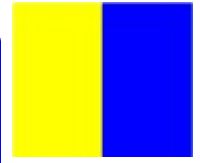
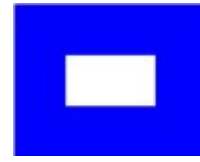
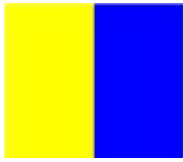


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July 2021 President's Report Bill Brinkman

1. **Zoom Reunion (s) 2021** We haven't set up a USS Sea Poacher National Reunion for 2021 due to the Coronavirus and travel restrictions. However, the Nation is opening up and we can consider having a national Reunion in 2022.

I need to hear (512-255-0285) from one of you shipmates that has the ability to

volunteer and
host a

Zoom reunion in 2021. Let's figure on 30-50 attendees , one hour Zoom meeting and at 8 PM EST , so that others can attend from 5 PM on the West Coast, 6 PM on Mountain Time and 7 PM on Central time.

2. **USS Sea Poacher and Friends Get Together** **November 7-11, 2021** **Joe Murdoch**

In the past , you expressed an interest joining us to celebrate Veterans Day in Branson. I ask that you plan early as it allows better Theatre seating and transportation by Custom Coaches if we have more than 20 attendees. A block of hotel rooms is reserved for us for a limited time.

Please tell me your plans , telephone 239-322-2019.

I look forward to being with you celebrating Veterans Day in Branson.

See Page 12 for the itinerary of Events and page 13 for the Registration Form.

Decal Project

By Jon Nagle MM 1962-1963

The Decal project was very successful. We had 40 shipmates request 49 decals. After a lot of trial and error , we developed a decal that can be seen on a car window or bumper.



If you would want one just E-mail Jon at

Jknmm1ss@gmail.com

Blasts from the Past

Thanks to Karl Schipper QM 58-60

IMPROVED OUTLOOK, GOALS, LIFE

1946 was the year of my discharge from the U.S. Navy Submarine Service. My immediate interest was to apply for a year of unemployment compensation, \$20 per week for 52 weeks known as the 52/20 Club.

During this period, I played baseball for the Greyhound Organization that had recruited me for their team. An executive of the company suggested I use the GI Bill to advance myself through education, which led me to the University of Illinois and a B.A.

Having secured a position of note after college I added a MBA to my education at Rockhurst College in Kansas City and a career trading commodity futures until retirement.

Using the GI Bill improved my outlook, my goals and my life.

Albin S. Polonyi Sr.

From the *Arizona Star* June 27 , 2019

Carol R. Humphries, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Humphries, Terra Ceia, promoted to engine-man third class while serving aboard the Atlantic Fleet submarine USS Sea Poacher.

From the *Bradenton Herald Sun* Jan 24 , 1960

Hershel “ Woody “ Williams , Last Surviving Medal of Honor Awardee from WW II

On May 15 , 2021 , WW II MOH Woody Williams dedicated the new Gold Star

Memorial in Corsicana, TX. There were 50 of us Subvets and wives and children in attendance from five USSVI Texas bases. Hubert & Linda Jackson and Lin and Bill Brinkman were standing near the Memorial Plaza entrance and were able to greet and shake Woody’s hands just prior to his talk.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hershel_W._Williams



Eternal Patrol James Henry Demming ENS 1947



Dr. James Henry Demming, 95, “returned to the loving arms of the Lord” on April 13, 2018 in Ormond Beach.

Dr. Demming was born on September 3, 1922, the middle child of three, to Frances Kate Bowman Demming and Bernard James Demming in Cleveland, Ohio.

He grew up and attended schools in Cleveland, graduating from Cathedral Latin High School in 1940. He then enlisted in the Navy and was stationed on the battleship USS Tennessee at Pearl Harbor.(1940-1942) He was then honored with the opportunity to attend the US Naval Academy. After graduation from the Academy, he served as an ensign on various warships including the USS Texas and the submarine, USS Seapoacher

After leaving the service, Jim enrolled in medical school at what is now known as Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. While there, Jim met his future wife, Regina Ann Ferrell, through his childhood friend, Don Rathbun, who was dating Regina’s sister at the time. Jim and Regina married in 1953. After medical school Jim followed up his training with a residency in Ophthalmology at Scheie Eye Institute in Philadelphia.

In 1958 Jim and Regina relocated to the Daytona Beach area and Dr. Demming started his medical practice. He practiced locally until he retired in 2000. When he was not working, Jim enjoyed a variety of hobbies and interests. He loved waterskiing and taught all of his children how to water ski. He was also an avid golfer and a long term member of Oceanside Country Club. In midlife he developed an interest in Judo and started lessons at the Ormond Beach Rec Center with Nick and Ruth Horan. He went on to earn a 5th degree black belt before retiring from the sport. Jim also enjoyed traveling and took his family on many wonderful summer vacations all over the country. After his retirement, he set out and traveled the globe, visiting such places as Russia, Australia, New Zealand, Alaska, China and Peru.

Jim was predeceased by his wife Regina, who died in 2014 after celebrating 60 years of marriage, and his older brother Fred. He is survived by his sister Joan (Sister Mary Annfrancis S.N.D) and his six children: Gloria, James Jr. (Suzanne), Marguerite, Suzanne, William, and Eileen. He is also survived by his grandchildren James III and Ashley Demming, Carly Demming, Abigail and David Hills, Katy and Zoe Demming and Megan Goldsworthy, great grandchildren Cainan and Natalia and many nieces and nephews. He joins God and is reunited with Regina, relatives, friends, and colleagues who predeceased him.

Source: Haigh-Black Funeral Home

Ronald L. Fraley TM 1964-1966

With heavy hearts, we announce the death on June 28 , 2020 of Ronald L. Fraley of in Point October 22 , on June 28, was parents, Long; and his Jr. and is survived by sons, Ronald Richard Dustin Lee Barbara Long, Coy.



Trenton, Michigan, born Pleasant, West Virginia on 1944, who passed away 2020 at the age of 75. He predeceased by : his Glenn Fraley and Eleanor brothers, Glenn F. Fraley, Charles Leonard Earl. He : his wife Jody Fraley; his Lee Fraley (Liza) and Fraley; his grandson Bolander; and his sisters, Linda Pruitt and Sue Ellen

KRI Nanggala Indonesian Submarine

This sub sunk on April 21, 2021 with the loss of 53 Crewman near Bali.

It was ordered from Germany in 1977 , commissioned in 1981 and is a Type 209/1300 similar to Peru's subs. See

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KRI_Nanggala_\(402\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KRI_Nanggala_(402))

for further information.

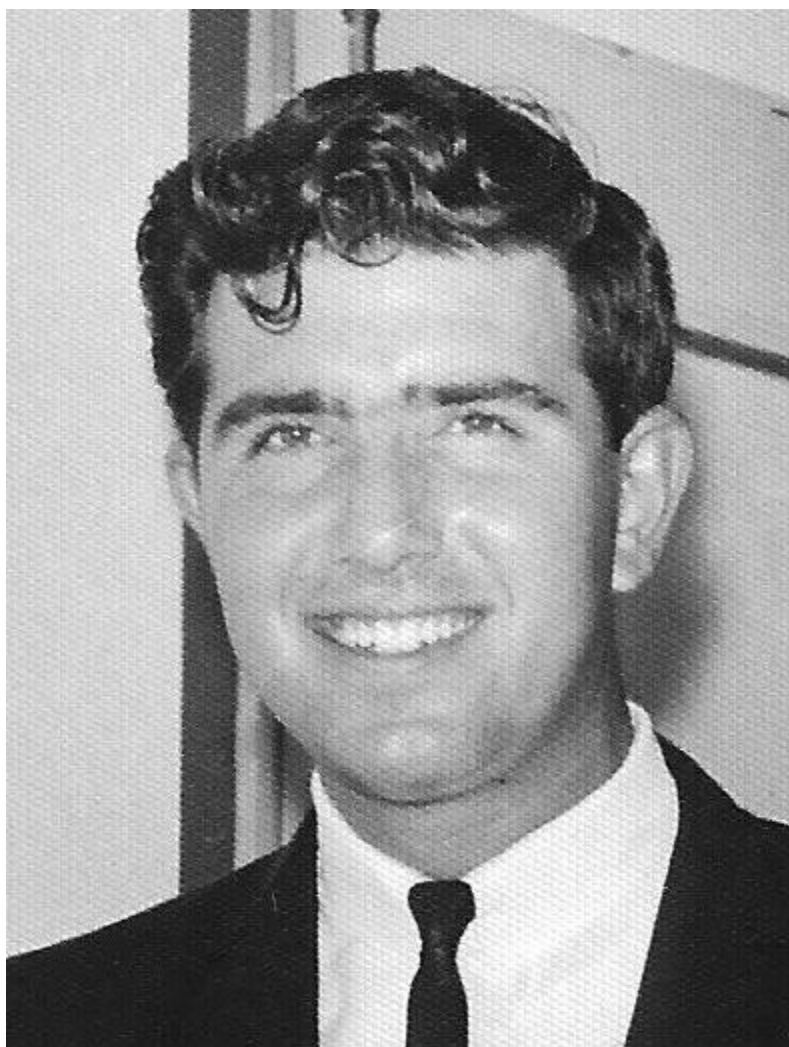
Sailors, Rest your Oars.



Robert Henry EM 1960-1961

Robert Henry, 79, a lifelong resident of Livermore, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family, on Feb. 22, 2021. He was born on March 22, 1941, to William "Bill" and Madeline Henry at St. Paul's Hospital in Livermore. He grew up in Livermore, attending St. Michael's School, was an altar boy and a Boy Scout achieving Star Rank during those years. He graduated from Livermore High School in 1959, where he lettered in football and track. The highlight of his youth was his summers spent at his family cabin in Santa Cruz, playing on the beach and swimming in the ocean breakers at Twin Lakes Beach. He served five years in the U.S. Navy, from June 1959 to June 1964, on the U.S.S. Paul Revere and U.S.S. Sea Poacher. He was a proud Vietnam veteran and reminisced most about his time spent on the U.S.S. Sea Poacher submarine. After he was honorably discharged from the Navy, within the next year he met his soulmate, Georgia Fuchs, and married her. Together, they raised four loving daughters. He was a union electrician for most of his career. In 1986, he went to work for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he worked for 15 years in plant engineering. He was a senior supervisor with the Specific Work Unit, supervising decontamination and demolition projects, when he retired in April of 2001. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (I.B.E.W.), Local 595, for 55 years, a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, Las Positas Parlor #96, a member of the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association, where he proudly served on the board of directors during the 1990s and as president in 1996 and 1997, a member of the Altamont Cruisers Classic Car Club, and a very proud member of the Sea Poacher Association. He was honored with a 'Quilt of Valor' from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7265, in May 2018. He was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather (Papa), friend and a devout parishioner of St. Michael's Catholic Church. He will be remembered most for his well-rounded personality, strong values, humor, laughter, thoughtful conversations, and most of all, for his great love for his family and friends. He truly enjoyed telling stories and hearing them, too! He loved spending time with his family and friends and playing with his dog, Lillie. Throughout his life, he enjoyed hunting, riding dirt bikes, taking his boat out on the Delta, water skiing, raising parakeets for a few years, racing his stock car at Bayland's Raceway, visiting his family cabin in Long Barn, taking Jeep and ATV rides, attending car shows and hot rodding in his 1965 Chevy Truck that he restored, and he always had projects he was working on.

He also established HG Cattle Company with his son-in-law, Rick Groth, where they enjoyed raising cattle together for around 15 years. He was a great man who lived life to the fullest, took pride in everything he did, was loved very much and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Madeline Henry, along with his aunts and uncles, Isabel and Frank Gardella, and Belmeda and Robert Haera, and his cousin, Niel Haera. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Georgia; his beloved dog, Lillie; his four daughters, Mary Harris (Brian), Terre Groth (Rick), Nikki McFarlin (Eric), and Katie Bagakis (Nick); nine grandchildren, Jessica (fiancé David Rudberg), Ashley and Danielle Groth, Brooke and Bridget Harris, Dominik McFarlin, and Geneveive, and Elizabeth and George Bagakis. He is also survived by his brothers, Thomas Henry and Bruce Henry; and his cousin Ray Haera and Sharon Haera (Niel's wife.)



Eternal Patrol James McConnell TM1 50-51



Lt. James T. McConnell, 95, of Cape Coral, Florida, passed away peacefully on October 26, 2020. James was born in Riverside, Rhode Island on March 27, 1925 to Samuel and Hazel McConnell. James joined The United States Navy in 1942. He served 30 years in the Submarine Service during World War II, The Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. James along with his wife and son moved to Cape Coral in 1972. He has been an active member of the Church of The Epiphany since 1972 as

well. Lt. James belonged to USA International Submarine Association, VFW, Saint Mary's Submarine Museum, USA Submarine Veterans of WW II, MOAA, DAV, FRA, National World War II Memorial and the US Navy Memorial Washington D.C.

Other Information from Karl Schipper:

James McConnell served on the SS 81 USS R4, SS 245 Cobia, AS 24 AS 24 Anthedon, SS 204 Mackerel, AS 16 Howard Gilmore, SS 350 Dogfish, SS 352 Halfbeak, SS 343 Clamagore, SS 568 Harder. During World War II he was on board the USS Cobia. He received his commission as a Limited Duty Line Lieutenant on January 1, 1964 with the designator 6152. This designator is for a Special Warfare Officer. Mr. McConnell retired from the Navy in July 1972.

Ronald Thompson ET 1964-1965



Born in Albert Lea, 1946, passed away peacefully in the company of loved ones due to heart failure on January 17, 2021. Ron is survived by his life partner of 33 years, Mary Severtson; as well as his daughter, Kim Quam (husband Craig and children Sedona and Sam); and sons Darren Thompson (children Tristen, Lauren, and Megan), Chad Severtson (wife Nicky, and children Caden and Carson), and Jason Severtson (wife Laurie); as well as brothers Clarence Thompson Jr., Thomas Thompson, Bruce Stenhoven, Ray Gavle along with sisters Joan Jeitz and Ramona Skola. He was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Andrew Thompson Sr. and brother Orice Gavle.

Ron was an intelligent and fiercely loyal friend who spent many years traveling with the US Navy as a submarine sonar specialist. Darren and Kim fondly remember dinner and films with their dad on the submarine, especially their first viewing of the movie *Jaws!* Ron was gifted with both violin and hockey skills at a young age, and later became well-versed in electronics. This knowledge served him well in his military career, and later in his employment at Honeywell and General Dynamics. His many years of seasonal employment with Highway Services allowed him to spend additional time with his family. He also appreciated time spent relaxing with Mary and her family in Mexico. Ron's memory will be treasured by a core group of friends and motorcycle enthusiasts. Those that knew him well may know he earned his 'broken wing' patch by taking his Harley off a Mississippi pier into the Gulf of Mexico. His loved ones are grateful that Mary kept him 'grounded' the rest of the time, and was also his devoted caretaker when life got tough.

Ron was honored with a small family gathering and a later burial at Graceland of Albert Lea.

Ron served on the USS Sea Poacher , USS Sea Robin , SSBN George Washington Carver , SSN Gato , and SSBN Lafayette.

Morton Daniel Weingarten FN 1952-1954

Morton was born 18 Feb 1931 and died 5 August 2007.

He enlisted in the US Navy on 1 March 1951 and was discharged from the USS Sea Poacher on 27 May 1954.

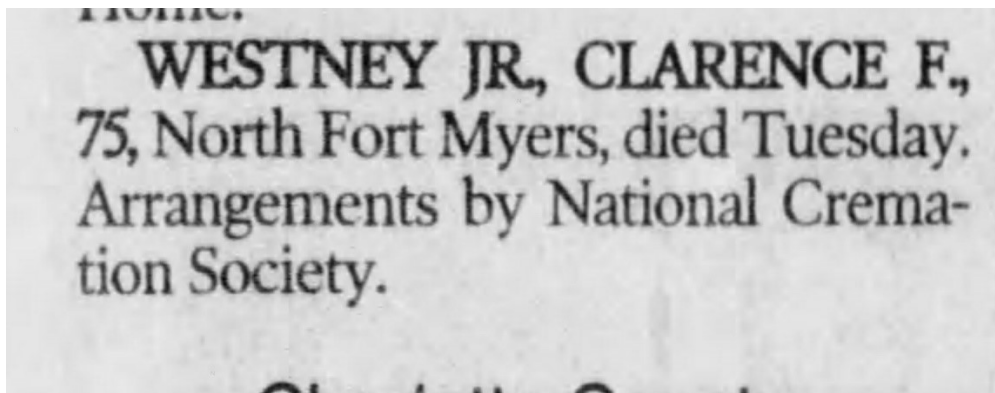
Eternal Patrol Clarence Frederick "Larry" Westney RMC 63-64
(Info obtained by Karl Schipper)
13 July 1926 – 5 March 2002

To obtain information on Clarence it was necessary to start with the extensive obituary of his wife Nancy Briggs Westney. The obituary stated that she met her husband, a sailor, near the end of World War II. Since his name was unique, he was easily found listed on the muster rolls of the on the USS Boulder Victory (AK 227) a Navy Cargo Ship.in 1945 and 46. These records provided his service number, He was a RM striker at the time. By looking at the 1963 Muster Roll for the Sea Poacher he is listed as a RMC with the same serial number.

Clarence (Aka Larry) was in the reserves. He was discharged around 1947 and recalled for duty during the Korean War. He also served in a naval reserve center in California in 1957.

The obituary for Nancy stated she lived in North Fort Myers, Florida in 1997, the year of her death. The obituary stated she moved around quite a bit to be with her husband. She is in Key West in 1962.

An obituary for Clarence Westney was located which just briefly stated he lived in North Fort Myers. The obituary was published on 8 May 2002.



USS SEA POACHER & FRIENDS

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NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Check into the Grand Plaza Hotel
3:00pm Hotel Hospitality Room Opens
7:30pm Clay Cooper's Country Express



NOVEMBER 8, 2021

10:00am Hot Rods & High Heels
12:30pm Box Lunch provided by Clay Cooper Theatre
1:00pm Vietnam Era Reunion Show
5:30pm Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner Show



EACH PERSON BRINGS A \$10 WRAPPED GIFT

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

10:00am Brett Family Christmas
4:00pm Yankee Gift Swap —
8:00pm Legends in Concert

NOVEMBER 10, 2021

10:45am College of the Ozarks Lunch
12:00 Tolling of the Bells Ceremony @ College of the Ozarks
3:30pm Sight & Sound production of Jesus

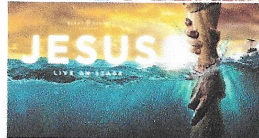
NOVEMBER 11, 2021

11:00am Branson Veterans Day Parade
5:30pm Group Photo
6:30pm Banquet Dinner at Hotel



RIDE ON A DECORATED
WAGON DRAWN BY CASEY

Hotel: \$89.00 plus tax per night
Activity Package \$538.00 per person
(Transportation included for group activities)



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USS Sea Poacher & Friends November 7-12, 2021

Name: First: _____ Last: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: First: _____ Last: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Grand Plaza Hotel: 245 N Wildwood Dr, Branson, MO

Date of Arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____ Check-In time 3:00 PM

Hotel: Room type: King Double Queen **Price:** 1-4 people -\$89.00 per room, per night, plus taxes (\$100.69 per night)
Please check box for room type. Number of people in room _____ Total Room Charge \$ _____

**Extra nights lodging – Up to 5 days prior and 5 days after the reunion the price will remain the same based on availability.

Special Room Requests: _____

Sunday, November 7, 2021 - Check-in at the hotel and check in at the hospitality room

Sunday includes: shuttle transportation to/from Clay Cooper's Country Express

Monday, November 8, 2021

Monday includes: hotel breakfast, shuttle transportation to/from group activities: Hot Rods & High Heels, box lunch, Vietnam Veterans Reunion Show, Dolly Parton's Stampede dinner show

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Tuesday includes: hotel breakfast, shuttle transportation to/from group activities: Brett Family Christmas, Legends In Concert

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Wednesday includes: hotel breakfast, shuttle transportation to/from group activities: College of the Ozarks lunch and Tolling of the Bells, Sight & Sound production of Jesus

Thursday, November 11, 2021

Thursday includes: hotel breakfast, shuttle transportation to/from group activities: Branson Veterans Day Parade, group photo, Banquet

Package pricing: Rooms will be charged \$89.00 per night plus tax for 1-4 people per room. The entertainment/meal/transportation portion of the itinerary is \$538.00 per person. Adjustments can be made to the itinerary and pricing if you are unable to attend all of the events or wish to add extra shows/attraction/nights to your personal package.

Number of Entertainment packages _____ @ \$538.00 per person Total Entertainment Charge \$ _____

Any Dietary Request(s): _____ Total Price \$ _____

**If paying by Credit Card please call to make your reservations at
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Fax to 1-417-335-2343 or via Email to: Angie@OzarksKirkwood.com

Peru Submarines Up Date

Peruvian Navy Antofagasta Submarine Modernisation Program Underway

The Peruvian Ministry of Defence is upgrading Peruvian Navy Type 209/1200 diesel-electric submarines, the service announced in late December 2020. The BAP Antofagasta (SS-32) submarine is undergoing modernisation at the Peruvian state-run shipyard Servicios Industriales de la Marina (SIMA). She is one of two Type 209/1200 submarines ordered by the Peruvian Navy on 12 August 1976. The BAP Antofagasta was built by the German shipbuilder Howaldtswerke Deutsche Werft AG at its shipyard in Kiel. She is named after the Naval Battle of Antofagasta during the War of the Pacific. Following sea trials in the North Sea, she arrived at its homeport of Callao in 1981. After several years in service she was overhauled by SIMA at Callao in 1996.



The Peruvian Navy is carrying out a program to extend the operational life of its four Type 209/1200 diesel-electric subs for at least another decade. In 2018, the BAP Chipana (SS-34) began the process of being modernized by SIMA. Electrical, navigation and propulsion systems were also upgraded. The other three submarines of the same class – BAP Angamos, and BAP Pisagua – were also destined to be upgraded following the completion of work performed on the BAP Chipana.

The Type 209 is a class of diesel-electric attack submarine developed exclusively for export by Howaldtswerke-Deutsche Werft of Germany. The original variant (Type 209/1100) was designed in the late 1960s. Despite not being operated by the German Navy, five variants of the class (209/1100, 209/1200, 209/1300, 209/1400 and 209/1500) have been successfully exported to 13 countries, with 61 submarines being built and commissioned between 1971 and 2008.



Three Peruvian Submarines



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