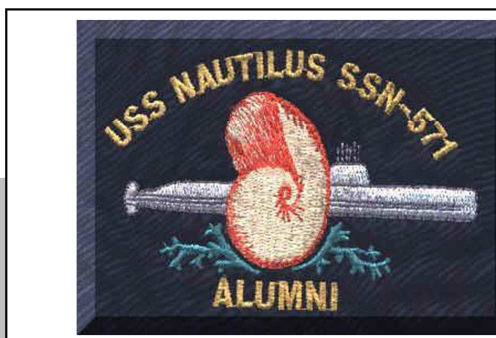


Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc.

NAAI Newsletter – Winter Issue

January 15, 2014



The Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc. is a non-profit, all volunteer, membership organization.

Our purpose is to establish for USS NAUTILUS (SSN-571) her permanent place in history and to assist wherever possible in establishing and maintaining the highest traditions of the United States Navy. Our aim is to account for all former crewmen and to bring together as many former and present shipmates as possible and to remember those shipmates on eternal patrol.

Nearly 60 Years On, America's Nuclear Subs Remain Technological Marvels

By Lt. Cmdr. Ben Amdur, Officer in Charge of Historic Ship Nautilus (SSN 571) and Director of the Submarine Force Library and Museum in Groton, CT. Lt. Cmdr. Ben Amdur is also the Nautilus Alumni Associations, Inc., newest life member.

On November 2, 2013 Precommissioning Unit *North Dakota* (SSN 784) was christened at the Electric Boat Ship Yard in Groton, Conn., launching the most advanced submarine in U.S. Naval history. The christening ceremony is a time-honored tradition which has roots dating back to Babylonian times. *North Dakota's* took place at the same shipyard nearly 60 years after USS *Nautilus* (SSN 571) was christened and launched, bringing nuclear propulsion to the

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

...Technological Marvels > Page 5

1	...Technological Marvels	6	Death of Tradition Welcome New Life Members	11	Reunion Information
2	NAAI Officers President's Ponderings	7	Nautilus Scholarship	12	Reunion Registration Form pg 1
3	Secretary's Report	8	In Memoriam	13	Reunion Registration Form pg 2
4	Nautilus – Panama Canal Silver Dolphins	10	NEAF Donations Financial Reports	14	VADM Wilkinson/Harry Hedin Sailor Rest Your Oar!
				15	Preps for VADM Rickover
				16	Ship's Store Special/Dues Form

NAAI Officers & Other Key Folks

President

Tommy “Robby” Robinson, ’63 – ’67
ss_ssn_ssbm@wavecable.com – 360-871-6899

Vice President

Gregory “Greg” Stanosz, ’73 – ’76
gjstanoz@yahoo.com – 414-258-7846

Secretary

Lonnie Barham, ’66 – ’68
nautilusalum60s@aol.com – 401-739-2488

Treasurer

Richard “Rick” Turner, ’66 – ’67
treecastle@gmail.com – 865-428-0099

Board Member (Ex-Officio)

Richard “Rich” Young, ’63 – ’67
young@g2ss.com – 208-465-7205

Board Member

Warren “John” Johnson, ’64 – ’70
ssn571wpjohnson@aol.com – 727-539-8331

Board Member

Robert “Bob” Childs, ’66 – ’69
robertchilds@gmail.com – 865-348-6105

Board Member

Eugene “Gene” Jackman, ’70 – ’75
gmjackman@verizon.net – 717-862-3212

Volunteer Board Member – U/I

Kenneth “Bob” Keehn, ’68 – ’70
krkeehn@gmail.com – 214-350-2529

Storekeeper

Larry Klein, ’63 – ’67
ssn571lck@yahoo.com – 419-874-6262

Webmaster

Robert “Bob” Passeri, ’64 – ’68
webmaster@ussnautilus.us – 209-295-2029

2014 Reunion Chairman

Dimitri “Wally” Wallick, ’64 – ’68
dimitriwallick@sbcglobal.net – 440-821-1734

Volunteer Researcher for Missing Crewman

Laura Alley (Aux Member)
ljalley@bellsouth.com

*Thank you for volunteering and serving
your shipmates in the
Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc. (NAAI)*



President’s Ponderings

Shipmates and Friends,

As we leave 2013 in our wake and sail into 2014 I and the officers and board members wish you Happy New Year!

Our first order of business is to remind our annual members to renew their membership for 2014. To either renew your dues or join our ranks as a dues paying member please take a few minutes to complete the dues form (page 16) and send a \$10 check (\$20 buys membership through 2015) made out to NAAI and send to Treasurer Rick Turner. For our life members and you who have already renewed your annual dues - Thank you! NAAI officers and board members are volunteers and are not paid for their services. Your dues helps to defray the cost of printing and mailing the bi-annual NAAI newsletter, for some reunion matters, and it directly supports the Nautilus Scholarship.

Reunion chairman Dimitri “Wally” Wallick and his crew are busy finalizing arrangements for our 2014, 60th anniversary reunion, Sept. 25-28, in Cleveland, OH. Additionally, LCDR Ben Amdur, OIC HS *Nautilus* is organizing a 60th anniversary ceremony and to remember VADM Wilkinson in Groton, CT on Sept. 30th. He would like to include and involve Nautilus alumni in the ceremony.

I currently plan to participate in both events and will go to Groton following the Cleveland reunion and I hope many of our reunion folks will join me. In answer to a question ask: Why didn’t we hold our reunion in Groton vice Cleveland? The simple answer is that several years ago NAAI membership unanimously voted to hold every other reunion outside of Groton.

President’s ponderings > page 4

Secretary's Report

Lonnie Barham



It's always interesting to know how many of our shipmates' whereabouts are known, how many remain among the missing, and how many have cast off on eternal patrol. That information is reported below. However, I thought it might also be interesting to know where we all ended up after our service aboard Nautilus and after our Navy careers ended. The answer was a bit surprising to me.

Of the 669 shipmates whose whereabouts are known, a whopping 70 chose to live in Connecticut after their naval service (plus one who is currently serving). I guess being close to the submarine community is important to us, even those who grew up in places like New York and Tennessee. Surprisingly, none of us chose to live in Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota or Wyoming after we left the service. Maybe after living in the crowded conditions aboard submarines, living in such wide open spaces might cause some of us agoraphobia – the fear of open spaces. Four of us live in foreign countries, to include the United Kingdom, Australia and Japan. Here is the list of those states with ten or more Nautilus shipmates.

Connecticut	71
Florida	64
Virginia	55
California	42
Pennsylvania	35
New York	29
Washington	29
Texas	23
Georgia	21
South Carolina	21
Ohio	17
North Carolina	16
Maryland	16
Tennessee	16
Maryland	16
Massachusetts	15
Wisconsin	14
Oregon	12
Colorado	12
Rhode Island	11

Other Statistics:

Crewmember Mailing List	669
(Down from 678 last Jan.)	
Eternal Patrol	651
(Up from 614 last Jan.)	
Missing List	994
(Down from 1007 last Jan.)	
Auxiliary Members	138
(Up from 132 last Jan.)	

Wishing all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2014. Hope to see a few hundred of you at the reunion in Cleveland.

Lonnie L. Barham, '66 – '68
NAAI Secretary

4 Shawomet Avenue
Warwick, RI 02889

401-644-6829 (cell)
NautilusAlum60s@aol.com

BOB HOPE --- ON SAILORS *"They spend the first six days of each week sowing their wild oats, then they to church on Sunday and pray for crop failure."*

President's Ponderings < page 2

This happens to be that reunion and I thank Wally for stepping up and taking on the task. Additional reunion information, including hotel reservation instructions and registration forms, is included in this newsletter. Please send your forms in as soon as possible to aid the planners. Hope to see you all in Cleveland even though I feel a bit vulnerable. I lost my shipmates list to who I owe beer and I know Warren Johnson will be first in a long line.

For those of you have children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren who are pursuing higher education. I strongly urge you to bring the Nautilus Scholarship to your student's attention. NAAI is dedicated to annually fund a \$1000 Nautilus Scholarship while we continue to grow the Nautilus Education Assistance Fund (NEAF). Scholarship applications are due not later than March 15th to the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation (DSF) for academic year 2014/2015. Instructions are on page 7.

It's not too early to start thinking of the 2014 elections. **Not the National elections! I don't want to go there!** The NAAI membership will be electing some new officers and board members at the general business meeting in Cleveland and will also make some key appointments. Please consider volunteering. Over the years NAAI has been truly blessed to have great volunteers but who would expect less from SSN-571 sailors? Not to detract from all volunteers, I will point out three who are currently doing very tough excellent jobs. Secretary Lonnie Barham is the catalyst that holds the Association together. He maintains the database and handles all communications. Similarly, Rick Turner, controls the purse strings and oversees our treasury. He counts our dollars, pays our bills, and liaisons with the DSF regarding the NEAF. Webmaster Bob Passeri has established NAAI online with an excellent homepage at www.usssnautilus.us and he keeps it current, and the list goes on. Currently I know of two positions that are open in 2014. I'm sure there will be others. Store Keeper Larry Klein has tended his resignation effective on Sept. 28th, end of reunion. It's an appointed position. We will need a new store keeper. I do not intend to run again for President, an elected position. Please give some serious thought to volunteering for elected office or an appointed position in a great Association.

Tommy Robinson, '63 - '67
President - NAAI



This photo depicts *Nautilus'* last east>west transit in 1980 of the Panama Canal using her own nuclear power. She was under command of then CDR "Dick" Riddell destined for Mare Island Naval Shipyard. After decommissioning *Nautilus* was towed west>east through the Canal in charge of OIC CDR John Almon en route to her final home in Groton.

Silver Dolphins

Symbol of courage forged by pride
Recalling times when brave men died.
Token of faith in a future world,
Ever at hand when our flags unfurl'd.

Untarnished by trial, tradition born
An emblem of valor, honorably worn.
Sought by many---earned by few.
The Silver Dolphins of a Submarine Crew!



Same may be said of Gold Dolphins!

Mathematicall Magik

In 1648, Bishop John Wilkins wrote in the following about a submarine's potential for military prowess in Mathematicall Magick: "Tis private: A man may thus go to any coast in the world invisibly, without discovery or prevented in his journey ... It may be of great advantages against a Navy of enemies, who by this may be undermined in the water and blown up."

fleet and the world. Six decades, thousands of nuclear-trained officers and Sailors, and more than 200 nuclear-powered submarines later, PCU *North Dakota* raises the bar to a new zenith.

Transferring from the initial manning crew of *North Dakota* to Historic Ship *Nautilus* a few months ago has afforded me the opportunity to appreciate the similarities and changes in both of these remarkable ships.



The Navy's 11th Virginia-class attack submarine Pre-Commissioning Unit North Dakota (SSN 784) is rolled out of an indoor shipyard facility at the General Dynamics Electric Boat (GDEB) Groton, Conn., Sept. 11, 2013.

The first and most obvious comparison between the two submarines are the physical and technological differences that help us appreciate how far we have come in 60 years. USS *Nautilus* joined the fleet in 1954 as the most advanced ship a nation had ever put to sea. Today's state-of-the-art *North Dakota* is 57 feet longer, six feet wider abeam (diameter), nearly twice the displacement of *Nautilus* and is significantly faster, deeper diving, and immensely quieter. Naturally, *North Dakota* is packed with sensors, weapons, computers, and communication technology that were unimaginable to even the science fiction of the 1950s, but what amazes me the most is how far our reactor and propulsion plant design has come. The first reactor core on *Nautilus* was expended and replaced after only two years of service and 62,000 miles traveled at sea. By her third and fourth refueling, this range had been increased to more 160,000 miles per core,

the equivalent of an engine change. While this was a huge leap over the 2,000 mile steaming range of diesel boats of the day, it pales in comparison to *North Dakota's* propulsion plant. Designed to last the entire 33+ year life of the ship, it is more powerful, simpler to operate, and even safer. To the general public touring either ship, the compactness of the spaces and crew accommodations is often their strongest memory. For a different opinion, ask a diesel boat veteran for a comparison and you'll walk away thinking that our nuclear powered boats are veritable luxury liners. *Nautilus* established a new and much improved standard for submarine crew accommodations that has carried through to *North Dakota*. I personally find the officer and senior enlisted accommodations on *Nautilus* to be superior, although the junior enlisted berthing spaces are clearly improved on our more modern subs like *North Dakota*.



In this file photo taken Jan. 21, 1954, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Nautilus (SSN 571) slips into the Thames River.

To the qualified submariner, the differences between the two boats are easy to pick out mainly because of how much they still have in common. I regularly see Sailors from locally based subma-

DEATH OF TRADITION

An obituary for Navy Tradition (USN, retired)— 1775-2013: In a press release from Washington D. C., the Navy Department announced the death of Navy Tradition today after a long illness.

Navy Tradition was born into a world of turmoil and revolutionn 1775. Starting with nothing as a child, Navy Tradition evolved to become an essential part of the most powerful Navy the world had ever seen. He was present when James Lawrence ordered “Don’t give up the ship” as he lay mortally wounded on the deck of the Chesapeake. He witnessed cannon balls bouncing off the copper-shielded sides of the USS Constitution, “Old Ironsides.”

He fought pirates off the Barbary Coast and suffered with his shipmates on the battleship Arizona during the attack at Pearl Harbor. He fought his way across the Pacific with Nimitz and saw MacArthur fulfill his promise to return to the Philippines. Navy Tradition was there when sailors fought bravely to save the frigate Stark after it was hit by a cruise missile and witnessed the launch of Tomahawk missiles from the battleship Missouri at the outset of Desert Storm.

Through all the strife, good times and bad, Navy Tradition was there to support his shipmates and give a balance to the misery that sometimes accompanied a life at sea. Be the nation at peace or at war, Navy Tradition made sure that we always remembered we were sailors.

He made sure that promotions were celebrated with an appropriate “wetting down”; crows, dolphins and wings were tacked on as a sign of respect from those already so celebrated; chiefs were promoted in solemn ceremony after being “initiated” by their fellow brethren; and only those worthy were allowed to earn the title “shellback.”

But in his later years, Navy Tradition was unable to fight the cancer of political correctness. He tired as his beloved Navy went from providing rations of rum to its sailors to conducting Breathalyzer tests on the brow. He weakened as he saw “Going into harm’s way” turn into “Cover your backside,” and as “Wooden ships and iron men” morphed into “U.S. Navy, Inc.”

A lifelong friend of Navy Tradition recalled a crossing-the-equator ceremony during World War II: “I had to eat a cherry out of the belly button of the fattest sailor on the ship. It was disgusting. But for that few minutes, it took our minds off the war and to this day it is one of my greatest memories.”

In lieu of flowers, the family of Navy Tradition has asked that all sailors who have earned their shellback and drunk their dolphins; who remember sore arms from where their crows were tacked on and were sent on a search for “relative bearing grease” or a length of “water line”; who’ve been through chiefs’ initiation or answered ship’s call in a bar fight in some exotic port of call, to raise a toast one more time and remember Navy Tradition in his youth and grandeur.

Fair winds and following seas, Shipmate. You will be missed.

Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Sousa (ret.)

Welcome Aboard New Life Members

(Since July 15, 2013)

MR Carl Fedako
'65 – '66 ET1(SS)

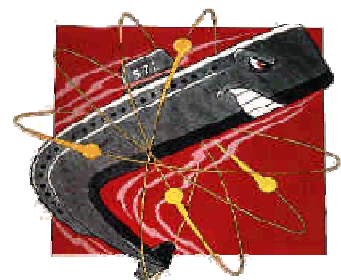
MR David Vincent
'67 – '70 ET1(SS)

MR Michael Murphy
'78 – '79 IC2(SS)

MR David Garza
'79 – '80 STS3(SS) Decommissioning Crew

MR Clifford Bottin
'66 – '69 IC1(SS)

LCDR Benjamin Amdur, USN
'13 – Present
Officer-In-Charge, HS *Nautilus*





Nautilus Scholarship

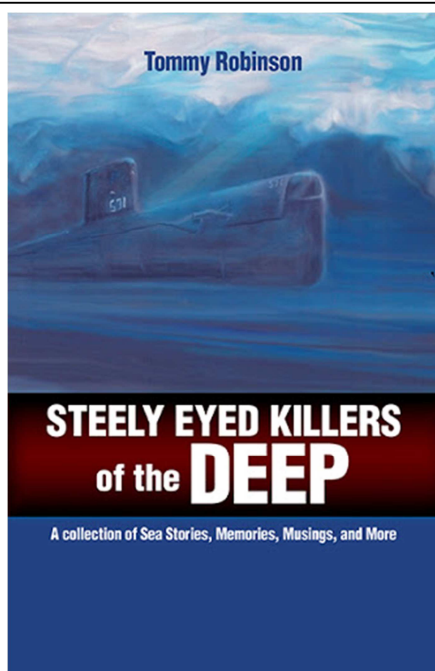
The **Nautilus Scholarship** honors crewmembers of both *USS Nautilus* (SSN-571) and (SS-168) by awarding undergraduate scholarships exclusively to a spouse, child, grandchild, great grandchild, or stepchild, step grandchild or great step grandchild of a current or former crewmember of either submarine who has served honorably aboard for thirty (30) or more days.

Additional information regarding the **Nautilus Scholarship** including an Application Check List and Scholarship Application Form is posted on the NAAI website at www.ussnautilus.us . Those of you who do not have online access may request these forms by contacting the NAAI Secretary (see page 2).

Applications are currently being accepted for school year 2014/2015. Completed applications must be received by the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation (DSF) no later than March 15, 2014 in order to be considered. Applicants are encouraged to use the Application Check List. The NAAI Treasury will provide for an annual \$1000.00 **Nautilus Scholarship** while the Nautilus Educational Assistance Fund (NEAF) continues to grow.

Donations to the NEAF may be made either to NAAI Treasurer, Rick Turner, 2559 Walnut Ridge Way, Sevierville, TN 37862-8088 or directly to DSF, 4966 Euclid Road, Suite 109, Virginia Beach, VA 23462 or online at DSF's homepage www.dolphinscholarship.org/ . In all cases please note your check or online donation for "**NEAF**" OR "**Nautilus Scholarship**" so the monies will be placed in the proper fund. Please see a list of our most generous donors on page 9.

The Editor



Shipmates and Friends,

I'm pleased to report that our new **Nautilus** sea stories book **Steely Eyed Killers of the Deep** is now in print and available for purchase at the FriesenPress.com/bookstore, Amazon.com, and Barnes and Noble. A special "thanks" to all who contributed!

Steely Eyed Killers of the Deep is a joint effort between me and many **Nautilus** shipmates. It is written by submariners for submariners and anyone interested in submarines and the sailors who live beneath the sea. It contains sea stories, memories, musings, and much more spanning **Nautilus'** precommissioning in the early 1950s to her decommissioning in 1980.

A Special Note: All proceeds from sale of this book will be donated to the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation in support of the **NEAF - Nautilus Scholarship**.

Please purchase a copy and support a good cause. Fraternally,

Tommy Robinson, '63 – '67



IN MEMORIAM

Our shipmates who served
their country!
They have done their duty!

*Since July 15, 2013 these
shipmates have either been
reported or researched as hav-
ing received their final orders.*

LCDR Aurthur E. Holzhaeuser, USN, Ret.
'57 – '57 HMCA(SS) 05/00/77

CDR Herbert P. Durgin, USN, Ret.
?? CDR 08/21/01

ETC(SS) Earl "Ed" E. Hagerty, USN, Ret.
'60 – '61 ET2(SS) 09/09/11

MR R.G. Joseph Noiseux
'76 – '78 ETN3(SS) 02/05/13

MR Edward R. Young
'54-2 Months FN 03/16/13

CAPT Edward "Ed" M. Cummings, JR., USN,
Ret.
'59 – '61 LCDR/XO 05/21/13

CAPT Francis "Joe" Callahan, Jr., USNR, Ret.
'55 > LCDR 06/28/13
Project Officer – SSN571

ETC(SS) William "Bill" A. Hansen, USN, Ret.
'58 – '59 ET1(SS) 07/04/13
PANOPO

VADM Eugene "Dennis" P. Wilkinson, USN, Ret.
'51 – '57 CDR>CAPT 07/11/13
1st Commanding Officer Plank Owner

MR David W. Walker
'65 – '65 MT3 08/03/13

ENCS(SS) Harry D. Hedin, USN, Ret.
'56 – '58 EN1(SS) 08/06/13
PANOPO

MR Anthony J. Otterblad
'76 – '77 IC3(SS) 08/11/13

MR Richard T. Murphy
'57 – '59 SN(SS) 08/13/13
PANOPO

TMC(SS) Edward D. Kalinoski, USN, Ret.
'69 – '70 FN(SS) 08/15/13

MR Foy N. Royal
'60 – '61 SN(SS) 08/21/13

MR Alvia "Bub" Smith
'64 – '66 SN(SS) 09/16/13

TMCS(SS) Philip D. "Tex" Trowbridge, USN, Ret.
'62 – '63 TMCS(SS) 09/26/13

MR James N. "Blackie" Blackwelder
'68 – '68 FN 09/27/13

STS1(SS) Dennis D. Getz, USN, Ret.
'78 – '80 STS2(SS) 09/30/13
Decommissioning Crew

CDR Floyd R. "Red" Porterfield, USN, Ret.
'40 – '42 BMC(SS) 09/30/13
SS-168 13 WWII Patrols

MR Melvin "Mel" Carson
'56 – '57 TM3(SS) 10/19/13
Aboard for 1st 1957 polar probe/Atlantic

LT(SC) Joseph "Joe" Thompson, USN, Ret.
'65 – '66 SK1(SS) 11/02/13

LT Joseph "Frenchy" LeTourneau, USN, Ret.
'56 – '58 ET1(SS) 11/27/13

ADM Kinnaird R. McKee, USN, Ret.
'61 – '62 LCDR/XO 12/30/13

Sailors – Rest your oar!

rines here in Connecticut and support commands leading tours of Nautilus for their family and friends. Most do not realize that many of the features they take for granted were new with Nautilus, including three decks (vice one), stairways, crew racks (vice a mix of racks and hammocks), the size of the crew's mess (dining area), much of the atmosphere control equipment, ship-wide air conditioning, and the availability of fresh water. The similarities are striking because the capabilities that nuclear powered submarines give our nation are timeless: Stealth, Endurance, Agility, and Firepower.



In this file photo taken Jan. 21, 1954, spectators gather around the nuclear-powered submarine USS Nautilus (SSN 571) during a christening ceremony.

Submarine force leaders will readily tell you their most important assets are the people that man our submarine fleet. They are among the most intelligent and highly-trained people in the Navy; an exacting standard that was set by Nautilus and her initial crew. The more than a year of advanced technical training that all nuclear-qualified submarine officers and enlisted crew members must receive before assignment

to their first boat began with the same training for that first Nautilus crew at the SW-1 prototype in Arco, Idaho. The choice not to separate the nuclear engineering officers from the navigation and tactical officer positions of the submarine's wardroom also began with Nautilus. Then Lt. Cmdr. Eugene P. Wilkinson was a decorated WWII submarine officer and had already served as the Executive Officer of three submarines when he was assigned to Oak Ridge National Laboratory to work for the legendary Capt. Hyman G. Rickover, the "father" of the nuclear Navy, as part of the team designing what would become Nautilus' propulsion plant. His selection as Nautilus' first skipper was preceded by tours as the commanding officer of USS Volador (SS 490) and USS Wahoo (SS 565) [during WWII]. PCU North Dakota's Commanding Officer, Capt. (select) Douglas Gordon, continues this tradition. He has extensive engineering experience, including a tour as the Engineer Officer on USS Louisiana (SSBN 743), as well as proving himself as a submarine tactician, leader, and warrior. While most nations separate the career paths of the ship's nuclear engineers from the ship drivers; every successful U.S. nuclear submarine line officer qualifies to operate and lead both the engineering plant and the combat, navigation, and ship control teams. The philosophy behind this decision is simple; the best submarine officers understand every capability of their crew and ships.

Lt. Cmdr. Ben Amdur is the Officer in Charge of Historic Ship Nautilus (SSN 571) and the Director of the Submarine Force Museum. Prior to taking charge of Nautilus, he served as PCU North Dakota's first Engineering Officer.



How about Ernie's 'on the Thames' or ?

Dolphin Scholarship Foundation Report

NEAF = Nautilus Scholarship

Donations received since July 1, 2013

NAAI – Treasury	\$605.00
NAAI – Treasury IMO – CDR Al Charette	\$100.00
Dale Server IMO – Alvia Smith	\$ 50.00
Vicki Harvey IMO – Alvia Smith	\$ 25.00
Charles & Jan Briley IMO – Alvia Smith	\$ 50.00
Tom & Elaine Arsenault IMO – Alvia Smith	\$ 50.00
Sula C. Smith IMO of husband Alvia Smith	\$ 50.00
William & Judith Goodwin IMO Alvia Smith	\$100.00
David & Charlotte Miller IMO Alvia Smith	\$ 30.00
Eric & Tammy Schlarf IMO Alvia Smith	\$ 30.00
Troy & Lisa Prior IMO – Alvia Smith	\$ 25.00
Tommy Robinson IMO LT(SC) Joe Thompson, USN, Ret.	\$50.00
“Reds” & Bobbie Knouse IMO of the crew	\$ 20.00
Mr & Mrs Victor Michnowicz	\$200.00

Myra I. Lovejoy \$100.00
IMO LCDR Edward Lovejoy, USN, Ret.

George Trumble \$100.00

Violet P. Early \$1000.00

Kenneth Keehn \$100.00

Annette L. Holland \$1000.00
IMO PANOPO's on Eternal Patrol

Richard Turner \$100.00

Barry Lerich \$100.00

Karen Holland \$200.00
In honor of Ernest Frank Holland

Tommy Robinson \$120.00
Book Sales

Tommy Robinson \$110.00
Book Sales

THANK YOU!

IMO = In Memory Of

NAAI Financial Reports Ending December 31, 2013

Treasurer's Report:

Current Balance at Edward Jones - \$15,638.62
Rick Turner, Treasurer

Dolphin Scholarship Foundation Report:

NEAF - Nautilus Scholarship - \$39,278.07
Cindy Johannes, Financial Administrator-DSF

Storekeeper Report:

At Cost Inventory - \$3,163.49
Cash on Hand - \$1,085.54
Larry Klein, Storekeeper

Come Celebrate 60 Years of *NAUTILUS* in Cleveland

The 2014 reunion is scheduled for Thursday, September 25th through Sunday, September 28th in the Cleveland suburb of Independence. The Embassy Suites, located off I-77 and I-480, will be hosting our reunion. All rooms are suites having either two double beds or a king size bed and living area with a wet bar, microwave, coffee maker and a mini-refrigerator, as well as internet access and two televisions. The hotel is 10 minutes from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and downtown Cleveland and complimentary transportation is available at the top of every hour between the hotel and airport. Each morning the hotel provides a complimentary cooked to order breakfast and in the evening there is a complimentary manager's reception with light snacks and beverages. The hotel shuttle service is available to downtown Cleveland and to venues within 5 miles.

The hotel rate is \$109.00 per night plus tax and the hotel will honor that rate for three days before and after the reunion if rooms are available when you make your reservation. Reservation cutoff is August 29, 2014.

How to reserve hotel rooms for the reunion.

To reserve by phone: 1-216-986-9900 or 1-800-Embassy and ask for group block "USS Nautilus" or code "USS".

By internet: www.clevelandindependence.embassysuites.com

1. Select travel dates
2. Click on Add Special Rate Codes and the drop down will provide several boxes
3. Type Group Code "USS" in the box for Group Code
4. Click Check Availability
5. Continue until you get your Confirmation Number

The August 29th date on the reservation form is the last date the hotel will guarantee the \$109+ tax rate. Also the tee shirt supplier has a July 11th date for shirts to be delivered in time for the reunion.

Please make your hotel reservations soon and mail your registration form.

*Dimitri "Wally" Wallick
2014 Reunion Chairman*

Editor's note: LCDR Ben Amdur, OIC H.S. Nautilus is planning a ceremony to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Nautilus and honor VADM Wilkinson on September 30th – only two days after our reunion concludes. I encourage all who attend our reunion in Cleveland to make an effort to also attend the ceremony in Groton.



Launched 1/21/54



Commissioned 9/30/54

USS Nautilus SSN 571 "LOLA" – 60th Anniversary

2014 Reunion in Cleveland, Ohio

Registration Form

Please return this form ASAP (no later than August 29, with your check or money order payable to NAAI. Cancellations are refundable (except for registration) until August 29. Send to: Dimitri (Wally) Wallick, 6142 Liberty Rd., Solon, Ohio 44139 Phone: 440-248-8162 E-Mail (dimitriwallick@sbcglobal.net)

Name(s) _____ Phone: () _____

(on name tag)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____ @ _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone: () _____ - _____

All prices are per person. All meal prices include gratuity and Ohio State Taxes. Additional names can be added on page 2.

EVENT	Cost	Number Attending	Total
Registration Fee (non-refundable)	\$15.00		
Thursday – 25 September 2014			
Channel Fever Night - Embassy	\$37.00		
Suites 6pm – 10pm			
Friday -26 September 2014			
Cleveland Brew Bus – 11:00-4:30pm	\$48.00		
See page 2 for further activities in the Cleveland area and T-Shirt orders			
Saturday – 27 September 2014			
Business Meeting at Embassy Suites (9-11AM)	Free		
Ladies Activity - Free			
Reunion Banquet at Embassy Suites			
Beef Brisket	\$47.00		
Chicken Marsala	\$43.00		
Fish (Tilapia)	\$43.00		
Sunday, 28 September 2014			
Departing Buffet Breakfast at Embassy Suites	FREE for guests of hotel		
		GRAND TOTAL	\$

ADDITIONAL NAME(S) ATTENDING REUNION _____

T-SHIRTS - \$10.00 (Small, Medium, Large, XL) \$12.00 (XXL, XXXL) - Pick up at Reunion

	QUANTITY	TOTAL	
SMALL	_____	_____	
MEDIUM	_____	_____	
LARGE	_____	_____	
X-LARGE	_____	_____	
			GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

About Cleveland – A GREAT CITY + A Great Lake



Cleveland's University Circle is the most concentrated square mile of arts and culture institutions in the nation with the Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland Botanical Garden, Cleveland Museum of Art, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland Museum of Natural History and more.

Cleveland Metroparks - More than 21,000 acres in 16 reservations surround Cleveland.
Cleveland Zoo and Rain Forest, Amish Country (South)

Casinos

Horseshoe Casino Cleveland, Thistledown Racino, Northfield Park Rocksin

Downtown Cleveland

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Great Lakes Science Center, Cinemax, Cruises on Lake Erie, Cod Submarine, Old Stone Church, Soldiers & Sailors Monument, Terminal Tower, Tower City, The Arcade, The Flats, Warehouse District, Playhouse Square Theater District with 20' outdoor chandelier, Walking Tours, West 25th St. Market--With its origins dating back to 1840.

Tremont - Christmas Story House is a museum in [Cleveland's Tremont](#) neighborhood. This 19th-century Victorian home was used in the exterior scenes of Ralphie Parker's house in the 1983 film [A Christmas Story](#).
www.achristmasstoryhouse.com

Little Italy - One of the city's most charming, and tasty, areas.

Nautica Queen - dinner/cruise along Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie. For more information, go to www.nauticaqueen.com.

SPORTS

Cleveland Browns, Football Hall of Fame in Canton - www.profootballhof.com, Indians will be hosting Tampa Bay Rays, Cavaliers, Golf Courses - Cleveland has more than 300 great golf courses

Cleveland Brew Bus - www.clevelandbrewbus.com - In 2013 five of Cleveland's brew masters were listed among the top ten in the country.

NOTE: Many sites will give a veterans discount. For those who do not have a military ID, a copy of your DD214 is needed to receive a discount.

FOR FURTHER DETAIL ON ACTIVITIES IN THE CLEVELAND AREA, PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING LINK.

<http://www.positivelycleveland.com/>

David Ross on VADM Wilkinson

The Last WWII American Submarine Hero gets orders for Eternal Patrol.

On Monday, August 26 my older brother, Bill, and I went to Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, CA to attend a memorial service for Admiral Eugene Wilkinson, the first captain of the first nuclear submarine who died on June 11, 2013. I believe that he should be the last WWII submariner to be added to the WWII Pantheon of American Submariners. Although we didn't serve under the Admiral (Bill 58-60, me 59-61), we saw him at USS Nautilus reunions. He was truly an American hero. He has a long list of achievements including eight WWII war patrols.

Seven submariners were awarded the Medal of Honor in the Pacific in World War II, [John Cromwell](#), [Sam Dealey](#), and [Howard Gilmore](#) received their award posthumously. Four more, [Eugene Fluckey](#), [Richard O'Kane](#), [Lawson Ramage](#), and [George Street](#) survived the war, but are now On Eternal Patrol, Admiral Fluckey being the last to die in 2007.

In my opinion, three other submariners belong in the Submarine Pantheon: [Dudley "Mush" Morton](#), [Edward L. Beach, Jr.](#) (My father served under him on [USS Triton \(SSN-586\)](#) after the war) and, of course, [Admiral Hyman Rickover](#).

In my humble opinion, I would add Admiral Wilkinson to the Pantheon.

David Ross

Sailor, rest your oar!

When your final dive is made, and your battery's running low, you'll know there lays a boat for you many fathoms here below.

With your annunciators jammed on full and your depth gauge needles bent, your accumulator's dry of oil and your air banks all are spent.

It's then you get to wonderin', "is my life's boat rigged for dive?" Your guessing drill commences, "Am I dead or still alive?"

You pace the flooded decks with scorn and curse the flaws of man. Into realms of Rex you've stepped, and here you'll make your stand.

A Report on Harry Hedin's Funeral

I just wanted all of you to know that Harry's life was well celebrated both at the funeral home and the grave site. Family told a lot of his stories that I've enjoyed before and so have you. One of his daughters even told the bit about most stories start with "one upon a time" but Harry's always started with "This ain't no shit." Eight members of the SubVets Hawkbill chapter did a fine graveside performance with horn and bell. The American Legion did the gun salute and flag turnover and both gave good summaries of his service life. As background, Harry was a passenger in an auto accident last winter and his heart and lungs just never fully recovered. He was aware of family and friends but never got his strength back in the rest home. A fun and capable shipmate.

Frank Fogarty

To live your life, as sailors must, at the bottom of the sea.
There's one you'll have to reckon with-that one, my friend, is thee.

Will your conscience do you justice when the final muster's in?
Did you lead the kind of life you should in every port you've been?

The answers to these questions and many, many more,
are locked in the hearts of sailormen from Cannes to Singapore.

So, when your day for mast rolls 'round, the choice is up to you.
Sailor, chart your course of life right now. Chart it straight and true.

Now's the time to flood your tanks and trim up 'fore and aft.
It's a trifle late when the klaxon sounds to square away your craft.

Your final billet lies below, on "old ocean's" floor.
So, be ready when that last word's passed.

Sailor, rest your oar!

Author Unknown

"It was an E-ticket ride! Following EMBT blow from TD..

This should jog the neurons of a couple of you bubble-heads who read this newsletter (for space concerns, the "officer responsible" has purposely remained anonymous.

Preparation Checklist for VADM Rickover visit:

USS (Ship's Name) (Date)

MEMORANDUM

From: Executive Officer

To: All Officers

Subject: Preparation for VADM Rickover, USN

The following arrangements will be made by officers indicated to insure the Admiral's comfort during Sea Trial ALPHA:

- Two full sets of khakis available in XOSR with sox and belt. Shirt size 14-32; trousers waist 30 length 29.

- Menu - Clear menu with OIC prior to 10/26. Fruit available - grapes/apples/etc. (fresh orange juice). Keep bowl in XOSR full. No milk, eggs, cheese, etc. Have margarine and skimmed milk available.

- Insure RM's check out on Marine operator procedures. He will want to make ship to shore calls.

- Have late airlines schedules available to XOSR desk.

- Disconnect MC system, buzzers, dial-X ringer in XOSR. DO NOT disconnect pantry call button. E Div. Officer see XO for details.

- Turn all MC speakers in the WR Country down to low, pleasant, but discernible level. He will talk to crew and it should be heard in Wardroom. IMC speaker outside XOSR disconnected.

- Ship's force film badge and dosimeter Doctor deliver personally.

- Provide plenty of (SHIP'S NAME) stationary, envelopes, and pen available in XOSR desk.

- Do not pull in shore phone connection until last minute when getting underway and then only with CO's permission.

- Have foul weather jacket (Khaki) available in XOSR with jacket patch (leather name patch) and (SHIP'S NAME) patch. The jacket must be expendable.

- Rig for RED only when required by Standing Orders and with permission of OIC.

- Insure toilet articles such as soap, towels, etc. are available in XOSR.

- Insure at least 500 plain envelopes on board.

- Insure latest weather reports are available immediately upon request.

- Insure stock of message blanks available in the XOSR desk. (Deliver to XO).

- Insure the Engineer is in Engineering spaces any time Admiral is there.

- Insure bunk ready on barge for Admiral if he desires to use it. Be prepared to serve Saturday evening meal to Admiral and guests on the barge or boat if he desires.

- LT (NAME) should handle arrangements for departing.

- Insure brow hanging on crane on arrival. He may leave immediately.

- Have 2 stop watches available for Admiral in Maneuvering and one in XOSR and flashlight in XOSR.

- Minimize use of 1MC. Emergencies and essential traffic only (and then use in a modulated unexcited voice).

- Have one yeoman available to take care of stenographic needs.

- Provide copy of local newspaper and Sunday's New York Times (if possible) in XOSR. Also provide recent magazines (Time, U.S. News and World Report, Harpers, Newsweek, etc.)

- On scrams don't fiddle around warming up mains. Get back on the line safely but quickly. Don't forget to order a gravity taken.

- Provide dental floss in XOSR medicine cabinet. (Deliver to XO).

- Insure we have equipment for transfer to small boat.

- Have transportation sedan ready (on one minutes notice) clean, fueled, driver standing by, etc. (SO5 sedan).

- Be prepared for full camera coverage (Polaroid, 35121 and speedgraphics).

- Insure plenty good books and reading material available in XOSR and Wardroom (Librarian coordinate with XO).

- Insure embossing machine and at least three different colors of tape available. Provide plenty of tape.

- Check installation of flexowriters. Yea, XO and one Trial Alpha RM (Crypto Repair Trained) check out with Tech Rep. by Friday 10/23/

- Insure barber available in instant call with hair cutting equipment.

- Minimize use of Dial-X in Maneuvering.

- S.S. Pierce lemon drops.

- All Officers concerned keep master copy of this memo in WRSR#1 up to date as items are completed.

Dues! Dues! Dues!

Please include the adjacent Dues Form. It helps keep the NAAI DB current. If you have question regarding your membership status please contact Secretary Lonnie Barham at NautilusAlum60@aol.com or telephone 401-739-2488.

Thanks to all who continue to support our fine Association.



Ship's Store Special Sale

50% off 2012 Reunion Patches, Key Chains, and Alumni Mugs – price includes shipping and handling.

Use the Reunion Patches for coasters. They work nicely as coasters and become great conversation pieces at the reduced price of \$2.00 each.

Get a mug for your morning coffee or tea at the special price of only \$4.00 each. They are embossed with the NAAI logo and are micro-wave and dishwasher safe.

Who doesn't need key chains? The key chains also have the NAAI logo and are \$3.25 each. Organize your keys.

Liberty Call

A COB and a couple of Chiefs were out bar hopping when the COB falls off his barstool and lies motionless on the floor.

"One thing about the COB," his buddy said to the bartender. "He sure knows when to stop."

Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc Dues Form

Life Membership = \$100
Annual Membership = \$10 /Yr.

Life Membership _____
2014 _____ 2015 Annual Dues _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

ZIP: _____ - _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Email Add: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Spouse Name: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (Please check one)

SSN-571: _____ Ships company or attached personnel serving 30 or more days aboard **Nautilus**.

Auxiliary: _____ Any person interested in establishing for Nautilus its permanent place in history and/or establishing a legacy for a family member who has served on **Nautilus**, e.g.

Spouse ____ Son ____ Daughter ____ Grandchild ____

FOR CREWMEMBERS

Served in Nautilus from (YR) _____ to (YR) _____

Rank/Rate (Duty) while onboard? _____

Military Retired? ____ Retired Rate/Rank?: _____

Plank Owner? _____ PANOPO? _____

Decom Crew? _____ Historic Ship Crew? ____

Please make checks payable to **NAAI** and mail with this form to:

NAAI Treasurer
Rick Turner
2559 Walnut Ridge Way
Sevierville, TN 37862-8088