

NAAI NEWSLETTER

NAUTILUS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

NEWS

JANUARY 15, 2017



Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc. (NAAI) is a non-profit, tax-deductible, 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, to bring together as many former and present shipmates as possible, to remember those on eternal patrol, and to honor them through the Nautilus Scholarship.

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President's Report: What's Ahead for NAAI

By Gary Schmid, NAAI President



Fellow Shipmates, Families and Friends, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you one and all for electing me as President of this great organization and for your attendance at our 2016 reunion in Groton, Connecticut. It was truly a pleasure to see all of you and observe as you enjoyed the various events we had planned. Mother nature remembered *"The Sun Always Shines on Nautilus"* and graced us with some wonderful New England weather.

The success of any undertaking is always a cumulation of great brainstorming, shared organization and determined action. I was blessed as this year's reunion chairperson to have a magnificent team that had all those qualities and more. In the formative

days, I relied heavily on those shipmates and their families who had been so successful in past reunions. Our success would not have been possible without PANOPO Joe Degnan's input. Bob Holst kept me grounded when I began to worry if we were doing enough by reminding me that "all they really need is a room to have a few drinks and tell each other sea stories they had forgotten since the last one." Thanks, Bob – for that is truly what our reunions are all about! And of course, the guidance from Rick Turner and Bob Childs was invaluable. The Cleveland

gian, Archibald Assolesen! Susan, Jill and the rest of the family manned the reception center, banquet check in and so much more. Bruce Aquizap, another PANOPO New Englander, helped with the reunion badges. Thank you to Bob Keehn and the creative talent of his daughter Sára, for their work to ensure reunion communications were as clear as possible. Reginald Preston, LCDR USN, Officer in Charge Historic Ship Nautilus was the backbone for so many things that made the reunion interesting and rewarding. The "channel fever" night at

Exciting times are ahead! Together we can not only preserve the image of our fine ship, but enhance it for the generations to come.

Gang headed by Wally Wallick were always available to lend their input and share their past agendas. Without Marilyn Charette and her entire family we would have not been so successful. They contributed so many wonderful memorabilia items for us to peruse and take home. Who can forget Bob Charette's rendition of his father's incorrigible Norwe-

the Submarine Force Library and Museum, the tour aft for crewmembers (which required NR approval and vetting of the list), the base tours and all of the amazing speakers for the reunion. Thank you, sir! It would have been impossible without you and your crews' involvement.

Thank you all!

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USS NAUTILUS "FIRST AND FINEST"

HULL No: SSN 571
CLASS: NAUTILUS
DISPLACEMENT: 4092 TONS
LENGTH: 320 FT
SPEED: 23 KNOTS
COMMISSIONED: 9/54
RADIO CALL SIGN:
NOVEMBER-WHISKEY-
CHARLIE-LIMA



NAAI WEBSITE:
USSNAUTILUS.US

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Secretarial duties in 2016 focused on:

- Honorably reporting shipmate departures on Eternal Patrol
- Keeping names/status/addresses current in the crew data base
- Promoting Scholarship awareness and Endowment fund growth
- Compiling 2016 newsletter data and assisting with publishing
- Thinking of ways to increase active membership

The table (right) shows 500-600 active NAAI members. While some feel the organization is shrinking, there are another 1,100 shipmates currently missing or non-active whose potential involvement would double our size. I've also lost mail contact with 78 members. **Check out page 8 and alert me if you know the whereabouts of any of these folks.**

To address the membership gap, a call to action at the 2016 reunion established the **Membership Committee** lead by Pat Gerving and the **Auxiliary Committee** lead by Wanda Sells. Please read their reports and consider joining the effort.

Membership Status	1/15/2016	1/15/2017
Eternal Patrol	696	748
Life Members	352	296
Annual Dues Members	138	113
Widow/Life Members	97	107
Honored Life Members	33	17
Found	-	14
Auxiliary Members	-	57
Crew non-members	216	205
Missing	945	924
MEMBERSHIP TOTALS	2477	2481

Communication Count		
Email	550	563
US Mail	230	161
Email undeliverables	75	40
US Mail undeliverables	-	38
COMMUNICATION TOTALS	855	802

— Bob Keehn IC2 '68-'70
NAAI Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

— Bob Childs MM2 '66-'69
NAAI Treasurer

GENERAL FUND

Jan 15, 2016 balance	\$12,488
Sources:	
Dues	\$840
NEAF cash & silent auction	5,753
Reunion net gain	1,920
Interest Income	5
	8,518
Uses:	
Newsletter print & postage	\$1,706
Transfer to Endowment Fund	11,710
	(13,416)
Jan 15, 2017 balance	\$7,590

NEAF ENDOWMENT FUND

Jan 15, 2016 balance	\$55,329
DSF - direct donations	\$4,130
NEAF - donations	3,843
NEAF - reunion silent auction	1,910
NAAI - excess general funds	5,957
Jan 15, 2017 balance	\$71,169

NAAI OFFICERS & "CREW"

PRESIDENT

Gary Schmid '68-'71
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860-245-0418

BOARD MEMBER

Richard "Rich" Young '63-'67
bear6457@msn.com
208-465-7205

VICE PRESIDENT

Douglas "Doug" Wood '97-'00
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REUNION CHAIRMAN

Denzel Struchen '79-'80
dstruchen1@verizon.net
434-349-2294

SECRETARY

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Wanda Sells (Aux Member)
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TREASURER

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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BOARD MEMBER

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BOARD MEMBER

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WEBMASTER

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BOARD MEMBER (Ex-Officio)

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THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING AND SERVING YOUR FELLOW SHIPMATES!

President's Report: What's Ahead for NAAI

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NOW... ON TO WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED AT THE BIENNIAL MEETING.

We are excited about developing four new committees to help move our organization forward in the future! We believe broadening active participation among the NAAI membership will add vibrancy, energy, creativeness, a greater sense of belonging and accomplishment.

1. AUXILIARY/LEGACY COMMITTEE

Chair: Wanda Sells (wife of Jim Sells, MM1, '65-'69). Wanda stepped forward and accepted this chairmanship. In this capacity, she is excited to bring the existing and future family members into the excitement and pride of our group by enlisting folks to help with future reunions, USS Nautilus history education, NEAF awareness and so much more. *Thanks for volunteering your time and effort, Wanda!*

2. REUNION COMMITTEE

Chair: Denzel Struchen (MM2, '79-'80 Decom Crew). Denzel, as chairman, will request and collect crewmember input for future reunion venues, programs, frequency, etc. Denzel issued a reunion survey on Feb 10th to our 550 "email" members. For our 200+ US mail members, **you'll find the same survey on Page 5.** Year 2018 will be the 60th anniversary of the Polar Crossing! Keep that in mind

when thinking about our next reunion.

PLEASE SUPPORT DENZEL BY FORWARDING HIM YOUR IDEAS BY March 15, 2017.

3. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Pat Gerving (MM1 '68-'71). Pat Gerving volunteered to chair the membership committee and Jim Kronenwetter offered to assist. NAAI needed to make a real commitment to connect with missing shipmates. Keeping current with address changes was becoming increasingly difficult and progress was slipping. Pat and Jim will pursue efforts to locate crewmembers with whom we have had no contact and reduce our unknowns as well as update our existing list. You can really help them in this tiring pursuit by volunteering to help on a state-by-state basis which will ease the workload and speed the process. *Thanks, Pat and Jim!*

4. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Patricia Anderson (widow of CAPT Anderson, 2nd CO, '57-'59). The tireless, ever supportive Mrs. Pat Anderson volunteered to chair the Scholarship Committee! Pat will guide the committee towards raising the dollars necessary to fully fund our NEAF endowment, promote scholarship awareness, and work with DSF and the NAAI BOD as to scholarship amounts, qualified schools, etc. (I would like to see

it extended to trade schools and associate degrees as DSF now does). *Thank you Pat!*

Last but not least...

DUES & MEMBERSHIP

NAAI dues options are \$10 per year, payable each Dec. 1, or \$100 for a Life Membership. Dues cover operating expenses, including the biannual newsletter, and lets us know you truly care about the NAAI purpose. Complete the DUES & MEMBERSHIP form on page 9 and mail with your check to Treasurer Bob Childs.

Exciting times are ahead! Together we can not only preserve the Image of our fine ship, but enhance it for the generations to come. Awareness and education of families, friends and our submarine service brothers is a great beginning!

— Gary S. Schmid MM1 '68-'71
NAAI President

NAAI NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The simple fact is that NAAI can only be a vibrant organization with the inclusion of many members and their collective contribution toward our purpose. Please consider volunteering to help with one of the new committees. Contact your President or any of the Committee Chairmen to get started.

"The price of greatness is responsibility."

— Winston Churchill



AUXILIARY COMMITTEE REPORT



– Wanda Sells
Auxiliary Committee
Chairperson

As many of you know a new committee was organized to promote the legacy of the USS NAUTILUS and the men that served on her. I was chosen as committee chairperson.

My vision is to incorporate the children, grandchildren and all generations that follow to carry on the legacy of these great men and the ship they served on. I want to reach out to these generations through you to implement what I envision as a fun and rewarding experience for everyone associated with this great historical boat. I know we have family members with talents and interests to help implement this vision.

Without your help and cooperation and enthusiasm, I can't do this. It is all about you. I am only a conduit to get your families interested and involved in this great journey!

At the reunion I was approached by members that said they knew their family members wanted to be involved.

I would appreciate your comments and help in passing my information on so we can start a dialogue. My contact information is on page 2. I am anxious to get this committee off the ground.

2016 Reunion Attendees List

Shipmates and Families

- Bob & Bobbie Albright - EN2/MM1 57-61
- Benjamin Amdur - LCDR 2013-16, 14th OIC
- David Andersen - MM2 75-78
- Pat Anderson - Honoring William R. Anderson, CDR/2nd CO, 57-59, PANOPO
- Bruce Aquizap - EN2/MMC 57-62, PANOPO
- Ray & Nancy Ashley - MM2 66-67
- Lonnie & Ginny Barham - SK3 66-68
- Joseph & Laurie Basil - Historic Ship 571
- William & Pamela Beard - MM1 73-77
- Nils & Patricia Bergquist - IC3 58-61, PANOPO
- Steven Bogart - MM1 69-72
- David & Alyce Boyd - LTJG 54-58, Plank Owner
- Marilyn, Susan, Bob, Jill and Katie Charette - Honoring Alfred A. Charette, Jr., SOCA, 57-61, PANOPO
- Ed & Ruth Childs - EMC 63-68
- Bob & Linda Childs - MM2 66-69
- George & Katherine Churma - Historic Ship 571
- Joe Degnan & Dorothy Temple - EM1 56-58, PANOPO
- Charles & Eva Dial - EM2 61-64 w/ daughter Chikaye & husband Chris Thomeand granddaughter Carissa Thome
- Wallace Durkin - EM1/ENS 57-60, PANOPO
- Bill & Ellie Engdall - TM2 54-56, Plank Owner
- Ray & Claire Engle - LT 54-58, Plank Owner
- Rick Faircloth and Rick & Cheryl Picard - Honoring Bobby Faircloth, 58-60, EM1, PANOPO
- Carl & Joyce Fedako - ET1 65-66

- Nathan & Nicole Fellows - Historic Ship 571
- Ron & Janet Fleischman - STSSN 69-70
- Gerald & Joanne Forseth - MM2 65-69
- Jim French - EN2 54-56 Plank Owner
- Lance & Kathleen Fritz - MM1 68-73
- Patrick Gerving - MM1 68-71
- Steve Glary - MM1 75-79
- Danny & Carleen Golden - MM2 75-78
- Jane Griffith w/ son Paul, Jr. - Honoring Philip E. Griffith, 64-68, ET1
- Roger Hall - CS3 58-60, PANOPO
- Dennis Halstead - ETR2 65-67
- John Hargraves - ET1 56-57 w/ daughter Peggy & husband Al Morningstar, daughter Frances Hodges, Wendell Maciejewski, Mary Harvey and Chris
- Kenneth & Rhea Hayes - EM2 70-72
- Bob & Gale Holst - IC1 65-69
- Bob & Debbie Keehn - IC2 68-70 w/ daughters Danielle and Alexandra
- Frank & Carolyn Kindred - ETR2 67-69
- Jim & Linda Kronenwetter - EM1 65-68
- Mike & Debby LeCompte - IC2 63-66
- Mark & Danielle Merchant - Historic Ship 571
- Maxine Montague & family - Honoring Eddie Montague, TM3 68-72
- James & Janet Morley - EM2 56-59, PANOPO
- David & Linda Oliver, Jr. - LT/LCDR/ENG 69-72
- Steve Oliver and Paige Matlock - MM1 75-80
- Bob & Irene Passeri - ET1 64-68
- Richard & Amy Perry - EM1 75-79
- Reg & Katey Preston - LCDR 2016, 15th OIC
- Frank Reinhold, Jr. and Heather Houle - YN2 68-69
- Jeff & Susan Roberts - MM1 66-70

- Rod & Connie Rupert - IC1 77-78
- Len & Glenda Scherer - RM1 62-66 w/ guests Bruce & June Johnson
- Gary Schmid, Linda Buhr, & Christian Schmid - MM1 68-71
- Jim & Wanda Sells - MM1 65-69
- Jim Stark - MM1 70-71
- Denzel Struchen - MM2 79-80, Decomm
- Frank & Marie Thompson - SO1/STC/COB 61-67 w/ guest Loretta Cote
- Rick & Gloria Turner - ETN2 66-67
- Nathan & Amanda Ulch - Historic Ship 571
- Herb Van Houte - EM1 67-69
- John & Wendy Vettovali - MM3 70-72
- Joseph Villante - YN2 71-72
- David & Claire Vincent - ET1 67-70
- Wally & Margaret Wallick - IC1 64-68
- Ann D. Winters - Author, VADM Eugene P. Wilkinson Biography
- David & Kathy Witherspoon - FTG2 68-70
- Doug Wood - EM1 97-00, Historic Ship 571
- Jack & Janice Yoak - MM1 76-79
- Rich Young - ETR2 63-67
- John & Beverly Yuill - QMSN 57-60, PANOPO

Guests

- David Bishop (SFLMA)
- Ed Chabay - Naval Reactors Rep., Groton
- Kenneth Franklin - PCO PCU Colorado SSN 788
- Joseph Koch - Chaplain CDR CHC USN
- Jim Patton (SFLMA)
- Bob Scent (SFLMA)
- Aaron Thieme - CAPT USN

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

HELLO NAUTILUS SHIPMATES,

My name is Denzel Struchen, MM2, '79-'80 Decomm crew, NAAI Lifemember, and Nautilus Reunion Committee Chairman.

At our 2016 reunion in Mystic, CT, it was agreed that a survey should be taken to determine preferred sites and venues for the 2018 reunion.

We realized that the 60th anniversary of the Aug. 3, 1958 Polar Crossing would coincide with our next reunion, and Nautilus OIC Reg Preston has invited us to consider having our 2018 event in New London at that time.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS! If you have not already done so, please reply by March 15 by phone, email or by mailing the survey (right) to:



Denzel Struchen
NAAI Reunion Chairman
Rose and Hound Farm
1098 Turkey Hill Road
Vernon Hill, VA 24597

(434) 349-2294
dstruchen1@verizon.net

Nautilus Reunion Survey

1. Are you considering attending the 2018 reunion? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Estimated number of persons in your group? _____
3. Do you prefer the New London/Mystic location? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. If you prefer another reunion location, indicate below:
 - a. ☐ Aboard a cruise ship: 3-, 5- or 7-day cruise ☐ Alaska cruise
 - b. ☐ West Coast location (name): _____
 - c. ☐ Midwest city/resort area (name): _____
 - d. ☐ Other (name): _____
5. What are your preferred venues:
 - a. ☐ Formal Dinner
 - b. ☐ Casual Buffet
 - c. ☐ Casual Attire ☐ Formal Attire
 - d. ☐ Other (describe): _____
6. Preferences for day-off activities _____
7. Is a hospitality area for informal visits important? ☐ Yes ☐ No
8. May we contact you for volunteer help with the reunion? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please provide the following:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address or Email: _____

2016 Reunion Albums Available!

Cost is \$20 + \$5 shipping, but the memories are priceless. Order yours today!

To order online:

1. Go to <https://premierportraitsllc.simplephoto.com/galleries/31607555/images>
2. Click on any of the formal photos
3. Click on the "Memory Book" option and follow the checkout instructions.



Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc.



Connecticut Submarine Century 1916-2016
Mystic, CT Reunion
September 25-28, 2016

LCDR Reginald N. Preston, USN
Officer in Charge, Historic Ship NAUTILUS (SSN 571)
Director, Submarine Force Museum

9 January 2017

NAUTILUS Alumni,

Greetings from snowy Groton, CT! I hope your holiday season was a safe and enjoyable one. The crew here at the museum has just come off holiday stand down, wrapping up a year of recently high attendance at the museum. We had over 137,000 guests in 2016 to the museum and boat, a significant upward trend over the previous few years.

It was a pleasure hosting the 2016 reunion this fall and getting to chat with everyone who could make the trip. I know my crew and I enjoyed hearing sea stories from your time on board NAUTILUS. Mr. Gary Schmid tells me the next reunion has a good chance of being in Groton in 2018, and we look forward to seeing you then if not before. Please stop in any time you are in the area, especially if you have family or friends in tow.

Incidentally, 2018 is also the 60th anniversary of OPERATION SUNSHINE. We are very early in the planning phase, but it is safe to say we are going to host an official Navy ceremony marking that anniversary. As you well know, the ship re-wrote the rules of Naval Warfare when she went to sea and began fighting in 'war games.' However, President Eisenhower's announcement to the world of NAUTILUS crossing the North Pole put the entire world on report that we had officially claimed undersea dominance. I will leave it to the historians to analyze, but it is my estimation the US Navy has never relinquished that title. If there was ever an occasion to have a ceremony and a party to celebrate, this is it.

2017 promises to be very busy here at the museum. We are undertaking a complete re-visioning of the museum site, which is to say we are redesigning the museum and visitor experience. After 30 years open to the public, it is time to plan for the next 30 years by integrating the latest in museum technology and science. NAUTILUS is getting some special attention as well. We are in the final approval stages of a new NAVSEA maintenance plan and standard for preservation (in other words how often to dock the ship, and when you dock how to paint her inside and out). Those of you reading that were on the decommissioning crew, the tanks of the ship haven't been painted since you checked out of the command with the ship's office; it's time for a new coat of paint. In today's Navy, it is paramount to perform that maintenance economically. Previously, 'inactive, de-fueled nuclear powered vessel' requirements dictated long-term maintenance of the ship, but that standard has never really fit what NAUTILUS' current mission requires and may actually be more expensive in the long run. In her unique position as a crewed museum ship with such things as regular diver inspections, tank inspections, and zone inspections, NAUTILUS is in great shape and warrants her own preservation standard separate from the other ex-nuclear submarines. NAUTILUS has and will continue to get 'one-of-a-kind' treatment to ensure she is kept on display to the world for future generations.

Wishing you the very best in 2017!

Very respectfully,

Reg
 LCDR Reginald N. Preston
 Officer in Charge, Historic Ship NAUTILUS (SSN 571)



LCDR Reginald N. Preston

ETERNAL PATROL

SHIPMATES, YOU HAVE DONE YOUR DUTY. LET US TAKE THE OAR.

Since July 15, 2016, these shipmates have either been reported or researched as having received their final orders

CREWMEMBERS

EMCS William Max Allen, USN Ret.
'63-'66 EM2(SS) 08/12/2016

MR Wayne D. Beard
CS2 (SS) 10/16/2016

Mr John H. Braastad
'72-'73 IC2(SS) 10/04/2016

RADM Lawrence G. Burkhardt III, USN Ret.
'58-'61 LT 2/1/2017

CW02 Lloyd Davis Buttry, USN Ret.
'61-'62 YN1(SS) 11/07/2016

MR Ralph "Spade" Cooley
'55-'57 EM1(SS) 08/9/2016

MR Willard "Bill" Diehm
SS 168 7 war patrols
'42-'44 CS(SS) 03/7/2016

MMCS Richard C. Frey, USN Ret.
'69-'70 MMCS(SS) 06/21/2016

MR James J. Hafner
SS 168 11 war patrols
'42-'45 SC1(SS) 09/24/2015

EMC Eugene L. Jackman, USN Ret.
'70-'75 EMC(SS) 12/13/2016

MMC David Adam Johnson, USN Ret.
'68 MMC(SS) 10/28/2014

MR William R. Kirby
'64 ETR2(SS) 05/13/2005

MR Roland J. Lynch
'57 MM1(SS) 3/17/1983

MR Leslie Dean McDowell
'58-'60 IC1(SS) 11/03/2016

TM1 John "Jack" McPhilmy, USN Ret.
'71-'76 TM1(SS) 07/19/2016

MR James R. Neaves
'66-'69 EM1(SS) 11/05/2016

ENC Hercules Harry Nicholas, USN Ret.
'56-'61 ENCA(SS) PANOP 11/19/2016

MR Daniel E. Willett
'64-'65 FTG3(SS) 11/27/2016

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT



– Pat Gerving
MM1 '68-'71
Membership
Committee Chairman

I have committed to an organized effort to make contact with our missing shipmates and to encourage their participation in the Nautilus Alumni Association.

The Secretary's Report on Page 2 shows that we can potentially double our active membership.

Personally, I feel that most of us who are attending the reunions and participating in the different agendas, find it very rewarding to gather together as a group to share in the pride that we all were able to have served and worked together on THE FIRST AND FINEST.

Many would be glad to hear from us and be invited or re-invited back to a reunion and the alumni association.

Bringing back memories of all the good times, and maybe some bad, with shipmates we haven't seen in ages would be exciting and stimulating for us all. Most of all, gathering and reliving some of the past experiences that shaped our lives, prior to seeing names of people we worked with (and maybe had one too many drinks with) in the Eternal Patrol list, and can only barely remember who they were.

I will need the support of a number of volunteers to help complete this effort. I have two so far: Steve Bogart (MM1 '69-'72) and Jim Kronenwetter (EM1 '65-'68). Your help with a small or large portion will get us to where we want to go. **If you have an interest and perhaps some skills in finding folks, please contact me at patgerving@gmail.com.**

Please Help Us Contact These Members!

Have a look at the list of members below who have undeliverable U.S. Mail or Email addresses. If you know current contact information, please get in touch with NAAI Membership Committee Chairman Pat Gerving at patgerving@gmail.com.

U.S. MAIL FAILURES

Astromowicz, Martin
Berg, Roy (SS 168)
Burnside, Joyce (widow of Robert Burnside III)
Cool, William
DeBerry, Kirk
DeRagon, Nettie (widow of Richard DeRagon)
Draper, Pearl (widow of John Draper)
Esselman, Walter
Formolo, Tim
Gaabucayan, Rodrigo
Gaskins, Richard
Huffman, Calvin
Johnson, David
Lawyer, Lawrence
Lewis, Scott (son of Allen R Lewis)
Maynor, Wayne
McCoole, Barbara (widow of Raymond McCoole)
Meaie, Larry
Neel, Dale

Poole, Scott
Sarisky, Carol (widow of George Sarisky, Jr.)
Severin, Richard
Shattuck IV, John
Sickler, Glenden
Snell, Thomas
Spach, Glenn
Swarthout, Keith
Trimmer, Lois (widow of Newton Trimmer)
VanNoy, Nathaniel
Wahl, John
Walbridge, Nathaniel
Weiss, Paul
Wheeler, Carol (widow of Danal Wheeler)
Wood, Marlene (widow of Richard E Wood)

EMAIL FAILURES

Allen, Robyn (daughter of Chas A Allen)
Beglau, William
Bushko, Gregory
Caslake, Sydney G. (Westinghouse Engr)
Cramer, William
Day, William C
Dyer, John
Fecteau, Al R.
Fessler, Constance (widow of Gregory Fessler)
Foster, Jean (widow of Ralph Foster)
Getz, Sharon (widow of Dennis Getz)
Greenly, George R III
Kelly, Keith
Knapp, Dennis
Krivy, Lulu (widow of Andrew Krivy SS 168)
Kropp, John

Livingston, Debra (widow of John Livingston)
Livingston, Therease (daughter of John Livingston)
Lock, Chester Jr.
Maggioncalda, Jean Marie (widow of John Francis)
Manazir, Richard
McFall, Lou (widow of Fredo McFall)
McNally, William Jr.
Molyneux, Philip
O'Holloran, William
Olson, Galon
Pendelton, John E
Platia, S. George (Honored Life SS 168)
Rubright, Lawrence
Caskey, Gregory
Schmidt, Herbert A
Schultz, Frederick L
Wayland, H. Parker Jr
Weeks, Robert

DUES & MEMBERSHIP

Dues are used to cover NAAI operating costs

Annual Dues are payable each December 1 to qualify for membership the following year. Dues are accepted in that following year no later than March 1. Life Membership can be purchased any time.

Benefits of membership: Members receive newsletters, periodic communications, can attend business meetings, and are eligible for NAAI Board of Directors and Committee positions.

Use the form below to submit dues and address updates.
Mail to Bob Childs, NAAI Treasurer, 610 Woodland Drive, Clinton, TN 37716. If you are uncertain about your dues status, contact Bob at robertdchilds@gmail.com or (865) 384-6105.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM

MEMBERSHIP DURATION & DUES

☐ Life Membership \$100 ☐ Annual Membership \$10/year
☐ 2017 ☐ 2018

MEMBERSHIP TYPE

- ☐ **SSN 571** Ships company or attached personnel serving 30 days or more 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 aboard *Nautilus*. Widows do not pay dues.
- ☐ Widow ☐ Spouse ☐ Son ☐ Daughter ☐ Grandchild

FOR CREWMEMBERS

Served aboard *Nautilus* from (years) _____ to _____

Rank/Rate (Duty) while aboard: _____

- ☐ **Military Retired** Retired Rank/Rate: _____
- ☐ Plankowner ☐ PANOPO ☐ Decom Crew ☐ Historic Ship Crew

CONTACT INFORMATION

☐ Check here if updating

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Date of Birth _____

Spouse's Name _____

Please make check payable to NAAI and mail with this form to:

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NEAF & NAUTILUS SCHOLARSHIP



\$85,000
ENDOWMENT
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\$13,831
LEFT TO RAISE...
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TODAY!

\$71,169
FUND BALANCE
AT 1/15/17

What is the Nautilus Scholarship?

The Nautilus Scholarship was established in 2009 to honor Nautilus crewmembers on Eternal Patrol by awarding undergraduate scholarships exclusively to a spouse, child, grandchild, great grandchild, stepchild, step grandchild, or great step grandchild of a current or former crewmember of SSN 571 or SS 168 who has served honorably aboard for 30 days or more.

What is the NEAF?

The Nautilus Educational Assistance Fund (NEAF) is an endowment fund that will automatically generate enough investment income to fund the annual Nautilus Scholarship once we reach the endowment level of \$85,000. **We must raise an additional \$13,831 in order to reach that goal.** Your direct donations and those made through the Virtual Race will help us reach our goal.

How to Donate

Donate directly to the NAAI by mail (see form and instructions on page 11) or donate online at dolphinscholarship.org.

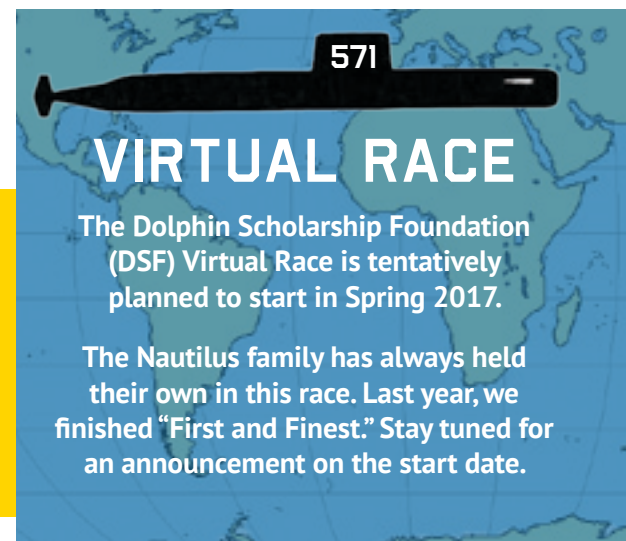
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Eligibility

Nautilus Scholars are eligible to apply thanks to their sponsor's service on Nautilus. Scholars are selected based on their academic achievement, financial need, and commitment to and excellence in community service and activities.

Deadline & How to Apply

Pre-screening opens October 1, 2017 and closes December 10, 2017. Applicants must apply online at dolphinscholarship.org. For application assistance, contact scholarship administrator Jennifer Melendez by phone at 757-671-3200 (press option 2), or email scholars@dolphinsscholarship.org.



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Patricia Anderson

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Total: \$9,697 (7/15/16 -1/15/17)

NEAF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT



— Pat Anderson
NEAF Scholarship
Committee
Chairperson

My late husband, Captain William R. Anderson, wasn't much for chitchat but he loved to talk expansively about the character, skills, ingenuity, and dedication of Nautilus sailors.

He was right: Nautilus sailors are the best and their dedication continues to impress. Witness the tireless work of past and present NAAI directors, officers, and reunion workers. It has been my honor to represent my husband at NAAI reunions and continue interaction with his shipmates and their families as well as new friends.

During the business meeting at the last reunion, I must have raised my hand at the wrong time (though some say at the right time) to end up with the task of raising the awareness of NAAI members regarding the college scholarship opportunities available to NAAI younger generations. Awareness is not the only thing that needs to be raised — I refer to the final \$14,000 needed to permanently, that is everlastingly, fund our legacy NAAI scholarship, the program initiated primarily by Frank Holland and his family.

My husband believed in team work and I look forward to being part of the team that fills the \$14,000 gap between the money we have and the money we need to close the deal.

Don't reach for your wallet until you receive my fact sheet containing all the information you need to make a decision about your personal and confidential level of participation. Meanwhile, my thanks to NAAI members for enriching my life and I wish you all a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

NAUTILUS SCHOLARSHIP DONATION FORM



**Thank you for supporting
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Questions?

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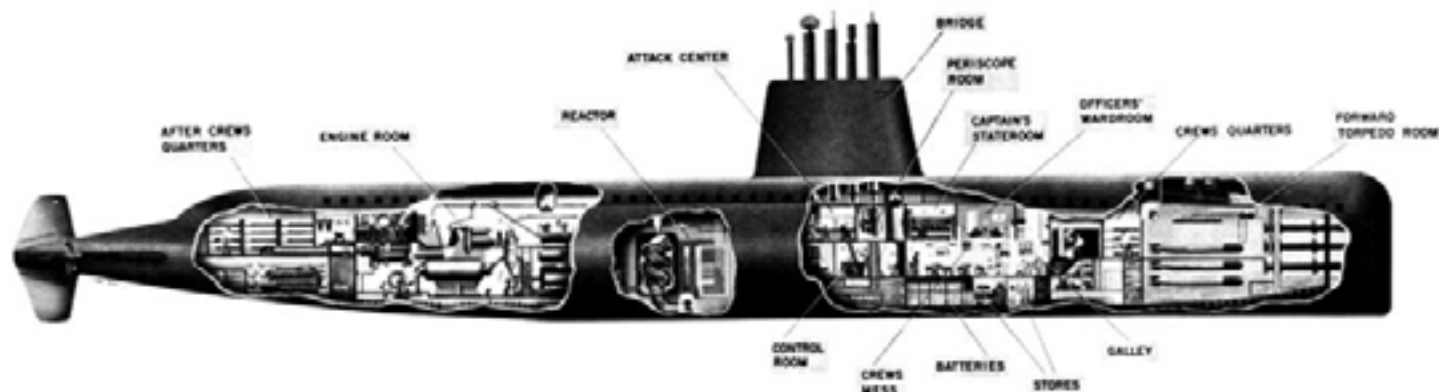
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USS NAUTILUS Began Navy's Nuclear Propulsion Program 77 Years Ago

By LCDR Benjamin Amdur. Reprinted from Space Coast Daily, October 2, 2016



For the cost of a laptop today, the Navy's nuclear propulsion program began 77 years ago.

It could only have been a Navy physicist who upon observing the energy created by the splitting of uranium atoms, would also wonder if that could be used for propulsion at sea.

It was in 1939 when Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) scientists met to determine if a "fission chamber" could generate steam to operate a turbine to propel a submarine. Dr. Ross Gunn, head of the Mechanics and Electricity Division, asked for \$1,500 to pay for initial research.

The funds were approved, and so began the Navy's nuclear fission program.

The research took a back seat in 1942 when members of NRL's nuclear program assisted with the Manhattan Project that

would unleash the power of nuclear fission in the form of the atom bombs that would end World War II.

After the war, work on a nuclear propulsion system resumed in 1946 when then-Capt. Hyman G. Rickover, an engineering officer, joined the post-war Manhattan Project's power reactor program at Oak Ridge, Tenn. He had a reputation as an "acerbic" personality, but also the determination to bulldoze through bureaucracy.

He berated a team of scientists at the Atomic Energy Commission's General Advisory Committee in Sept. 1946 after they determined it would be 20 years before there could be a demonstration of atomic power for practical uses.

A Jan. 9, 1947 report to Chief of Naval Operations Chester W. Nimitz stated submarines capable of operating submerged for unlimited periods could be possible by the mid-1950s, "provided nuclear power is made available for submarine propulsion."

The report was approved by Nimitz the following day. Rickover oversaw design of a nuclear-propelled submarine, and Congress approved it in the Fiscal Year 1952 shipbuilding program. President Harry S. Truman would sign the keel for the future USS Nautilus on June 14, 1952. Rickover had been involved for a mere six years.

The one of the biggest decisions with Nautilus was not that she would be powered by nuclear energy, but whether to make her an experimental, unarmed test vehicle or a fully operational warship.

On Jan. 21, 1954, the massive 319-foot submarine with a 28-foot beam was launched with a crack of a champagne

bottle wielded by First Lady Mamie Eisenhower.

Nautilus was built for both comfort and speed. Accommodations included 2- and 3-berth staterooms for the 12 officers, a single room for the captain, and a wardroom.

For the more than 90 enlisted men, each had their own rack, a mess that could seat 36 of the crew, or up to 50 for movies and lectures. A juke-box was hooked to the boat's hi-fi system, along with an ice cream machine and soda dispenser. Better yet, the nuclear-powered system would provide unlimited fresh water and air conditioning.

The business end of Nautilus featured six torpedo tubes and carried 26 torpedoes. She was also outfitted with auxiliary diesel generators and a battery to "bring home" the boat if needed.

Nautilus would achieve a number of firsts during sea trials, including the fastest submerged transit undertaken by a submarine: 90 hours from New London, Conn., to San Juan, Puerto Rico at an average speed of 16 knots (the previous record for that speed had been for a single hour).

In exercises and war games with the fleet, Nautilus was nearly invincible. She could easily maneuver to either close on an enemy or escape one, all while remaining submerged. And she could outrun many of the Navy's destroyers and all of the anti-submarine homing torpedoes at that time.

Refueled four times during her 25 years in commission, Nautilus would sail more than a half-million nautical miles, most of them submerged.

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Known as the "Father of the Nuclear Navy," ADM Hyman Rickover's profound effects on the Navy and its most powerful warships were of such scope that he "may well go down in history as one of the Navy's most important officers." (U.S. Navy image)

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In 1958, Nautilus completed a secret mission requested by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to prove American technology had not taken a backseat to the Soviet space program.

In a mission called Operation Sunshine, the nuclear-powered submarine passed under the North Pole on Aug. 3, 1958 – the first watercraft to reach the geographic “top” of the world – during a trip from Pearl Harbor to England and under the Soviet’s collective noses through the Bering Strait.

Nautilus and her crew earned the

Presidential Unit Citation (PUC), the first-ever awarded in peace time. Her commanding officer, Capt. William R. Anderson, was whisked away from Nautilus when she resurfaced near Iceland, brought to a White House ceremony, where Eisenhower would announce the success of Operation Sunshine. The president then presented Anderson with a Legion of Merit to go with his crew’s PUC.

For the next 13 years, she would be involved in a variety of developmental testing programs while continuing to serve alongside many of the more modern

nuclear-powered submarines.

Decommissioned and stricken from the Navy rolls in 1980, Nautilus’ future was assured when the Secretary of the Interior designated the submarine as a National Historic Landmark May 20, 1982.

After a historic ship conversion, Nautilus opened to the public April 11, 1986, to continue her service as an example of the Navy’s pioneering role in harnessing nuclear power, as the first in a fleet of nuclear-powered ships, and as steward of the American submarine force’s reputation for and history of operational excellence.

‘WHO ARE THESE GUYS?’



Photo courtesy of Rick Turner

Who are these guys?
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July 2016 Answer

RETURN TO NEW LONDON, WINTER ’69-’70

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Pictured (l-r) are: LT Fred Broberg (Asst Elec) ’66-’69,
Gary Harrison TM2 ’67-’69, Scott Poole ETN2 ’67-’69,
John Pedroni TM2 ’67-’70 / TMC USN Ret.

