

**USS NAUTILUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC. NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 1, 2021**

THE NAUTILUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC. (NAAI) BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE BEEN MEETING BI-MONTHLY (AND SOMETIMES MORE) TO DISCUSS ITEMS PERTAINING TO USS NAUTILUS .

THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE:

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***MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HANUKKAH, HAPPY HOLIDAYS
IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!!!***

The Board, under the direction of your 2022 Reunion Chairperson, Susan Charette, have been diligently planning your reunion scheduled for July 13-16, 2022 in Groton, Connecticut. The Nautilus has been undergoing a renovation in dry dock. She will be ready to go back to the Museum by the time we have our reunion.

Attached you will find the registration form with detailed information about the events planned for the 2022 Reunion. You will be kept up to date with more emails and newsletters as we get closer to the event.

Now a word from your Board and the new Officer In Charge of the Nautilus and the Museum.

The logo for the United States Navy Biography. It features the official seal of the United States Navy on the left, which includes an eagle with wings spread, holding an olive branch and arrows, with a shield on its chest. To the right of the seal, the text "United States Navy" is written in a blue, sans-serif font. Below this, the word "Biography" is written in a larger, bold, blue, sans-serif font. A blue horizontal line with an arrow pointing to the right is positioned below the word "Biography".

United States Navy Biography

LCDR Derek A. Sutton, USN

Officer-in-Charge, Historic Ship NAUTILUS (SSN 571)

Director, Submarine Force Museum



Lieutenant Commander Derek Sutton is a native of Upstate New York. He enlisted in 2002 to be a nuclear-trained Machinist's Mate. He received his acceptance to the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned in May of 2007. Completing his initial training at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit (Charleston), and the Submarine Officer Basic Course, he reported to Bangor, WA for his Division Officer tour onboard the USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) in late 2008.

As a member of USS LOUISIANA, LCDR Sutton served as the Electrical Assistant, Reactor Control Assistant, Communications Officer, Damage Control Assistant, and Assistant to the Engineer Officer. He completed 4 strategic deterrent patrols and requested orders to be a Shift Engineer.

LCDR served as a Shift Engineer at the Nuclear Power Training Unit (Charleston) from early 2012 to early 2015.

After his Shift Engineer tour, LCDR Sutton completed the Submarine Officer Advanced Course at Submarine Base, New London before reporting to USS FLORIDA (GOLD) in King's Bay, GA as the Engineer Officer in September of 2015.

LCDR Sutton completed one deployment and an extended availability as the Engineer Officer and then reported to Norfolk, VA as the Submarine Squadron SIX Engineer Officer in 2018. LCDR Sutton relieved as the Officer-in-Charge of Historic Ship NAUTILUS and Director of U.S. Submarine Force Museum in 2021.

LCDR Sutton's awards and decorations include a Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Gold Star in lieu of 3rd Award), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (Gold Star in lieu of 2nd Award), and other campaign and service awards

Robert Childs President:

Dear NAAI Members,

The Board of Directors of NAAI is pleased to update you on our progress for the 2022 Nautilus Reunion. As of now we have the main parts of the events in place. The Sub-Base Command has informed us that they are supportive of the past crew members of Nautilus and are appreciative of our efforts to keep Nautilus and its extraordinary history in the minds of the nation. We appreciate our expanded membership support and look forward to the day when they can take the helm and maintain the Nautilus' legacy. The 2022 Reunion is very important to these matters and we wish to welcome as many of the crew members and their families that are able to take part in this event. If all goes well, it will be possible for you and your families to make it to Groton and enjoy the Reunion.

Robert D. Childs
President NAAI

Susan Charette: 2022 Reunion Chairperson

Greetings Nautilus Family! The delay is over and it is time to dust off those sea stories for our reunion this July. It will be so much fun to see those familiar faces and welcome new ones into the fold. The USS Nautilus should be back from her refurbishment and ready to welcome you aboard. And while the pandemic has offered us challenges in organizing the reunion, you will find that we have kept everyone's favorite traditions and hope to offer a few surprises, as well. So, time to make those reservations and send in your forms. It will feel so good to be together again.

Doug Turner: Treasurer

As of October 31, 2021. The NAAI has a balance of \$5,389.53 in the bank. The months of November and December will reduce this balance with deposits to reserve vendors for the July 2022 Reunion. State and Federal filings are scheduled for the end of the year

Chaplain John Anderson: Legacy and Roster

I continue to work on synthesizing the Main Database from info I receive and research. I have several EPs still to get out that I am working on. The Snail Mail list has been generated and passed on to those with a need to know. The general membership on the email list should be aware of a potential issue. IF you unsubscribe from any one of the emails coming from chaplainjohn571@gmail.com that are sent via MailChimp you will be unsubscribed from ALL email communications, as that is our current email program. If you unsubscribe it would be helpful if you could send a separate email confirming your

desire to be unsubscribed. Please feel free to communicate any changes in address or email to chaplainjohn@gmail.com to keep the database updated.

Rich Young: Webmaster

The webpage has been revived and is being updated with current information. Officers, newsletters, reunion information, crew members, etc. are being input. It is anticipated the webpage should be active with current information January 2022. We'll keep you updated.

Pat Anderson: Scholarship Chairperson

The Nautilus Alumni Association's scholarship program (aka Nautilus Education Assistance Fund administered by the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation) is accepting applications on the website dolphinscholarship.org for Fall 2022 college admission.

High school seniors and undergraduate college students who are either the child, grandchild, great-grandchild (whether by marriage or adoption) or the spouse of a Nautilus Alumni member who served honorably for at least 30 days on the Historic Ship Nautilus are eligible.

The process begins when the student registers. The Dolphin administrator takes a day or two to confirm that that student's sponsor is valid, after which the student will receive information on how to proceed fulfilling application requirements.

We members can boast that for the Fall 2021 scholastic year, two students, Ryan Tinder, sponsored by Clarence Allen, 1958-1961, EN2/MM1 and Logan Garwood, sponsored by his grandfather Dean Garwood, 1964, EM3, each received a \$3400 award. It is hoped that the awards can remain at that level (or better) for Fall 2022.

Online application and attendant documentation must be received by the Dolphin Scholarship administrator by March 15, 2022. Awards are announced late April or May. Please email patanderson@nautilustrilogy.com with questions or request for assistance. I am happy to help. All the best to our applicants!

Wanda Sells: Secretary

The USS Nautilus SSN 571 Facebook Page currently has 370 members. The information that is being posted is priceless. All generations of crew members posting their pictures and stories are historical. Currently the Officer-In-Charge, LCDR Sutton is doing live videos of Nautilus going into dry dock. These videos are absolutely amazing. If you are not a member this is the time to join. Just send me a request and I will be happy to bring you on board. Go onto the USS Nautilus Facebook page and there is a tab asking to join. I want to thank Bret Strode, 1978-1979 STS3, for being the administrator on the page. His diligence in researching requests keeps the page from being accessed from "outsiders". Crew members and their family are the only ones allowed access.

The 2022 Reunion is being finalized. The Hilton Groton Inn, Mystic will be the host hotel again. The registration has some information but the following are the details you will want to get your reservation made. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. Your credit card will be required to reserve your room(s) but it will not be activated until 5 days before the event. Please note there are rooms reserved for the Hilton Garden Inn Mystic Groton and the Hampton Inn Groton for overflow.

Hilton Garden Inn Mystic/Groton - USS Nautilus Alumni - USD			
Room Type	Date	Rate	Blocked
Run of House 7/12/2022 0.00 0			
STANDARD SINGLE KING 7/12/2022 184.00 15			
STANDARD DOUBLE QUEENS 7/12/2022 184.00 5			
1 KING ACC RM W/BATHTUB 7/12/2022 184.00 3			
DELUXE KING WHIRLPOOL 7/12/2022 184.00 3 SUITE			
Run of House 7/13/2022 0.00 0			
STANDARD SINGLE KING 7/13/2022 184.00 50			
STANDARD DOUBLE QUEENS 7/13/2022 184.00 20			
1 KING ACC RM W/BATHTUB 7/13/2022 184.00 3			
DELUXE KING WHIRLPOOL 7/13/2022 184.00 3 SUITE			
Run of House 7/14/2022 0.00 0			
STANDARD SINGLE KING 7/14/2022 184.00 50			
STANDARD DOUBLE QUEENS 7/14/2022 184.00 20			
1 KING ACC RM W/BATHTUB 7/14/2022 184.00 3			
DELUXE KING WHIRLPOOL 7/14/2022 184.00 3 SUITE			

Hampton Inn Groton - USS Nautilus Alumni - USD			
Room Type	Date	Rate	Blocked
Run of House 7/13/2022 0.00 0			
1 Standard King Bedroom 7/13/2022 179.00 10			
2 Standard Queens Bedroom 7/13/2022 179.00 20			

Run of House 7/14/2022 0.00 0
1 Standard King Bedroom 7/14/2022 179.00 10
2 Standard Queens Bedroom 7/14/2022 179.00 20
Run of House 7/15/2022 0.00 0
1 Standard King Bedroom 7/15/2022 179.00 10
2 Standard Queens Bedroom 7/15/2022 179.00 20

Suites

We have added three (3) suites at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Hospitality Room

Added paperwork to reflect that the space is available for the group starting at 10:00 am on Wednesday - 12:00 pm on Saturday.

Tuesday Night Rooms

The day before our event officially starts, I have added 20 guest rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Handicap Rooms

Per my conversation with Wanda, I have added three (3) handicap accessible rooms.

All three reservations have been entered in my name with a check-in and check-out date of 7/13/22 - 7/16/22.

The confirmation numbers of all three rooms are,
 Handicap King with Bathtub - Confirmation #3212547698
 Handicap King with Bathtub - Confirmation #3212397865
 Handicap King with Roll-In Shower - Confirmation #3214286546

As discussed, for those who need these specific guest rooms styles, please call the Hotel and update as many of these reservation as needed with the appropriate guest name and travel dates.

Friday Business Meeting

I have added a Breakfast Event Order for this event.

Group Codes

Please find the directions on how to access our discounted rates below.

Group Block Booking Directions: (Hampton Inn)

Hotel: Hampton Inn Groton/New London/Mystic

Address: 300 Long Hill Road Groton, CT 06340

Phone Number: (860) 405-1585

Group Name: USS Nautilus Reunion

Group Booking Code: NAU

Booking Directions:

Phone Reservations:

Call the Hampton Inn Groton at (860) 405-1585 and either select option 1, to reach our central reservation service, or option 0, to speak directly with the hotel to make the reservation. Guests should communicate our Group Code, **NAU**, and/or our Group Name, **USS Nautilus Reunion**, along with their travel dates to the agent to make their reservations.

Online Reservations:

To make an online reservation, type in the following URL to access our main hotel's website, www.groton.hamptoninn.com. Select the dates of travel, and click on the *Special Rates* field. Within the *Group Code* input box, enter our Group Code, **NAU**, and select *Check Rooms & Rates*.

Arrival Date: 13-July-2022

Departure Date: 16-July-2022
Group Cut-Off Date: 1-June-2022

Group Block Booking Directions: (Hilton Garden Inn)

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Mystic/Groton
Address: 224 Gold Star Highway Groton, CT 06340
Phone Number: (860) 445-6800

Group Name: USS Nautilus Reunion
Group Booking Code: NAUT
Booking Link: [USS Nautilus Reunion Direct Booking Link](#)

[Arrival Date: 13-July-2022](#)
Departure Date: 16-July-2022
Group Cut-Off Date: 1-June-2022

The agenda for the reunion is detailed on the registration form but here are the details:

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Arrival and check-in at Hilton Garden Inn, Connecticut Hospitality Room, Mystic, Connecticut

5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P. M. Historic Ship Nautilus and Museum. Food will not be served but food trucks will be available if you wish to buy food and drink.

Thursday, July 14, 2022

9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. General Business Meeting and Election of Officers for all members in the Hilton Connecticut Hospitality Room.

3:00 P.M. - 7:00 P. M. Admiral Fife Park - Barbecue by Cyr Barbecue. BYOB. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Children 10 and under are \$5.00.

Friday, July 15, 2022

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Sub Base tour and possible tour of submarine.

5:30 P. M. Reunion Banquet Mixer - Port and Starboard, New London, Ct. Cash Bar

6:00 P. M. - 11:00 P. M. Reunion Banquet - Buffet. \$55.00 Per person Children under 10 \$10.95

Saturday, July 16, 2022

7:30 A. M. - 10:00 A.M. Departure breakfast at the Hilton Groton Inn in the Connecticut Hospitality Room. Full Buffet. \$14.69 per person. Children 3 and under are free. 10 and under \$7.35

We have done everything we can to make this affordable but still first class and fun. There are many other hotel and motel options. The Hilton is a great place that is being very generous and accommodating to our needs. The parking is very large to accommodate travel trailers, etc. There is also a Walmart next door through the trees and a small mall for your needs.

