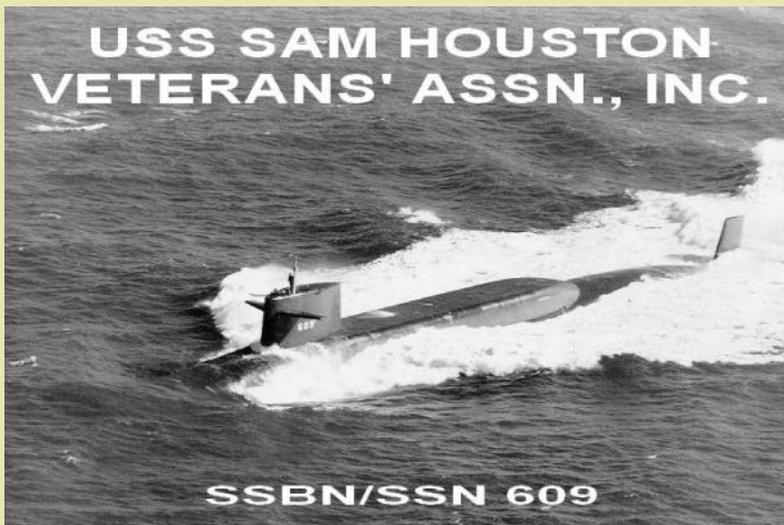


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## **FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

### **Shipmates & Associate Members:**

I've managed to allot some time to a newsletter, especially since I completed and distributed the Reunion-Information Packet in March. As usual, lots has occurred since issuance of the last newsletter, and this edition of "The Raven" covers much of it.

Unless you became a new member since mid-March, you should have received the 2016 Reunion-Information Packet during distribution at that time. If you did not receive a packet for whatever reason, you can print a copy from our web site or contact me if you need a hard copy mailed to you.

Most of you are probably aware that **Hal Glovier** (CDR & CO; Blue; 1968-1971) departed for Eternal Patrol on 10 Jan 2015, and his inurnment occurred at Arlington National Cemetery on 27 Oct 2015. An article in this newsletter has pictures from the events associated with his inurnment.

Other articles cover a variety of other topics.

If you can see your way to attend the reunion, please do so. A large attendance at our reunions is what makes them desirable and memorable. The deadline for both reunion registration AND hotel registration is 01 Aug 2016.

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## USS SAM HOUSTON REUNION 2016

I will not elaborate on details of our 2016 reunion because its 26-page, Registration-Information Packet contains all of the details. I mailed the packet to those who were members as of mid-March at that time. If you were not a member then or for whatever other reason you do not have a packet and desire one, please print a copy from our web site. If you need a hard copy mailed to you, please contact me. Based on the number of registrations received as of 22 Jun, we will have a great turnout for the reunion if the trend continues. You may bring guests—wives, partners, children, relatives, friends, etc.

Wash., D.C. was the host city chosen during our 2014 reunion, but hotels in Wash., D.C. are too expensive. I chose the city of Reston, Va.—a suburb of Wash., D.C.—as the location because of its reputation for hosting military reunions. The host hotel is the Sheraton Reston Hotel. I chose this hotel because it provides complimentary shuttle service for Dulles Airport and is readily accessible from Reagan Airport and Amtrak's Union Station and interstate coach depot in D.C. via the DC Metrorail System. The information packet contains much detail regarding arrival in the D.C. area via public transportation and using the Metro to get you to the hotel.

The period of the reunion is from Thurs., 15 Sep through Sat., 17 Sep 2016. Official activities begin at 8:00 a.m. on 15 Sep with a tour. The last activity is our banquet and auction on Sat. night that will end around 10:00 p.m. **The cutoff date for reunion registration and hotel guest room registration (two independent processes) is 01 Aug 2016.** After that date, I cannot guarantee your attendance. If you believe that you will be able to attend but cannot be certain by the cutoff date, call me as soon as you can so that we can discuss possibilities.

## BILL POSSON RECEIVES HIS DOLPHINS

**Bill Posson** [RM1(SS), Blue, 1975-1979] receives his Dolphins from **Willis Rich** (CDR & CO, Blue, 1975-1977).



## **CAPT. HAL GLOVIER'S INURNMENT**

On 27 Oct 2015, a service for **Hal Glovier** (CDR & CO, Blue, 1968-1971) occurred at the Fort Meyer Old Post Chapel located on Joint Base Meyer-Henderson Hall followed by his inurnment at Arlington National Cemetery. Attendees from the SHVA were **Art Bivens** (CDR & CO, Gold, 1967-1970), **John Cook** (CDR & XO, Gold, 1968-1970), **John Catlin** (LT, Gold, 1971-1973), and myself. Pictures of the service follow.

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF  
CAPTAIN HAROLD ALBA GLOVIER, JR.

UNITED STATES NAVY (RETIRED)



July 21, 1933-January 10, 2015

Fort Myer Old Post Chapel  
October 27, 2015 1:00 p.m.

**CAPT. HAL GLOVIER'S INURNMENT (cont)**



**CAPT. HAL GLOVIER'S INURNMENT (cont)**



## **CAPT HAL GLOVIER'S INURNMENT (cont)**

### Obituary for Harold Alba Glovier, Jr.

Capt. Harold A. Glovier Jr, USN (ret), formerly of Waterford, VA, died of complications arising from pneumonia and influenza on January 10, 2015. He was 83 years old. Capt. Glovier was born at home in Cranford, N.J, the only surviving child of Harold and Mary Jane Glovier. He graduated from Cranford High School and entered Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. with the class of 1953. Following Freshman year at Rensselaer, he was appointed to the United States Naval Academy by then Congressman Clifford P. Case of New Jersey. While at the Academy "Hal" played lacrosse and graduated "with distinction" as a member of the class of 1954.

After graduation Capt. Glovier was assigned to the USS Deuel, where he served as a Deck Division Officer and Gunnery Officer prior to attending Submarine School in 1956. Upon graduation from Submarine School he reported to USS Sterlet (SS 392) in July 1956, starting 27 years of continuous duty in the Submarine Force. He was detached from the Sterlet in Sept. 1958 and served three months as Submarine Division 72 Engineer en route to Advanced Nuclear Power School in New London, CT. Upon graduation from this school, Capt. Glovier reported to the Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit in Idaho Falls, Idaho, where he was a trainee and subsequently served as Training Officer at the SIW Nuclear Propulsion Plant Prototype. Capt. Glovier then served on the first nuclear submarine, the USS Nautilus (SSN 571), from March 1961 until June 1963, during which time Nautilus made her first three extended operational deployments. In July 1963, he reported to USS Theodore Roosevelt (SSBN 600) for duty as Engineer Officer, during which time Roosevelt made three Polaris Strategic Deterrent Patrols. He then reported to the USS Flasher (SSN 613) Precommissioning Unit as Executive Officer in Dec. 1964. During construction after the loss of its ill-fated sister ship, USS Thresher (SSN 593), the Flasher was extensively reengineered. Subsequent to the Flasher's commissioning on July 22, 1966, Glovier served as the First Executive Officer until late 1968, during which time USS Flasher transited to the Pacific and was subsequently awarded a Meritorious Unit Citation and Capt. Glovier a Navy Commendation Medal for undisclosed operations in the Pacific during the Cold War. In August 1968, Capt. Glovier took command of the Blue crew of USS Sam Houston (SSBN 609). Under his command USS Sam Houston made Strategic Deterrent Patrols operating out of both Holy Loch, Scotland and Rota, Spain. During this time USS Sam Houston conducted an operation for which it was awarded its only Meritorious Unit Commendation and Glovier his second Navy Commendation Medal. He was also awarded a Meritorious Service Medal for his command of the USS Sam Houston, which ended in Jan. 1972. Then Capt. Glovier served as Deputy Squadron Commander of Sub Ron 15 on the island of Guam. Following a subsequent tour in the Pentagon as a Branch head in the Attack Submarine Division, he took command of the USS Hunley (AS 31) in Nov. 1976. During his command, the submarine tender Hunley completed several repairs of Nuclear Submarine Steam Generators, completing the repairs in 1/6th the time and at 1/10th the cost of shipyard repairs, and deployed from Charleston, S.C. to Guam, making the 19,000 mile transit on its own through the Straits of Magellan at the bottom of South America. USS Hunley was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation during Capt. Glovier's command, and he was awarded a second Meritorious Service Medal for his tour on Hunley, which ended in June 1980. Capt. Glovier's last tour of duty was as Strategic Analysis Branch head in The Systems Analysis Division of OpNav in the Pentagon, where he played a significant role in bringing the D5 submarine ballistic missile into the Navy's arsenal. He was awarded a third Meritorious Service Medal for this final tour. He retired in March 1983 after almost 29 years of commissioned service.

Capt. Glovier earned an MBA from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1982 and upon retirement from the Navy he was employed by the New York Power Authority as Vice President -- Nuclear Support, and Interim Resident Manager of the J.A. Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant. From 1986 thru 1989 he was the director of Plant Consulting Services for NUS Corporation, a nuclear service corporation.

The final stage of Capt. Glovier's career, from 1989 through retirement in 1999, was at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where he served as Director of the Research Reactors Division. One of the division's reactors was the High Flux Isotope Reactor, the free world's most powerful reactor, used in scientific, industrial and medical research and in the production of medical, industrial and research isotopes.

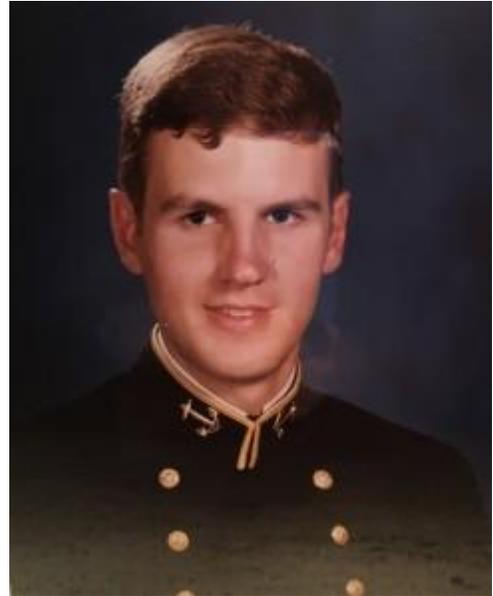
In retirement Capt. Glovier followed his hobbies of model railroading (he was a member of Potomac Division of the National Model Railroad Association) and gardening (he was a Master Gardener Volunteer with the Loudoun County Extension Office). He also served as a Blue & Gold Information Officer for the U.S. Naval Academy and was a member of the Loudoun County Civil War Round Table. He was an active member of Leesburg Presbyterian Church, serving in the Choir and as an Elder and a Trustee.

He is survived by his wife of over 60 years, the former Mary Elizabeth Coffee of Cranford, N.J; daughters Margaret and Kathryn and son-in-law Glenn Richard Moore; son Curtis A. and daughter-in-law Sophie; four grandchildren: Benjamin, Margaux, Grace A., and Clay A.

## WILLIAM SCHULZ ON ETERNAL PATROL

On 22 Apr 2016, **William J. Shulz** (LT, SSN, 1985-1989) received his Final Orders. He was inurned at the U.S. Naval Academy Columbarium at Annapolis, Md. on 15 Jun 2016.

He graduated in the Class of 1983.



## BRUCE FULBRIGHT IN THE NEWS—STILL!

**Bruce Fulbright** [MM1(SS), Gold, 1965-1970] advertises his book *Black Sun White Sand* at a local Pirate's Ball held by the Heathen's Motorcycle Club in Key Largo, Fla. Bruce's motorcycle, "The Dragon," took First Place in the People's Choice Bike Show and led to his presence at the Pirate's Ball. Also, he and his bike appeared in the Feb 2016 edition of *EasyRider* magazine. Because of copyright laws, I cannot place the text or pictures in this newsletter.



## SKIPPER'S OF USS SAM HOUSTON

A few years back, I somehow acquired the below list of Skippers of our boat. It seems to have originated from someone in Germany! Regardless, it has some errors especially with spellings of names and incorrect middle initials. I'd like to correct this list then reproduce it in a better format. Any help is appreciated. I don't know what the columns indicate that are on either side of the dates of their commands.

USS SAMHOUSTON (B)	SSBN-609	Wittis Jr, William Paul, CAPT	1	06.03.1962	00.04.1964	FDC
USS SAMHOUSTON (B)	SSBN-609	Brooks, Daniel Philip, CDR	2	00.04.1964	12.08.1966	
USS SAMHOUSTON (B)	SSBN-609	Alford, Zeb Dickey, CDR	3	12.08.1966	02.08.1968	
USS SAMHOUSTON (B)	SSBN-609	Glover Jr, Harold Alba, CDR	4	02.08.1968	00.01.1972	
USS SAMHOUSTON (B)	SSBN-609	Wilkie, Ronald James, CDR	5	00.01.1972	00.01.1975	
USS SAMHOUSTON (B)	SSBN-609	Rich, Willis Scott, CDR	6	00.01.1975	00.01.1977	
USS SAMHOUSTON (B)	SSBN-609	Klinger, David Calvin, CDR	7	00.01.1977	00.01.1979	
USS SAMHOUSTON (B)	SSBN-609	Saft, Barton M., CDR	8	00.01.1979	30.01.1981	SSN-609: 30.01.1981
USS SAMHOUSTON (G)	SSBN-609	Hawkins, Jack Harvey, CDR	51	06.03.1962	00.06.1965	FDC
USS SAMHOUSTON (G)	SSBN-609	Alford, Zeb Dickey, CDR	52	00.06.1965	22.11.1967	
USS SAMHOUSTON (G)	SSBN-609	Bivens, Arthur Clark, CDR	53	22.11.1967	19.10.1970	
USS SAMHOUSTON (G)	SSBN-609	Griffing, Charles P., CDR	54	19.10.1970	00.01.1973	
USS SAMHOUSTON (G)	SSBN-609	Otto, Carl Hyde, CDR	55	00.01.1973	00.01.1975	
USS SAMHOUSTON (G)	SSBN-609	Welkert, John Patrick, CDR	56	00.01.1975	00.01.1977	
USS SAMHOUSTON (G)	SSBN-609	Owens, William Arthur, CDR	57	00.01.1977	00.01.1979	
USS SAMHOUSTON (G)	SSBN-609	Klinger, David Calvin, CDR	58	00.01.1979	30.01.1981	SSN-609: 30.01.1981
USS SAMHOUSTON (SSN-609)	SSBN-609	Hyland III, John Joseph, CDR	71	02.06.1981	17.06.1983	
USS SAMHOUSTON (SSN-609)	SSBN-609	Lockwood, Ernest Reese, CDR	72	17.06.1983	05.06.1987	previous: SSBN-609
USS SAMHOUSTON (SSN-609)	SSBN-609	Collins, Robert Samuel (Sam), CDR	73	05.06.1987	00.01.1988	
USS SAMHOUSTON (SSN-609)	SSBN-609	Jensen, Gary Dean, CDR	74	00.01.1988	05.04.1988	
USS SAMHOUSTON (SSN-609)	SSBN-609	Keuhlen, Phillip Joseph, CDR	75	05.04.1988	00.12.1990	
USS SAMHOUSTON (SSN-609)	SSBN-609	Burley Jr., Willard Clinton, CDR	76	00.12.1990	20.09.1991	LDC

## DAVID JENKINS 80th BIRTHDAY

Cathy, the daughter of **David “Doc” Jenkins** [HMCS(SS), Blue, 1964-1967], gave him a surprise birthday party in his hometown of Lincoln, Calif. **Herbert “Jack”** and **Joyce Harden** [RM2(SS), Blue, 1963-1966] traveled from Charleston, S.C. to attend the gala event on 07 Jan 2016.



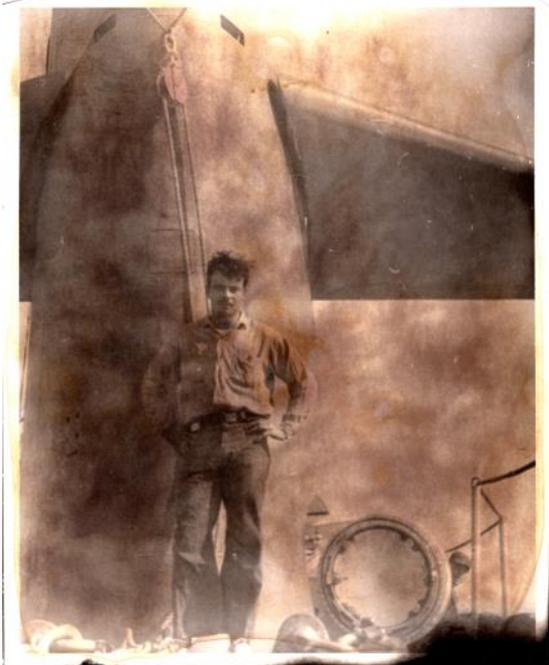
Left to right: Cathy, “Doc” Jenkins, Jack and Joyce Harden.

## RICK ROCCO ON DECK

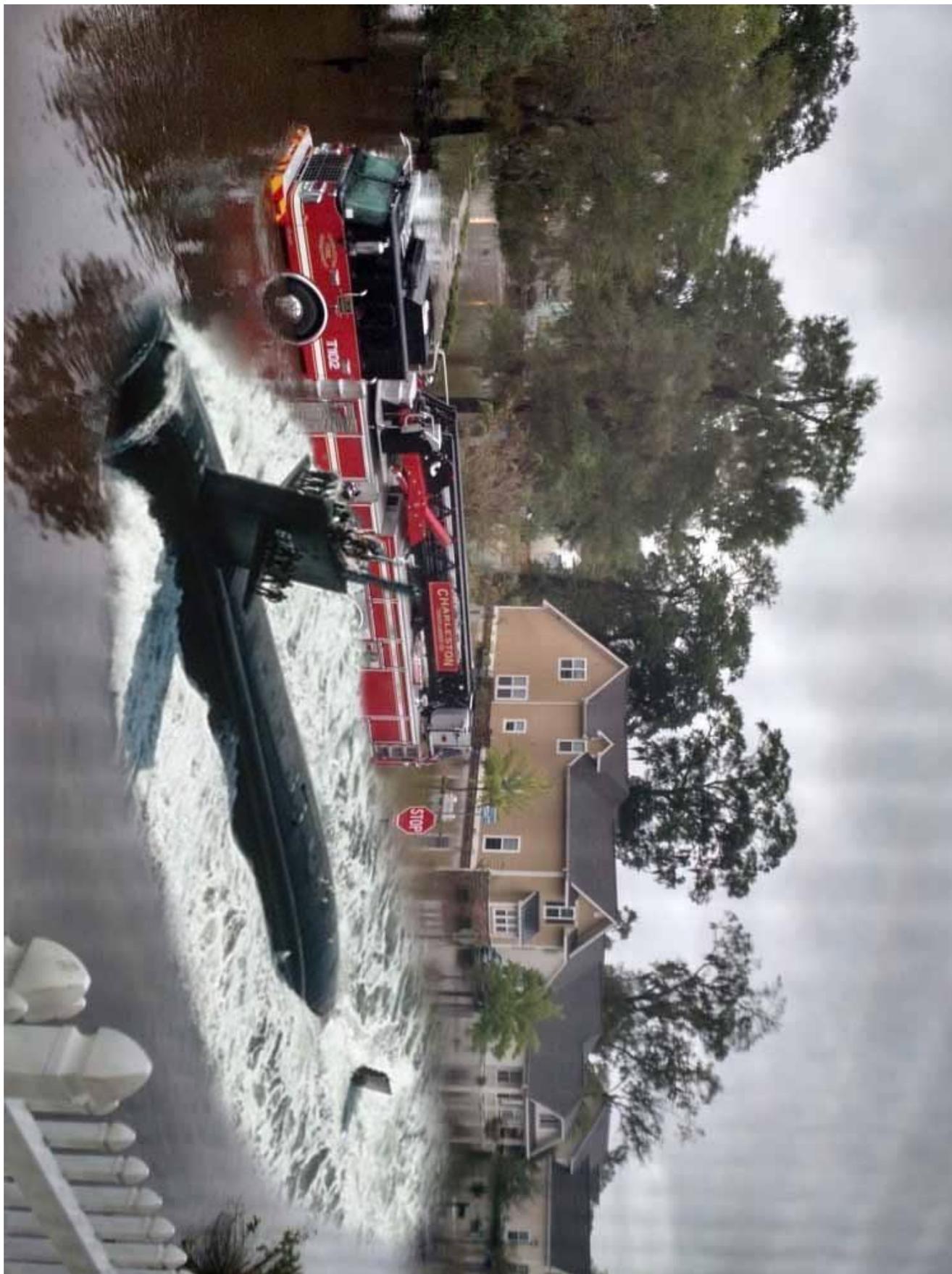
**Rick Rocco** [TM3(SS), Blue, 1967-1969] submitted this picture with the following comment:

*“Attached is an old picture that, to the best of my knowledge, was taken in Roosevelt Rhodes while on Sea Trials after our boat’s first refit—the year is probably 1967. We were getting ready to load torpedoes. We had a very nice Roloflex camera on board; so, we took some pics that day.”*

*“This one is me with hair!”*



**SOME ADDITIONAL HELP DURING THE 2015 FLOODING IN CHARLESTON, S.C.**



## BLUE CREW HALFWAY PARTY



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**“Greasy” Greene** (MM?, Blue), left, consults **Robert “Doc” Sawyer** (LCDR, Blue, 1964-1966, *Eternal Patrol 2014*), who is wearing a robe with the initials “VD.”

→

“Doc” Sawyer eats ice cream. Notice the ornament atop the Christmas tree. The tree was presented to CAPT Brooks for “screwing up” Christmas for the crew simply by having them on Patrol during the holiday!



CAPT Daniel Brooks



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**CAPT Daniel Brooks** (CDR & CO, Blue, 1964-1966, *Eternal Patrol*), left, with **Joe Davenport** [FTM3(SS), Blue, 1964-1965] wearing some type of lingerie!



## THE LIFE OF RICK LYONS COMPILED BY HIS SISTER

Earlier this year, **Sally Lyons**, sister of **Patrick "Rick" Lyons** [STS2(SS), Blue, 1962-1965, *Eternal Patrol 1968*] and Associate Member, recently compiled a biographical sketch of Rick. Because the size of her document was too large for inclusion in our newsletter, I distributed her document with a separate mailing in March to all members. If you did not receive the document because you joined the SHVA after that month or otherwise did not receive a copy, you may view/print it from our web site. If you do not have web access and wish a hard copy, please contact me. Sally will appreciate any memories, pictures, or other items concerning Rick that you have as these can be used to update her document. Her contact information is in the Associate Member Section of the SHVA Distribution Roster that is sent with this newsletter. Below are some pictures that are in her document.



Rick with young Sally and their mother in 1961.



Rick receives his Dolphins in 1963.



Rick with Santa in 1964.



Rick plays the guitar with other singers in 1965.

## SHVA's GRANITE MEMORIAL BENCH AT PATRIOTS POINT

Last year, an SHVA member was in Charleston, S.C. While there, he decided to visit the Cold War Submarine Memorial at Patriots Point and noticed that the horizontal surfaces of our memorial bench had an unsightly buildup. He surmised that it was the result of being located under some trees. The other benches did not have the buildup as they are not under trees. I asked **Jack Harden**, who lives in Charleston, to investigate. He believes that periodic power washing will readily remove the buildup. He owns a power washer but doesn't believe that a source of pressurized water is available at the memorial. Hence, his power washer will not operate there.

Patriot's Point is privately owned, and all maintenance there occurs at the willingness and convenience of the owners. A lack of adequate money has probably placed cleanup of our bench at the bottom of the list. Nonetheless, Jack will perform a multi-faceted investigation related to the situation that will include the likely constituents of the buildup, potential methods of removal of the substance, and maintenance practices at the memorial. Based on the results, he can determine whether the owners will keep our bench clean, if he would be able to do so, or if hiring others might be warranted. The results of his investigation will be a topic of discussion at the Business Meeting during our 2016 reunion. **Art Sullivan** [MT1(SS), Gold, 1970-1975] mentioned that he has a friend in the Mount Pleasant Fire Company (the local fire department) who might be able to help.

Pictures that Jack took follow.



**SOME TYPE OF PARTY!**



I don't remember who submitted this picture or what was occurring. Please let me know so that I can give you proper credit. It is likely a Gold Crew event that happened between 1962 and 1965.

- 1 Charlie Taylor
- 2 Doug Ball
- 3 Gary Gault
- 4 unknown
- 5 unknown
- 6 unknown
- 7 unknown
- 8 Tony Bray
- 9 unknown
- 10 Bob Turner
- 11 James "Matt" Dillon
- 12 Pat Meany
- 13 Billy Truslow
- 14 unknown

## CLARIFICATION OF MISSILE LAUNCHES & THE MUC AWARD

The MUC (Meritorious Unit Commendation) awarded to the boat for a missile launch was mentioned in a few previous editions of "The Raven," and some aspects of the launch were clarified after the initial article. **Steve Kloppenburg** [MM3(SS), Blue, 1968-1969] clarifies the number of missile launched related to the award. He recalls:

*"... in this issue about the MUC, we fired 7 missiles not 10. I was on that patrol, hugged the missile tube as no. 7 was shot."*

*"I also was transferred off after this patrol before the medal presentation and never received a medal. Timing is everything!"*

## JOHN "HENRY" COOK and P.J. PECORELLI

I took the picture of **John Cook** (CDR &XO, Gold, 1968-1970) while attending the inurnment for **Hal Glovier**. The picture with **Pat Pecorelli** [IC2(SS), Gold, 1969-1972] is a picture of one that is in a memory book that **Art Bivens** brought to Hal's inurnment.



**Dr. John Cook, M.D.**



**Pat Pecorelli**

The caption is:  
*"Patrick J. Pecorelli—IC3 reasons why a seaman shouldn't be doing this OR is this vital to National Security?"*