

USS SAM HOUSTON VETERANS' ASSN., INC.  
(SSBN/SSN 609)

You have navigated to the official web site of the USS Sam Houston Veterans' Assn., Inc. (SHVA)--a formal organization established for the veterans of the submarine and their families and friends. One of the purposes of the SHVA is to hold biennial reunions with the next one arranged for October 25-27 2012 in Charleston, S.C.

If you are a veteran the boat and are known to be on the roster, you will receive all official publications of the SHVA. If you are a veteran of the boat and you are not a registered member of the SHVA or suspect that you are not, please [click here](#) to send the Chairman your contact information. To view the current roster of located shipmates click on the "Crew Roster" link of our main page.

To date, 300+ veterans of the boat are located. If you are a friend or relative of a USS Sam Houston veteran who is not listed on the roster, please provide the Chairman with any information that you have via e-mail by [clicking here](#). Please do so even if that veteran is deceased. At Memorial Services during our reunions, we honor those who have proudly served their country aboard USS Sam Houston but have received orders for Eternal Patrol. To view veterans of the boat who have been reported to be on Eternal Patrol click on the "In Memoriam" link on our main page.

If you are a relative--especially a son or daughter--of a veteran of the boat, you are welcome to become an Associate Member of the SHVA. As such, you will receive official publications of the SHVA and be invited to attend the reunions. You might meet some of those who served with your relative.

The SHVA publishes "The Raven," its newsletter, approximately quarterly and has other intermittently published documents as needs arise.

USS Sam Houston (SSBN/SSN 609) was the US Navy's 7th commissioned nuclear, ballistic missile submarine that served the country from March 6, 1962 through September, 6 1991. USS Sam Houston was one of the "41 For Freedom"--the Navy's first fleet of 41 operating ballistic missile submarines. Together, they paved the way for the Trident submarines that continue to maintain the nation's strategic deterrence today.

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