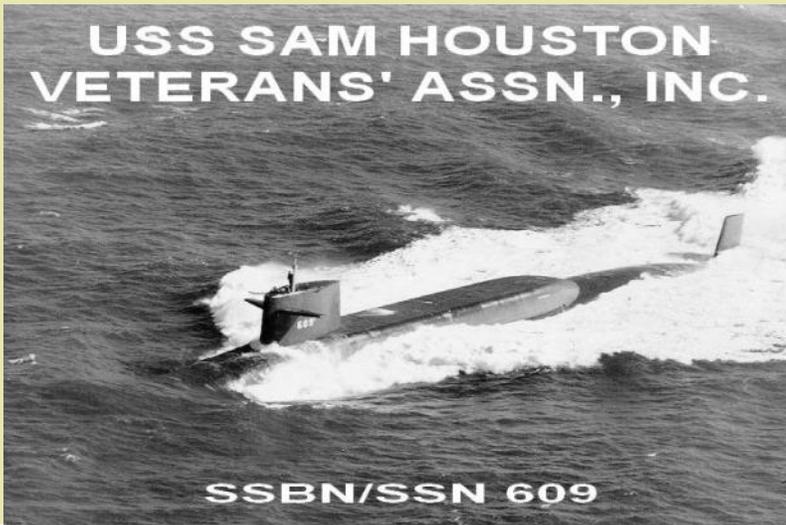


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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

### Shipmates & Associate Members:

I hope that everyone enjoyed the summer and will have an enjoyable holiday season during December with family and friends. Because this is the second newsletter this year, it is a lengthy one with lots of information and pictures.

We had a great reunion in Seattle, Wash. this past Sept.—lots of camaraderie, sea stories, and recollections. A noticeable increase in our membership was an unexpected side effect of the reunion occurring on the west coast. After the boat was stationed in the Pacific region, many shipmates apparently chose to live in the western region of the U.S. Shortly after the reunion was announced to occur in Seattle, shipmates not on the roster began to contact me. This was primarily the result of **Ray Higgins** [MM1(SS), Gold & Blue, 1965-1970] locating many shipmates and existing members "passing the word." I thank all of you who were involved in locating new shipmates. As of this writing, we have 430 members—an increase of about 36 since the reunion announcement earlier this year. Some of those new members attended the reunion.

Also, I collectively thank all who helped with our reunion activities in any way—and there were many of you. Regardless of how trivial your help might have seemed to you, it was needed and welcomed. I needed your help before, during, and after the reunion.

Many of the articles in this newsletter are from and about our shipmates. They make interesting reading. Please continue to submit your memories, pictures, and other graphics. I received more information than what is included in this newsletter, but I had forgotten to check another storage location while assembling this newsletter. I decided to place that additional information in a subsequent newsletter as this one has become unusually lengthy.

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## OUR 2014 REUNION

The Red Lion Hotel Seattle Airport in Seattle, Wash. did a superb job hosting our reunion, and the attendees enjoyed the tours of the Boeing Everett Factory followed by a visit to the Space Needle on Thursday and, on Friday, the Naval Undersea Museum with lunch at Naval Base Kitsap. Although not being permitted to tour a boat was disappointing, our buffet lunch on the base was great. We returned to Seattle from Bremerton, Wash. on a one-hour ferry ride across Puget Sound.

An event at this reunion was unlike any of our other reunions and likely unlike most other military reunions: **Karl Schab** [FTB2(SS), Blue, 1976-1979 & CDR ret.] held his formal, naval-retirement ceremony in our banquet room!

**Brad Lawrence** [IC2(SS), Gold, 1972-1973] is working on a Reunion-Memory Book with lots of pictures and portraits. He's hoping to have it ready for purchase early in 2015. The portraits of individuals and couples that he took at the reunion will also be available for purchase—prints, the associated electronic files, or both. Some reunion pictures follow.



Reunion ball caps donated to the shipmates by **David Koeppen** [ETC(SS), Gold, '71-'74].



An exterior area at Pike Place Market in Seattle.



Southern view of downtown Seattle from the Observation Deck of the Space Needle at an elevation of 605 above sea level.



Close-up of the view on the left. CenturyLink Stadium is at the lower right; the snow-covered Mt. Rainier is barely visible in the upper center in the background.

*Although we toured the Boeing Everett Factory, taking pictures was prohibited. The reason was not one related to trade secrets; rather, it was to prevent someone from dropping a camera from the elevated walkways onto personnel or the assembly lines below!*

**OUR 2014 REUNION, cont.**



Waiting for the Naval Undersea Museum to open for us in Kitsap, Wash.



Buffet lunch at Naval Base Kitsap.



Capt. Thomas Zwolfer, CO of Naval Base Kitsap, gives a luncheon presentation.



A view of Bainbridge Island in Puget Sound during the ferry ride from Bremerton to Seattle.



The Seattle skyline during the ferry ride from Bremerton to Seattle.

**OUR 2014 REUNION, cont.**

Dessert for the Reunion Banquet



Our banquet.



**Wayne Snodgrass**, (LT, SSN, '85-'88) provides some insight into the operations of the boat as an SSN during our banquet.



**Bruce Fulbright** [MM1(SS), Gold, '65-'70] was our illustrious auctioneer after the banquet.



**Brad Lawrence** [IC2(SS), Gold, '72-'73] taking professional portraits before the banquet.

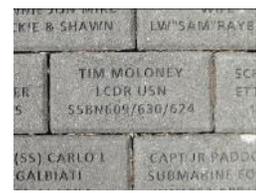
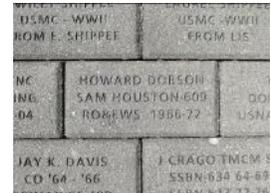
## OUR MEMORIAL SERVICE IN DETERRENT PARK AT NAVAL BASE KITSAP

We held our Memorial Service on the Missile Deck of the full-size replica of USS Woodrow Wilson (SSBN 624). The Missile Deck is made of engraved commemorative bricks provided by private donors.



Many spaces are available for donor bricks, and some of our reunion attendees wished to purchase some. I was unsure of how to do so at that time and promised to pursue the matter later—and later has become now. A few organizations are involved with Deterrent Park. Purchase of bricks for the Missile Deck are ordered through the Bremerton Base of the United States Submarine Veterans' Assn., Inc. (USSVI). The all-inclusive price of an engraved brick is \$40.00. Visit the web site [www.gertrude-check.org](http://www.gertrude-check.org) for information about ordering a brick and a form to complete and submit. For our members who do not have Internet access, I have included the information and order form as separate documents with this newsletter mailing.

Before and after our Memorial Service, some of the attendees located bricks of some **USS Sam Houston** veterans. We likely did not locate bricks of all veterans of the boat; nevertheless, the bricks that we did notice appear below.



Ed Tetrault  
ETC(SS) 1964-67  
[Eternal Patrol]

## KARL SCHAB'S NAVAL RETIREMENT

An official Navy photographer took pictures at Karl's Retirement Ceremony, and he had expected to receive copies of the pictures taken. Guess what? Yep, he's having trouble getting copies! Thus, I have no pictures to include in this edition of the newsletter. Meanwhile, I'll include the program for the ceremony.

*Howard Dobson*

**Retirement Ceremony  
Commanding Officer  
CDR KARL A. SCHAB  
United States Navy**



**September 13th, 2014  
Space and Naval Warfare Systems  
Command  
Reserve Det 301  
Everett, WA**

### United States Navy **Biography**



Rear Admiral Feichtinger was born and raised in Oregon. He graduated from Northwestern University, where he served as the Battalion Commander of the NROTC, and received his commission into the Navy in 1970. Following a five-year tour in the Submarine Force, he earned his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1978.

Rear Admiral Feichtinger served aboard the USS STURGEON (SSN 637), and qualified in submarines. He also served as a leading instructor at a land-based operational reactor before transitioning to the reserve component of the Navy.

Following tours as commanding officer of six reserve units, including two commands at Submarine Base Bangor, Washington, and a tour as the Operations Department Head for Naval Coastal Warfare Group One, Rear Admiral Feichtinger was selected to Flag rank in 1999.

As a Flag officer, Rear Admiral Feichtinger served as the Deputy Commander (Mobilization), Submarine Forces, Pacific Fleet, and later as Director, Submarine Reserve, United States Submarine Force, responsible for providing to the Submarine Force operational support from 2,800 personnel, including 400 personnel mobilized immediately following September 11, 2001. Rear Admiral Feichtinger also served as Commander, Naval Reserve Readiness Command Northwest, with oversight for an eight-state region with 17 reserve centers and for the mobilization and readiness of 5,000 reservists.

Rear Admiral Feichtinger served the final three years of his 35-year Navy career as Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, United States Strategic Command, with headquarters at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska. This joint command exercised operational control over the strategic military assets of the United States, including submarine, ground and air-launched strategic weapons, as well as broad responsibilities for global strike, global networking of military communications and information, control of U.S. space assets, and missile defense systems, as well as other joint military efforts.

Rear Admiral Feichtinger's personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Navy Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal. Rear Admiral Feichtinger is married to Nancy G. Feichtinger, and they live in Portland, Oregon.

# KARL SCHAB'S NAVAL RETIREMENT (cont.)



## United States Navy Biography



Commander Karl A. Schab hails from Pomona, California. He enlisted in 1975, and following recruit and basic submarine training, and Fire Control Technician "A" and "C" schools, he reported to USS SAM HOUSTON (SSBN 609) at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He qualified in Submarines in 1977. In June 1980 he reported to the Pre-commissioning Unit of USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) in Groton, Connecticut, where he served as Fire Control Division Leading Petty Officer. He left active duty in May 1984, and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Regents College in January 1985. He enlisted in the Navy Reserve in January 1990. Commander Schab served in reserve units in Washington and Texas prior to his selection for a Limited Duty Officer commission in October 1994.

Upon commissioning, he reported to MIUWU 108 in Corpus Christi, Texas, as First Lieutenant. He completed an overseas deployment in support of Operation Freedom Banner 1995. In April 1998 he reported to USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40) Reserve Detachment B in Denver, Colorado as Executive Officer. His unit was a co-recipient of the ship's Meritorious Unit Commendation. In March 2000, he reported to NR CINCUSNAVEUR DET 130 in London, England. After September 11th he was recalled to active duty as OIC of Naval Mobilization Processing Site - London. Following active duty, in November 2002, he was selected to command USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40) Reserve Detachment B in Denver, Colorado, producing man-portable 45-foot submarine brows for the fleet. In October 2003, he was chosen to stand up and command USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40) Reserve Detachment K in Phoenix, Arizona. In March 2004, he was again recalled to active duty, and reported to US CENTCOM Joint Security Directorate in Qatar, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom as Anti-terrorism Vulnerability Assessment Team Leader, which included service in Iraq and Afghanistan. He assumed command of NR Naval Security Force Corpus Christi in October 2005. In October 2006 he performed 90 days of active duty for the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense as the military assistant for the Task Force to Support Business and Stability Operations in Iraq at Camp Victory in Baghdad. He commanded NR NWS Seal Beach Explosive Out load Team ONE from December 2007 to October 2008. He served as Naval Special Warfare Technical Special Reconnaissance programs officer from October 2008 to July 2011. In January 2011 he was re-designated as an Information Professional officer. In October 2011 he assumed command of a Combat Advisor team in Afghanistan. He served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Ops/Plans at NR COMPACFLT MOC Detachment 601 from December 2012 to November 2013, and earned his Information Dominance Warfare qualification in April 2013. He assumed his current duties in December 2013.

Commander Schab is a graduate of the Army Combat Advisor Course and the George C. Marshall Center Program on Terrorism and Security Studies. His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2), the Navy Commendation Medal (3), and the Navy Achievement Medal (3).

In his civilian career Commander Schab has played key roles in the design of the International Space Station and testing of National Missile Defense. He can read and speak Russian, and holds a Master of Science degree in Computer Science from Colorado Technical University. Commander Schab resides in West Hills, California, with his wife, Carla.

## Order of Events

### Master of Ceremonies

CW02 Daryn Bartlett

### Arrival of Official Party

Side boys

### Parade of Colors

(Guests please rise)

### National Anthem

Color Guard

### Retire the Colors

Color Guard

### Invocation

LT Hopfauf  
(Guests please be seated)

### Change of Command

LCDR Obudho

### Guest Speaker

RADM (Retired) Mark R. Feichtinger

### Children's Certificate

Stephen and Sarah

### Spouse Certificate

Carla Schab

### Presentation of

### Awards/Certificates

RADM (Retired) Mark R. Feichtinger

### Retiree Remarks

CDR (retired) Karl A. Schab

### Benediction

LT Hopfauf

### Reading of "The Watch"

CW02 Daryn Bartlett

### CDR Schab piped ashore

Honors Boatswain's Mate/Side boys

### Ceremony Reception

## The Watch

*For almost Forty years ... this sailor has stood the watch*

*While some of us were in our bunks at night  
this sailor stood the watch*

*While some of us were in school learning our trade  
this shipmate stood the watch*

*Yes, even before some of us were born into this  
world  
this shipmate stood the watch*

*In those years when the storm clouds of war were  
seen brewing on the horizon of history  
this shipmate stood the watch*

*Many times he would cast an eye ashore and see his  
family standing there ... needing his guidance and  
help... needing that hand to hold during those hard  
times ... but he still stood the watch*

*He stood the watch for twenty-two years.  
He stood the watch so that we, our families, and our  
fellow countrymen could sleep soundly in safety  
each and every night knowing that a sailor stood the  
watch*

*Today we respectfully gather here to say,  
"Shipmate, the watch stands relieved.  
Relieved by those you have led, guided, and  
trained.*

*Shipmate, you stand relieved  
We have the watch."*



## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SHVA SOUGHT FOR 2015**

The SHVA is one of a few veterans' organizations that does not require dues from its members. But, the SHVA does require money to function and depends solely on voluntary, monetary contributions from its members. Many members have not contributed in the past for whatever reasons. For those who might simply forget, I'll send periodic reminders during 2015 and subsequent years when contributions are requested.

Fortunately, the operating costs of the SHVA are relatively low compared to many other comparable organizations because most of the official communications are accomplished via e-mail. Items such as Membership Certificates and Remembrance Certificates must be sent via postal mail. Postage alone is \$0.98 for each Membership Certificate while postage for Remembrance Certificates is usually higher because a survivor of a shipmate on Eternal Patrol might desire Remembrance Certificates for more than one family member. Mailing of four Remembrance Certificates incurs a cost of \$1.40. These costs do not include the price of the certificate paper and the large envelopes used for mailing.

Ink for printers is another significant expense. About 25 newsletters must be sent via postal mail, and biennially, reunion packets. These documents are typically 8 sheets each with plenty of graphics. They consume lots of ink. Those members with computer systems are aware that inks are expensive. Additionally, postage alone for a typical 8-sheet (16 pages) newsletter costs \$1.19.

Funds have also been used to purchase other items for the "good of the association." Under this umbrella were a granite memorial bench for the Cold War Submarine Memorial at Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum near Charleston, S.C. installed near the end of 2011 and the commemorative plaque installed at the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. at the end of 2013. These two items in the name of the crews of **USS Sam Houston** are public displays that honor those who served aboard. Each of these memorials cost \$3000 each. Money is needed to support programs such as these. Such programs are a condition of our recognition as a tax-exempt, veterans' organization by the IRS.

Please support the SHVA with a contribution for the year 2015. Moreover, I have been requesting contributions only on odd years and suggest a \$25 donation. Any amount within your budget is acceptable.

**ONE CHANGE HAS OCCURRED REGARDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SHVA—DO NOT SEND THEM TO ME, HOWARD DOBSON, AS IN THE PAST. CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TO BE SENT TO OUR TREASURER, MARK MANZER. SEND YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO "USS SAM HOUSTON" TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

***USS Sam Houston Veterans' Assn.  
c/o Mark Manzer  
10118 NE 41st Ave  
Vancouver WA 98686-5811***

The reason for this change is that the SHVA has changed its checking account from a national bank to a credit union in Vancouver, Wash. This change was necessary because the national bank imposed a monthly service charge of \$18 for our account. This equates to a loss of \$216 yearly. The credit union does not impose a service charge. Because credit unions are "local," only Mark can make deposits in any form. Thus, to avoid incurring the cost of my having to forward checks/money orders to Mark for deposit, he should receive contributions directly.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration in this matter,

***Howard Dobson***

## **A NEW and DIFFERENT PROJECT TO LOCATE SHIPMATES**

**Ray Higgins** has long been involved with attempting to locate shipmates or learn of their having received orders for Eternal Patrol. This a project that might need financial support in the future if his current effort suggests that continuing the project would be worthwhile. That project involves obtaining official naval records with the names of those who were assigned to the boat. These records are available from the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Ray will foot the bill for two rolls of microfilm from the National Archives and donate his time to compare those names with the roster of the SHVA. (For the past year, Ray has collated information from many web site rosters of the boat and submitted changes to the SHVA's roster accordingly.) Each roll of film will have the full names (with middle initials) and some other information of individuals who were assigned to the boat during a specific year. He will take the film to a public library where he can print the pages of the microfilm then proceed with comparison of those lists to our roster.

The SHVA has little chance of locating veterans of the boat unless we have the names of those for whom we seek. Moreover, the correct spellings of those names are essential to the start of the process of locating them.

If this technique proves to be a worthwhile project, money will be needed to purchase additional microfilms. This will be another use for contributions to the SHVA.

*Howard Dobson*

## **NEED TO LOCATE SHIP'S PHOTOGRAPHERS**

If anyone knows the name any of our Ship's Photographers, please let me and/or Ray Higgins know. (Refer to the SHVA's Distribution Roster for Ray's contact information.) Even if you only know a name or a state where he might have lived, that could be helpful toward locating him. Those are the guys who are likely to have some significant pictures related to the boat in their own archives.

So far, we have been successful with **Edward J. Valentine** [TM1(SS), Blue, 1963-1966] who has donated his photos to the SHVA. We also need more info about **Hackett** [HMC(SS), Gold & Blue, 1965-1970] to locate him. Any info might be helpful.

I'll include a bunch of Ed's photos in the next newsletter.

*Howard Dobson*

## **DO YOU HAVE 2014 REUNION PICTURES THAT YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?**

**Brad Lawrence** will be producing a Reunion-Memory Book and will include some pictures taken by reunion attendees if they wish to share them. He will soon be setting up a web site where you can upload pictures that you wish to share. Brad has chosen this technique as opposed to sending pictures via e-mails to eliminate issues on both the sending and the receiving ends. E-mail has file-size limitations which would necessitate that a sender submit numerous emails with only a couple of pictures attached to each e-mail. Brad would then have to download those pictures from numerous e-mails. With a web site established for uploading pictures, those who will send pictures can send all that they wish in one or a few uploads depending upon the number of locations where those pictures will exist. Brad then has one location for the uploaded pictures.

Brad expects to have the web site established in December 2014. When he has done so, I will notify the attendees of our 2014 reunion. Meanwhile, think about which pictures you would like to share.

Thanks,

*Howard Dobson*

## A VISIT WITH HAL GLOVIER

While attending a military-reunion-planner conference at Tysons Corner, Va., I visited **Hal Glovier** [CDR (and CO), Blue, 1968-1971] and his wife, Mary Elizabeth, on 04 Jul 2014.



*Howard Dobson*

## PICTURE FILES RELATED TO THE SHVA

Some members of the SHVA might wish to create their own imprinted items related to **USS Sam Houston** or the SHVA. If so, I will send you files of pictures related to the boat, the SHVA, such as those of the boat, its crest, the SHVA logos, and the commemorative plaque at the U.S. Navy Memorial. As an example, I have been making my own T-shirts by using T-shirt transfers made by Avery.

All of the files that I use are either royalty-free or the SHVA is the copyright holder. Only the silhouette of the boat and those items that have words imbedded in the graphic that mention the SHVA are copyrighted. The copyrighted items will be for your personal use only. You might want a vendor to make an embroidered T-shirt for you that includes the profile of the boat. You can send the related file to the vendor. (For legal protection, the vendor might want written permission to use the file; if so, have the vendor contact me.)

*Howard Dobson*

## REUNION AWARD PLAQUE

I had the plaque below made after our reunion, then I mailed it to the host hotel of our reunion. I had forgotten to have it ready prior to our reunion for presentation to the hotel staff during our banquet. The plaque is displayed in the hotel's lobby.



# RED LION HOTEL

Seattle Airport

In Recognition of the Exceptional Hosting  
of the 2014 Reunion of the  
USS Sam Houston Veterans' Assn.

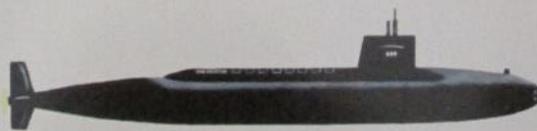
Because of the meticulous attention to detail by the sales and catering staffs,  
all aspects of our reunion were well planned and implemented without a hitch.  
Not only did this result in a most pleasurable memory for the reunion attendees,  
but it is also a highly commendable trait of the hospitality industry.

With utmost gratitude for your superior performance during our reunion,

*Bravo Zulu*

*Howard Dobson*

Chairman, USS Sam Houston Veterans' Assn.



**SSBN/SSN 609**

## **REUNION 2016 PROGRESS**

Only the following details are established for our 2016 reunion in the Wash., D.C. area: 1) a contract is signed with a host hotel located in Reston, Va., and 2) the period of our reunion is 15-17 Sep 2016 (Thurs. morning through Sat. evening).

As most of you might realize, hotels in Wash., D.C. itself are too expensive for our group, but nearby Fairfax County in Virginia is known for its military-reunion friendliness. This means that reasonable guest room rates are available along with a few other cost-saving incentives and bonuses. These are the first reasons for the Reunion Committee selecting the area. Additionally, the recent expansion of the Wash. D.C. Metro [subway] into the Reston area provides a fast, easy, and low-cost means of travel to/from the capital area and its suburbs into Fairfax County. The committee selected the specific hotel not only because of favorable room rates but because the hotel will provide complimentary shuttle service from a nearby Metro Station. Thus, those who would arrive in the D.C. area at Reagan Airport or Amtrak's Union Station have ready access to the Metro. The host hotel provides complimentary shuttle service for Dulles Airport. Thus, you have easy transportation to the hotel upon arrival to the area via public transportation. The Reunion-Registration Packet will provide details about using the Metro.

The Reunion Committee has yet to select menus for our Friday buffet and Saturday banquet as well as venues for our group tours on Thursday and Friday. We hope to have another dedication ceremony for our Commemorative Plaque displayed at the U.S. Navy Memorial in Wash., D.C. Regardless, a visit to the memorial will be scheduled.

Please plan to attend this reunion if you are able—even if you can only attend a portion of it. If so, plan to attend the banquet as it is the highlight of our reunions and conveniently occurs on a Saturday evening. For those who are not local and would attend only the banquet, the expense of only a one-night's stay at the hotel might be financially advantageous.

Hoping that you can attend,

*Howard Dobson*

## **REUNION 2018 PROGRESS**

At the Business Meeting during our 2014 reunion in Seattle, the attendees voted for a cruise reunion. The only aspect established for that cruise is that the departure port will be somewhere in California. A final decision for that cruise will be voted upon during our Business Meeting in 2016 when dates and itineraries have been researched and presented at the meeting.

But, preliminary information suggests that Hawaii would be the most likely itinerary, and the number of days for that cruise will be 14 or 15 days. Cruises out of California have only two destinations that would be suitable for us: Hawaii or Mexico. The Mexican cruises are 3-days long with a sole destination of the city of Ensenada. Two more destinations will likely be added to that itinerary by 2018, but none of the Mexican destinations will be rousing.

While a couple of other cruise destinations are available from California, those cruises are too lengthy. A Panama Canal cruise and one to Tahiti are examples. Moreover, the canal cruise is a "one-way" trip with a final destination of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. An Alaskan cruise or Canadian cruise is not available with a California departure. By the time of our 2016 reunion, information about all cruises from California and cruise lines serving the state will be known. I'll also have details about cruises from other ports in the country.

I attended a conference for military-reunion planners that was held aboard a cruise ship in mid-November 2014. I acquired some knowledge related to cruises and some details about cruising from California ports. The next article provides additional information.

*Howard Dobson*

## MILITARY-REUNION-PLANNER CONFERENCE HELD ABOARD A CRUISE SHIP

In June 2014, I registered to attend a conference aboard a cruise ship from 17-21 November 2014 hosted by a national organization for military-reunion planners called Your Military Reunion Connection (YMRC). Attending was a representative from the travel agency that made arrangements for the cruise. Also, the Sale Mgr. from a hotel in Buffalo, N.Y. attended. The cruise departed from Port Canaveral, Fla. with a port of call in Nassau, Bahamas. Rough seas forced cancellation of scheduled stop in CocoCay.

What's significant about this conference was that the travel agency for this group arranges for cruises nationally and deals primarily with two cruise lines for military groups because of the bonuses offered and the ease of dealing with those two cruise lines. Thus, I will later be able to get all of the details concerning all cruises from California and with approximate costs because of our far-future sail plans.

After speaking with the Sales Mgr. of the hotel in Buffalo, N.Y. I consider her hotel suitable for one of our land-based reunions because it meets all of my basic criteria for selection. In late spring of 2015, I intend to visit the hotel and attractions in the area for a thorough evaluation of the hotel and its contractual requirements and the suitability of the attractions in the Buffalo area.

I wore "Sam Houston" attire onboard, and while on my way to dinner one evening, a lady asked if I served on the boat. She mentioned that her son, Brian D. Williams [ETC(SS)], also served aboard. She promised to ask Brian to contact me.



Debbie Stewart (right), owner & founder of YMRC, with her daughter at dinner in the ship's main dining room.



The Atlantis Paradise Island Hotel viewed from sea through a drizzle during our transit to the pier in Nassau, Bahamas.

## ETERNAL PATROL ADDITIONS

Since our reunion, I've been informed that six shipmates are on Eternal Patrol. The efforts of **Ray Higgins** identified four, the Chaplain of the USSVI notified **Jim Hoey** of one, and a shipmate informed me of another.

**Wendell G Darnold**, [RMC(SS)], departed 12/26/2007

**Douglas A Dempsey**, [ETR2(SS), Blue (RC Div.), 1971-1972], departed 3/6/2014

**David G Harscheid**, [LCDR, Blue (Engineer), 1966-?], departed 7/30/2002

**George M Henson**, (LT, Blue, 1963-1963), departed 10/12/2014

**Robert "Pat" McDonald**, (LT, Blue, 1960-1961), departed unspecified

**Robert F Svoboda**, [EM1(SS), Gold, 1963-1966], departed 5/5/2012

**James H Webber**, [MM3(SS), Blue], departed 11/18/2014

In a reverse situation, Ray's research found that a shipmate who was listed on our roster as being on Eternal Patrol was alive and well after having spoken with him via phone!

## EXCERPT FROM "THE 5th SHAFT"

### SHAFT INTERVIEW

A candid conversation with Earl P.

Earl Phrogg better known throughout the vast world of delinquents as Super Frog, and more intimately to his friends as S F, maintains a constant vigil over the large number of dinks around the world. The very wisper of his name leaves dinks cowering in fear. With this interview we bring you another side of Mr. P., the "human" side where he actually does say something besides "Rivet" or "Bee Deep."

SHAFT: Tell us how you felt when you first realized you were different from other kids.

EARL P.: Well at first I was naturally upset, I mean what the hell I was the only kid who would go out for recess when it was raining.

SHAFT: What about later on in your high school days?

EARL P.: Well actually my condition had certain great advantages, for instance I was the only "man" in my class that took a princess to the senior prom. She thought I was really a prince, and I thought she was really qualified. That was a pretty good romance while it lasted.

SHAFT: What ever happened to that romance?

EARL P.: I was just starting my career as S. F. and when I found out she was delinquent on her castle quals, well, what else could I do, I leaped on her.

SHAFT: She must have really been mad.

EARL P.: No, but her father was mad enough to press charges, he had been watching from a window. He almost did press charges, he was really worried that she would get warts on her stomach.

SHAFT: That must have been a pretty hard blow to recover from. How did you manage your comeback?

EARL P.: Well my parents were very understanding, my dad bought me a 4 speed lily pad, chopped and channeled with dual stems. It was mounted in an 8 by 5 pond, and had "Rivit" on the side in flaming red, it was really something to see. My mom helped out too, she made my favorite meal, rolled leg of tetsy fly, with a creamy field mouse sauce.

**EXCERPT FROM "THE 5th SHAFT," cont.**

SHAFT: Thank you very much S F I'm sure our readers will be thrilled to read your true story. Could you tell us what your next job is?

EARL P.: Well I just got a call on my special Super Frog trouble and failure system, it seems this nut named Randolph is running around back aft in his skives. I reckon I ought to go catch him before he converts the nucs to nudism.

SHAFT: Well thank you again and good luck.

Next week Shaft Interview will try to capture WA WA Waish for an exclusive inside look at the "old man of the sea."

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Behind The \*8\* Ball With SHAFT!

WHO is it, that;

if the shoe fits wears it, even if theres an egg in it?

smokes pipe tobacco with pencil shavings in it?

loses 8 missiles when no one else does?

builds flaming extension cords?

stands around on one leg, the other one in his mouth?

has seven kids and never had a labor pain?

will deny all this, and much more?

This is his 8 ball, may he wear it in good health!

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A new old saying: A wire a day keeps the Frog away.

Misery is setting down your qual card and having Amberg sign it before you can pick it up. Right Jones?

Misery is Schafer looking at his next quarterly marks.

Misery is being 23 points ahead on quals and still dink.

Misery is Orstad right now!

## BRUCE FULBRIGHT IN THE NEWS [MM1(SS), Gold, 1965-1970]

Bruce continues to be an avid bike rider at his age! In fact, he celebrated his 70th birthday shortly after our reunion.



Bruce is rebuilding his "old" (1972) bike.

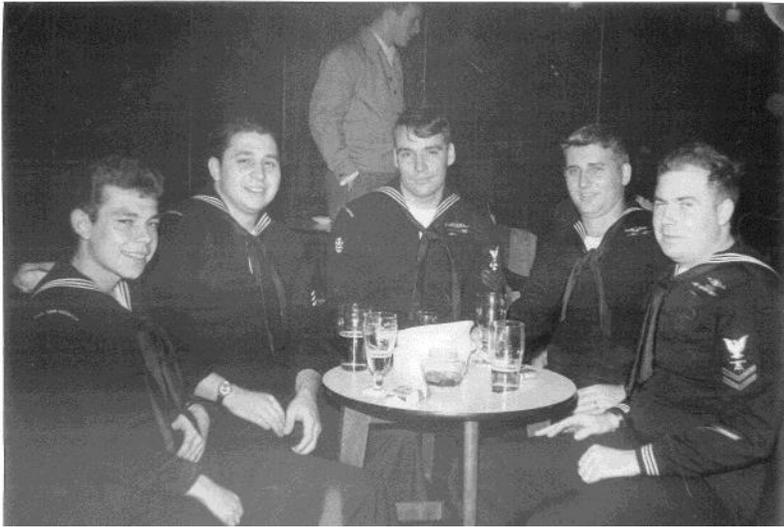
Bruce wasn't always enjoying a bike ride. The picture below taken in Sep 1965 shows that he would soon find enjoyment riding in a submarine!



If anyone has his Sub School class picture, the USSVI would like a copy. Contact the USSVI or Howard Dobson for more information.

**BRUCE FULBRIGHT IN THE NEWS [MM1(SS), Gold, 1965-1970], cont.**

Some other shots where Bruce was not on a bike—and should not have been after the social activities below!



Bruce with shipmates at a pub somewhere in Glasgow. Bruce is in the center; **Ken DeBeaumont** [CS1(SS), Gold, 1967-1972] is second from the right. Anyone know who the others are?



**Order of The Blue Nose**

**Be** it known to all good sailors of the seven seas that:  
DOUGLAS BRUCE FULBRIGHT

was aboard  on patrol 19

which did with my royal consent cross the Gateway to  
the top of the world, the Arctic Circle

Be it therefore acknowledged that he is forthwith designated  
for Navy Blue **BLUE NOSE** for Neptunus Rex

Bruce with shipmates at "The Crown" in Dunoon. Who are the others?

## SOME MEMBERS OF THE USS MAINE BASE OF THE USSVI

"This is our Submarine Veterans group with our submarine float at the Portland [Maine] Veterans Day parade. The 2014 Miss Maine group joined us—made the day for all us old farts!"

### Larry Ferrell

Commander,  
USS Maine Base

Larry [MM1(SS),  
Blue, 1968-1970]  
stands at the left  
edge of the  
conning tower.



## SHIP'S STORE ITEMS

In early 2015 when time permits, I will produce a small catalog of Ship's Store items. Meanwhile, many items are available for purchase. Pictures are excluded because of the size of this newsletter. Also, the prices are not mentioned because I am unsure of all of the prices at this time. Thus, I'll mention only the items and hope that I don't miss any. If anyone is interested in purchasing any item, please contact me, **Howard Dobson**. I'll inform you of the price of the item, provide more details about the item, and send pictures if necessary. I'll also tell you where to send your check or money order. Because the SHVA has changed its bank account to a credit union in Vancouver, Wash., you must place your order with our Treasurer, **Mark Manzer** whose postal address is on page 8. Mark will then notify me of orders to be processed. The following items are available:

- Embroidered Ball Caps, blue, SSBN or SSN, gold or silver dolphins
- Ladies' Embroidered Visor or Ball Cap, "Submariner's Sweetheart," white
- "Silent Service" 1957-1958 TV series; DVD or mp3 format
- Shopping Tote, black polyester, screen printed (not to be restocked)
- Medallion (challenge coin), SSBN or SSN
- Desk/Wall Ornament, wooden, 4-in. oval, laser cut and engraved
- 4-Function Can/Bottle Opener, blue plastic
- Manicure Kit (only 3 left—not to be restocked)
- Clock w. Thermometer & Humidity (only 4 left—not to be restocked)
- Telescoping Back Scratcher

All items except the "Silent Service" DVDs have an imprint/embroidery related to **USS Sam Houston**.  
Call for more information: 302-764-1197.

## A UNIQUE USE FOR THE SHVA MEDALLION

**Tim Bohdan**, (LT, SSN, 1987-1990) wrote:

*"I always use my USS Sam Houston challenge coin during lacrosse season to conduct the pre-game coin flip, which determines if the visiting team wants the first alternate possession or the choice of goal to defend first. The attached photo was taken at a local lacrosse tournament in Houston held during the 2014 Memorial Day weekend. The USS Sam Houston challenge coin is perfect for a coin toss because the two sides of the coin are distinctive and of opposite colors. Most players know who I am by my distinctive challenge coin and because of my unusual form. I always let the coin hit the ground, whereas most officials catch the coin in the air.*

*"I referee lacrosse games for kids aged kindergarten to high school. Houston has become a hotbed for lacrosse, as evidenced by the 21% growth rate per year over the past five years. I became certified two years ago because of the need for more lacrosse officials."*



## A MESSAGE FROM THE USSVI

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CHARITABLE-01: Smile.Amazon.com & Your SubVet Charitable Foundation  
Submitted by: Pat Householder—CF Secretary on 5/24/2014  
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*Do you purchase items online through Amazon.com? I do, and perhaps you do as well. Now, [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) has a website variation called [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com). It is a simple and automatic way to support the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation every time you shop, and it won't cost you a penny!*

*You'll find the exact same low prices and vast, convenient, shopping experience as with [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) but with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to our Charitable Foundation.*

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*Please help us support and grow our own Charitable Foundation.*

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**MEMORIES SUBMITTED BY RAY HIGGINS [MM1(SS), Gold & Blue, '65-'70]**

**“M” Division,  
Blue Crew  
1964-1965**

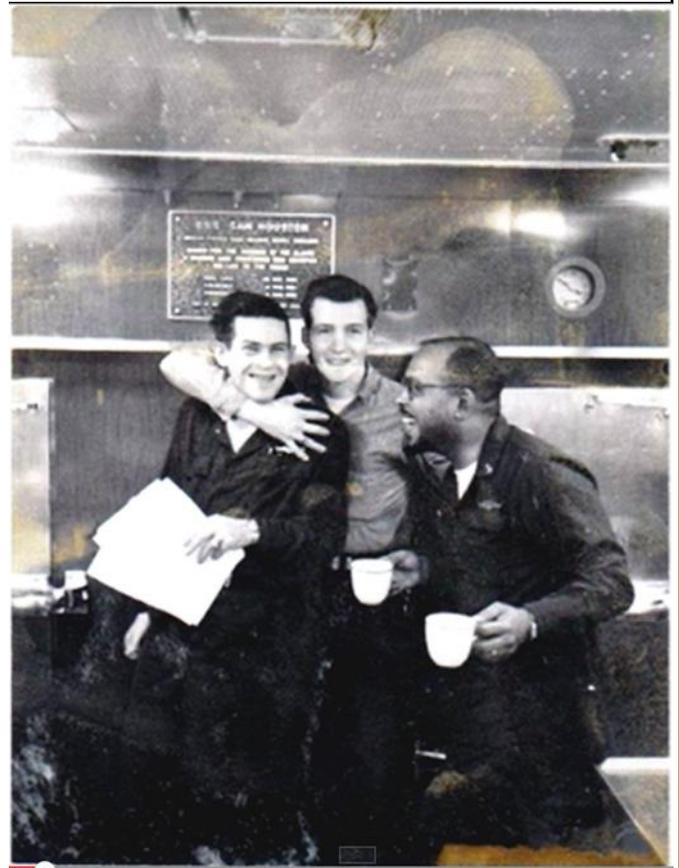
Known individuals:

**Ray Davis** (somehow he acquired this picture), **Foster, Ruddy, Buddy Dorman, "Rat" Coburn, Owsley, Oglesby, and Terrence H. Flynn.**



Unknown individuals—Blue Crew

Some guys holding their Dolphins with Capt. Brooks nearby.



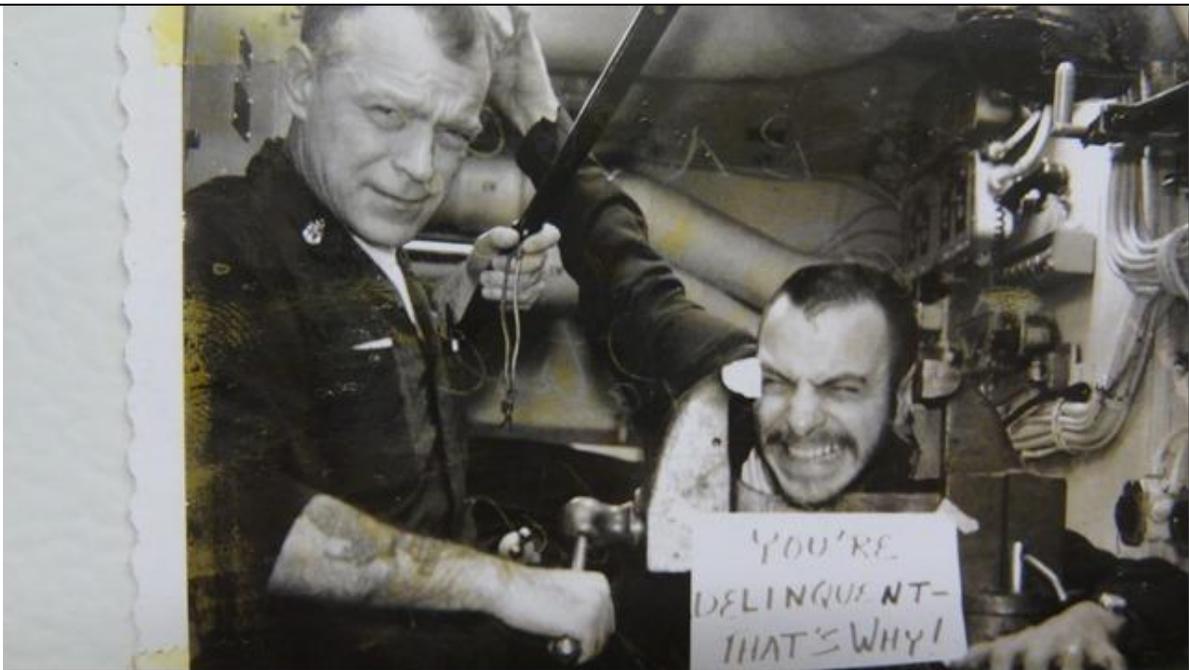
## JIM HOEY and MIKE AUSTIN MEET

**Joseph “Mike” Austin** (left) [EM2(SS), Gold, 1969-1972] meets with **Jim Hoey** [ETR2(SS), Gold, 1971-1973] during a USSVI Picnic recently hosted by the Grayback Base at Lake Alatoona near Atlanta, Ga.



## A VARIATION ON “BEING CAUGHT BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE!”

**Ken Bonnell** [RMCS(SS), Gold, 1962-1965] has the head of **John Camp** [EM1(SS), Gold, 1963-1967] in a vise and is about to club him! The tag on the vise says “You’re Delinquent—That’s Why.” Ken submitted this picture taken on 24 Jun 1964.



## EXCERPT FROM "THE 6th SHAFT"

The following, copied from Jan 69 Reader's Digest may be of help to those seeking a qual signature in Basic Electrical.

1. Most electricity is manufactured in power stations, where it is fed into wires which are then wound around large drums.
2. Some electricity, however, does not need to go along wires. That used in lightning, for example, and in portable radios. This kind of electricity is not generated, but is just lying about in the air, loose.
3. Electricity makes a low, humming noise. This noise may be pitched at different levels for use in doorbells, telephones and electric organs.
4. Electricity has to be grounded. That is to say, it has to be connected to the ground before it can function except in the case of airplanes, which have seperate arrangements.
5. Although electricity does not leak out of an empty light socket, that light socket is nevertheless live if you happen to shove your finger in it when the switch is on. So if it is not leaking, what else is it doing?
6. Electricity is made up of two ingredients, negative and positive. One ingredient travels along a wire covered with white plastic, and the other along a wire covered with black plastic. When these two wires meet together in what we call a plug, the different ingredients are mixed together to form electricity.
7. Electricity may be stored in batteries. Big batteries do not necessarily hold more electricity than small batteries. In big batteries the electricity is just shoveled in, while in small batteries (transistors) it is packed flat.

## MODEL OF USS SAM HOUSTON

**Charlie Tanner** (EM2, Blue, 1972-1976) donated the model below to the SHVA. A friend of Charlie's assembled the model and gave it to him as a wedding gift a few years ago. The model is 25 inches long and has a scale of about 1:200.



Charlie's friend, Michael Kupstas, assembled the model in 2009 from a kit that was made in 1962 by Renwal Products, Inc. That kit originally sold for \$2.98! We veterans of the boat will realize that most of the detail is inaccurate. Michael said in an accompanying letter, "according to the instruction sheet, the model was designed using unclassified information screened for security by the Dept. of the Defense and officially released."

Nevertheless, thanks again to Charlie and Michael.

*Howard Dobson*

## NAVAL REACTORS APPTITUDE TEST

Charlie Tanner found this wealth of knowledge in his archives.

### NAVAL REACTORS APTITUDE TEST

#### Instructions:

Read each question carefully. Answer all questions. Time limit 4 hours. Begin immediately. Work in numerical order (equipment remaining from question 1 may prove useful with questions 3 and 6).

1. Medicine. You have been provided with a razor blade, a piece of gauze and a bottle of Scotch. Remove your appendix. Do not suture until your work has been inspected. You have 15 minutes.
2. History. Describe the history of the papacy from its origins to the present day, concentrating especially but not exclusively, on its social, political, economic, religious, and philosophical impact on Europe, Asia, America, and Africa. Be brief, concise, and specific.
3. Public Speaking. Two thousand drug-crazed aborigines are storming the classroom. Calm them. You may use any ancient language except Latin or Greek.
4. Biology. Create life. Estimate the difference in subsequent human culture if this form of life had been created 500 million years earlier, with special attention to its probable effect on the English Parliamentary system.
5. Music. Write a piano concerto. Orchestrate and perform it with flute and drum. You will find a piano under your seat.
6. Engineering. The disassembled parts of a high powered rifle have been placed in a box on your desk. You will also find an instruction manual printed in Swahili. In 10 minutes, a hungry Bengal tiger will be admitted to the room. Take whatever action you feel is appropriate. Be prepared to justify your decision.
7. Sociology. What sociological problems might accompany the end of the world? Construct an experiment to test your theory.

**NAVAL REACTORS APPTITUDE TEST, cont.**

8. Management Science. Define management. Define science. How do they relate? Create a generalized algorithm to optimize all managerial decisions. Assuming a 7600 CPU supporting 50 terminals, each terminal to activate your algorithm, design the communications interface and all necessary control problems.
9. Psychology. Based on your knowledge of their works, evaluate the emotional stability, degree of adjustment and repressed frustrations of each: Alexander of Aphrodisias, Ramses II, Gregory of Nicea, Hammurabi; support your evaluation with quotations from each man's work. It is not necessary to translate.
10. Economics. Develop a realistic plan for refinancing the national debt. Trace the possible effects of your plan on these areas: Cubism, the Donatist controversy, the wave theory of light.
11. Epistemology. Take a position for or against truth. Prove the validity of your position.
12. Classical Physics. Explain the nature of matter. Include in your answer an evaluation of the impact of the development of mathematics on science.
13. Modern Physics. Produce element 107. Determine its half-life.
14. Energy Resources. Construct a working fusion reactor.
15. Philosophy. Sketch the development of human thought; estimate its significance. Compare with the development of any other kind of thought.
16. General Knowledge. Describe in detail, briefly.
17. Extra Credit. Define the universe; give three examples.

## THE HOEY'S and THE MORRIS'S ENJOY A MEAL TOGETHER

Jim Hoey (center) and his wife, Jeanne recently enjoyed a meal in Florida with new-found shipmate Tom Morris [SN(SS), SSN, 1990-1991 (decom crew)] and his wife, Beth.



## MEMORABILIA OF TOM MORRIS



Tom's Decom Jacket

His Decom Plaque

The inscription on the brass plate:

*SA(SU) Thomas George Morris  
USS Sam Houston (SSN 609)  
Decom Crew*



EXCERPT FROM "THE LAST SHAFT, PATROL 23"

HOME OF J. H. COOK III  
CARE OF FLEET POST OFFICE  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 09501

FARCE OF THE DAY

WEDNESDAY, 16 APRIL 1969

AT HOME

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DAYS LEFT

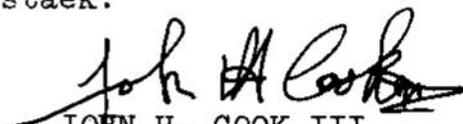
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0615-Breakfast  
0800-Depart home for ship's office  
0830-Arrive ship's office commence undue harrassment of crew  
1000-1400 Lunch hour  
1500-Depart ship's office for home  
1530-Arrive home change from J. H. Cook III, ogre of SAM  
HOUSTON, to J. H. Cook III, mild mannered husband

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO IRVING SCHWARTZ III

NOTES:

1. Drill Yesterday's open tube of toothpaste on the bathroom floor drill was one of the "sloppiest" drills in the house thus far. Let's try to be a little more careful of contaminating the rest of the house next time. One thing learned from this drill, however, is that toothpaste is very hard to get out of the living room carpet.
2. Word to the Wise In case of fire, yell, "FIRE".
3. Big Words Promulgate, reiterate, nefarious, concur, etc.
4. Mistake Here is today's mistaek.

  
JOHN H. COOK III  
Executive Officer

(Captured by TL 29 on a raiding mission to the home of a well known figure)

# Christmas With the Gold Crew in 1970

## Christmas Menu



**USS SAM HOUSTON SSBN-609**

### **USS SAM HOUSTON SSBN-609**

CDR E.P. GRIFFING, USN..... COMMANDING OFFICER

LCDR N.W. MIMS JR. USN..... EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LTJG D.S. SCHOELLER, SC, USNR..... SUPPLY OFFICER

#### COMMISSARYMEN

CS1 (SS) K.C. DEBEAUMONT, USN

CS3 (SS) W.E. MAYER, USN

CS3 (SS) D.G. TURNER, USN

CSSN (SS) J.M. HURLEY, USN

#### STEWARDS

SD3 (SS) J.D. BARRIOS, USN

TA K.J. JACKOB, USN

#### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Roast Tom Turkey with Giblet Gravy  
Roast Beef  
Bread Dressing  
Candied Sweet Potatoes  
Asparagus with Holiday Sauce  
Buttered Peas  
Snowflaked Potatoes

Spiced Beet Salad  
Chilled Cole Slaw  
Cranberry Sauce  
Stuffed and Ripe Olives  
Assorted Pickles

Hot Buttered Rolls  
Applesauce  
Cherry Pie  
Pumpkin Pie  
Fruit Ambrosio  
Assorted Candy  
Assorted Nuts

Coffee  
Milk  
Tea