

**USS NAUTILUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC. NEWSLETTER  
FEBRUARY 2022**

The Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc. (NAAI) Board of Directors has been meeting bi-Monthly (and sometimes more) to discuss items pertaining to USS Nautilus.

The Board Members are:

President: Robert Childs  
Vice President: Robert Boyce  
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2022 Reunion Chairperson: Susan Charette  
Scholarship Chairperson: Pat Anderson  
Legacy and Roster: Chaplain John Anderson  
ExOfficio: Gary Schmid  
Webmaster: Rich Young

There are a lot of exciting events happening with the NAAI right now. Of course the upcoming reunion; organizing an RV campout at the reunion; reunion tee shirt and hats website; new Nautilus website; scholarship deadline approaching; Facebook happenings; and an opportunity for each member of the NAAI to participate in an exciting opportunity to receive a beautiful SSN 571 wrist watch!!! Below are the details. A reunion registration form is also included.

**2022 REUNION UPDATE - ROBERT CHILDS**

The silent auction will be organized by my wonderful wife, Linda Childs with my assistance. If you have items you want to donate please contact Linda at [LJGattusochilds@gmail.com](mailto:LJGattusochilds@gmail.com) or telephone her at 1-865-384-6106. We are looking forward to your wonderful donations.

**REUNION REGISTRATION AND HOTEL INFORMATION - WANDA SELLS**

The registrations are coming in and the Hilton Groton Inn is booking fast. The room price for the Hilton Garden Inn includes breakfast for Wednesday,

Thursday and Friday. When you book your room make sure you get an email confirmation almost immediately. If you made a reservation and did not get the confirmation please call the Hilton and make sure you have the reservation you expected and get the confirmation.

We are seeing a lot of enthusiasm and excitement to get together again. I have attached another registration form that is more legible. I hope this helps.

### **SCHOLARSHIP - PAT ANDERSON**

New Year Greetings from the Scholarship Corner: March 15 is the deadline for applications to have been received by the Dolphin Scholarship administrator to be considered for the Spring 2022 scholarship award. Repeat: all materials and information must have been received by March 15 —not post marked.

To NAAI members: please advise your student applicants that it is necessary for them to apply online. There is no form to fill out. The website is [dolphinscholarship.org](http://dolphinscholarship.org). Click on Scholarships tile. Click on How to Apply, Click on Nautilus Scholarship. Click again on “Apply.”

The applicant begins the process by providing basic contact information and the identity of their sponsor and submits this information to the Dolphin administrator who then requests from me a confirmation that the sponsor is legitimate. If so, the Dolphin administrator responds to the applicant with instructions about how to proceed towards completion of the nitty-gritty application.

We currently have eight students in various stages of their application; two of them are past scholarship winners.

Again, everything is online and the application must be completed by March 15. If you or any of your children or grandchildren have further questions, I am happy to talk to them or you. Please call 202-365-5532 and leave a message if I do not answer. Or, you may send email to [patanderson@nautilustrilogy.com](mailto:patanderson@nautilustrilogy.com).

All the best to our aspiring students, Pat Anderson 202-365-5532

### **CHAPLAIN JOHN ANDERSON: LEGACY AND ROSTER**

I am planning on driving my RV to the Reunion. Is there anyone out there that has stayed in the Groton area in an RV at a previous Reunion or at any other time. I am looking for suggestions and for first hand knowledge of RV Parks in the area. I would also like to coordinate any others that are planning on doing the same. This would be so we may all be at the same Park. Feel free to contact me directly. Please also know I have been working on ensuring the Crew Database is accurate. If you have made any changes to your email, address, phone number, etc. please email me at [chaplainjohn571@gmail.com](mailto:chaplainjohn571@gmail.com) with your latest info.

### **FACEBOOK PAGE - WANDA SELLS**

Currently we have 377 members. Watching Nautilus leave the museum and being tugged down the Thames to dry dock is priceless. Lt. Commander Sutton, the OIC of the Nautilus, gives detailed information as she is brought into the dock. We continue to get updates and unbelievable information as days go by. Also the Museum keeps us updated on significant anniversary memorabilia that only the Museum can share. Our members have been sharing their memories that are generational that other crew members learn their legacy from. I can't thank the members enough for their priceless participation. We would love to have all of you join. Just send me an email and I will send you an invitation. Yes this is a very private page. You must have a blood line to be a part of this amazing, one of a kind group. [wandasells46@gmail.com](mailto:wandasells46@gmail.com)

### **WEBPAGE: RICH YOUNG**

The new webpage is ready for prime time with a few exceptions. Crew lists need to be updated. This is a work in progress. Newsletters need to be organized and updated as sent out. Review and comments are needed from all NAAI.

The web page is <https://www.ussnautilus.net>.

My email address is [bear6457@msn.com](mailto:bear6457@msn.com)

*I also have a company that is working up a website to offer 2022 NAAI Reunion shirts and hats. I will send that site to you as soon as it is ready.*

## **DOUG TURNER: TREASURER. FUNDRAISING PROGRAM INTRODUCTION**

**Dear Nautilus Alumni Association Members,**

**Over the years, the Board of Directors has found numerous ways to raise money to support projects worthy of our mission. The primary method to recognize membership prior to the Pandemic was the Lifetime Crew Membership (\$100), Annual Crew Membership (\$10), and Lifetime Legacy Membership (\$25). During the Pandemic, it became increasingly difficult to have a reunion and the collection of dues. The Board felt that paying to be a member of the NAAI for an individual that served on the USS Nautilus SSN-571 was counter-productive to having an effective organization that represented all that served. So the Board eliminated the annual membership for Crew of the Nautilus.**

**Since there have been safety issues and we could not confirm facilities for the Bi-annual Reunion due to COVID closures, the NAAI was not spending monies and therefore managed through the Pandemic with little to no impact on the fund balance averaging around \$5,500. In 2021 the Board started planning the 2022 Reunion and several projects to improve membership communication and enhance the NEAF Scholarship Program. The Board felt strongly about NAAI Membership being free to Crew, so we identified a way to build out fund balance through voluntary donations.**

**In 2018 the Bostic Watch Company was looking for the organization that represented the USS Nautilus and a Membership Association. They planned to create a series of watches highlighting the USS Nautilus and her Crew – thus identifying the NAAI as that focal point. After reviewing designs, an agreement was completed whereby a percentage of watches would be donated to the NAAI over the sales cycle of that watch series. In 2021 we received 36 watches with an average wholesale price of about \$500 each. We plan to establish fundraising events whereby a \$10 or more donation will be entered into a drawing to receive a watch. Our first drawing event will be held at the Reunion Banquet in July (you do not have to be present to win). We plan to give away five (5) watches to all who donate \$10 or more (one opportunity no matter how much per member) until check-in is complete at the Reunion in Groton. As we continue in the future, communication will go out for drawing to recognize historical dates**

related to the USS Nautilus. Information on the uses of these funds will also be shared that enhances the overall value of NAAI membership.

We appreciate your support, and any NAAI Donations can be sent to Doug Turner, NAAI Treasurer, 127 Natchez Drive, Hendersonville, TN 37075.

**Official Watch of the SSN 571**  
**Alumni Assn. 58% Off**



**NH35-571A606**  
**\$349**  
Regular price \$819

**VK61-571A610**  
**\$379**  
Regular price \$899

**NH35-571C608**  
**\$349**  
Regular price \$819

**Call 877-486-7865 to order**  
**Additional styles available at**  
**R2AWatches.com**  
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\*Prices for crew members and families only.

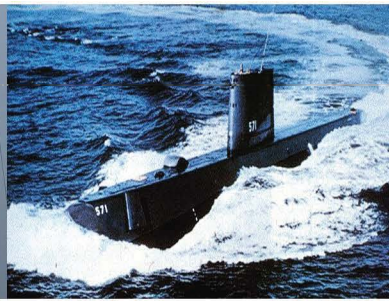
Please email questions to [robertdchilds@gmail.com](mailto:robertdchilds@gmail.com)

*Please stay healthy and safe. We hope to see you at the 2022 NAAI Reunion.*

**Wanda Sells, NAAI Secretary**

**Robert D. Childs, NAAI President**





**JOIN US FOR THE NAUTILUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION  
JULY 13-16, 2022**

**HILTON GARDEN INN MYSTIC/GROTON**

**EACH ATTENDING INDIVIDUAL MUST HAVE A FILLED  
OUT REGISTRATION FORM**

**Group/Family Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact** \_\_\_\_\_



EVENT	COST	ATTENDING?	
<b>REGISTRATION FEE (NON REFUNDABLE)</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>MANDATORY</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY JULY 13, 2022</b>			
ARRIVAL AND CHECK IN - CONNECTICUT HOSPITALITY ROOM, HILTON GARDEN INN			
5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. HISTORIC SHIP NAUTILUS AND SFLMA GATHERING. FOOD TRUCKS WILL BE AVAILABLE IF YOU WANT FOOD OR DRINK.	NO COST		
<b>THURSDAY JULY 14, 2022</b>			
9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS - HILTON HOSPITALITY ROOM	NO COST		
	NO COST		
3:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. ADMIRAL FIFE PARK - BARBECUE BY CYR BBQ. BYOB	<b>\$35.00</b>	YES	NO
<b>FRIDAY JULY 15, 2022</b>			
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. SUB BASE TOUR AND POSSIBLE TOUR OF ACTIVE SUBMARINE	NO COST		
5:30PM- REUNION BANQUET MIXER, PORT AND STARBOARD	CASH BAR		
6PM-11PM-REUNION BANQUET - BUFFET-	<b>\$55.00</b>	YES	NO
<b>SATURDAY JULY 16, 2022</b>			
7:30AM-10AM- DEPARTURE BREAKFAST BUFFET IN THE CONNECTICUT BALLROOM AT HILTON GARDEN INN	<b>\$14.69</b>	YES	NO
QUESTIONS? CONTACT WANDA SELLS AT WANDALS@ICLOUD.COM OR (303) 888-7864		TOTAL COST-	

**HILTON GROTON INN MYSTIC/GROTON**  
224 GOLD STAR HIGHWAY  
GROTON, CT. 06340

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AVAILABLE. MAKE YOUR  
RESERVATIONS NOW

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**Book Hotel by Phone:**

**Tel: 1-860-445-6800**

**ENTER GROUP CODE: NAUT**

PLEASE USE THIS DEDICATE CODE TO  
ENSURE ACCESS TO NAAI ROOMS AND  
RATES

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

**2022 NAAI REUNION**

**DOUG TURNER**

**127 NATCHEZ DR**

**HENDERSONVILLE, TN 37075**

