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## MESSAGE FOR THE CHAIRMAN

Shipmates & Associate Members!

I hope that the end-of-year holiday period was joyful and that health is abound with you and your families. Additionally, I hope that you find this edition of "The Raven" interesting. It is a little longer than usual because of pictures from the reunion. I have again become the Newsletter Editor and will make a concerted effort to issue our newsletter quarterly.

I thank the reunion attendees for electing me both Chairman and Reunion Planner of the SHVA. I will meet your expectations of these positions by performing the related duties to the best of my abilities.

Our first reunion was both long overdue and enjoyed by all. The tours were great even though the Navy did not permit us to tour a ship. Later articles give more information with pictures about the reunion.

At the Business Meeting during the reunion, volunteers filled all but one of our vacant positions—both elected and appointed positions. The next article has information about that open position. I thank all who volunteered.

Also, we elected to hold reunions biennially and hold them in different cities in different geographic areas of the country—roughly the Eastern, Time Zone, the Central Time Zone, and the combined Mountain and Pacific Time Zones. Some restrictions exist for the selection of the host cities, and as Reunion Planner, I will propose at each reunion 3 or 4 potential host cities in the geographic areas for the reunion attendees to vote upon. My choice of the proposed cities will be based upon many factors that contribute to the "best bang for the buck." Three such factors are that the host city has a national/international airport, discount airlines use that airport, and that the host hotel will provide free shuttle service to and from the airport. A reunion aboard a cruise ship will also be an option for our reunions. Three important criteria for a cruise reunion are: 1) the time of the year desired, 2) the port of departure, 3) the number of days/nights for the cruise, and 4) the ports of call.

That being said, our next reunion will be land-based in Charleston, S.C. I submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) to the Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB). An RFP is a document that contains my basic requirements of a host hotel's consideration for our reunion. The CVB does free leg work for me by distributing the RFP to hotels in the area that can meet the requirements mentioned. Some interested hotels have submitted to me draft proposals from which I will select the 3 or

## **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN (continued)**

4 “best” deals. Sometime in early spring, I will perform site inspections of each potential host hotel, meet the sales staffs, then select the hotel with the best deal for the money. So, make preliminary plans to attend that reunion. It will be occurring between 01 Sep and 31 Oct 2012. Based on the results of the completed feedback forms from our first reunion, the 2012-reunion period will be from a Thurs. morning through that Sat. night. When I establish the actual dates for the reunion, I will inform you with a “First Call to Reunion” that will provide the dates and proposed tours. THIS DOCUMENT WILL NOT BE USED TO REGISTER FOR THAT REUNION; it will provide preliminary information for your planning purposes only. I will send the Reunion-Registration Packets out in Apr 2012—more than a year from now. To get an idea of how many members might attend the 2012 reunion, I will send a brief survey to all to query your intentions about attending the reunion. Having some idea of how many attendees we might have helps me provide numbers on the contract with the host hotel that will avoid problems associated with attrition and allow me to obtain the reasonable prices for group meals. I will sign a contract with the host hotel more than a year ahead of the reunion so that the hotel will reserve enough sleeping rooms at a discounted rate and have adequate function spaces reserved for us.

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## **ASSISTANT REUNION PLANNER NEEDED**

At the Business Meeting during the reunion, I forgot to mention the need for an Assistant Reunion Planner—an appointed position by the Chairman; thus, it is not an elected position. Although this is an important position, the person in this position will essentially have no activities/duties unless the Reunion Planner becomes unable to function.

The position has great advantages for someone who has time to travel occasionally or would like to travel to attend military-reunion-related conferences and tours. His spouse/partner may accompany him. Such functions typically span 3 days and 4 nights. The stay at hotels, all tours, and all or most meals are free! These functions are called FAMs, ConFAMs, or Town Hall Meetings depending upon who sponsors the event. ConFAMs and Town Hall Meetings have a small registration fee (about \$50/person or \$90/couple) and FAMs are totally free. Prior membership with Reunion Friendly Network (RFN) and The Alliance for Military Reunions (The Alliance) is required to attend a ConFAM or Town Hall Meeting, respectively. Convention & Visitors Bureaus (CVB) host FAMs. FAM means Familiarization Tour. A FAM is strictly a “wine and dine” event for attendees with tours—no information/instruction about reunion planning. ConFAM adds a 6-hour “conference” about reunion planning to a wine-and-dine event. The Town Hall Meeting is comparable to a ConFAM. The volunteer will be financially responsible for transportation to and from any of these functions he chooses to attend. Many month’s notice precedes these functions. One of the purposes of either of these functions is to provide the attendees reasons to bring their reunions to those cities/areas. So, one can see the personal advantages of the position while collecting information about the city/area for the Reunion Planner to evaluate.

Requirements for the position are:

- Membership in RFN and The Alliance (both are free).
- The ability to travel periodically and on your own schedule, for the most part.
- E-Mail & Internet access.

Planning for military reunions is a complex matter that is NOT comparable to planning family reunions or gatherings of other small groups. A military reunion results in a signed contract with the host hotel and tour operator well in advance of the reunion. This is the driving force for the first bulleted item. Training is a requirement, and two organizations provide it in many forms. *Memberships are free.*

If you are interested, let me know. I will provide additional details to candidates. My contact info is at the end of the previous article.

***Howard Dobson***

## **50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST SSBN DETERRENT PATROL**

**Lt. Ed Early, Commander, Submarine Group 9 Public Affairs, Navy News Service, Nov 17, 2010**

BANGOR, Wash. -- When the ballistic missile submarine, USS George Washington (SSBN 598), departed Charleston, S.C., 50 years ago, it marked the beginning of a new era in strategic deterrence.

On Nov. 15, 1960, USS George Washington (SSBN 598) began the U.S. Navy's first SSBN deterrent patrol. As the Navy commemorates the golden anniversary of the George Washington's historic deployment, the ballistic missile submarine remains a key component of our nation's strategic deterrent. With her stealth capability and the 16 Polaris missiles she carried, the George Washington provided the United States with a forward presence unprecedented in naval history.

As the Navy celebrates the golden anniversary of the George Washington's historic deployment, the ballistic missile submarine remains a key component of our nation's strategic deterrent. Today, the Navy employs 14 Ohio-class Trident SSBNs in its deterrent force – eight at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, Wash., and six at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga.

"USS George Washington revolutionized the way we conduct both submarine warfare and strategic deterrence," said Rear Adm. Bob Hennegan, Commander, Submarine Group 9. "The legacy of that first patrol is the strong, capable deterrent force you see in today's Navy."

Commissioned on Dec. 30, 1959, the George Washington was originally laid down in 1957 as the Skipjack-class attack submarine Scorpion (SSN 589). However, the decision was made to add a 130-foot section behind the sail that would carry 16 Polaris A1 missiles, resulting in the world's first ballistic missile submarine.

Following her commissioning, the George Washington would successfully carry out the first submerged Polaris launch on July 20, 1960 at the Atlantic Missile Test Range, launching two missiles. Later that year, she left her homeport of Groton, Conn., for Charleston to load her full complement of Polaris missiles.

Cmdr. James Osborn, Jr. and his Blue Crew took the George Washington out of Charleston on Nov. 15 to begin her historic first patrol, which concluded Jan. 21, 1961 at New London, Conn., after 66 days submerged. The George Washington's Gold Crew followed with its first patrol from February-April 1961.

George Washington was the first of the "41 For Freedom" – the Navy's first 41 ballistic missile submarines. Together, they paved the way for future Polaris, Poseidon, and Trident submarines that continue to maintain the nation's strategic deterrent today.

*Article submitted for the "The Raven" by:  
George Nault*

## **CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SUCCESS OF THE REUNION and GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**David Koeppen** purchased and donated reunion ball caps for the reunion attendees. (Picture on the right.)

**Bill Sauer** provided three coffee urns for the Hospitality Room. This saved the SHVA considerable money over the hotel providing coffee.

**Bruce Fulbright**, one of the winners of the 50-50 drawing donated his winnings to the SHVA.

Some members brought items for display and for auction.

**Art Bivens** is donating the money he receives from purchases of his book *From Sailboats to Submarines* to the SHVA.

**THANKS TO ALL AND ANYONE WHOM I FORGOT TO MENTION.**



## REUNION EVENTS & PICTURES

The reunion was an enjoyable event, and the tours were worthwhile. We began our tours on Friday morning with a stop at the Nauticus Maritime Museum. This facility had many attractions within and included a tour of the battleship Wisconsin. We viewed a short movie about the history of the battleship and attended two interactive theaters: Aegis Defense System and Battleship X Design.

Our next destination was a ride-through tour of Naval Station Norfolk with lunch at Vista Point Catering Center. We visited the USS Scorpion Memorial, but we were not permitted to take pictures in the area of the piers. Our Memorial Service occurred in the David Adams Memorial Chapel. Polly Mayo, daughter of Arthur Corten [ETC(SS), '60 - '63, *Eternal Patrol*] who attended the reunion with her husband, Jim, addressed the congregation and read a moving poem. A list of those reported to be on *Eternal Patrol* is on page 19.

On Saturday, we enjoyed a 2-hour, buffet-lunch cruise aboard the Spirit of Norfolk on the Elizabeth River. The ride took us north to Naval Station Norfolk and back.

Pictures associated with the reunion follow. Many attendees contributed their photos.



The host hotel



The lobby of the hotel with the SHVA banner



Aegis Interactive Theater (USS Aegis)



Reunion attendees prepare to defend the ship against simultaneous attacks from the air and sea

## REUNION EVENTS & PICTURES (continued)



Tim Bohdan (left) poses as Jay Roberts hugs Tim's wife, Fernanda, aboard the battleship Wisconsin. Hey Tim, better load those guns!!!!



Nancy Franz leans on a rack of simulated powder bags for the 16-in. guns



Lunch at the Vista Point Catering Center at Naval Station Norfolk



The start of the buffet line for dinner on Friday evening



Friday's buffet dinner

## REUNION EVENTS & PICTURES (continued)



Walking to board the Spirit of Norfolk



The Spirit of Norfolk



The buffet aboard the Spirit



Our group dining aboard the Spirit



Dining aboard the Spirit



Robert "Tim" Franz (left) and John Catlin converse aboard the Spirit

## REUNION EVENTS & PICTURES (continued)



Sandy Dobson joins in a line dance aboard the Spirit



Bruce & Connie Fulbright dance aboard the Spirit



Clockwise from the far left: David Koeppen, Bruce & Connie Fulbright,  
John "Sid" Rollin, and Chuck Husted



USS San Antonio, LPD 17, at Naval Station Norfolk



USS Mahan, DDG 72, at Naval Station Norfolk

## REUNION EVENTS & PICTURES (continued)



Attendees at Saturday night's banquet



Ed Booth wore his uniform at the Banquet



Jesse & Evelyn Davis

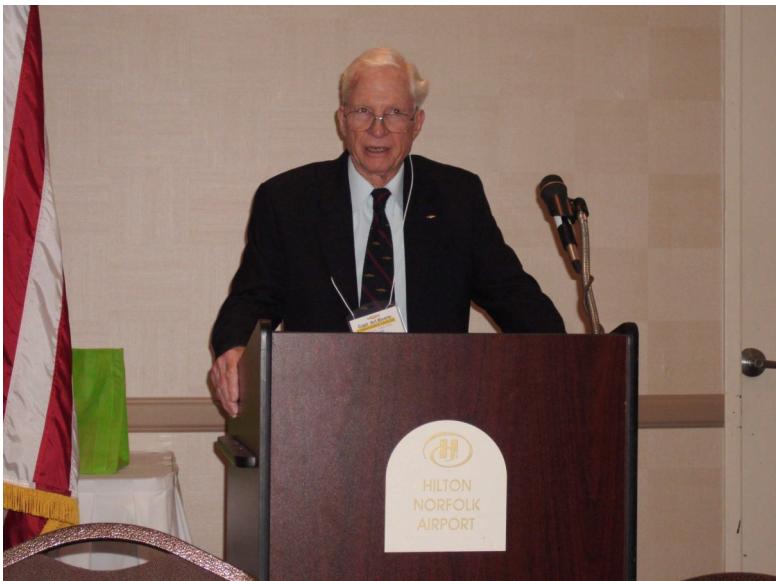


Charlie Holycross  
Denny Corbi  
Bill Truslow

## **REUNION EVENTS & PICTURES (continued)**

During the banquet, two former Commanding Officers, Capt. Art Bivens and Ed Griffing, and former Engineer, Mike Coyle, addressed the group. They all praised their crews and recalled some troublesome situations during which the crews responded properly to prevent potential disasters. Such responses are what has been a distinguishing characteristic of submariners.

Mike began his address by commanding Don Kassakatis for his courageous action that saved the life of Electrician, Bill Deabenderfer. An article on p. 15 has more on this heroic, live-saving act. (Don and his wife, Donna, were at the reunion but were unable to attend the banquet.) Mike also mentioned that he was at the location on naval business where Sam Houston was being cut up for scrap.



**Capt. Art Bivens  
Gold Crew, '67 - '70**



**Capt. Ed Griffing  
Gold Crew, '70 - '72**

**A picture of Mike Coyle is not available, but he made a significant achievement during his naval career. Mike advanced to LCdr while aboard the boat. When he retired in '99, he had become a 2-star Rear Admiral. That's what I call a real "Well Done"!**

## REUNION EVENTS & PICTURES (continued)



Dessert at the banquet



At the banquet, Rebecca Smith accepted from Howard a 5-star award on behalf of the hotel for the excellent job by the staff of the hotel in all categories of management during our reunion. Rebecca is the Sales Manager for the Hilton, and she is the individual with whom Howard dealt with to arrange the reunion.

The plaque states: ***The USS Sam Houston Veterans' Assn., Inc. with this plaque respectfully honors the Hilton Norfolk Airport for the success of the group's first formal military reunion from 20 - 23 October 2010. The superior service rendered was based upon the hotel staff's meticulous attention to detail. As such, the Hilton Norfolk Airport has set a high standard to be adopted for the group's future reunions. On behalf of those attending this reunion, please accept this plaque as a token of our appreciation for the exceptional service provided.***



## THE AUCTION DURING THE REUNION

(The following two paragraphs introduce this article and is provided by Howard Dobson)

Auctions at military reunions are nothing unusual, and usually nothing out of the ordinary happens. But for our auction, two incidents that I consider worth mentioning occurred. Bidding on an item was hot and heavy when one person raised his hand. Instead of increasing the bid as expected, he said that he had a question. The auctioneer, Bruce Fulbright, was mystified by such a request in the midst of bidding! Bruce loudly proclaimed, "how can anyone have a question in the middle of an auction?" After much laughter and a little embarrassment, the question was "will you accept a check?" Certainly, we would!

The one who asked that question is the one who submitted the following details of the much more bizarre and funny incident to follow during the auction.

(The remainder of this article was submitted by Tim Bohdan.)



"The gentleman on the left, Larry Ferrell, offered a Sam Houston commemorative [challenge] coin for auction. A vigorous, 3-way bidding war ensued between the owner, Tim Bohdan (right), and Mike Coyle [through his spokesperson, Renee Coyle]. The bid was won by Tim Bohdan who subsequently paid for the coin and returned it immediately to its original owner (Larry) stating, 'I have no intention of keeping this coin. The coin obviously means a lot to the owner; so, I am giving it back to him.' Larry then paid his second highest bid for the coin and gave the coin to the third highest bidder, Mike Coyle, who is shown receiving the coin (center). Thus, two people paid for the coin and gave the coin away to someone else who would appreciate it more. The outcome of the coin auction exemplifies the spirit of camaraderie shared by Sam Houston veterans and shows that former shipmates can place others before self—a hallmark of the US military credo. The cohesiveness and camaraderie of the Sam Houston crews has not dimmed after all these years."

**-Tim Bohdan**

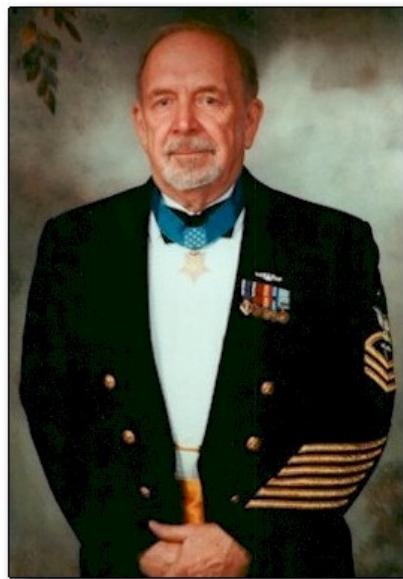
(Well stated, Tim.)

## MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT SERVED ABOARD USS SAM HOUSTON

(Article provided by Howard Dobson with inspiration from Jim Royal.)

Unknown to me and probably many other shipmates, **William Charette** (Hospitalman, Gold, 1962-1965) received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in Korea on 27 March 1953. **James Royal** [EN2(SS), Gold, 1964-1966], who was aboard the boat with William Charette, informed me of this most significant achievement. Some details related to the honor follow:

### BIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM CHARETTE



William Richard Charette, born in Ludington, Michigan, was raised by an uncle after his parents died when he was four. After high school, he took a job on a Lake Michigan ferryboat, and that led him to join the Navy. There was a shortage of medical corpsmen; so, he volunteered. He worked in a Navy hospital for a year, then volunteered again—this time as a medic with the Marine Corps. He was assigned to a rifle company in the Seventh Marines in Korea. In the spring of 1953, Navy Corpsman Charette's Marine unit was in an area near Panmunjom between North and South Korea, guarding the route to the South Korean capital of Seoul.

In the early-morning hours of March 27, Chinese troops overran three outposts on a hill the Americans called Vegas. The Marines counterattacked to retake the position several hours later. It was the beginning of a solid twenty-four hours of combat. The well-entrenched enemy hit the Americans with small arms and mortar fire. As the Marines tried to ascend Vegas Hill, the Chinese rolled grenades down on them. There were so many explosions that Charette could not keep count.

At one point, he was working on a badly wounded rifleman when a Chinese grenade hit nearby. Figuring that the man could not survive another wound, Charette threw himself over his body. The explosion tore off Charette's helmet, destroyed his medical pack, and knocked him out. When he came to and could not see because of the blood in his eyes caused by shrapnel wounds to his face, he thought he was blind. But, his vision eventually cleared, and he returned to his duties. Charette's medical supplies were destroyed by enemy fire, but he improvised by tearing off pieces of his uniform to make bandages for the men in his unit as well as for those in nearby platoons. He put his own battle vest on a wounded Marine whose vest had been destroyed by an explosion. When a trench was completely blown out, he swiftly went to the aid of five soldiers wounded in the explosion. One of them was severely injured—his leg nearly severed. When the order came at dawn to pull back and the Marines started carrying the wounded out, they had to bend down to avoid enemy fire and were unable to get the man out without injuring him further. Charette picked the Marine up in his arms, and standing up despite enemy guns, carried him to safety. Following this engagement, Charette was pulled back in reserve. He was recommended for the Navy Cross, but as the citation was forwarded up through the ranks, it was upgraded to the Medal of Honor.

In all, five Navy corpsmen were recommended for the medal during the Korean War. Charette was the only one who survived to receive it. On Jan. 12, 1954, William Charette received the medal from President Dwight Eisenhower. The man who explained

## MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT SERVED ABOARD USS SAM HOUSTON (continued)

the protocol for the ceremony to him, submarine commander Captain Edward L. Beach, Jr., the president's naval aide, went on to write the best-selling *Run Silent, Run Deep*. Years later, Charette served under Beach onboard the USS Triton (SSN-586).

Charette served as an Independent Duty Corpsmen (IDC) in the Navy's Nuclear Submarine Program. Charette continued to advance and eventually retired in 1977 after serving 26 years at the highest Navy enlisted rank (E-9) Master Chief Hospital Corpsman, Submarines, HMCM(SS).



Hospital Corpsman First Class William R. Charette selects the Unknown Serviceman of World War II during ceremonies on board USS Canberra on May 26, 1958

In 1958 as the U.S. Navy's only active duty Medal of Honor recipient, Hospital Corpsman First Class Charette had the honor of selecting the Unknown Serviceman of World War. Two unknowns from World War II, one from the European Theater, and one from the Pacific Theater, were placed in identical caskets and taken aboard USS Canberra, a guided-missile cruiser resting off the Virginia capes. After HM1 Charette made his selection, the remaining caskets received a solemn burial at sea.

The above biography and pictures of William Charette are reproductions of information from the online encyclopedia, Wikipedia. No authors are listed for the article. Reproduction of the above information complies with the policy of Wikipedia.

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## MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT SERVED ABOARD USS SAM HOUSTON (continued)

### The Medal of Honor citation:

#### The White House Washington

The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR to

WILLIAM RICHARD CHARETTE,  
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

**Citation:** *William R. Charette*, Hospital Corpsman Third Class, attached to Company F, 2d Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in action against enemy aggressor forces during the early morning hours, 27 March 1953, P'anmunjom Corridor (DMZ) Korea. Participating in a fierce encounter with a cleverly concealed and well-entrenched enemy force occupying positions on a vital and bitterly contested outpost far in advance of the main resistance, Hospital Corpsman Third Class *Charette* repeatedly and unhesitatingly moved about through a murderous barrage of hostile small-arms and mortar fire to render assistance to his wounded comrades. When an enemy grenade landed within a few feet of a marine he was attending, he immediately threw himself upon the stricken man and absorbed the entire concussion of the deadly missile with his body. Although sustaining painful facial wounds, and undergoing shock from the intensity of the blast which ripped the helmet and medical aid kit from his person, Hospital Corpsman Third Class *Charette* resourcefully improvised emergency bandages by tearing off part of his clothing, and gallantly continued to administer medical aid to the wounded in his own unit and to those in adjacent platoon areas as well. Observing a seriously wounded comrade whose armored vest had been torn from his body by the blast from an exploding shell, he selflessly removed his own battle vest and placed it upon the helpless man although fully aware of the added jeopardy to himself. Moving to the side of another casualty who was suffering excruciating pain from a serious leg wound, Hospital Corpsman Third Class *Charette* stood upright in the trench line and exposed himself to a deadly hail of enemy fire in order to lend more effective aid to the victim and to alleviate his anguish while being removed to a position of safety. By his indomitable courage and inspiring efforts in behalf of his wounded comrades, Hospital Corpsman Third Class *Charette* was directly responsible for saving many lives. His great personal valor reflects the highest credit upon himself and enhances the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

January 12, 1954

/s/ Dwight D. Eisenhower

The above citation is reproduced from the web site of the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va. <[www-nmcp.med.navy.mil/pao/charette.asp](http://www-nmcp.med.navy.mil/pao/charette.asp)>. Being a web site of the federal government, the information is not copyrighted.

## DON KASSAKATIS RECEIVED THE NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL

Don Kassakatis left the boat and the Navy in 1971, was living peacefully with his family in Portsmouth, Va., and working at the Surrey Nuclear Station. One evening about 6 months later, he retrieved a phone message from the office of an admiral on the Norfolk Navy Base. That message requested only that Don return the call. Don had no intention of calling back because he thought that the admiral would attempt to get him back into the Navy! After numerous messages from the office had been left, Don decided to call after he had formulated a rebuttal for the admiral. When Don called, he was surprised to learned that he had been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for his part in saving the life of Electrician, Bill Deabenderfer, while aboard USS Sam Houston. Mike Coyle, Engineer on board at the time of the incident, had recommended that Don be awarded the medal. (Mike did not mention anything about the medal at the reunion when he commended Don's act.) Don and his family went to the base where Admiral E. P. Wilkinson, Commander Submarine Force Atlantic Fleet, presented Don with the medal.

Bill Deabenderfer received a near-fatal, 450-volt, electric shock while performing a test (OI-62B) of the interlocks between the reactor-protection system and the electrical switchgear. The test required the collaboration of an Electrician and a Reactor Operator. Bill inadvertently held in each hand fuse inserts that were energized with 450 volts. The charged locked his grip on the inserts and other muscles that essentially paralyzed Bill at the time. Don noticed the situation, ran to Bill, and jumped into the air and kicked him. This resulted in the fuse inserts being yanked from Bill's hands because of the ends of the lengths of the attached cables.

[Editor's note]

I will never forget the incident because I was a trainee from Reactor-Control Division becoming qualified in the test. The electrician would place the fuse inserts into empty fuse holders in various switchgear during the test then energize the inserts. Because we were seldom simultaneously visible, the electrician would yell "ready" when he was set up for the next step in the test. Not having heard the "ready," we repeatedly yelled to Bill asking if he was ready—no reply. Then from forward in Machinery 2, Don and I heard a faint moan from the rear. We both sensed that something was wrong and ran aft. Bill had been starboard, and so was Don. I was on the port side. Thus, Don arrived before myself and had kicked Bill from the energized fuse inserts by the time I had arrived. I immediately went through the Engine Room hatch and into the Maneuvering Room to inform Control of the accident. Fortunately, Bill recovered without adversities.



## SAM HOUSTON JACKET OWNED BY "RANDY"

On 30 Oct 2010, Jack Haran [USS Barbero (SSG 317)] sent me an e-mail in which he said that he had a nylon jacket with embroidery about USS Sam Houston on it. His mother, many years ago, had purchased the jacket from a thrift store in Port St. Lucie, Fla. because of the embroidered dolphins on it. It's likely that the last owner (maybe Randy's mother?) got rid of it during a cleanup. Regardless, the size of the jacket is medium, and Jack wears an extra large. Thus, the jacket does not fit him. The name "Randy" was embroidered along with USS Sam Houston Blue Crew and the ship's crest. A tag in the jacket indicates that it was initially obtained in Guam. Jack volunteered to send it to me as I might be able to find the owner.

I received the jacket and was surprised to see that it was in excellent condition. I noticed that the return address on the package was Rockland, Mass. This is significant because two days later, I would be in Rockland to attend a seminar and town hall meeting of the Alliance of Military Reunions. I had not known where Jack lived because we had been communicating via e-mail. We exchanged phone numbers, and I was able to personally thank Jack for the jacket. (He is left in the picture below.)

I have on the roster a Randy who served on the Blue Crew while the boat was stationed in Guam but have no information on him. I'll hold the jacket in case this shipmate, or the rightful owner is located, or another "Randy" is located.



## **HOWARD MEETS MARK MANZUR NEAR THE PHILADELPHIA AIRPORT**

Mark Manzer, Treasurer, notified Howard that his job would bring him near the Philadelphia International Airport on 23 Jul 2010 and that might be an opportunity for us to meet for lunch. This was a great idea because Howard lives in Wilmington, Del., and Mark resides in Vancouver, Wash. We met for lunch.



**Howard & Mark**

## **BRUCE FULBRIGHT ON BOARD**

Bruce Fulbright submitted the following pictures of himself.

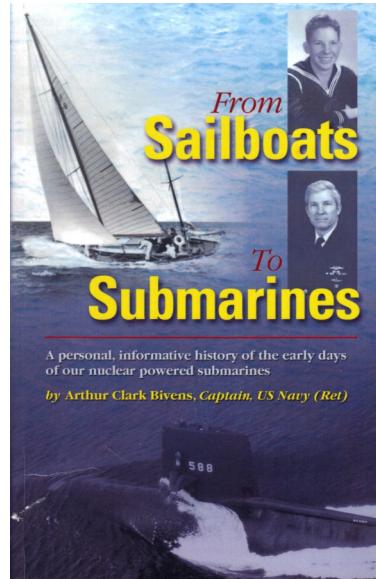


## BOOKS AUTHORED BY OFFICERS WHO SERVED ON BIG SAM

**Capt. Art Bivens** authored *From Sailboats to Submarines*. He is taking orders for autographed copies of his book. The cost is \$10, and he is donating money paid for the book to the SHVA. If you are interested in acquiring a copy of his book, please contact him.

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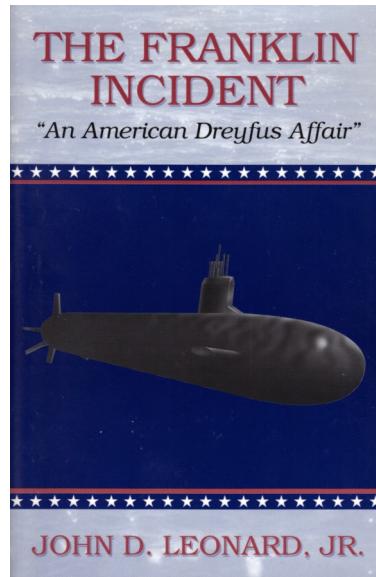
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Both authors are selling their books for \$10 a copy. I've read both books and found them informative. You might have the same opinion.

**Howard Dobson**

## **NEED FOR A BETTER GRAPHIC OF THE SDV-1 PATCH**

Does anyone have an SDV-1 patch—fabric, decal, or a large electronic file? If so, I need it. The only graphic of the SDV-1 patch that I have found—and apparently the only image readily available—is the one on the first page of this newsletter. The problem is that enlarging it produces a graphic that is extremely poor quality. Thus, I have no SDV-1 graphic that is suitable for uses where a larger graphic is needed.

Recently, Richard Tomac wanted to know where he could get a cloth version of the patch. For years, I have not been able to locate one. The SHVA needs that patch, and if none is available, some vendors can produce it. But, the vendors will need a good-quality sample or picture to copy.

Let myself or our Storekeeper, Larry Ferrell, know if you have any leads on that patch. At the reunion, Jay Roberts mentioned that he knew the officer who designed the patch but does not know where the designer is.

The patch of the ship's crest (raven) is readily available.

### ***Howard Dobson***

## **SHOULD THE SHVA PLACE A GRANITE BENCH AT THE SUBMARINE COLD WAR MEMORIAL?**

Larry Check, our Storekeeper, has suggested that a granite memorial bench from the SHVA be placed at the Cold War Submarine Memorial at Patriots Point. The bench could be fabricated and installed just before our reunion, and we could have a dedication ceremony during our reunion in 2012.

I feel that his suggestion has both merit and worthiness, but membership approval will be required. At this time, I ask that you only consider this token action. Our bylaws provide for voting on SHVA business via the Internet and postal mail, and I will initiate the vote early in 2011. The cost will be about \$2500 for the bench with a fabrication time of about 6 months.

Larry provided the picture on the right of an example of the bench.



## **SITE 1, HOLY LOCH, SCOTLAND ASSOCIATION & REUNION**

At the reunion, I mentioned to someone that the Holy Loch Assn. exists and holds reunions. I also said that, periodically, their reunion is held at Holy Loch, Scotland. I promised more information about that association—here it is.

The Site One Holy Loch, Scotland Assn. holds annual reunions. Every third or fourth one occurs at Holy Loch. Membership is \$10/year. Payment is to be mailed to their Treasurer at the address below:

**Site One HolyLoch, Scotland Association**  
**c/o Gerry C. Haight**  
**6001 Pennsylvania Ave.**  
**Arlington, TX 76017**

**Email: gchaight@link.com**

The next reunion is 12 - 15 May 2011 in Virginia Beach, Va.. More information about the association and the reunion is available from the web site <[www.holyloch.org](http://www.holyloch.org)>. I have become a member and plan to attend its 2011 reunion. If you are interested but do not have Internet access, please contact me for additional information about the association and its reunion.

***Submitted by:***  
***Howard Dobson***

**SHIPMATES REPORTED TO HAVE RECEIVED ORDERS FOR ETERNAL PATROL**

Last Name	First Name	Rate	Crew	On Boat	Off Boat	Departed
Adams	John	ET1	B, G	1965	1968	2005
Alford	Zeb	Cdr	B	1961		8/4/2009
Annullies	Bernard	FTB1	B	1961		unspecified
Atchison	Douglas	RMC	B	1961	1963	10/28/2003
Bartsch	Richard	RM1		1965		unspecified
Beck	Robert	STS3	G	1968	1971	4/1/2010
Blood	Rafe	ENFN	B	1962	1964	2002?
Brooks	Daniel	Cdr	B	1964	1966	unspecified
Burrows	Dave	MTC	O72			1981
Burrus	Jim	RM2	G	1968	1971	3/26/2008
Campbell	Arliegh	Lt	G			2009
Cater	Richard	MM1		1965	1969	unspecified
Corten	Arthur	ETC		1960	1963	2/5/2010
Ellison	J	MM2	O72			unspecified
Epes	Travis	ETCS	G	1969	1972	10/2007
Fiemster	Jay	YN2	B	1960	1962	unspecified
Foulner	Dana	YN3	G			unspecified
Friedman	Werner	FTG1	G	1961	1964	10/20/2000
Gawrysiak	Walter	ET1	G			unspecified
Green	James	MM2	B	1964	1968	4/8/2001
Hawkins	Jack	Cdr	G	1961	1965	10/2006
Hummer	Rodney	MT1	G			3/15/2009
Infinger	Marty	ET3	SSN	1987		1999?
Joyce	Jeffrey	MM2	SSN	1981	1991	unspecified
Keidel	Lawrence	MMC		1961	1963	11/3/2002
Kirkland	Lawrence	QMSN	G	1962	1964	2009
Kirkland	Edward	QMSN	G	1962	1964	4/17/2001
Kujat	James	MT	B			1965?
Lookhoff	Jeffery	QM2	B, G	1963	1968	2002?
Lyons	Patrick	STS2	B	1962	1965	1968
Mathewson	Ed	ETCS				unspecified
McPadden	Donald	Lt	B	1961	1963	1992
Metz	Thomas	EM1	G		1970	4/8/2002
Mohn	Steven					unspecified
Murrell	James	SD2	B	1963	1968	5/28/2009
Parchman	John	IC1				2001?
Prudot	John	TM1				2004
Rediger	Robert	MT2	G	1973	1976	3/14/2001
Regan, Jr.	George	MTC	G			unspecified
Reynolds	J	LCdr	B	1970	1972	3/2010
Reynolds	Robert					unspecified
Rich	Willis	Cdr	B	1975	1977	8/2006
Riley	Glenn	MM1	G			unspecified
Rosenau	Franklin	MT1	B	1965	1970	7/18/2009
Seader	Edward					unspecified
Smith	Roy	QM2	B	1974	1977	unspecified
Souza, Jr.	John	YNC	G	1962	1963	2006
Suter			B			unspecified
Tetreault	Ed					unspecified
Thibault	John	TM2	B	1967	1969	unspecified
Turner	Robert	ET1	G	1964	1966	2006
Vaughan	Robert	MM1	B	1969	1972	unspecified
Walsh	John	ETCS	G	1966	1969	1998
Watters	Gregory	ETCS	B	1967	1970	unspecified
White	Robert	YNC	G	1965	1968	5/13/2004
Willis, Jr.	William	Capt.	B	1961	1964	6/2/2008
Young	Keith	MM2	B	1967	1970	2006
Zook	Sam	MM1	G			1970?