

NAUTILUS



NEWS

Secretary's Report

- > Active membership whose information is known: **872**
- > Inactive membership whose status remains unknown (*missing*): **833**
- > Eternal Patrol **881**

NAAI members can help locate missing shipmates. Go to the NAAI web site at ussnautilus.net, click on the menu in the upper left, then click on Crew Members, then click on Missing Crew Members List. Listed next to the names of many missing crew members are the cities they hailed from or were last known to reside. If you live near a listed city, do some local research and try to help us locate a missing shipmate.

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Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance: 12/31/22
\$9,279.41

Expenditures: **\$310.25**

Deposits and credits: \$595.00

Bank balance: 4/1/23: \$8,788.44

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PANOPO 65th Anniversary Celebration on Track for August 3-5

The U.S. Navy and the Nautilus Alumni Association are celebrating the 65th anniversary of USS Nautilus' historic 1958 trip to the North Pole under the Arctic ice. The main event will be conducted on the pier alongside Historic Ship Nautilus at the Submarine Force Library and Museum in Groton, CT on August 4, 2023, with PANOPO crew, other crew, families, and key Navy leaders in attendance. The museum and the museum store will also be open for visiting before and after the main event.

NAAI has arranged for a block of rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn, only a couple of miles from Nautilus, for a nightly rate of \$199 plus taxes—substantially lower than the hotel's normal August rates of \$262 per night. Reservations can be made through this link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/barhamroomblockaug2023/> by using the code **BRB23**, or by calling the Hilton directly at 860-445-6800 and asking for Barham Room Block with code BRB23.

We have also issued a DRAFT agenda for the 3-5 August celebration with some great events planned in addition to the ship side ceremony. The agenda is strictly tentative since some times and specific events have yet to be solidified. The basics of the draft agenda, however, are sound and will occur.

No matter how you look at it, this celebration promises to be a hugely enjoyable event where Nautilus crew and friends—old and new—will have loads of fun and make many more memories as we help honor the brave men who crewed the world's *First and Finest* as she accomplished a feat of greatness for the crew, the U.S. Navy, for America, and for the world.

The draft agenda is printed on page 3.

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Membership Chair: Vacant



Signed Books Available at PANOPO Celebration

Six members of the PANOPO crew currently plan to attend the 65th Anniversary Celebration and will be available to sign copies of “The Ice Diaries,” the wonderfully written book about the PANOPO trip authored by Captain William R. Anderson, with Don Keith. Mr. Keith has indicated that he may also be in attendance to sign the books.

Pat Anderson, longtime wife of Captain Anderson, who compiled and wrote portions of the book “The Grand Era of the USS Nautilus (SSN-571)” will also be on hand to sign her book—probably the best history of Nautilus ever written.

President’s Report

As reported elsewhere in this newsletter, planning for the 65th anniversary PANOPO celebration is well underway. It certainly promises to be a great celebration with lots of fun for all.

Many of you expressed concerns at the 2022 reunion that the Nautilus scholarships have been given only to applicants seeking to attend 4-year colleges. That those who want to go to trade or vocational schools are being left out. Well, that has changed.

Pat Anderson and I ensured that the rules for Nautilus scholarships specifically instruct the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation that administers our scholarships to entertain applications from all three categories, 4-year, 2-year, and trade, and that one scholarship be awarded in each category so long as there are applicants in the three categories. Further, that applicants will compete only with others in the same category.

The application window closed the end of March with 30 applications. Sixteen of the applicants were not eligible because they were unrelated to a Nautilus crew member. Of the eligible fourteen applications, thirteen were for 4-year colleges and one was for a trade/vocational school.

So, the word is getting out. The Nautilus Facebook page is largely responsible for publicizing the Nautilus scholarships and explaining that trade/vocational applications will be considered alongside college applications. Thanks to Bret Strode and Wanda Sells!

Plans are also being made for the 2024 Nautilus Reunion that will be held 13-17 September 2024. Once again, it will be in the Groton, CT area so crew members can visit our boat at the Submarine Force Library and Museum. Negotiations are ongoing with the Hilton Groton Inn, the location of the 2022 reunion, to host the 2024 reunion. More to follow.

Lastly, we are still seeking to locate missing crew members. Bob Keehn, former NAAI secretary, has taken on the task of locating the few PANOPOs we’ve been unable to contact. NAAI’s membership chair remains open. Hopefully, a volunteer will step forward to take on the task of searching for missing crew and add to the outstanding work done by former chair Jim Kronenwetter. Let me know if you are interested.



NAUTILUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

DRAFT AGENDA
August 3-5, 2023 PANOPO Celebration

August 3

1500-1800	Arrival/Check In	Hilton Hotel
1800-2000	Dinner On Your Own	Hilton or Area Restaurants
2000-2300	Get Together with Old Friends	Hilton Lobby Bar

August 4

0800-1000	Breakfast (on your own, visit with other attendees)	Hilton Hotel
1000-1400	Visit Sub Force Library & Museum U.S. Navy Ceremony Honoring PANOPO Achievement	SFL&M HS Nautilus Pie
1400-1600	Relax/Change Clothes at hotel	Hilton Hotel
1600-1700	Tour of HS Nautilus	HS Nautilus
1800-2200	Chili Dinner/Open Bar/PANOPOs Talk/Karaoke	Sub Vets Club

August 5

0800-1000	Breakfast (on your own, visit with other attendees)	Hilton Hotel
1200-1500	River Taxi Tour of Thames River Heritage Park (Board at Groton Pier, Taxi past Sub Base, Coast Guard Academy, EB, Dock at New London for one hour to visit old haunts, Return to Groton)	River Taxi

August 6

0800-1000	Breakfast (on your own, bid farewell to old friends)	Hilton Hotel
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NOTE: This is strictly a tentative agenda. Exact times, events, costs, etc., are still being worked out. Look for a final agenda to be published soon.

Dolphins Now Command the International Space Station



[First Submariner in Space Now Commands Space Station](#) Stephen G. Bowen (Captain, U.S. Navy, Ret.) launched to the International Space Station as Commander of NASA's SpaceX Crew-6 mission aboard a SpaceX Crew Dragon spacecraft on March 2, 2023 and successfully docked with the International Space Station where he is now in command. Bowen was the first *Submarine Officer* to be selected as an astronaut by NASA and the first to fly in orbit. Bowen is a veteran of three Space Shuttle missions - STS-126, STS-132 and STS-133. He has logged more than 40 days in space including 47 hours and 18 minutes in seven spacewalks. Bowen spent three years attached to USS PARCHE (SSN 683) and completed qualification in Submarines on USS POGY (SSN 647). After attending the MIT/WHOI Joint Program in Ocean Engineering he reported to USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710) for duty as the Engineering Officer.



[Female Submarine Officer also Served Aboard Space Station](#) LCDR Kayla Barron, U.S. Navy, was selected by NASA to join the 2017 Astronaut Candidate Class. She reported for duty in August 2017. The Washington native graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a bachelor's degree in Systems Engineering. As a *Submarine Warfare Officer*, Barron was a member of the first class of women commissioned into the submarine community and qualified in submarines aboard the ballistic missile submarine, USS Maine. She served as a member of the NASA SpaceX Crew-3 mission to the International Space Station, which launched on November 10, 2021, and splashed down on Friday, May 6, 2022, completing 177 days in orbit.



FORMER SKIPPER DEPARTS ON ETERNAL PATROL



Commanding Officer, USS Nautilus (SSN-571), April 1967 - January 1970

Captain Norman Earl Griggs, U.S. Navy, Ret., of McLean, Virginia passed away on February 26, 2023, one week shy of his 92nd birthday. He was born on March 6, 1931, and graduated in 1953 from the U.S. Naval Academy. He had a distinguished Naval career that spanned 23 years, serving on the destroyer USS Rowe, submarine USS Tiru, nuclear powered submarines USS Scorpion, USS Robert E Lee, and as the *Commanding Officer of the USS Nautilus from 1967-1970*, followed by two submarine related jobs at the Pentagon in the offices of the Chief of Naval Operations and Secretary of Defense. He retired as a Captain in 1976. He then received a law degree and practiced law for 23 years in McLean, VA. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Mary Lou, and daughters Mary and Meredith. He will be fondly remembered by the Nautilus crew who served with him and by the Nautilus Alumni Association. Sailor, Rest Your Oar!

Eternal Patrol Reports Since the Winter Newsletter:

Sailor, Rest Your Oar!



Nils A. Bergquist, PANOPO, IC3, served aboard USS Nautilus from 1958-1961

Wallace M. Durkin, PANOPO, EM1, served aboard USS Nautilus from 1957-1960

Bobby J. Felton, LTJG, served aboard USS Nautilus from 1971-1971

William G. Furnholm, PANOPO, EN1, served aboard USS Nautilus from 1957-1960

David L. Greenhill, PANOPO, TM1, served aboard USS Nautilus from 1956-1959

Norman E. Griggs, Commander, served aboard USS Nautilus from 1967-1970

Ronald W. Jett, PANOPO, TM2, served aboard USS Nautilus from 1958-1959

Robert J. Russell, MMCM (COB), served aboard HS Nautilus from 1986-1986

“We’re built to cruise for but a while upon this trackless sea, until one day we sail away into infinity.” - John T. Baker

PHOTOS FROM THE 1958 PANOPO TRIP UNDER THE ICE TO THE NORTH POLE

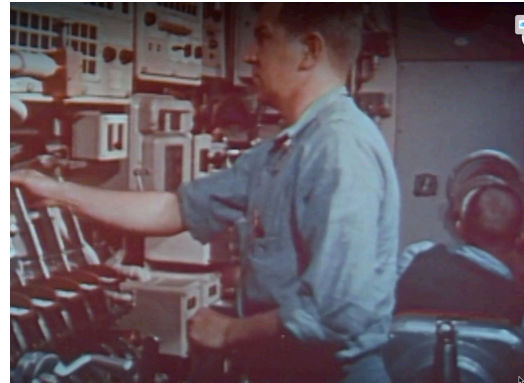
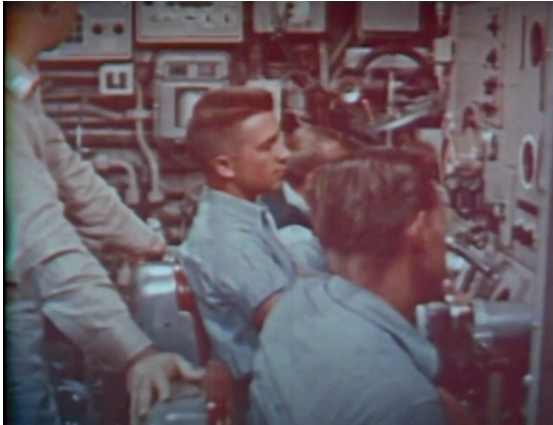
More Newsletter After Photos

Nautilus underway approaching the ice coverage. Bill Anderson standing far right, Frank Adams XO in front of him and the back of Doggie Ray's head just forward of the sail cover. Im unable to identify the others.



Meeting in the forward battery/crews mess area. Dr. Walter Lyon is addressing the assembled crew. I believe I can identify all those on the photo if you think it is necessary.











The New York City parade. Captain Anderson, the mayor of NYC and Admiral Rickover



The Nautilus crew riding in national guard jeeps



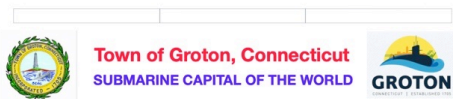
Old Shipmate News: We've heard from Peggy Fogarty McGee, daughter of Captain Francis Fogarty who Commanded USS Nautilus from 1963 to 1967. Peggy reports that Captain Fogarty is approaching his 99th birthday and will not likely be able to attend the PANOPO anniversary celebration. CAPT Fogarty also served aboard Nautilus in 1957 during its first foray under the ice but, before the 1958 polar trip, he was selected as prospective engineering officer for the USS Skipjack, the lead ship of the new class of nuclear subs with whale-shaped hulls. Many active NAAI members who served aboard Nautilus in the mid-60s remember Captain Fogarty well, especially how he so masterfully recovered Nautilus after its collision with the aircraft carrier USS Essex, bringing it back to the surface and keeping over 100 men from descending to Davy Jones Locker.



News from the Submarine Force Library & Museum Association: NAAI met with Kathy Lotring, Executive Director of the SFL&M Association, who plans to have several items on hand at the Museum Store for the PANOPO celebration, to include PANOPO t-shirts, hats, mugs, windshield stickers, DVDs, and 100 copies of *The Ice Diaries*. Additionally, she is planning to host an hors d'oeuvres reception inside the Museum after the PANOPO ceremony. And she is assisting NAAI coordinate a continental breakfast for NAAI attendees in the museum classroom before the ceremony.



Groton Agrees to Issue Proclamations: Both the City and Town of Groton have agreed to issued "PANOPO Day in Groton" proclamations on August 4, 2023, and bring enough to give to every PANOPO in attendance. NAAI designed the basics for the proclamations. Groton officials will revise as they see fit and print/seal on their official proclamation documents. (See miniaturized copies below designed by NAAI)



Proclamation

Whereas, USS Nautilus (SSN571), the world's first nuclear powered ship, was launched in Groton, CT, January 21, 1954, and,

Whereas, on January 17, 1955, USS Nautilus cast off from Groton sending the historic message, "Underway on nuclear power," establishing Groton as the **Submarine Capital of the World**, and,

Whereas, on August 3, 1958, USS Nautilus sailed from the Pacific Ocean to the top of the world, reaching the North Pole by traveling under the Arctic ice, sending the famous message "Nautilus 90 North," and,

Whereas, USS Nautilus continued on to the Atlantic Ocean creating a new path from the Pacific to the Atlantic via the **North Pole**, the path that became known as **PANOPO**, and,

Whereas, the U.S. Navy and the Nautilus Alumni Association are celebrating the 65th anniversary of the historic PANOPO event today, August 4, 2023, with members of the original PANOPO crew and descendants present,

Therefore, I, Juan Melendez, Jr., Chair of the Town Council of the Town of Groton, CT, do hereby proclaim August 4, 2023, as

USS Nautilus PANOPO Day

in the Town of Groton

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Groton



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Therefore, I, Keith Hedric, Mayor of the City of Groton, CT, a retired submariner myself, do hereby proclaim August 4, 2023, as

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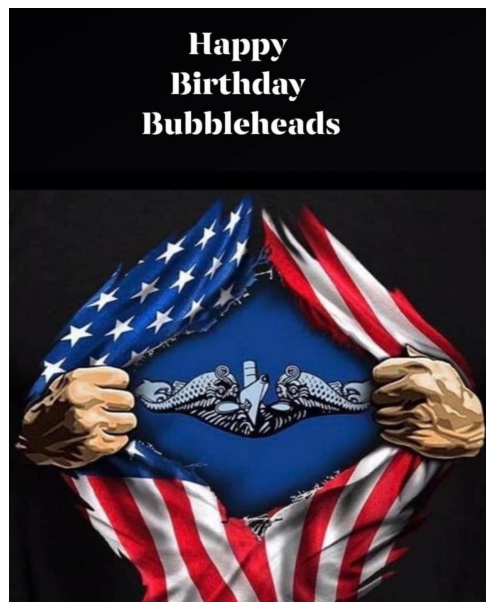
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NAAI Looks to Award Copies of PUC and Medals: NAAI is researching how to obtain copies of the Presidential Unit Citation (PUC) awarded to Nautilus for its historic and dangerous trip under the Arctic ice to reach the North Pole and establish a new **Pacific to Atlantic via the North Pole** (PANOPO) transit route. Additionally NAAI will purchase PUC medals. We will award both the citations and the medals to the PANOPOs in attendance and mail them to those unable to attend.



April 11, 2023, marked the 123rd birthday of the U.S. Navy Submarine Service. On that day in 1900, the Navy purchased its first submarine, the USS Holland VI. Since that date, the U.S. Navy Submarine Service has contributed incredibly to the defense of our country in every modern war and during the Cold War. Unfortunately, the submarine service has also lost countless lives. In World War II, 52 US submarines were lost, with a total of 3,506 officers and enlisted men killed. The US Navy Submarine Service had the highest casualty percentage of any American forces in the War: about 20%. And, more recently, so many lives were lost with the sinking of the USS Thresher and USS Scorpion. Perhaps British Prime Minister Winston Churchill put it best when he said, *“Of all the branches of men in the forces there is none which shows more devotion and faces grimmer perils than the submariners.”*



SOME CLOSING HUMOR

The crusty old Chief was ashore for a couple of months while Nautilus underwent required maintenance. As usual when in port, he visited his favorite watering hole, Ernie's Bar on Bank Street in New London. The new bartender was surprised when the Chief ordered three pints of beer. He told the Chief, "You know, beer warms up pretty fast. Shouldn't you order them one at a time?" The Chief explained that his two brothers, both submarine chiefs themselves, were on patrol and that he had agreed to drink with them in spirit every time he was at Ernie's—thus, the three beers. This went on every time the Chief visited Ernie's during the next several weeks, three beers at a time. Finally, one day the Chief entered and, with a sad face, ordered only two beers. As the bartender served the two beers, he commented, "I'm sorry for your loss, Chief." The Chief perked up a bit as he raised a glass to his lips and responded, "Oh, no. Both my brothers are fine. But my wife thinks I'm an alcoholic and made me join AA. But that doesn't mean my brothers can't drink."



HOPE TO SEE YOU
ALL IN AUGUST

MAKE
RESERVATIONS
NOW!