FGzuNaLjwDw)

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Did China Really Lose a Nuclear Submarine?



SEA STORIES, COMMENTS and JUST GOOD THINGS From Our Shipmates

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That Time a Navy Sub Took Out a Locomotive During WWII

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The Computer Corner

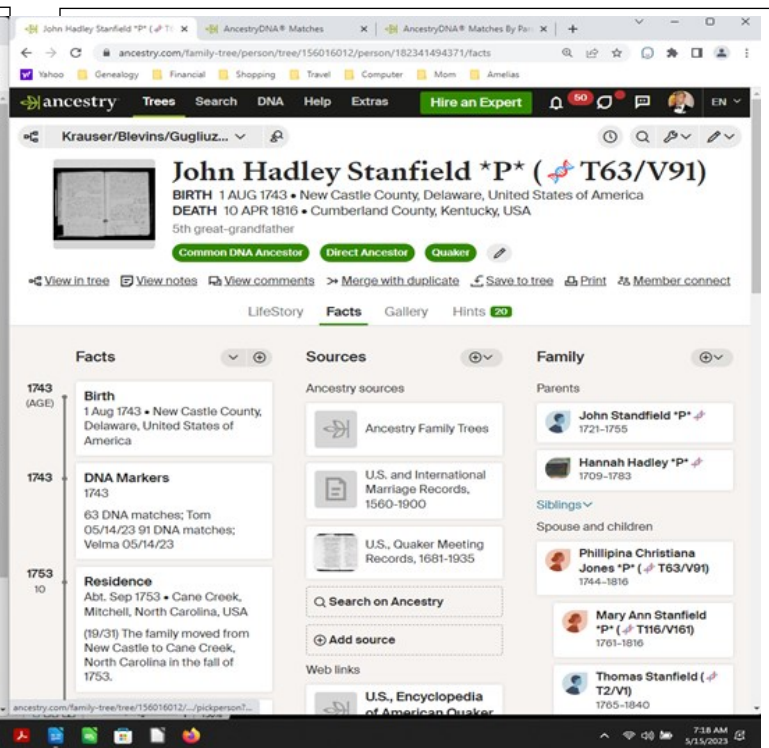
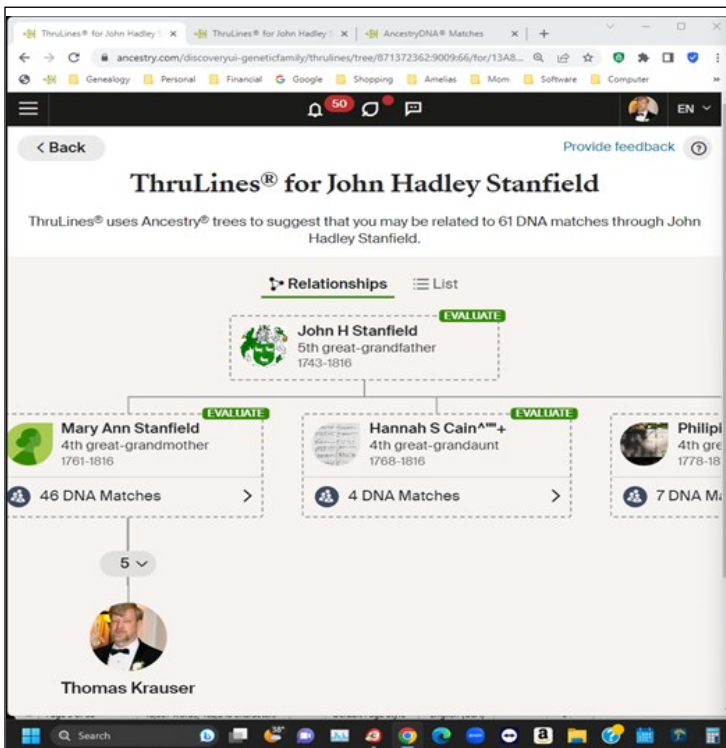
By: Tom Krauser, MM1(SS) B 72-74, 655 Assoc Life Member, USSVI Albany-Saratoga Base, Holland Club

Along with the new Ancestry article in this newsletter by Don Ort and myself, I would like to address something that users should find helpful for Ancestry plus many other applications on their computer. I have used dual monitors for many years, both at work and at home. It is an extremely useful tool when looking at multiple applications and also is very useful when working in Ancestry.

This article focuses on using dual monitors or split screen with Ancestry to go along with the new article on Ancestry by Don Ort and myself but the principles are applicable to any computer operation.

**Contrary to popular belief,
Duct Tape is *NOT* the solution
to *EVERY* problem!**







Using Dual Monitors/Screens When Using Ancestry

One thing I **highly** recommend is using “dual” monitors on your computer when using Ancestry or other programs on your PC. You can usually attach a separate monitor (or even your TV) to your computer using an HDMI cable or other external video port on the computer. This makes it a whole lot easier to have copies of Ancestry running so you can bring up data on one screen (usually left monitor/screen) while editing data on the other screen (usually right monitor/screen). I usually open different “browsers” (Edge, Chrome, Firefox, Safari, etc) on each screen or programs if not doing Ancestry. Then you can start multiple copies of Ancestry in “**Tabs**” in each browser (see picture below). For example on the **left monitor/screen** I may open the **Microsoft Edge Browser** and have the **DNA ThruLines** for an ancestor and on the **right side monitor/screen** I may open the **Google Chrome Browser** and open that ancestor’s **Profile**. Then you can start comparing ancestors and filling in information from the left monitor/screen. If you **do not** have 2 monitors, you can also start 2 different “browsers” and adjust the size of each browser to have one browser (for example Edge) fill the left half of the screen and the other browser (for example



Chrome) fill the right half of the screen as shown below. You can have multiple copies of Ancestry running in **Tabs** in each browser. This is much easier than trying to switch **Tabs** on a single browser as you try to compare different information.

Configuring Dual Displays

To configure Dual Displays on your computer:
For Windows 10:

- Open the Settings (looks like a gear ) on the Start Menu .
- Select **System** then click on **Display**. The 2 displays should be shown.
- Click **Identify** to see which display is 1 and 2.
- If displays are not in the order you want you can drag the display to the correct position.
- Click on the display you want to be your main display where the icons and menu show.
- Scroll down to the **Multiple displays** setting and select **Extend** these displays.
- Check the box **Make this my main Display**. This makes the display selected above the main display.
- Scroll back to top and click **Apply**. Check that the mouse scrolls from the left display to the right display in the proper direction.

For Windows 11:

- Open the Settings (looks like a gear ) on the Start Menu .
- Select **System** then click on **Display**. The 2 displays should be shown.
- If it say **“Duplicate these displays”**, click and change to **“Extend these displays”** then select to **“Keep Changes”**.
- Click **Identify** to see which display is 1 and 2.
- If the added display is on the left of original display then “drag” display “2” to the left of “1” then click **“Apply”**.
- Select which display you want the **Task Bar** on then check the box **“Make this my main display”**. Ensure the mouse moves from one display to the other display in the proper direction.

Example of Two Browsers Running Multiple Copies Of Ancestry on Single Screen (or 2 monitors)

Note that the **ThruLines** can be reviewed on the **left monitor/screen** or Browser while you edit the **profile** on the **right monitor/screen** or Browser. Note that multiple copies of Ancestry are running in Tabs on each Browser. You can have different information in each Tab. You could have the ThruLine for another relative who’s DNA you Manage to compare them.

I will go into more detail about this process in a future newsletter article on Ancestry.

The Computer Corner part 2:

Submitted by George Birmingham, ET1(SS) G/ SY1/G 69-74, Assoc. Life Member, USSVI Carolina Piedmont Base, Holland Club

As we seniors are apt to travel more, being free from the bonds of employment, we will be frequenting hotels and such in our travels. In our society, sadly, there are those who feel empowered to breach the privacy of others. Unfortunately, this technological wonderland we enjoy is also an enabler of such behavior. The American Airlines bathroom camera incident just this month is just one example.

You may find the link below and interesting read.

5 Ways to Find Hidden Cameras Using Your Mobile Phone

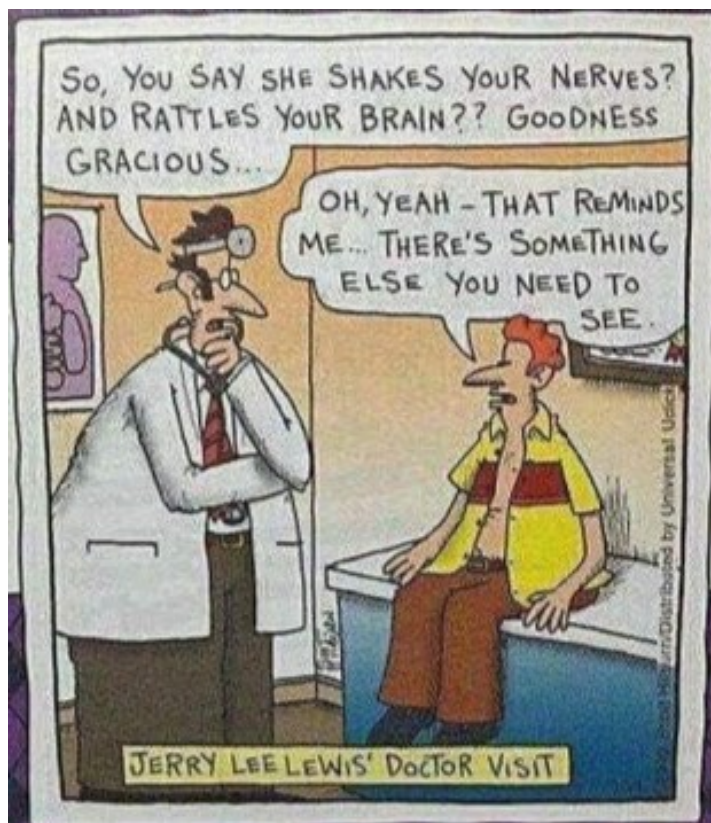
The Eclipse Navigator

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

By now you all have returned safely to your homes and communities after celebrating the fellowship of our shipmates from times past in Summerville, SC. I hope you all had a wonderful time and I will be looking forward to our next gathering in 2025.

Connie and I missed this reunion to view the annular eclipse in the southwest on October 14th. We chose Roswell, New Mexico as our viewing location as we have visited there in the past for the UFO festival. And it was in the primary path of the eclipse. You can see from the image below that the optimal viewing area started in Eugene, Oregon and exited the US just southeast of Corpus Christi, Texas.

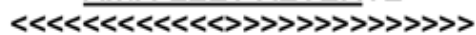
READ THE REST OF THE STORY AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER.





VETERANS AFFAIRS - RETIREE INFO - AARP

<https://www.va.gov/>
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THE LINKS BELOW WERE TAKEN FROM THE EMAILS I RECEIVE FROM MANY SOURCES. These are not in any order so take a look at each of them and decide what want to continue reading. You DO NOT have to have special accounts to view this information. There may be some general areas of information in here that will be of help to some of you.



The 8 Worst Habits for Your Eyes

Everyday actions that can affect your vision and threaten your health

By Kimberly Goad, AARP

Updated September 20, 2023

The importance of an annual eye exam cannot be overstated. Not only does it help you keep tabs on any changes in your vision, but it's a must for detecting the big vision thieves: glaucoma, cataracts and age-related macular degeneration (AMD), all of which can cause irreparable harm before you've even noticed any vision loss, says Michelle Andreoli, M.D., an ophthalmologist at Northwestern Medicine and a spokesperson for the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

What might not be so obvious when it comes to the health of your eyes are the everyday habits that affect them. Here are eight of the worst habits for eyes — and what you can do to break each of them.

Bad habit 1: Smoking

Add this to the always-growing list of reasons to give up smoking for good: Cigarette smoke is more than just irritating to your eyes; research shows it also raises your risk of developing AMD, the eye disease that can blur your central vision.

People over age 55 are already at risk for the condition, but a large review of studies published in *Clinical Interventions in Aging* shows that smokers are at a twofold to fourfold risk of AMD, as compared to never smokers.

Bad habit 2: Staring at your smartphone

Your eyes pay a price directly and indirectly when you stare at that tiny screen — or, for that matter, your computer screen or TV — without giving them a break. According to the American Optometric Association, using any of your digital devices continuously for two hours is enough to bring about digital eye strain.

Recommendation: Practice the 20-20-20 rule. Throughout the day, take a 20-second screen break every 20 minutes to look at something 20 feet away.

Bad habit 3: Not wearing sunglasses

In the same way that ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun can do a number on your skin, it can also wreak havoc with your vision. Specifically, UV rays can damage the eye's surface tissues, the cornea and lens. And over time, that damage can lead to cataracts, AMD and cancers of the eye.

Bad habit 4: Sleeping in your contact lenses

Sure, contacts have gotten more user-friendly, but that doesn't mean you can simply put them in and forget about them. "The biggest issue is the risk of infection, which can cause permanent scarring of the cornea and loss of vision," Brissette says. "Bacteria and other debris get trapped between the contact lens and the surface of the cornea, so leaving them in too long or past their expiration [puts you at] high risk for developing an infection."

Bad habit 5: Rubbing your eyes

There's no real harm in occasionally rubbing your eyes, but if you're aggressive about it, you run the risk of damaging your cornea, the clear, dome-shaped front surface of your eye. "Some uncommon diseases of the cornea are associated with eye rubbing," Andreoli says. Those include keratoconus, a condition that occurs when your cornea thins out and begins to bulge outward into a cone shape. As a result, your vision is blurry and distorted.

Bad habit 6: Sleeping with your makeup on

Researchers have known for a while that wearing eye makeup increases your risk of inflammation and affects the quality of your tears. It also plays a role in the development and/or exacerbation of dry eye disease, according to research published in 2022 in the journal *Cureus*. That’s especially true if you make a habit of falling asleep with your makeup on.

Bad habit 7: Heavy drinking

The surprise isn’t that drinking more than the recommended amount of alcohol — up to one drink per day for women and no more than two per day for men, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — is bad for your health. The surprise is how bad heavy drinking can be for your eyes.

Social drinkers, take note: None of the above applies to you. But that doesn’t mean you’re totally in the clear. Even occasional alcohol use contributes to dry eye disease.

Bad habit 8: Skimping on nutrients

Somewhere along the way, carrots became the poster vegetable for good eye health. While it’s true that your eyes need vitamin A — it helps nourish the cornea and is critical for the retina to function — the vitamin A-rich carrot is far from the only eye-friendly veggie.

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**Social Security COLA Set at 3.2% for 2024
Cooling inflation brings down annual benefit boost from 2023’s 40-year high**

By Andy Markowitz, AARP

Social Security recipients will get a 3.2 percent increase in their monthly payments next year, the Social Security Administration (SSA) announced Oct. 12.

The 2024 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) marks a big drop from this year’s increase of 8.7 percent, reflecting a considerable cooldown of inflation over the past 12 months.

Starting in January, the average monthly Social Security retirement benefit will rise by \$59, from approximately \$1,848 to \$1,907, according to the SSA. The average disability benefit will

increase from \$1,489 to \$1,537.

“Retirees can rest a little easier at night knowing they will soon receive an increase in their Social Security checks to help them keep up with rising prices,” AARP Chief Executive Officer Jo Ann Jenkins said in a statement following the announcement. “We know older Americans are still feeling the sting when they buy groceries and gas, making every dollar important.”

The COLA will be applied to veterans’ benefits and retirement pay as well as Social Security payments.

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Here's the 2024 Pay Raise for Vets and Military Retirees

12 Oct 2023 Military.com | By Amanda Miller

Military retirees and disabled veterans will see their monthly checks increase by 3.2% for 2024, thanks to the annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) due to inflation.

The Social Security Administration announced the COLA increase Oct. 12. Most government disability and retirement payments are required by law to increase annually by the same amount.

Retirement Pay Increase

For 2024, retired military members will see a \$32 increase for each \$1,000 of military retirement pension they receive each month.

Retirees who entered military service on or after Aug. 1, 1986, and opted for the Career Status Bonus (CSB/Redux retirement plan) will have any COLA increases reduced by a percentage point, so they will see a smaller increase of \$22 per \$1,000 in 2024.

VA Disability Increase

Disabled veterans will also see their benefit payments increase in the upcoming year. VA disability checks will go up about \$5.31 per month for those with a 10% rating and \$115.90 for those rated at 100% who don't have dependents.

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits for surviving spouses of disabled veterans also increase in 2024.

Other Federal Retirees and Beneficiaries

Military retirees and VA beneficiaries aren't the

only ones who benefit from the COLA increase. Civil Service retirees and Social Security recipients also will see the 3.2% jump in their monthly checks.

For Social Security recipients, the monthly increase will mean an extra \$50-plus per month for the average beneficiary, according to the administration.

How the COLA Is Determined

Each year, military retirement pay, Survivor Benefit Plan annuities, VA compensation and pensions, and Social Security benefits are adjusted for the rate of inflation.

The Department of Labor determines the annual COLA by measuring the Consumer Price Index (CPI), a measurement of a broad sampling of the cost of consumer goods and expenses. The CPI is compared to the previous year; if there is an increase, there is a COLA. If there is no increase, there is no COLA, and benefits will remain the same -- not decrease.

The COLA increase affects about one in every five Americans.

Retirement and VA Disability Pay Offset

Military retirees with combined VA disability ratings of 40% or lower whose injuries are not combat related can only receive that amount in either their retirement pension or their disability check, but not both. That rule is known as an "offset" and is a matter of law. Since disability pay isn't subject to federal income tax but retirement pay is, most veterans elect to receive it instead of their retirement pension for the offset amount.

That means even though both retirement and disability payments will see the COLA increase, some veterans will benefit from only one, not both.

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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/>

You need air, but its more complicated than that

Mister Mac Oct 4

First an apology I have been absent without leave for a month or so. We have been doing a lot of doctor visits on our way to becoming VA rated as a service-connected disability veteran. That has involved many trips and examinations and frankly getting a lot of others things in order while we [...]

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Remembering the Marby – The Story of the USS Marblehead and her Brave Crew

Mister Mac Oct 9

Watching the types of ships being built for the past few years reminds me of the ideology of the 1920's. There was a desire for peaceful relations between the global community mixed with the understanding that peace was an illusion as long as resources were desired by the same forces around the world. Battleships were limited [...]

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Navy Day 1923 – Illusions of Peace

Mister Mac Oct 10

Editorial from the DAILY KENNEBEC JOURNAL Wednesday, October 10, 1923 "I knew by the smoke that so gracefully curled Above the green elms, that a cottage was near, And I said, 'If there's peace to be found in the world, A heart that was humble might hope for it here.'" NAVY DAY It is become [...]

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Telegraphic News Flash: Explosion Kills Three on Submarine S-37

Mister Mac Oct 11

Life on submarines has always been risky. Whether it's defying the physics of overcoming the sea's depths or the nature of the machinery required to do so, every submariner understands that the unexpected can be managed to a certain extent, but the unexpected can still arrive with dire results. One hundred years ago today (October [...])

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Rabaul – A Place Where Victory Came to Die

Mister Mac Oct 12

Rabaul was a significant base used by the Japanese during the early years of the second World War.

The Battle of Rabaul, also known by the Japanese as Operation R, an instigating action of the New [...]

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Pearl Harbor Revisited

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Remembering Pearl Harbor – The Story of Gunners Mate Second Class John C. Pensyl

Their voices cry out from the past. 2403 Americans died from the attack on Pearl Harbor. Of that figure, 2,008 of them were enlisted with the Navy, 218 were members of the US Army, 109 were Marines, and 68 were civilians. While much is written about the event, we need to never lose focus on ...

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Happy Birthday United States Navy – 2023

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The United States Navy turns 248 years old this year.

Ships and aircraft of the fleet are sailing around the world today in defense of freedom, just as they have for most of [...]

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Nuclear Power: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow (1963-2023)

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(NOTE: This post is a big longer than my usual post, but hopefully it will be worth your time to read.)

I was reading about the two nuclear powered aircraft carriers and their battle groups gathering in the eastern Mediterranean this week and got to thinking about when I [...]

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“if a submarine is hit, the crew will never hear the explosion”

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October 1943 was a very busy time for an expanding fleet in every corner of the world. The trials for the leadership of the Navy and Army that had been in charge during the attacks on [...]

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Navy Day 1943 – Threats from Within and Warnings about the Future

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In October 1943, the country had been at war for nearly two years.

The strength and power of our industrial base was at nearly full speed and in every corner of the land, the equipment and [...]

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Submitted by Chuck Hladik, TM2(SS) G 67-70; Assoc. Life Mbr; SV-HC USS Oklahoma City Base

Meet the Navy's newest fast-attack submarine
By Geoff Ziezulewicz Friday, Oct 20



The fast-attack submarine Hyman G. Rickover was commissioned into service on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, during a ceremony at Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Connecticut (Chief Petty Officer Joshua Karsten/ Navy)

The Navy's newest fast-attack submarine, Hyman G. Rickover, officially joined the fleet Saturday during a ceremony at Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Connecticut.

It is the second boat to be named after the late Adm. Rickover, regarded as the father of the nuclear Navy who developed the world's first nuclear-powered sub, Nautilus, that went to sea in 1955, according to the Navy.

"He changed our submarine force, he changed the nature of naval warfare and he changed U.S. industry and shipbuilding forever," Adm. Frank Caldwell, director of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, said at the ceremony, according to a Navy release.

Crewed by roughly 135 sailors, Rickover can dive deeper than 800 feet and speed faster than 25 knots, or nearly 29 mph.

Fast-attack subs take on a variety of missions and are able to deliver special operators and launch Tomahawk cruise missiles.

"The commissioning of [this] ship is dedicated to a leader who reshaped our sea service through an unrelenting 63 years of service," Rickover's commanding officer, Cmdr. Matthew Beach, said of his boat's namesake. "In front of you today on board this ship, the proud sailors of the next generation - Hyman G. Rickover - stand ready to continue this legacy of excellence guiding our ship

into harm's way and defending the values that we hold dear."



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White House Requests \$3.4 Billion To Speed Up Nuclear Sub Production

(DEFENSE POST 24 OCT 23) ... Juster Domingo

The White House has requested more than \$3.4 billion to accelerate the construction and maintenance of attack submarines to meet military requirements.

The statement said the funding will boost the US Submarine Industrial Base's modernization efforts, upscaling its shipyards and other infrastructure.

The majority of the funding will address the Virginia-class submarine program's production delays, with 61 percent of the emergency supplemental funding slated for faster production of the nuclear-powered submarines.

Apart from the \$2.1 billion “Shipbuilding and Conversion” fund, \$558 million will be allotted to “Operations and Maintenance,” improvements for the navy’s four public shipyards that maintain the country’s nuclear fleet.

The rest of the funding calls for research and development, construction and procurement, and boosts to the shipbuilding facilities’ workforce.

AUKUS Commitments

The requested funding will also be used to support the country’s commitments under AUKUS, the US’ trilateral partnership with the UK and Australia, which seeks deeper integration between the countries’ security and defense units.

The commitment will support Australia in its acquisition of nuclear-powered submarines.

Similarly, Australia has also committed to investing in US industry to boost the production and delivery of Virginia-class submarines.

<https://www.thedefensepost.com/2023/10/24/white-house-nuclear-sub-production/>

China-Russia In A Nuclear Sub Counter To AUKUS

China’s Type 096 nuclear submarine draws on Russian tech and expertise and once operational will bring US mainland into closer missile range (ASIA TIMES 23 OCT 23) ... Gabriel Honrada

China is making new quiet nuclear submarines with Russia’s expert assistance, an answer to the AUKUS alliance and the latest sign of the two powers’ converging strategic interests against the United States and its Pacific allies

The project could make it harder for the US and its allies to track China’s submarines in crucial theaters including the South China Sea and represents a direct challenge to US undersea dominance in the Pacific.

This month, Reuters reported that China is producing a new generation of nuclear-armed submarines, citing evidence that its Type 096 nuclear ballistic missile (SSBN) submarine will be operational before the end of the decade. The report said that breakthroughs in the submarine’s quietness have been aided partly by Russian technology.

Recent research discussed at a conference in May at the US Naval War College and published in August by the college’s China Maritime Studies Institute predicts the new Type 096 vessels will be far more challenging for the US and allies to monitor and track.

The research said the Type 096 submarine would compare to state-of-the-art Russian submarines regarding stealth, sensors and weapons and China’s undersea capability jump would have “profound” implications for the US and its Indo-Pacific allies.

It says the advanced Chinese SSBNs will significantly complicate an already intense subsurface surveillance battle, as tracking Chinese submarines is increasingly an international effort with the Japanese and Indian militaries assisting the US, UK and Australia.

Reuters says that the covert effort to track China’s nuclear attack submarines (SSN) and SSBNs is one of the core drivers of increased deployments and contingency planning by the US Navy and other militaries across the Indo-Pacific region.

It mentions that those efforts are expected to intensify when Type 096s enter service, as the People’s Liberation Army-Navy (PLA-N) is routinely staging fully armed nuclear deterrence patrols with its older Type 094 boats out of Hainan Island in the South China Sea, similar to the patrols operated for years by the US, UK, Russia and France.

The prospect of quieter Chinese SSBNs is driving, in part, the AUKUS deal among Australia, the UK and the US, which will see increased deployments of British and US attack submarines to Western Australia. Australia expects to launch its first nuclear-powered attack submarines with UK technology by the 2030s.

The Type 096 SSBN is China’s next-generation underwater nuclear deterrent, representing a significant upgrade over the current Type 094 SSBN.

According to Missile Defense Advocacy (MDA), the Type 094 is primarily armed with the JL-2 submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM),

which has a 7,200-kilometer range.

Matthew Funaiolo and other writers mention in an August 2021 article for the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) think tank that to hit Hawaii and the northwestern US the older Type 094 must traverse critical chokepoints such as the Miyako Strait and Bashi Channel in the First Island Chain that comprises Japan, Taiwan and the Philippines. Funaiolo and others say the JL-2's range deficiency and reported noisiness may expose it to US and allied anti-submarine forces.

However, Asia Times noted in November 2022 that the Type 094 is now armed with the newer JL-3 SLBM, sporting a 10,000-kilometer range that can conceivably hit the US mainland from protected bastions in the South China Sea.

The Type 094 has also undergone recent upgrades to increase its stealth and survivability. Minnie Chan notes in an October 2021 article for the South China Morning Post (SCMP) that the Type 094A and 094B subvariants have improved hull designs to reduce noise, such as a modified towed sonar array dispenser, reduced bow limber holes and new sail shape.

Despite those upgrades, China's submarines still lag their US and Russian counterparts in terms of stealth. In a March 2023 article for the US Naval Institute, Mike Sweeney says that during the Cold War, the US and Soviet Union achieved "super-quieting" with their SSBNs and SSNs, with the US achieving it in the 1960s and the Soviets in the mid-1980s.

In comparison, Sweeney points out that China's Type 093 SSN's stealth is estimated to be on par with 1970 Soviet designs while its Type 094 SSBNs have noise levels similar to 40-year-old Soviet designs.

Ellie Cook notes in an article for Newsweek this month that China's new Type 096 will likely be 150 meters long with a top speed of 33 knots and compare favorably with newer Russian SSBNs such as the Borei-class. Cook mentions that China may have up to eight operational SSBNs by 2030, including the Type 094 and Type 096, with the country currently operating four Type 094

SSBNs.

Russia may also be assisting China with its new Type 096 SSBN's design, with the two sides "no limits" strategic partnership shifting in China's favor as Russia becomes more and more dependent on Beijing's assistance faced with the Western sanctions imposed over the Ukraine war.

In a September 2023 China Maritime Studies Institute report, Sarah Kirchberger asserts that China's submarine industrial base suffers from weaknesses in submarine propulsion and quieting. Kirchberger notes that, since the 1970s, Russia has been assisting China to build its SSNs and SSBNs.

She mentions that Russia's Rubin Design Bureau was reportedly heavily involved in the design of China's Type 093 SSN in terms of hull design, instrumentation, acoustic stealth improvement and acoustic countermeasures. She also notes that Russia remains well ahead of China in crucial submarine technologies such as quieting and nuclear propulsion.

The Type 096 may have design parallels with Russia's next-generation SSBN. In August 2022, Asia Times reported about Russia's Arcturus SSBN concept, which features sonar-deflecting shaping, new anti-echoic coating, a shaftless power plant and pump jet propulsion. The Arcturus comes armed with next-generation Russian SLBMs and underwater drones.

Kirchberger argues that Russia's underfunded submarine design bureaus and industries are at risk of a brain drain to China, with the Russian government moving to stop that possibility by entering into joint production with China.

She notes that Russia could supply critical technologies such as nuclear propulsion, quieting, and hydrodynamic hull design. At the same time, she says China's massive naval shipbuilding capacity can provide mass production capability and economies of scale.

Kirchberger notes that Russia's state-owned nuclear company Rosatom supplied 6,477 kilos of highly enriched uranium (HEU) to China's CFR-600 reactor on Changbiao Island in December 2022, an amount that analysts project could make

50 nuclear warheads yearly. She says that apart from nuclear weapons the HEU could also be used as fuel for China's nuclear submarines. <https://asiatimes.com/2023/10/china-russia-in-a-nuclear-sub-counter-to-aucus/>

Only 3D Printing Can Get The Navy's Submarine Plan Back On Track, Admiral Says

US cannot build and support the subs it needs "without going to additive manufacturing" (DEFENSE ONE 26 OCT 23) ... Lauren C. Williams

The U.S. Navy must 3D-print more parts if it is to build three submarines per year, a top program manager said Wednesday.

Rear Adm. Jonathan Rucker, the Navy's lead buyer for attack submarines, said additive manufacturing has become essential for meeting construction schedules—and then keeping those new subs operating.

"Absolutely we need to have additive manufacturing," Rucker told lawmakers during a House Armed Services Subcommittee hearing. "If you look across components on the ships—forgings, castings, fittings, valves, fasteners—we cannot meet the demand to be able to support building the submarines we need, as well as supporting sustainment, without going to additive manufacturing."

The first 3D-printed parts are already starting to be installed, said Rucker, who led the Navy's Columbia-class ballistic-missile submarine program before taking his current job last year.

"Already this year, we put the first part out of manufacturing on a ballistic missile submarine to ensure they could make their schedule. The second part we had, a critical valve that's needed, that valve was going to be two years late. We've reverse-engineered it; it is being [3D printed] as we speak. They will make it on that submarine by January to support its schedule," he said.

Rucker is not the first top Navy official to urge greater use of 3D printing for subs. Matt Sermon, executive director of the strategic submarines program executive office, said as much in March. But Rucker's call comes as the service continues

to struggle to obtain parts in a timely manner, and as sub-building shipyards juggle workers and resources in a bid to prevent further production delays. And the Navy isn't just aiming to prevent delays; it wants to increase production to one Columbia-class and two Virginia-class submarines each year.

To do that, the service is asking lawmakers for more authorities and funding. On Oct. 20, the White House proposed that Congress authorize \$3.4 billion in supplemental funding as part of a much larger package that also supports aid for Ukraine and Gaza. About \$2 billion would go to boost the submarine industrial base, including about 15 percent for developing technologies such as additive manufacturing and the parts testing and inspection, Rucker said.

"That supplemental continues to jumpstart when we did the study back a couple years ago, that was one area. We underestimated the opportunity that was there," he said.

Rep. Jack Bergman, R-Mich., raised concerns about integration and making sure everyone was collaborating, from senior defense officials to the workers who are actually building the boats.

"What I'm worried about is, the future, as we design and build things...what do we put in place, if anything, even if it's just a straw man right now, to ensure that as we get into this, the [information] sharing occurs," Bergman said.

The Navy's additive manufacturing effort is also part of the trilateral agreement between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, or AUKUS. Rucker reassured the congressman, noting that his office, the program executive office for attack submarines, is in the same building as the AUKUS integration office and that the Navy stood up an additive manufacturing consortium and center of excellence in Danville, Virginia.

<https://www.defenseone.com/technology/2023/10/only-3d-printing-can-get-navys-submarine-plan-back-track-admiral-says/391556/>

**PICTURES FROM RAY KREUL
Donated at the Reunion**



**HL Stimson 1968
Ray Kreul & Bob Weiler**



**HL Stimson 1968
Ray Kreul & Mike Blevins**



**Christmas 1968
Ray Kreul & Butch Peele**



**Christmas 1968
Bob Weiler on left; unnamed on right**

The New York State Submarine Memorial In Ballston Spa NY

The New York State Submariners Memorial is located in the Village of Ballston Spa on Route 50 in a Veterans Park between the Village Library and the Post Office. This Submarine Memorial is the first Memorial dedicated to the Submariners from a State rather than the Submarine they served on. This Memorial contains the listing of 447 New York State Submariners who paid the supreme sacrifice while serving their country in the Silent Service of the U.S. Navy.

The Memorial design starts with a 4 ft. by 8 ft by 10 in. black gem mist stone mounted on a light gray base stone. The front of the Memorial has a header with a set of Dolphins on the left and a World War II Patrol on the right laser etched into the stone. The front has 7 columns of 38 names each. The back has a header of 3 lost boats laser etched representing the boats lost prior to, during and after World War II and 7 columns of 32 names each for a total of 490 possible names.



The link for this memorial is as follows:

<https://www.subvetmemorial.com/sub-vet-memorial.htm>



**25 ft. to scale model of the submarine
U.S.S. Albany SSN-753 mounted on pedestals**

The memorial has walkways that have pavers that can be engraved for submarines/ organizations or anyone that wants to add a paver to the walkways to support the project.

Tom Krauser had a paver engraved for the USS Henry L Stimson SSBN-655 and it is placed in front of the submarine. The Stimson paver is in the 3rd row forward of the rear support and 5th row down.

He also had a paver engraved for himself which is closer to the memorial on the other side of the walk way.



The Eclipse Navigator

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

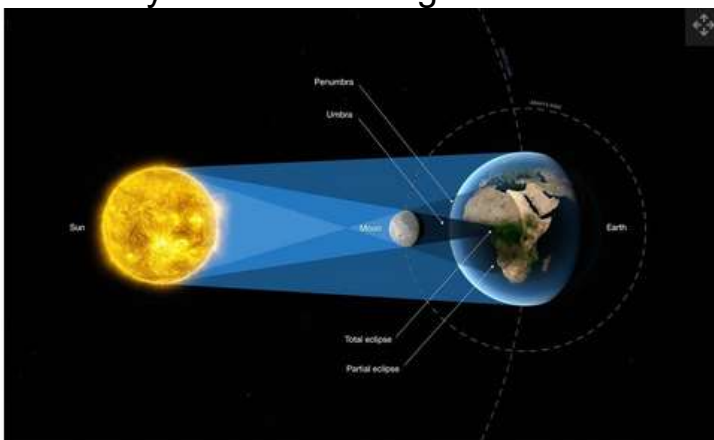
By now you all have returned safely to your homes and communities after celebrating the fellowship of our shipmates from times past in Summerville, SC. I hope you all had a wonderful time and I will be looking forward to our next gathering in 2025.

Connie and I missed this reunion to view the annular eclipse in the southwest on October 14th. We chose Roswell, New Mexico as our viewing location as we have visited there in the past for the UFO festival. And it was in the primary path of the eclipse. You can see from the image below that the optimal viewing area started in Eugene, Oregon and exited the US just southeast of Corpus Christi, Texas.



<https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2023/where-when/>

An annular eclipse is not a total blackout eclipse and reveals an amazing effect called the Bailey's Beads or Ring of Fire:



The big picture explanation

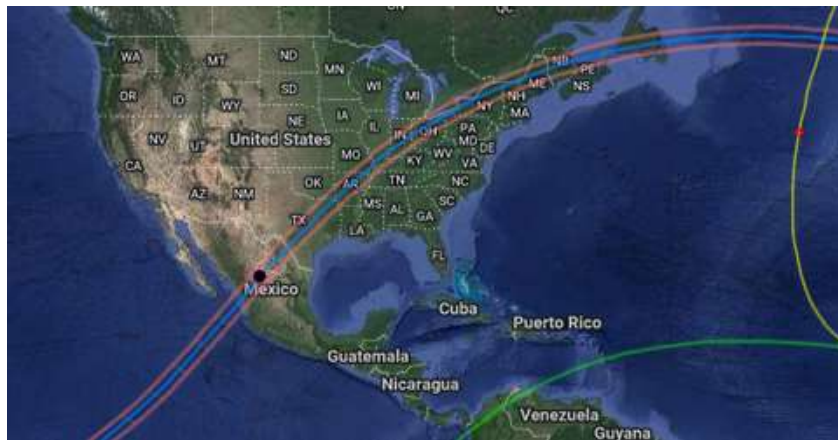


The actual eclipse at the peak moment

I have included some of the pictures we took on the outskirts of Roswell on U.S. Highway 70 (US 70) on October 14th, using our iPhones equipped with solar lenses from American Paper Optics and their Solar Snap app. The next annular eclipse that will be visible from the United States will be Aug. 23, 2044.

<https://youtu.be/oUg22TRWGdI> is a link to a NASA video of the event from start to finish...

But there is another eclipse coming here in the US. On April 8th, 2024 there will be a Total Blackout Eclipse. So why is the 2024 total eclipse so special? The 2024 total solar eclipse is set to be a major event. Totality can last twice as long as in 2017, depending on the observer's location. It's also set to be the longest totality on land for over a decade, so expect eclipse-chasers from around the world to visit the path of totality.



Look at this link for more details on this event:

<https://www.space.com/41552-total-solar-eclipse-2024-guide.html>

US Viewing locations include:

Kerrville, Texas	1:32 p.m. CDT	4 minutes 25 seconds
Fredericksburg, Texas	1:32 p.m. CDT	4 minutes 25 seconds
Dallas, Texas	1:40 p.m. CDT	3 minutes 52 seconds
Idabel, Oklahoma	1:45 p.m. CDT	4 minutes 19 seconds
Russellville, Arkansas	1:49 p.m. CDT	4 minutes 12 seconds
Cape Girardeau, Missouri	1:58 p.m. CDT	4 minutes 7 seconds
Carbondale, Illinois	1:59 p.m. CDT	4 minutes 10 seconds
Bloomington, Indiana	3:04 p.m. EDT	4 minutes 3 seconds
Indianapolis, Indiana	3:06 p.m. EDT	3 minutes 51 seconds
Cleveland, Ohio	3:13 p.m. EDT	3 minutes 50 seconds
Erie, Pennsylvania	3:16 p.m. EDT	3 minutes 43 seconds
Rochester, New York	3:20 p.m. EDT	3 minutes 40 seconds
Montpelier, Vermont	3:27 p.m. EDT	1 minutes 42 seconds
Oakfield, Maine	3:31 p.m. EDT	3 minutes 23 seconds

So if eclipses are of interest to you, and they are amazing to watch, then your chance is coming. I had the chance to see the 2017 eclipse in Denver, NC (a partial) with my oldest granddaughter and she still talks about it today. It's that impressive. But be sure to wear proper eclipse glasses for viewing. It's that important.

//George

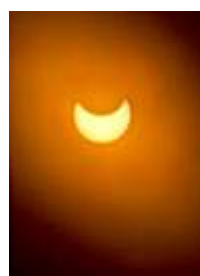
Now for the pictures I promised: (All times in MST Time Zone)



9:12 am



9:41 am



10:01 am



10:24 am



10:36 am



10:41 am (peak)



10:42 am (just past peak)

Hints and Tips on Using Ancestry Programs

Don Ort - Gold/SY1/Blue 69-74 and Tom Krauser - Blue 72-74

This article is to provide our shipmates with some hints and tips on using Ancestry Programs to track their ancestors. We will cover one or two topics each newsletter to help you keep track of your Ancestors. We primarily use Family Tree Maker 2019 (**FTM2019**) and Ancestry.com but the tips should be applicable to many other ancestry programs.

Using Genealogy Programs

This paper discusses primarily Ancestry.com and **FTM2019**, but may be applicable to use of other programs. There are many ancestry programs out there but we do not claim to have any experience with many of those programs. These other programs may be as good as or better than these two programs.

Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com is a service where you pay for a subscription online. The data is stored on their servers, and you have access to a lot of digitized historical records from Ancestry and other sources. You also have access to information uploaded by other subscribers and public family trees.

Don uses **FTM2019** for his tree and does most of his research using “**Family Search**” to bring records into FTM2019. Family Search is a free program provided by “The Church of Jesus Christ of Later-Day Saints” (the Mormon church) that you can use to find ancestors information.

The link to start a free account on Family Search is as follows:

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/united-states/>

Family Search links to **FTM2019** so you can import hints into your tree.

Tom primarily uses **Ancestry.com** to do his research then “**Syncs**” those records with **FTM2019** to keep a local tree on his computer and the two programs up to date with each other.

In **Ancestry.com**, if you do not have a subscription, you can still add records to your tree but your research will be limited.

The following link shows what can be done in **Ancestry.com** with and without a paid membership:

https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Creating-a-Free-Ancestry-Account?language=en_US

There are different plans you can choose depending on where you want to research records from. The Ancestry plans are “U.S. Discovery”, “World Explorer”, “All Access”, and “All Access Family Plan”. Tom has the World Explorer plan because it gives access to records from other countries. The All Access and All Access Family plans includes Newspapers.com and Fold3 (Military Records). Tom had the “All Access” plan but found that the Newspapers.com part had restrictions in Ancestry. So he dropped this plan and went with the “World Explorer” plan. Tom then took out a “separate” subscription from **Newspapers.com** which gave him more features for importing newspaper articles into Ancestry. If access to military records is important, then you may want the “All Access” plans for the “Fold3” military records. If military records are important to you then you can also get a separate subscription to “Fold3” from the following link:

<https://www.fold3.com>

The link below gives a comparison of the plans and the current pricing.

<https://www.ancestry.com/cs/offers/subscribe>

There are several discounts online for Ancestry. AARP gives a discount for the 1st year. This is a one year membership and could be a lot cheaper than the link above.

<https://www.ancestry.com/cs/aarp/members-save>

For AARP members there is a significant discount for 1st year of World Explorer. There are other discounts available. If you are a member of AARP, make sure that you get your AARP membership number added to your Ancestry account. There is a significant savings on the **renewal** subscription using AARP membership. When your renewal comes due make sure they are applying the AARP discount. **It appears the AARP discount is only available for 12 months then cannot be applied to renewals after that.**

The prices shown may only be for the first 6 months and prices may increase after that.

If you have multiple family members maintaining separate trees, and paying for separate subscriptions, you may want to consider the “**All Access Family Plan**”. It says you can have up to five (5) separate accounts for one price. One person takes out an “All Access Family Plan” subscription, then manages up to four (4) other accounts on the plan. They could then “share” the subscription costs with you, so it may be a good deal. You can always “downgrade” later if it does not work out. The person setting up the “All Access Family Plan” is the Manager of the plan and can add or remove other members from the plan. This plan has access to U.S., world records, military records (Fold3) , and Newspapers.com.

Each member sets up their own account with separate login and password and the “Manager” has control of who has the five accounts in the family plan and can add or remove members at any time.

The following link describes the All Access Family Plan:

https://www.ancestry.com/c/offers/family-plan/subscribe?_ga=2.185469994.2006811563.1675954748-1542867018.1675954748

For each Ancestry account you can actually create many different trees under each account. Tom has created separate trees for different people he manages the DNA for. Tom also creates “test” and “research” trees when looking for ancestor links. These trees can be shared out just like the main tree. You can attach a DNA tests you manage to that person in any of the test trees, but, it can only be attached to one tree at a time. For example, Tom attached his father’s half-sister to my “Krauser Family Research Tree” to see if any DNA “cousins” on the Krauser line match up to people added to the research tree.

There are many other genealogy programs available for you to choose from. These are just ones we are familiar with. You want to choose programs that allows you to synchronize (Sync) data between the different programs and lets you use your DNA tests that you and your family have taken. When ordering a DNA test kit make sure you know which programs they can be used with. Not every DNA test kit can be imported into all programs.

Family Tree Maker 2019 (FTM2019)

If you want a genealogy program that stored everything “locally” on your computer in the event you do not want to continue to pay for an online subscription service. We choose **Family Tree Maker 2019 (FTM2019)**. It used to be owned by Ancestry, but Mackiev took it over a few years ago. The 2019 version is the latest version. **FTM2019** runs on your computer, and is a local copy with records stored on the PC hard drive. Tom does all his research on Ancestry, so he is not very familiar with how to actually use **FTM2019** to do research. You can purchase FTM2019 from the following link.

FAMILY TREE MAKER 2019 SOFTWARE WEBSITE

<https://www.mackiev.com/ftm/>

Cost is about \$80 for the download version and \$90 if you want a DVD. There may be cheaper prices elsewhere, but make sure it is **FTM2019** and not an “older” version. This will install on your PC and give you a “local” copy of your information.

Make sure to keep it backed up to and external drive.

Future Newsletters

In future newsletters, Don and Tom will discuss different Hints and Tips on using Ancestry programs.

Also, in this newsletter, Tom added an article in the **Computer Corner** on using “Dual Monitors-Split Screens” for different programs but especially for Ancestry research.