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## USS HENRY L. STIMSON ASSOCIATION SSBN655 NEWSLETTER

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**Wishing each of you a Very  
Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!!!**

### 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,

The planning for the 2021 Reunion continues. There really isn't much to add from what we have posted in the last year. Hopefully there will be no restrictions on travel and we will be past the latest health crisis. The updated reunion sailing list is posted on the reunion section of the web site [www.ssbn655.org](http://www.ssbn655.org). You can visit that site to check on the list to see what

shipmates are attending and for your status. The activities can also be viewed on that page. If you tried to make a new hotel reservation before October they were not accepting any new registrations for next year but they are now available to be made. Anyone who made a hotel reservation before we postponed this years reunion was automatically transferred to next years, the hotel reservations are also available to view on our sailing list. Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and an upcoming Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

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

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



Merry Christmas, like our family I am sure you are thinking about whether the family Christmas gathering will be safe or not. Many Covid outbreaks now happen at these family functions. At the present time we are considering

doing virtual gatherings with other families. My mother-in-law is 96 and we do not feel it is worth the risk of a large family gathering. We will evaluate it closer to Christmas. Please be safe.

The election is over and no matter which candidate you supported I hope we can all work together to try to make our country whole again.

The reunion has been rescheduled for October 13-17 of 2021 hoping that the situation by then will have improved to make the reunion safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Look for Dick's discussion about the 2021 reunion in the newsletter.

Please think about where the 2023 reunion could be and if you would like to explore the possibility of chairing it.

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

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



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

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**From The Editor**

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I recently received an email from a shipmate with

a very interesting statistic.

He did a query on a "test" full copy of USSVI's, "Decklog" database. The query was for all the known living 41 for Freedom boat crew members resident in the "Decklog" database (2017 backup copy). The query selected only those members that have some form of contact info, Address, phone number, and/or Email Address.

**The query returned an astonishing 16536 crew member names! (As of 2017)**

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**BEWARE OF SCAMS and PHISHING (S&P)**

I know we all get tired of hearing this same line all the time...but shipmates there are unscrupulous folks out there that will do anything they can to separate you from your money.

Recently a few of us received an S&P email claiming to be from our Assoc. President, Tom Krauser. Here is the email and it is very obvious it's fake. Look at the email address in the From: line. Look at the wording and language that was used. Finally, who signs their email with their wife's name in parenthesis?

Please know and understand that NO ONE from the Stimson Association will ever solicit money in this manner (gift cards). Read and heed my friends. It is the season!!!

**Subject:** Henry L. Stimson Association 655  
**Date:** Thu, 26 Nov 2020 11:05:56 -0500 (EST)  
**From:** Tom Krauser <[presidenttl@adminbod.co](mailto:presidenttl@adminbod.co)>  
**To:** [655webmaster@ssbn655.org](mailto:655webmaster@ssbn655.org)  
<[655webmaster@ssbn655.org](mailto:655webmaster@ssbn655.org)>

Hello

Are you available to assist? I am unavailable now and I've got credence in you

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**Submarines Lost During the Month of December**

USS CAPELIN (SS-289)	December 2, 1943	1 <sup>st</sup> War Patrol	Lost with all hands – 76 souls
USS SEALION (SS-195)	December 10, 1941	Bombed in Philippine SY	First submarine lost in World War II
			Loss of 5 souls
USS F-1/CARP (SS-20)	December 17, 1917	Collision with USS F3 (SS 22)	Loss of 19 souls
USS S4 (SS-109)	December 17, 1927	Rammed by USCG Paulding	Lost with all hands – 40 souls

Four Boats and 140 Men Lost  
During the Month of December

to take care of this. I would have called your phone but I presently do not have access to my mobile phone.

Henry L. Stimson Association 655 needs some gift cards for donation to Veterans at Hospice and Palliative care units for preventive items from Corona Disease (COVID-19). I am liable for reimbursement. Need more info?

**Tom Krauser (Marie)**

President

Henry L. Stimson Association 655

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**'Twas the Night Before Christmas - Submarine Style!**

Dec 21, 2011355

Holiday Greetings from the U.S. Submarine Force.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KL6uhap\\_KSA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KL6uhap_KSA)

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**Submariner Christmas Poems**

Near the end of the newsletter are several variations of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" along with other related poems. Some are Submarine only but there are some general Navy ones also. I hope you enjoy them.

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**655 Picture:** I have asked if anyone else had the LARGE signed picture that CDR Smith signed and when you thought you received it. Now have another answer to share. I know there's bound to be more of you out there. Just drop me a line and let me know if you have your picture hanging on the wall?

**Simon D. Snyder STCS(SS) G/B 67-74**

I received my picture of the Stimson signed by Captain Smith in Dec of 73. It's hung in my office ever since I retired in Oct. 75.

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**Sharing Pictures with Shipmates:**

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

**[Picture Upload Instructions \(to Dropbox\)](#)**

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**The Lean Submariner**

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

<https://theleansubmariner.com/>

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**Happy Hat Day – 2020 by Mister Mac -**

I was thinking last night how many hats I have worn in the course of my lifetime. I think as a child you wear a lot of hats in the winter time and of course there is the baseball cap in the summer. But for the longest time, I did not want to wear a [...]

[Read more of this post](#)

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**The unluckiest day – Friday the 13th 1942 by Mister Mac -**

Sailors by and large are a very superstitious lot. The things that set a sailing man or woman on edge are as ancient as the sea itself. I am not sure if it is the dangers they know they will face once they are divorced from the shore or just a... [Read more of this post](#)

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**Travel and trade should continue... WHO**

**January 31 2020 by Mister Mac –**

This morning, I had a vision of an elegant cruise ship floating on a glassy sea. I have been working on my sermon for this Sunday and the main topic is from Matthew 25:14–30 Where is your treasure stored? What have you done with your talents? In January of 2020, the fragility of what man [...] [Read more of this post](#)



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

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**NONE REPORTED IN NOVEMBER**

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



## **WELCOME ABOARD: Found & Updated Shipmates**

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

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### **STS1(SS) Regis Krug G 72-75**

(info updated by shipmate)

### **QM1(SS) Robert 'Bob' Monfort B 85-90**

(info updated by shipmate)

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**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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### **Don Ort, MM1(SS) G/SY1 69-74, USSVI**

**Charleston Base**

Cards to: 117 Ponderosa Dr., Ladson SC 29456

**11.26.20:** Don recently had testing done on his heart and found he has quite a bit of blockage and a bad valve. He has an appointment to see the cardiac surgeon 1 Dec to decide the next course of action but it appears that he is headed for open-heart surgery.

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### **George Stevens, MT2(SS) G 68-71**

Cards to: 3025 Winterhaven Dr Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404

**8.6.2020:** Had a heart operation. Made it through OK. Feel like I've been run over by a semi but I survived. No more operations available for this problem. Don't know yet how effective it was. I'm in recovery ... I will be for a bit. A lot of bruising and swelling that needs to get back to normal. Thanks again for all prayers.

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

Cards to: 509 Clubside Cir., Venice FL 34293

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

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

Cards to: 75 Lambeth Drive, Asheville, NC 28803

**07.04.2020:** Friends, We are celebrating Sandy's good report this week. He had his 3-month PET/CT scan on Sunday, June 28. The report was good and sufficient to continue his 3-week Keytruda immunotherapy infusions. We are so blessed that both his oncologists (Pardee and Duke) agreed to continue the Keytruda when the mesothelioma returned last summer. The Keytruda manages and controls this very aggressive cancer and allows a good quality of life. The cancer is still there, but in the new area that we have been so concerned about has decreased from 11.5 SUV in March 2020 to 8.1 SUV currently. No new areas of cancer uptake were noted. We are so grateful for this immunotherapy treatment, for the doctors who manage it, and for our God that holds Sandy firmly in his grip. It is a "glory hallelujah" time at the Hastie home. We only wish we could be together to celebrate; but until then, we will be "together apart" and hold you close in our thoughts and heart. Though it is a challenging time, we think one of the things the pandemic has invited us to, is to allow God to come to us, to allow Him to visit us. We are so blessed!

Until we are next together, keep safe, keep hopeful, keep in touch, and enjoy the concert. God Bless America - Donna and Sandy

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

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

Cards to: 2901 N 81st Place, Scottsdale AZ 85251

**11.7.17 Last Update**

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

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**655 Association Website**

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

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**Editor: Shipmates please click on and read the links to these two stories. Lloyd and Melissa Hyatt have made a WWII Veteran's family very happy with a simple gesture of kindness.**  
**BRAVO ZULU to both Lloyd and Melissa.**

*Submitted by Lloyd Hyatt, MT2(SS) B 73-76*

**Couple discovers, returns WWII veteran's keepsakes to family**

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** – One local couple found some important items belonging to a World War II veteran and vowed to get them to their family member if possible.

"I found the flag; she found the family," Lloyd Hyatt said of his wife, Melissa. [\*\*READ MORE HERE\*\*](#)

**A World War II veteran's burial flag was found in a Florida antique store; now it's finally home with his Massachusetts family**

Posted Oct 04, 2020

**By Ron Chimelis | rchimelis@repub.com**

There was Old Glory, sitting in a grocery store in Florida that also traded in antiques. To Lloyd Hyatt, that just didn't seem right.

"That flag did not belong in there," said Hyatt, a retired U.S. Navy veteran who purchased the flag for \$59.95 — not to keep for himself, but as a first step in its return to its rightful owner.

[\*\*READ MORE HERE\*\*](#)

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*Submitted by George Birmingham, ET1(SS) G 69-74, Assoc. LM, USSVI Holland Club / Carolina Piedmont Base Computer Program Guides and Cheat Sheets*

I received the attached cheat sheet in my e-mail today, and I thought you might find it to be interesting.

I have a subscription to the TradePubs.com site, so I get a lot of these from this company on

various products and topics over time.

Here is information on the site, and how to subscribe. You will need a work e-mail address or a LinkedIn account to subscribe. And the site is not limited to IT only.

The site covers a wide range of industries and topics. And anything you download is also stored in your online library for later retrieval. Pretty useful site.

<https://sf.tradepub.com/?pt=main&page=home.about>

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If you go to the cheat sheet site, located at <https://www.customguide.com/quick-reference>, you can find a lot of free guides,

including some training videos on Microsoft stuff that are really pretty neat. And many of the cheat sheets are free to download. Enjoy!

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

**ANGEL FLIGHT**

The main reason this video is called Angel Flight is visual. When the plane releases its decoy missiles, as is shown in several of the pictures, it creates an Angel shape in the smoke. But it is much more than just visual. See and hear for yourself. Listen to the words of the pilot and the tower, make sure you sit quietly, listen to the very end. This is beautiful. Give thanks. Click here:

[\*\*AngelFlight\*\*](#)

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**U.S. Navy Submarine Service: Requirements to Serve on a Submarine**

**Here's what it takes to serve aboard a U.S. Navy submarine**

BY ROD POWERS Updated September 23, 2019

So you want to know what it's like to be a submariner in the Navy? It will demand a lot out of you no matter what type of submarine you're on, as all of them are powered by a nuclear power plant and require highly educated and qualified personnel to operate these multi-billion-dollar weapon systems. [\*\*READ MORE\*\*](#)

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**The Deep Sea**

By Neal Agarwal

After opening this file, slowly scroll to the bottom. This is an amazing look at life in the ocean at various depths. You'll be surprised at the ending. An interesting video to scroll through for a little knowledge of the depth of our world's oceans. I am sure some of you "old salts" can attest to some knowledge of the pressures involved as you scroll down to the "Challenger Deep". [CLICK HERE](#)



"Where'd I learn to make coffee? Navy. Why?"

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#### 4 Submarines Which Are So Secret, We Do Not Know Their Name

Submarines are shrouded in secrecy. Much of their technology, their missions and their capabilities, are closely guarded secrets. But their mere existence is hard to keep under wraps. So it is no secret that, for example, the U.S. Navy operates the USS Jimmy Carter, arguably the world's most capable spy submarine. The same goes for every navy.

Yet here are four submarines, currently out there in the oceans of the world, whose development has been kept so secret that we do not even know their name. [MORE HERE](#)

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Submitted by David Huckeba, MM1(SS) B 71-75

On December 11, 1941, four days after the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor, the United

States formally entered World War II by way of the European theater. Pearl Harbor's tragedy was America's wakeup call to help England and her allies stop an aggressive move by Nazi Germany to overtake Europe.

But most casual observers do not realize that America already had pilots in the war before our nation's entrance. The war began for England on September 3, 1939 when the Brits realized that Hitler's regime had to be stopped. Although the United States had chosen to remain on the sidelines, several American pilots elected not to comply with the law of neutrality and pledged their lives and loyalty to King George VI.

Joining Britain's Royal Air Force (RAF) in the summer of 1940, these American pilots were excited about flying the fast and sleek Supermarine Spitfire. Billy Fiske, 'The King of Speed,' was an Olympic gold medal bobsledder and became the first to join the RAF. Soon afterward came three other Americans: Vernon 'Shorty' Keogh, standing tall at 4 feet 10 inches, was a stunt pilot and one of America's first professional skydivers.

Andy Mamedoff, son of a White Russian family who had settled in Connecticut in the 1920s, and Eugene Tobin, Mamedoff's friend who took flying lessons at Mine's field (today's Los Angeles International Airport) in the 1930s, joined the RAF because they were convinced that the war would come to America and they did not want to be drafted as grunts. Others soon followed and together they formed the Eagle Squadrons.

Historians say that these pilots did not wait long before seeing action. They were soon plunged headlong into the Battle of Britain—the first military battle in history to be fought solely in the air. The RAF was confronted with Germany's highly sophisticated and well-trained Luftwaffe fighter pilots. The Battle of Britain lasted from July to October 1940 and was won by the RAF. The American pilots were highly praised for their courage, fortitude and talents in the dogfights that led to the control of Britain's airspace and prevented further invasion by the Nazis.

Of the American pilots involved in this historic battle, only one survived: John Haviland, who returned to America to fly with the 141 Squadron

as a flight lieutenant and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He later taught Aeronautics at the University of Virginia and died in July 2002. Fiske, Mamedoff and Keogh were killed in action. Fiske is buried in Sussex and upon his headstone is inscribed: "He died for England."

Winston Churchill said, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few." Mordecai's statement to Queen Esther serves as a powerful summary: "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14 NIV)? Many Americans do not know that without the "so few," World War II may have had a different outcome.

To every veteran who remains with us and to those who are ever in our hearts.



#### VETERANS AFFAIRS - RETIREE INFO - AARP

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

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#### Turning 50? Go Get A Shingles Vaccine

by Barbara Stepko, AARP, October 26, 2020

It's extremely effective, preventing a super-unpleasant infection. So why don't more adults get it?

Shingles is sneaky. It's caused by the same virus as chickenpox, varicella-zoster, which lays dormant for decades in the body, ready to pounce when your immune system is weakened by stress, medication or disease. [READ MORE](#)

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#### Is It a Cold, the Flu or COVID-19?

by Deborah Pike Olsen, AARP, October 28, 2020

Doctors answer the question on the minds of those feeling ill right now

It's understandable if every cough or sniffle brings on fears of COVID-19. After all, the symptoms associated with familiar illnesses, like a

cold and the flu, can also be signs of a coronavirus infection.

And this season, vigilance can be a good thing, since "early intervention leads to a better outcome," says Peter Kuhn, a professor of medicine and engineering at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. [READ MORE](#)

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#### Getting a Flu Shot is more important than ever this year

GEHA | OCTOBER 8, 2020

The flu remains a serious disease in its own right. Influenza vaccinations are always an important tool for fighting the flu during the winter, but getting your flu shot is even more important this fall. [LEARN MORE](#)

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#### Veterans, Gold Star Families: Free Entrance to National Parks and Other Public Lands

Veterans and Gold Star Families will have free access to about 2,000 national parks, wildlife refuges, and other Federal lands starting from this Veterans Day! [LEARN MORE](#)

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#### Medicare Premiums, Deductibles Will Increase Slightly in 2021

AARP-backed congressional action tempered what enrollees would have paid out of pocket by Dena Bunis, **AARP**, November 6, 2020

Medicare premiums and deductibles for Part A and Part B will increase modestly in 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced Friday. Standard monthly premiums for Part B will cost \$3.90 more, rising to \$148.50 in 2021, up from \$144.60 in 2020. Annual Part B deductibles will rise \$5 next year to \$203, up from this year's \$198. [READ MORE](#)

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#### The REAL ID Deadline Is Less Than a Year Away

A traditional driver's license will no longer be accepted for TSA screening  
by Christina Ianzito, **AARP**, Updated November 13, 2020

Starting on Oct. 1, 2021, Real ID will become one of the accepted forms of identification travelers will need to use to get through airport security under the federal Real ID law. You can

alternately use certain federal documents, such as a passport or permanent resident card, but a traditional driver's license will no longer pass muster at Transportation Security Authority (TSA) screenings before commercial flights, or for entering certain federal facilities. [READ MORE](#)

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## **Code Platoon Offers Coding Bootcamp for Veterans**

Veterans and their spouses can train to become professional, certified software developers with Code Platoon's Coding Bootcamp, an immersive, hands-on training program with job placement opportunities as a web developer upon graduation. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## **VA, Federal Partners Plan for COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution**

Nov. 17, 2020, 01:20:00 PM

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today it is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal partners to develop a comprehensive COVID-19 vaccine plan to ensure VA safely and equitably distributes vaccines once authorized.

The plan will be a phased approach based on scientific and historical evidence, lessons learned from past pandemic vaccine plans and input from scientific experts both within and outside VA. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## **When COVID-19 Vaccine Comes, VA Will be Ready**

Posted on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 12:00 pm

Planning is underway at VA to deliver a COVID-19 vaccine when one becomes available. VA is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop a phased plan based on five core ethical pillars: safety, maximizing the benefit of the vaccine, equity, fairness and transparency.

Veteran and employee safety remain our #1 priority. The plan takes into consideration a number of risk factors, including risks of acquiring infection, severe illness and death if infected, and transmitting the disease, as well as the risk to

essential workers, including health care personnel. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## **Find a VA Facility near you.**

Find a VA location or in-network community care provider. For same-day care for minor illnesses or injuries, select Urgent care for facility type. [FACILITY LOCATOR](#)

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## **Six Ways to Treat Lower Back Pain**

GEHA | NOVEMBER 11, 2020

Here are several ways to treat lower back pain in the muscular system.

Lower back pain is a common occurrence. No age group or demographic is immune. The pain can be a dull ache or a sharp, shooting pain. It can develop as a result of lifting something heavy or doing too strenuous of an exercise. Sometimes, it may appear for seemingly no reason at all.

[LEARN MORE](#)

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## **11 Myths and Truths About Veterans Burial Benefits**

Dignity Memorial Magazine: November 2020

Veterans have made important sacrifices for our country, and they deserve to be honored and remembered for their service. As a veteran, you and your loved one may qualify for burial benefits through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). However, there are many misconceptions about these benefits, so it's important to understand what they include, who qualifies and how to request them.

Here are the most common myths about VA funeral and burial benefits and some truths.

[LEARN MORE](#)

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## **Funeral Planning Checklist**

Dignity Memorial Magazine: November 2020

What to do when someone dies: a funeral planning checklist

We know how difficult losing a family member or friend is and how overwhelmed you can feel. The responsibility of funeral planning can be challenging, but Dignity Memorial® professionals have extensive experience working with people in the midst of grief.

When someone dies, there are many decisions

to make: where to hold the funeral or memorial service, whether to have a traditional funeral or a modern celebration of life, whether traditional burial or cremation is more fitting, which funeral home to choose and so much more. There's a lot to consider, and your funeral planning adviser will guide you every step of the way, assisting you with all the details of a memorial service or burial. You can also use the following funeral checklists to help guide you. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## VA Priority Groups

Find out what VA priority groups are, how they work, and how they may affect you.

### What are VA priority groups and how do they affect me?

When you apply for VA health care, we'll assign you to 1 of 8 priority groups. This system helps to make sure that Veterans who need care right away can get signed up quickly. It also helps to make sure we can provide high quality care to all Veterans enrolled in the VA health care program.

#### Your priority group may affect:

- ◆ How soon we sign you up for health care benefits, **and**

How much (if anything) you'll have to pay toward the cost of your care [Learn more about your health care costs](#) [View current VA copay rates](#)

### What factors will VA use to assign me to a priority group?

We'll base your priority group on:

- ◆ Your military service history, **and**
  - ◆ Your disability rating, **and**
  - ◆ Your income level, **and**
  - ◆ Whether or not you qualify for Medicaid, **and**
- Other benefits you may be receiving (like VA pension benefits)

We assign Veterans with service-connected disabilities the highest priority. We assign the lowest priority to Veterans who earn a higher income and who don't have any service-connected disabilities qualifying them for disability compensation (monthly payments).

If you qualify for more than one priority group, we'll assign you to the highest one.

### Priority group 1

We may assign you to priority group 1 if any of

the below descriptions are true. You:

- ◆ Have a service-connected disability that we've rated as 50% or more disabling, **or**
- ◆ Have a service-connected disability that we've concluded makes you unable to work (also called unemployable), **or**

Received the Medal of Honor (MOH)

### Priority group 2

We may assign you to priority group 2 if you have a service-connected disability that we've rated as 30% or 40% disabling.

### Priority group 3

We may assign you to priority group 3 if any of the below descriptions are true. You:

- ◆ Are a former prisoner of war (POW), **or**
- ◆ Received the Purple Heart medal, **or**
- ◆ Were discharged for a disability that was caused by—or got worse because of—your active-duty service, **or**
- ◆ Have a service-connected disability that we've rated as 10% or 20% disabling, **or**

Were awarded special eligibility classification under Title 38, U.S.C § 1151, "benefits for individuals disabled by treatment or vocational rehabilitation"

### Priority group 4

We may assign you to priority group 4 if either of the below descriptions is true. You:

- ◆ Are receiving VA aid and attendance or housebound benefits, **or**
- Have received a VA determination of being catastrophically disabled

### Priority group 5

We may assign you to priority group 5 if any of the below descriptions are true. You:

- ◆ Don't have a service-connected disability, or you have a non-compensable service-connected disability that we've rated as 0% disabling, **and** you have an annual income level that's below our adjusted income limits (based on your resident zip code), **or**
  - ◆ Are receiving VA pension benefits, **or**
- Are eligible for Medicaid programs

### Priority group 6

We may assign you to priority group 6 if any of the below descriptions are true. You:

- ◆ Have a compensable service-connected disability that we've rated as 0% disabling, **or**

- ♦ Were exposed to ionizing radiation during atmospheric testing or during the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, **or**
- ♦ Participated in Project 112/SHAD, **or**
- ♦ Served in the Republic of Vietnam between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, **or**
- ♦ Served in the Persian Gulf War between August 2, 1990, and November 11, 1998, **or**  
Served on active duty at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987

We may also assign you to priority group 6 if you meet all of the requirements listed below.

You:

- ♦ Are currently or newly enrolled in VA health care, **and**
- ♦ Served in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998, or were discharged from active duty on or after January 28, 2003, **and**  
Were discharged less than 5 years ago

**Note:** As a returning combat Veteran, you're eligible for these enhanced benefits for 5 years after discharge. At the end of this enhanced enrollment period, we'll assign you to the highest priority group you qualify for at that time.

#### Priority group 7

We may assign you to priority group 7 if both of the below descriptions are true for you:

- ♦ Your gross household income is below the geographically adjusted income limits (GMT) for where you live, **and**

You agree to pay copays [View current copay rates](#)

#### Priority group 8

We may assign you to priority group 8 if both of the below descriptions are true for you:

- ♦ Your gross household income is above VA income limits and geographically adjusted income limits for where you live, **and**

You agree to pay copays [View current copay rates](#)

If you're assigned to priority group 8, your eligibility for VA health care benefits will depend on which subpriority group we place you in.

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

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**Something To Think About!***

A while back I read a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country.

The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast:

"Lord, I hate buttermilk," the farmer began.

The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour.

The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added,

"But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits."

"Amen"

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

**WHITE CHRISTMAS** by the US NAVY BAND

An UPBEAT 3 minute video of

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPAqyC6GMw8>

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

2 minute video of PO1 Generald Wilson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAXHr0qccvE>

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An old Doberman starts chasing rabbits and before long, discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a young lion

heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old Doberman thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in pretty deep now! Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat

Just as the lion is about to leap, the old Doberman exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious lion! I wonder, if there are any more around here?

Hearing this, the young lion halts his attack in mid-stride, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!", says the lion, "That was close! That old Doberman nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the lion. So, off he goes.

The squirrel soon catches up with the lion, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the lion. The young lion is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old Doberman sees the lion coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?", but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet.

Just when they get close enough to hear, the old Doberman says, "Where's that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another lion!"

### **Moral of This Story**

Don't mess with the old dogs. Age and

skill will always overcome youth and treachery! Brilliance only comes with age and experience.

If you don't send this to two 'old' goats right away, there will be two fewer people laughing in the world.

Of course, I am in no way insinuating that you are old, just youthfully challenged. You did notice the difference in the size of the print right?



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

### **Keyboard shortcuts in Windows**

As Windows users, we all have certain things we do every day. Often we spend a lot of time with the mouse opening menu bars, and one or

more mouse clicks which take our hands off the keyboard, thus increasing our arm motions, and finger work to perform mouse clicking. As we get older, that takes a toll on our limbs in one way or another. And when the mouse sometimes clicks on something other than what we intended, it's just more work to get back to where we want to go.

So what if we could create our own keyboard shortcuts to make our lives easier and more productive? Well, you are in luck. Windows has a significant number of built-in shortcuts, many of which you may already be familiar with, and some you may not have seen before.

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/12445/windows-keyboard-shortcuts>

And you can also create your own custom shortcuts for frequently used apps.

<https://www.laptopmag.com/articles/create-keyboard-shortcuts-windows-10>

As this is our December 2020 column, then it's time to wish all of you, and your families, a very Merry Christmas!!! It is time to put 2020 in our rearview mirrors. Let us hope that the new year is a kinder, gentler year for all of us.

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\\_ssbn@bellsouth.net](mailto:subvet_ssbn@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

### **Computer Corner Additional**

#### **The faces you see on the Internet and on Social Media sites may not be real.**

In the movie "The Recruit", Instructor Walter Burke (played by Al Pacino) says to Recruit James Clayton (played by Colin Farrell) - "Nothing is what it seems."

Sadly, this may be closer to truth than we are willing to admit.

In a case of fact is stranger than fiction, consider this - the face you see on Facebook, some "company" websites, or in similar places may not be real (people).

Here's an article from The New York Times that tells a rather eerie tale of deception- <https://www.yahoo.com/news/faces-real-195014606.html> - and should make us wary of embracing computer artificial intelligence (or lack thereof) too quickly.

The site - ThisPersonDoesNotExist.com mentioned in the article appears to be based in Canada.

The site - Generated.Photos mentioned in the site is based in Wilmington, Delaware

If 2020, by itself, has not already made us super wary of what is going around us, this won't make it any easier... Strange stuff indeed...

### **WWII Submarine Veterans Honored At Kings Bay**

(BRUNSWICK 07 NOV 20) ... Gordon Jackson ST. MARYS, Ga. -- This could have been the year when no World War II submarine veterans would attend the annual ceremony held Friday in their honor at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.

But the COVID-19 pandemic didn't stop three WWII submarine veterans and three widows from attending.

Unlike other years when as many as 1,500 submarine veterans from all eras have been present at the event, health and safety was a strong consideration.

Masks were required and social distancing limited the audience to 45.

Rear Adm. John Spencer, commander of Submarine Group Ten and keynote speaker, called the ceremony at Kings Bay the nation's best to honor submarine veterans.

Spencer said it was his third WWII ceremony at Kings Bay. It took a lot of work and planning so it could be held this year.

"It's important to them we have this ceremony," he said.

Spencer said WWII veterans set the high standards held by today's sailors serving on submarines.

"It's an honor to carry on that legacy and an obligation to carry it on," he said. "Their legacy is legendary."

Before the attack on Pearl Harbor, Spencer said submarines were considered a secondary

asset and battleships the most important line of defense on the seas.

"We weren't considered a factor," he said. "The Navy thought battleships would play a major role." A major mistake during the attack by the Japanese was not attacking the submarine piers at Pearl Harbor. That enabled the Navy to use submarines as a tactical weapon.

"It was the submarine force that went to the fight immediately," he said.

Though the submarine fleet made up less than 2 percent of the Navy, the boats were responsible for sinking more than half of the enemy's fleet during the war. The submarine force also suffered the highest casualty rate of any other military group during the war.

"We inherited this legacy from you. We are honored to carry on that tradition," Spencer told the veterans.

Submarines still play a vital role in security across the world because of their stealth. The base is making preparations for the arrival of the first Columbia-class submarines. Spencer said the first four will be ported at Kings Bay.

"We're excited about another class of submarines," he said.

Spencer praised the current generation of sailors serving on submarines for the hard work and creativity needed to ensure they remain healthy during a pandemic.

"We had to keep up with submarine deployments in the midst of a pandemic," he said. "We didn't have that option. We had to make it work."

After Spencer's speech, a wreath in memory of the Navy veterans who have lost their lives aboard submarines since 1915 was carried to the front of the stage as the audience stood.

The ceremony continued with the "Tolling of the Boats" ceremony, where the names of every lost Navy submarine was named, along with the number of casualties, and, if known, the cause. In most instances, the only information was all hands were lost with no idea how the boats sunk.

A bell was also tolled for the 83 Royal British Navy submarines, and the 3,142 crew members who died during WWII.

<https://www.stripes.com/news/navy/wwii-submarine-veterans-honored-at-kings-bay-1.651344>

**Returning Barb To The Fleet Is Long Overdue**  
*(DEFENSE & AEROSPACE REPORT 02 NOV 20)* ... Vago Muradianvago's Notebook

Other Historic Names Must Rejoin the Sub Force

For most of the history of the US Navy's Submarine Force, boats have been named for fish.

During World War II, the 252 subs like Tang, Tautog, Flasher, Wahoo, Harder, Silversides, Archerfish, Torsk others that constituted the sub force stood as a fraction of a percent of the US Navy, but sank half of Imperial Japan's merchant tonnage.

The men who commanded those boats, like Gene Fluckey, Richard O'Kane, Creed Burlingame, Bill Brockman, Mush Morton, Sam Dealey, Mo Rindsopf became national heroes for their exemplary courage by taking the war literally to Japan's doorstep, losing a fifth of their number.

After that war, a new generation of nuclear submarines carried the names of those illustrious ships, channeling their heritage for a new generation of sailors during their extraordinary exploits during the decades-long confrontation with the Soviet Union.

All that ended in the mid-1970s when Adm. Hyman Rickover, the father of the Nuclear Navy and powerful head of Naval Reactors, decided that the service's new Los Angeles-class fast attack submarines would instead be named for cities because "fish don't vote."

That may be the case, but for a force that can't disclose what it does because of the extreme secrecy that surrounds operations, an ability to tell stories through their rich past is critically important.

After garnering kudos for naming America's new class of heaviest-ever frigates after the legendary USS Constellation — one of the nation's original six heavy frigates — Navy Secretary Ken Braithwaite was on the mark by naming the latest Virginia-class submarine for Barb and Fluckey would be pleased that the new

ship will be fitted with the Virginia Payload Module that will allow it to hurl rockets at a future enemy.

It was in 1945 that Fluckey fitted his ship with rockets to allow him to attack Japanese shore installations and landed sailors who booby trapped a key rail line, killing Imperial troops in an action that became the only US ground combat operation on Japan's home islands during the war.

It's time the Navy continues this tradition and brings back other historic names to the submarine force.

Those who served aboard nuclear submarines named for their illustrious World War II predecessors all note the pride what that heritage represented. Each of those boats carried aboard them the flags their namesakes flew in battle, tangible touchstones that instilled pride and esprit de corps in their crews.

And their World War II exploits, now declassified, allowed the Navy to tell the story of the submarine force that would otherwise be impossible. Consider that only two submarine operations from the thousands of patrols conducted during the Cold War and since have been declassified.

On this score, the Royal Navy should, as it often does, serve as a excellent model.

Britain consistently revisits historic names, with new ships bearing the right to carry on their quarter decks carved wooden plaques with the names of the battles like named ships have fought. It certainly instills pride in a crew when they read Armada, Trafalgar, Jutland, North Atlantic, or Operation Telic. You can't visit Dreadnought, Vanguard or Monmouth without feeling a tangible connection to a historic past. Each of these ships is paired with counties, cities and towns, allowing a much wider political connection to citizens who may never see the ships firsthand.

With Barb on the way, she hopefully will be joined by other deadly fish that prowled the waters of the Western Pacific where a new generation of American submariners will be spending the overwhelming bulk of their time.

<https://defaeroreport.com/2020/11/02/returning-barb-to-the-fleet-is-long-overdue/>

## **SECNAV Names Two Future Virginia-class Submarines Tang, Wahoo**

USS Tang (SSN 805) and USS Wahoo (SSN 806) will carry the names of two storied World War II submarines.

The success in battle both previous namesakes endured will undoubtedly bring great pride to the future crews of USS Tang and USS Wahoo, said Braithwaite. Along with the previously named USS Barb (SSN 804), these boats will honor the strong traditions and heritage of the silent service.

This will be the third time that the name Tang and Wahoo will be used for U.S. Navy submarines.

USS Tang (SS-306) was a Balao-class submarine and the first U.S. Navy ship to bear the name Tang, a surgeon fish popular in the waters of the Pacific Ocean. She was built and launched in 1943, and under the command of Lt. Cmdr. Richard H. Kane, she was credited with sinking five enemy ships during the boat's first war patrol. In her five patrols, Tang is credited with sinking 31 ships, totaling 227,800 tons and damaging two for 4,100 tons. Tang received four battle stars and two Presidential Unit Citations for her service during WWII, and Kane received the Medal of Honor for Tang's final, heroic actions.

A second USS Tang (SS-563), the first ship in the Navy's Tang-class of Diesel submarines, was commissioned in October 1951. She was among the first post-WWII submarines designed under the Greater Underwater Propulsion Power Program (GUPPY). She went on to complete multiple patrols supporting the Vietnam War, and later became a training vessel in Groton, Connecticut, before decommissioning in February 1980. Tang earned four battle stars for service in Vietnamese waters.

USS Wahoo (SS-238) was a Gato-class submarine and the first U.S. Navy ship to be named for the wahoo fish, a scombrid fish found worldwide in tropical and subtropical seas. Construction on the submarine started before the U.S. entered WWII, and commissioned after the U.S. entered the war. On October 11, 1943, Wahoo, under the command of the renowned Lt.

Cmdr. Dudley Walker Morton, was sunk with all 79 hands onboard by air and surface attack as she was attempting to exit the Sea of Japan via LaPerouse Strait. At the time of her loss, Wahoo was the most storied boat in the fleet. In her seven war patrols, she earned six battle stars and a Presidential Unit Citation. The boat would be credited with sinking 20 Japanese ships, 19 of them during her last five war patrols. Morton was later awarded the Navy Cross and the destroyer USS Morton (DD-948) was named in his honor.

The second USS Wahoo (SS-565), a Tang-class submarine, was commissioned on Memorial Day in 1952. After training exercises in the waters off the Hawaiian Islands, Wahoo embarked on tours of duty in the western Pacific as part of Seventh Fleet. She then completed two tours of duty in support of the Vietnam War and was decommissioned in June 1980. Wahoo was also recognized for her actions in Vietnamese waters.

Rules for giving certain types of names to certain types of Navy ships have evolved over time. Attack submarines, for example, were once named for fish, then later for cities and states. However, Braithwaite supports naming future submarines after past vessels with historic naval legacies.

"Naming Virginia class submarines is a unique opportunity to reclaim submarine names that carry inspirational records of achievement," Braithwaite added.

Attack submarines are designed to seek and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships; project power ashore with Tomahawk cruise missiles and Special Operation Forces (SOF); carry out Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions; support battle group operations; and engage in mine warfare.

## Old Sub Reactor Leaves Puget Sound To New Home Where It Will Spend The Next 1,000 Years

(KITSAP SUN 09 NOV 20) ... Josh Farley  
BREMERTON — The packaged reactor compartment of the former USS Narwhal submarine floated out of Sinclair Inlet this past month, bound for an Eastern Washington ditch where it will spend the next 1,000 years or so.

It's a yearly rite for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, the only place in the world that can recycle the Navy's nuclear-powered submarines. And while most of the submarine's steel and scrap go to companies that bid pennies on the pound for it, the reactor compartment is packaged and remains intact during an estimated millennium of radioactive decay.

The ex-Narwhal, a Cold War-era submarine known for its stealth, was packed up like the 135 or so submarines had been before, sealed in steel 3/4-inch thick on all sides.

On Oct. 13, the barge moved out, traversing Puget Sound to the Strait of Juan de Fuca before journeying down Washington's coast. It then trekked up the Columbia River all the way to the Port of Benton, where a massive truck took it about 26 more miles to what's known as the Hanford site's "218-E-12B Burial Ground," managed by the U.S. Department of Energy.

"For most of the next millennium the reactor compartment package will effectively isolate the radioactivity and other materials ... from the environment," the Navy's "Green Book" says about the process.

"Well done to the entire docking crew on this evolution! Your dedication to excellence is unmatched," stated Capt. Dianna Wolfson, commander of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, said in SALUTE, the shipyard's trade publication. "Appreciate you knocking it out of the park again." <https://www.kitsapsun.com/story/news/2020/11/09/ex-narwhal-reactor-leaves-shipyard-new-home-next-1-000-years/6220464002/>

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**Rare Rollin' Wood**

Between the 1920s and 1950s, long before the contemporary SUV was ever a sparkle in the designer's eye, the go to vehicle for utilitarian business and family use was the station wagon. Since automobiles evolved from the old horse drawn wagons, these handy vehicles began to appear with wooden bodies on an automobile frame. The earliest of these were called depot hacks –a designation that was superseded by the term station wagon owing to their common use as

a transport from rail stations to the final destinations of the travelers. Station wagons covered in wood are commonly called woodies now, and the most common of the wood station wagons were mostly Fords. But there were woodies of all brand names in the heyday of these cars, and some of the wood adorned cars were not wagons. Convertibles, hardtops, and sedans—even a few heavy duty vehicles—were available in wood covered models. Not to ignore the popular Ford models, which nearly everyone loves, this is a presentation of some of the rarest woodies from the 30s to the 50s—cars that often are sold at auctions for prices exceeding \$100,000.

Which one WOOD be your favorite?

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Member at Large

### THE OLD DENTED BUCKET

Faith is not about everything turning out ok; it's about being ok no matter how things turn out.

Our house was directly across the street from the clinic entrance of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. We lived downstairs and rented the upstairs rooms to out-patients at the clinic.

One summer evening as I was fixing supper, there was a knock at the door. I opened it to see a truly awful looking man. "Why, he's hardly taller than my 8-year-old," I thought as I stared at the stooped, shriveled body. But the appalling thing was his face, lopsided from swelling, red and raw.

Yet his voice was pleasant as he said, "good evening. I've come to see if you've a room for just one night. I came for a treatment this morning from the eastern shore, and there's no bus 'till morning."

He told me he'd been hunting for a room since noon but with no success, no one seemed to have a room. "I guess it's my face .... I know it looks terrible, but my doctor says with a few more treatments..."

For a moment I hesitated, but his next words convinced me: "I could sleep in this rocking chair on the porch. My bus leaves early in the morning."

I told him we would find him a bed, but to rest on the porch.. I went inside and finished getting supper. When we were ready, I asked the old man if he would join us. "No, thank you. I have plenty." and he held up a brown paper bag.

When I had finished the dishes, I went out on the porch to talk with him a few minutes. It didn't take a long time to see that this old man had an oversized heart crowded into that tiny body. He told me he fished for a living to support his daughter, her 5 children, and her husband, who was hopelessly crippled from a back injury.

He didn't tell it by way of complaint; in fact, every other sentence was preface with a thanks to God for a blessing. He was grateful that no pain accompanied his disease, which was apparently a form of skin cancer. He thanked God for giving him the strength to keep going...

At bedtime, we put a camp cot in the children's room for him. When I got up in the morning, the bed linens were neatly folded and the little man was out on the porch.

He refused breakfast, but just before he left for his bus, haltingly, as if asking a great favor, he said, "Could I please come back and stay the next time I have a treatment? I won't put you out a bit. I can sleep fine in a chair." he paused a moment and then added, "your children made me feel at home. Grownups are bothered by my face, but children don't seem to mind."

I told him he was welcome to come again.

And, on his next trip, he arrived a little after 7 in the morning. As a gift, he brought a large fresh fish and a quart of the largest oysters I had ever seen! He said he had shucked them that morning before he left so that they'd be nice and fresh. I knew his bus left at 4:00 a.m. And I wondered what time he had to get up in order to do this for us.

In the years he came to stay overnight with us, there was never a time that he did not bring us fish or oysters or vegetables from his garden. Other times we received packages in the mail, always by special delivery; fish and oysters packed in a box of fresh young spinach or kale, every leaf carefully washed. Knowing that he must walk 3 miles to mail these, and knowing how little money he had made the gifts doubly precious.

When I received these little remembrances, I often thought of a comment our next-door neighbor made after he left that first morning. "Did you keep that awful looking man last night? I turned him away! You can lose roomers by putting

up such people!"

Maybe we did lose roomers once or twice. But, oh!, if only they could have known him, perhaps their illnesses would have been easier to bear. I know our family always will be grateful to have known him; from him we learned what it was to accept the bad without complaint and the good with gratitude to God.

Recently while visiting a friend, who has a greenhouse, as she showed me her flowers, we came to the most beautiful one of all, a golden chrysanthemum, bursting with blooms. But to my great surprise, it was growing in an old dented, rusty bucket. I thought to myself, "if this were my plant, I'd put it in the loveliest container I had!"

My friend changed my mind. "I ran short of flower pots," she explained, "and knowing how beautiful this one would be, I thought it wouldn't mind starting out in this old pail. It's just for a little while, till I can put it out in the garden."

She must have wondered why I laughed so delightedly, but I was imagining just such a scene in heaven.

"Here's an especially beautiful one," God might have said when he came to the soul of the sweet old fisherman. "He won't mind starting in this small body."

All this happened long ago - and now, in God's garden, how tall this lovely soul must stand. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7b)

Friends are very special. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear and they share a word of praise. Show your friends how much you care.

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## HISTORY OF THE CAR RADIO

Seems like cars have always had radios, but they didn't. Here's the story:

One evening, in 1929, two young men named William Lear and Elmer Wavering drove their girlfriends to a lookout point high above the Mississippi River town of Quincy, Illinois, to watch the sunset. It was a romantic night to be sure, but one of the women observed that it would be even

nicer if they could listen to music in the car. Lear and Wavering liked the idea. Both men had tinkered with radios (Lear served as a radio operator in the U.S. Navy during World War I and it wasn't long before they were taking apart a home radio and trying to get it to work in a car.

But it wasn't easy: automobiles have ignition switches, generators, spark plugs, and other electrical equipment that generate noisy static interference, making it nearly impossible to listen to the radio when the engine was running.

One by one, Lear and Wavering identified and eliminated each source of electrical interference. When they finally got their radio to work, they took it to a radio convention in Chicago.

There they met Paul Galvin, owner of Galvin Manufacturing Corporation.

He made a product called a "battery eliminator", a device that allowed battery-powered radios to run on household AC current.

But as more homes were wired for electricity, more radio manufacturers made AC-powered radios.

Galvin needed a new product to manufacture. When he met Lear and Wavering at the radio convention, he found it. He believed that mass-produced, affordable car radios had the potential to become a huge business.

Lear and Wavering set up shop in Galvin's factory, and when they perfected their first radio, they installed it in his Studebaker.

Then Galvin went to a local banker to apply for a loan. Thinking it might sweeten the deal, he had his men install a radio in the banker's Packard.

Good idea, but it didn't work – Half an hour after the installation, the banker's Packard caught on fire. (They didn't get the loan.)

Galvin didn't give up. He drove his Studebaker nearly 800 miles to Atlantic City to show off the radio at the 1930 Radio Manufacturers Association convention.

Too broke to afford a booth, he parked the car outside the convention hall and cranked up the radio so that passing conventioneers could hear it. That idea worked -- He got enough orders to put the radio into production.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

That first production model was called the 5T71.

Galvin decided he needed to come up with something a little catchier. In those days many companies in the phonograph and radio businesses used the suffix "ola" for their names - *Radiola*, *Columbiola*, and *Victrola* were three of the biggest.

Galvin decided to do the same thing, and since his radio was intended for use in a motor vehicle, he decided to call it the *Motorola*.

But even with the name change, the radio still had problems: When Motorola went on sale in 1930, it cost about \$110 uninstalled, at a time when you could buy a brand-new car for \$650, and the country was sliding into the Great Depression.

(By that measure, a radio for a new car would cost about \$3,000 today.)

In 1930, it took two men several days to put in a car radio -- The dashboard had to be taken apart so that the receiver and a single speaker could be installed, and the ceiling had to be cut open to install the antenna.

These early radios ran on their own batteries, not on the car battery, so holes had to be cut into the floorboard to accommodate them.

The installation manual had eight complete diagrams and 28 pages of instructions. Selling complicated car radios that cost 20 percent of the price of a brand-new car wouldn't have been easy in the best of times, let alone during the Great Depression –

Galvin lost money in 1930 and struggled for a couple of years after that. But things picked up in 1933 when Ford began offering Motorola's pre-installed at the factory.

In 1934 they got another boost when Galvin struck a deal with B.F. Goodrich Tire Company to sell and install them in its chain of tire stores.

By then the price of the radio, with installation included, had dropped to \$55. The Motorola car radio was off and running. (The name of the company would be officially changed from Galvin Manufacturing to "Motorola" in 1947.)

In the meantime, Galvin continued to develop

new uses for car radios. In 1936, the same year that it introduced push-button tuning; it also introduced the Motorola Police Cruiser, a standard car radio that was factory preset to a single frequency to pick up police broadcasts.

In 1940 he developed the first handheld two-way radio -- The Handy-Talkie -- for the U. S. Army.

A lot of the communications technologies that we take for granted today were born in Motorola labs in the years that followed World War II.

In 1947 they came out with the first television for under \$200.

In 1956 the company introduced the world's first pager; in 1969 came the radio and television equipment that was used to televise Neil Armstrong's first steps on the Moon.

In 1973 it invented the world's first handheld cellular phone.

Today Motorola is one of the largest cell phone manufacturers in the world.

And it all started with the car radio.

Whatever happened to the two men who installed the first radio in Paul Galvin's car?

Elmer Wavering and William Lear ended up taking very different paths in life.

Wavering stayed with Motorola. In the 1950's he helped change the automobile experience again when he developed the first automotive alternator, replacing inefficient and unreliable generators. The invention lead to such luxuries as power windows, power seats, and, eventually, air-conditioning.

Lear also continued inventing. He holds more than 150 patents. Remember eight-track tape players? Lear invented that.

But what he's really famous for are his contributions to the field of aviation. He invented radio direction finders for planes, aided in the invention of the autopilot, designed the first fully automatic aircraft landing system, and in 1963 introduced his most famous invention of all, the Lear Jet, the world's first mass-produced, affordable business jet. Not bad for a guy who dropped out of school after the eighth grade.

*Sometimes it is fun to find out how some of the many things that we take for granted actually came into being!*

### **A Submarine Christmas Poem**

'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived in a crowd,  
In a 40 man berthing, with shipmates snoring so loud.  
I came down the sail with presents to give,  
And to see just who in this undersea boat did now live.  
I looked all about, a strange sight did I see,  
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.  
No stockings were hung, just a 'poopy suit' close at hand,  
On the bulkhead hung pictures of a far distant land.  
He had medals and badges and awards from far and wide,  
But one in particular my eye did soon find.  
Why, they were Dolphins, with a tiny submarine...pinned on with pride,  
Then a sobering thought did come to my mind.  
For this place was different, it was so dark and dreary,  
I had found the home of a Sub Sailor, once I could see clearly.  
The Sailor lay sleeping, silent and alone,  
Curled up in his rack, dreaming of home.  
The face was so gentle, the berthing in good order,  
Not how I pictured a U. S. Submarine Sailor.  
Was this the hero whom I saw on TV?  
Defending his country so we all could be free?  
I realized the families that I've seen this cold night,  
Owed their lives to these Sailors who were willing to fight.  
Soon, 'round the world the children would play,  
And grownups would celebrate a new Christmas Day.  
They all enjoyed freedom each day of the year  
Because of these Sailors, like the one lying here.  
I couldn't help but wonder how many lay alone,  
On a cold Christmas Eve, under sea, far from home.  
The very thought made me pause and brought a tear to my eye,  
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.  
The Sailor awakened and I heard a gruff voice,  
"Santa, don't cry for me; this life is my choice."

I'll defend the seas on this day  
And let others rejoice."

The Sailor rolled over and drifted to sleep,  
I couldn't control it, I started to weep.  
I kept watch then for hours, silent and still,  
And we both shivered a bit from the night's aching chill.  
I didn't want to leave, on that dreary, cold night,  
This Guardian of Honor, so willing to fight.  
Then the Sailor rolled over and with a voice soft and pure,  
Whispered, "Carry on, Santa, it's Christmas Day... all's secure."  
Author: Unknown

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### **T'was the Night Before Christmas-Submarine Style**

T'was the night before Christmas, and what no-one could see,  
The men with the dolphins were under the sea.  
Most of the crew was flat on their backs,  
Snoring and dreaming all snug in their racks.  
Those men on watch were making their rounds,  
Some manning the planes or listening for sounds.  
Back in maneuvering or down in the room,  
They all hoped the oncoming watch would come soon.  
I'd finished some PM's whose time was now due,  
And hoped for some sleep, even an hour or two.  
Against better judgment I took a short stroll,  
And found myself wandering into control.  
The Nav had the Conn, the COW was in place,  
The COB had the Dive and a scowl on his face.  
The helm and the planes were relaxed but aware,  
The QM and ET were discussing a dare.  
To comply with the orders the Nav told the Dive,  
To bring the boat up with minimum rise.  
The orders were given and soon they were there,  
At periscope depth with a scope in the air.  
The QM confirmed our position with care,  
The broadcast was copied, we brought in some air.  
The Nav on the scope let out a small cry,  
He shook his head twice and rubbed at his eyes.  
He looked once again to find what it was,  
That interrupted his sweep and caused him to pause.  
Try as he might there was nothing to see,

So down went the scope and us to the deep.  
I asked what it was that caused his dismay,  
He sheepishly said, "I'm embarrassed to say."  
It could have been Northern Lights or a cloud,  
Or a meteorite he wondered aloud.  
But to tell you the truth I guess I must say,  
Whatever it was it looked like a sleigh.  
And though it passed quickly and never was clear,  
I almost believe it was pulled by reindeer.  
We laughed and teased him and I got up to go,  
When our moment was broken by "Conn, Radio."  
They told us a message was just coming in,  
We looked at the depth gauge and started to grin.  
"Radio, Conn, I feel safe to say,  
Your attempt at a joke is too long delayed.  
If it had been sooner it might have been neat,  
But I doubt we're receiving at four-hundred feet."  
"Conn, Radio, you can come down and see,  
We're not playing games to any degree."  
I headed aft with nothing better to do,  
Surprised by the fact it was still coming through.  
It stopped and was sent to control to be read,  
The Nav read it slowly and scratched at his head.  
Then again he began but this time aloud,  
To those that now waited, a curious crowd.  
"To you Denizens of the Deep and men of the  
sea,  
Who risk your life daily so others stay free.  
I rarely have seen you on this, my big night,  
For far too often you are hidden from sight.  
But purely by luck I saw you tonight,  
As your scope coaxed the plankton to glow in the  
night.  
And lucky for me I've finally won,  
The chance to say thanks for all you have done.  
I know that you miss your families at home,  
And sometimes you feel as if you're alone.  
But trust what I say and I'll do what's right,  
I'll take something special to your families tonight.  
Along with the gifts I'll take to your kin,  
I'll visit their dreams and leave word within.  
They'll hear of your love, and how you miss them,  
I'll tell them that soon you'll be home again.  
It might not be much I know that is true,  
To thank you for all the things that you do.  
But I'll do what I can, while you do what's right,  
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight."

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## **THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

By Richard R. Smith, USS Nereus (AS-17)

Chaplain, Christmas, 1961

'Twas the night before Christmas, The sea was  
quite still.

Not a sailor was stirring, nor over the hill.  
The subs were all nested, right close to the side.  
The tender was anchored, and riding the tide.  
The O.D. was watching the lights in the stream,  
When a short little snorkel appeared on the beam.  
His periscope moving, he gave us a look.  
Then he surfaced the craft right alongside the  
Snook.

A weird looking boat, the strangest I've seen.  
It was Old Santa Claus in a submarine.  
He popped up on deck of the cute little craft.  
And rowed alongside in a war surplus raft.  
We were all watching, and scratching our heads.  
Up the gangway came Santa In his GI dress reds.  
His seabag was heavy, it weighed near a ton.  
And was stuffed with presents for Flotilla One.  
"Avast all you Swabbies," he let out a roar.  
"I'm stuck with the duty and can't get ashore.  
"So I bring you some presents, divide up the  
loot."

Then he turned on his heels, with a salty salute.  
Down the gangway he clattered, as he left the  
ship.

We cheered the old rascal for making the trip.  
He said as his submarine started to dive,  
"Merry Christmas to you, SubRon 3, SubRon 5."

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## **Christmas At Sea**

The sea is cold, the night is dark... the blowing  
wind is crisp,  
I stare across the ship's huge deck... I did not get  
my wish.  
I wanted so, to be at home... this year on  
Christmas Eve,  
But this will be the year that I... did not get  
Christmas leave.  
I stand and think about my family... gathered by  
the tree,  
I know that one will say my name... and then  
they'll think of me.  
I am not there to share their joy... my country  
needs me here,  
But I am not the only one... who won't get home

this year.

I miss my family but I am... on guard for my country,  
Protecting those who can have Christmas... is my first duty.

Many men have given all... for us to have that right,  
And I feel honored just to sacrifice... a Christmas night.  
But still I'm feeling so alone... as many of us are, As I just stand here on the deck... and watch a Christmas star.

I guess it is a Christmas star... it shines for all it's worth,  
And I think back to when a star... foretold His peace on earth.

If only people felt this calm... as on this Christmas Eve,  
And not create hostilities... that make their brothers grieve.

Then we could have a peaceful world... as it was meant to be,  
But until then we must stand guard... and this night it is me.

Once again my thoughts turn home... my family safe and sound,  
Because this ship and other men... are ready to stand ground.

The Navy and the other branches... keep us safe and strong,  
So those at home can celebrate... and sing their Christmas song.

But knowing that I must do this... I can't hold back a tear,

Wishing I was home this Christmas... sharing in the cheer.

Seeing all my families faces... lights and Christmas trim,

Now the night is getting darker... as I think of them.

Trying now to fight this feeling... of such loneliness,

Softly speaking to myself... a lonely Christmas wish.

Actually my Christmas wish... is now a Christmas prayer,

Thank you for the men who serve... our country everywhere.

Thank you for our families... who enjoy this Christmas free,  
Thank you for the other men... who serve this ship with me.  
Thank you for allowing me... to make this sacrifice,  
A joyous Christmas for our families... makes it worth the price.  
May there be peace within you today.  
May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be.  
I believe that friends are quiet angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly.

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### **Old Navy Christmas**

'Twas the night before Christmas, compartments were still,  
The sailors were sleeping, as most sailors will.  
The ditty bags hung by the lockers with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there  
The men were all peacefully dreaming in bed  
As visions of liberty danced in each head.  
The Chief in his skivvies, hopped into his rack,  
Having just came from town and a quick midnight snack.  
When out on the deck there arose such a roar,  
I ran to the porthole to find out the score.  
I stuck out my head and started to shout,  
"Just what in the world is this noise all about?"  
A moon made for boondocking showed with a glow,  
It was downright cold out, 'bout seven below.  
What I saw out there looked like those Mardi Gras floats,  
'Twas a Captain's gig drawn by four white Navy goats.  
In the boat was a man who seemed quiet and moody,  
I knew in an instant St. Nick had the duty.  
As quickly as Monday his billy goats came,  
He whistled and shouted and called them by name.  
"Now Perry, now Farragut, Dewey and Jones,  
What's the matter John Paul, got lead in your bones?  
A little to Starb'rd, now hold it up short,  
No fluffing off now, or you'll go on report!"

He was wearing dress "Reds" that fit like a charm,  
His hash marks they covered the length of his arm.  
The gifts to be issued were all in his pack,  
The gedunk was ready to leave on each rack.  
His eyes they were watering, his nose caked with ice,  
He wiped it with canvass, then sneezed once or twice.  
He opened his mouth and started to yawn,  
It looked like the Sun coming up with the dawn.  
The stump of a pipe, he held tight in his teeth,  
And took a small nip from a bottle beneath  
He wasn't so big, but he must have been strong,  
I figured he'd been in SEALs early and long.  
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old Tar,  
Who said "Evenin' Matey, here have a cigar."  
He filled every seabag with presents galore,  
And left us all leave papers, right by the door.  
With "Anchors Aweigh" he climbed back into place,  
A broad smile was creeping all over his face.  
One look at his watch and he started to frown,  
"This mid watch is certainly getting me down."  
Then out to the breakwater and into the night,  
The gig started fading, the landscape was bright.  
"Merry Christmas" he said, as he drove on his way,  
Now I'll finish my rounds and sack in for the day."

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### **Guarding Christmas**

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,  
I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.  
My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,  
my daughter beside me, angelic in rest.  
Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,  
Transforming the yard to a winter delight.  
The sparkling lights in the tree, I believe,  
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.  
My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,  
Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep  
in perfect contentment, or so it would seem.  
So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.  
The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,  
But I opened my eye when it tickled my ear.  
Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know,  
Then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.

My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,  
and I crept to the door just to see who was near.  
Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,  
A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.  
A sailor, I puzzled, some twenty years old  
Yet he stood there, huddled here in the cold.  
Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,  
Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.  
"What are you doing?" I asked without fear  
"Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!  
Hurry and brush the snow from your sleeve,  
You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"  
For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,  
away from the cold and snow blown in a drift,  
to the window that danced with a warm fire's light  
then he sighed and he said "It's really all right,  
I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night.  
Our freedom comes first 'til the dawn's early light.  
It's my duty to stand at the front of the lines,  
that separates you from the darkest of times.  
No one had to ask or beg or implore me,  
I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.  
My Gramps died at 'Pearl on a day in December,  
then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers."  
"My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam  
And now it is my turn and so, here I am.  
I've not seen my own son in more than a while,  
But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile".  
Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag,  
The red white and blue... an American flag.  
"I can live through the cold and the being alone,  
Away from my family, my house and my home,  
I can stand at my watch through the rain and the sleet,  
I can sleep in a small rack with little to eat,  
I can carry the weight of killing another  
or lay down my life with my sisters and brothers  
who stand at the front against any and all,  
to insure for all time that this flag will not fall."  
"So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright  
Your family is waiting and I'll be all right."  
"But isn't there something I can do, at the least,  
Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?  
It seems all too little for all that you've done,

For being away from your wife and your son."  
Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,  
"Just tell us you love us, and never forget  
To stand your own watch, no matter how long.  
Have faith in our country, be bold, and be strong  
For when we come home, either standing or dead,  
to know you remember we fought and we bled  
is payment enough, and with that we will trust.  
That we mattered to you as you mattered to us".

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### **From the British Submarine Force**

Twas the night before Christmas, the boat was steaming,  
Some sailors stood watch, while others were dreaming.  
They rolled in their tiny racks, tight and small,  
In a 30-man bunk space, cramped one and all.

I had come down the hatch with presents in hand,  
And peeked inside to see this strange band.  
I looked all about, a strange sight did I see,  
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.  
No stockings were hung, though boots close at hand,  
On the bulkhead hung pictures of a far distant land.

They had medals and badges and awards of all kind,  
And a sobering thought came into my mind.

For this place was different, so dark and so dreary,  
I had found Submariners, at once I saw clearly.  
One submariner lay sleeping, silent and alone,  
Curled up in a rack and dreaming of home.

The face was so gentle, the bunk squared away,  
This was the submariner of today.  
This hero I didn't see on TV,  
Defending our country deep under the sea.

I realized the people I would visit this night,  
Owed their lives to these submariners, willing to fight.  
Soon round the world, the children would play,  
And grownups would celebrate on Christmas Day.  
They enjoyed freedom each day of the year,

Because of submariners, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,  
On Christmas Eve on a sea, far from home.  
The very thought brought a tear to my eye,  
I fell to my knees and started to cry.

The submariner awakened and in a calm voice,  
Said "Santa, don't cry. This life is my choice."  
"Defending the seas all days of the year,  
So others may live and live without fear."

I thought for a moment, what a difficult road,  
To live a life guided by honor and code.  
It's Christmas Eve and the boat's underway!  
But freedom isn't free. It is families who pay.

The Submarine Service gives freedom, "Be free and sleep tight,  
No harm will come, not on my watch, not tonight."  
The submariner rolled over and drifted to sleep,  
I couldn't control it and continued to weep.

I kept watch for hours, so silent, so still,  
Over this young man, amazed at his will.  
I didn't want to leave on that dark winter's night,  
This guardian of honor so willing to fight.  
The submariner rolled over and with a voice strong and sure,  
Commanded, "Carry on Santa, It's Christmas, and All is Secure!"  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all submariners and your families, wherever you may be.



Time to test your knowledge...or those journals you kept while on patrol. You know, the ones you weren't supposed to keep but did anyway? Below is a list of patrol numbers, crew for the patrol and approximate date the patrol ended. If you can help complete this info it would be something interesting we could have for our command history page. Dig out those journals, check any of your service record copies you may have and let's see what we can put together.

PATROL #	END DATE	CREW	PATROL #	END DATE	CREW	PATROL #	END DATE	CREW
1		B	31			61		
2		G	32			62	Aug-88	B
3		B	33			63		
4		G	34			64	Feb-89	B
5		B	35			65		
6		G	36			66		
7		B	37			67		
8		G	38			68		
9		B	39			69		
10		G	40			70		
11		B	41			71		
12		G	42			72		
13		B	43			73		
14		G	44			74		
15		B	45			75		
16		G	46			76		
17		B	47			77		
18		G	48			78		
19			49			79		
20			50			80		
21			51			81		
22			52	Oct-85	B	82		
23			53			83		
24			54	May-86	B	84		
25			55			85		
26			56	Dec-86	B	86		
27			57			87		
28			58	Jul-87	B	88		
29			59			89		
30			60	Jan-88	B	90		

**COMMON SYMPTOMS FOR  
ALLERGIES, COLD, FLU & COVID-  
19**

SYMPTOMS	ALLERGIES	COLD	FLU	COVID-19
BODY ACHES	Rarely	✓	✓	✓
CHILLS	No	No	✓	✓
FEVER	No	Rarely	✓	✓
HEADACHE	Sometimes	Sometimes	✓	Sometimes
NASAL CONGESTION	✓	✓	Sometimes	Rarely
RUNNY NOSE	✓	✓	Sometimes	Rarely
SNEEZING	✓	✓	Sometimes	Rarely
ITCHY/WATERY EYES	✓	No	No	No
DRY COUGH	Sometimes	✓	✓	✓
SHORTNESS OF BREATH	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes	✓
WHEEZING	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes	Rarely
LOSS OF SMELL	Mild	Rarely	Rarely	✓
SORE THROAT	Sometimes	✓	✓	Sometimes
NAUSEA, VOMITING, DIARRHEA	No	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes

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

**DUE TO MY  
ISOLATION. I  
FINISHED 3 BOOKS  
YESTERDAY.  
AND BELIEVE ME.  
THAT'S A LOT OF  
COLOURING.**

**What did our  
parents do to kill  
boredom before the  
internet?**

**I asked my 26  
brothers and  
sisters and they  
didn't know either.**



The Trikini 2020

**I tried donating blood  
today...NEVER  
AGAIN!!!**

**Too many stupid  
questions. Who's  
blood is it? Where did  
you get it from? Why  
is it in a bucket?**

**My cousin posted  
“I’m expecting twins!”**

Down the Pub

**I replied “Finally two  
kids from the same  
man.”**

**Then she blocked me.**

**Struggling to  
get your wife's  
attention?**

**Just sit down and  
look comfortable.**

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

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Call the hotel number above or reserve on their website.

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**Hotel Reservation Deadline SEPT 8, 2021**

*Hotel Reservation is the responsibility of the individual.*

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[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
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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/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.**

1. **Thursday:** Wright Patterson AFB Museum Tour in Dayton OH. This is a 70 mile trip (just over an hour) and we will go by coach bus/s. Cost for the tour/transportation is \$30.00 per person.  
(Include the fee in your check for registration.)
2. **Friday:** Ohio River Cruise and Meal. The cruise departure is less than a 30 minutes from the hotel and we will go by coach bus/s. Cost for the Cruise/Meal and transportation is \$75.00 per person.  
(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://cincinnatizoo.org/>

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

<https://creationmuseum.org/>

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

<https://arkencounter.com/>

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

<https://kyhorsepark.com/>

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

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

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

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

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

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