

# NAUTILUS



# NEWS

## Secretary's Report

- > Active membership whose information is known: **872**
- > Inactive membership whose status remains unknown (*missing*): **833**
- > Eternal Patrol **881**
- > Nautilus Facebook **442**

NAAI members can help locate missing shipmates. Go to the NAAI web site at [ussnautilus.net](http://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

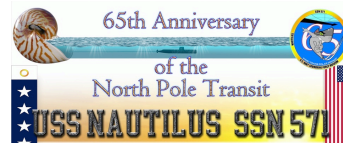
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Expenditures: \$238.00

Deposits and credits: \$1.00

Bank balance: 06/12/23:  
\$8,551.44

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## Anniversary Ceremony for PANOPO Trip is Finalized

The U.S. Navy Submarine Force Library & Museum and Historic Ship Nautilus has finalized the start time for the 65th anniversary ceremony honoring USS Nautilus' historic 1958 trip under the ice from the Pacific to the Atlantic via the North Pole (PANOPO). The anniversary of the achievement that prompted President Eisenhower to award Nautilus the first ever peacetime Presidential Unit Citation, will be held on the HS Nautilus pier at the Museum on August 4, 2023, beginning at 1:00 p.m., 1300 hours.

Active military dress for the occasion will be determined by the HS Nautilus OIC, LCDR Derek Sutton, while military retirees, family members, and other civilian attendees should dress respectfully but appropriately for the expected hot weather.

LCDR Derek Sutton, will be the master of ceremonies. Attending will be several senior Navy officials, both locally assigned and from other Navy headquarters. In addition to Navy speakers, the audience will hear from the PANOPO crew and legacy members who will be present.

The Museum and the Museum Store will also be open for visiting before and after the main event.

The Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc. (NAAI) has planned other events surrounding the Navy's celebration and has arranged for a block of rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn, Groton, only three miles from the Museum for a nightly rate of \$199 plus taxes—substantially lower than the hotel's normal

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Scholarship Chair: Vacant

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.

August rates of \$282 per night. The hotel has run out of double queen rooms but still has king rooms available. Overflow double queen rooms are available at the Hampton Inn, another Hilton property nearby. 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 or the Nautilus Room Block, with code BRB23. *Deadline for reservation at this rate is July 7th!!!*

In addition to the fellowship that will occur at the Hilton, NAAI will host a no-cost Chili Dinner at the USSVI SubVets Club in Groton Friday evening where PANOPO crew will regale us with stories from their unprecedented trip that established for the first time a Northwest Passage that transited the North Pole.

Additional events planned include a tour of Nautilus beginning at 5:00 p.m., 1700 hours, on Friday, 4 August, and a 5 August water taxi tour of the Thames River past the SubBase, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Electric Boat shipyard, and docking at City Pier in New London for a period before returning to Groton. The water tour is also an NAAI-hosted, no-cost event.

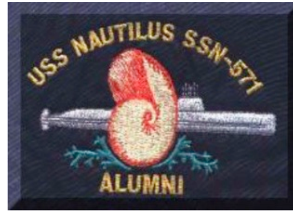
Most important, the lobby bar/restaurant at the Hilton Garden Inn will be open for breakfast every day and for drinks and fellowship every evening during the 3-5 August celebration.

See the three-day agenda on page 3. Everything is concrete at present except for the exact agenda of the Navy ceremony that starts at 1:00 p.m./1300.

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.

This somewhat damaged graphic was copied from an eBay posting advertising the sale of an old cigarette lighter with the graphic on the front. Unfortunately, I missed out and it was sold before I could bid. - Lonnie Barham





*NAUTILUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.*

**AGENDA**

**August 3-5, 2023 PANOPO Celebration**

**August 3**

1500-1700	Arrival/Check In	Hilton Hotel
1700-2000	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
1000-1300	Visit Sub Force Library & Museum	SFL&M
1300-1430	U.S. Navy Ceremony Honoring PANOPO Achievement	HS Nautilus Pier
1430-1700	Relax/Change Clothes at hotel	Hilton Hotel
1700-1800	Tour of HS Nautilus	HS Nautilus
1830-2200	Chili Dinner/Open Bar/PANOPOs Talk/Karaoke	Sub Vets Club

**August 5**

0800-1000	Breakfast (on your own, visit with other attendees)	Hilton Hotel
1115-1130	Board Dedicated Water Taxi at Thames Landing	Groton Pier
1130-1230	Harbor Cruise - Pass HS Nautilus, SubBase, USCG Academy, Electric Boat, etc.	Thames River
1230	Debarb - New London	City Pier
1230-1320		
/1720	Walking tour/lunch/shopping - New London	New London
1320-1720	Board Public Water Taxi-20 past every hour (your choice)	City Pier
1335-1735	Debarb at Thames River Landing (your time choice)	Groton Pier

**August 6**

0800-1000	Breakfast (on your own, bid farewell to old friends)	Hilton Hotel
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## President's Report

### Lonnie Barham

Since the PANOPO Celebration is covered well elsewhere in this newsletter, I'll only encourage as many NAAI members and their families as possible to attend. We're going to have a GREAT time!

I am pleased to announce that three deserving young folks have been selected to receive Nautilus Scholarships. They are:

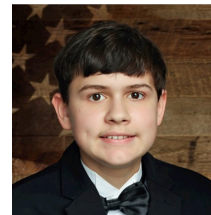
Victoria Sawyer  
 Marine Science Magnet High School, Groton CT  
 LCDR Robert Sawyer, USN (Ret.)  
 College: Eastern Connecticut State University  
 Major: Computer Science



Emmalyn Siclare  
 Camden County High School, Kingsland, GA  
 CDR Bennett Siclare, USN (Ret.)  
 College: Georgia Southern University  
 Major: Exercise Science



Caleb Starkey  
 Upperman High School, Cookeville, TN  
 EM1(SS) Gregory Dull, USN (Ret.)  
 Technical College: Tennessee College of Applied Technology  
 Major: Information Technology



This is the first year that a Nautilus Scholarship has been awarded to an applicant who will attend a vocational/technical school. The ability to apply for and receive vocational/technical school scholarships has always been available through NAAI but we have failed to publicize that fact far and wide. With the inception of the Nautilus Facebook Group, administered by our secretary, Bret Strode, and our 2024 reunion chair, Wanda Sells, the word is getting out. We hope to have other applicants join Caleb Starkey at vocational/technical schools in the future.

The application window for 2024 Nautilus Scholarships opens in October of 2023 and closes in March of 2024. A very fine organization, the *Dolphin Scholarship Foundation*, administers Nautilus Scholarships on behalf of NAAI. Please let all descendants of Nautilus crew members know about the scholarships and have those interested go to [dolphinscholarship.org](http://dolphinscholarship.org) to apply.

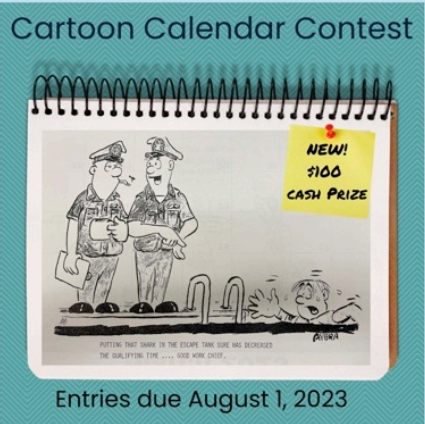
We need to gather information on who plans to attend which events during the PANOPO celebration days, so please fill out the registration form at the end of this newsletter and get it to Wanda Sells as soon as possible if you haven't done so already. At least text or email her the events you plan to attend. There will be no charge for any of the events; we just need the information for headcount purposes and for contact information to let you know of any changes.

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. Suggestions should be sent to Wanda Sells. More to follow.

Lastly, if you are artistically inclined or know of a former or current crew member or family member who is, let them know about the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation's cartoon calendar contest described below.

**Dolphin Scholarship Foundation Announces its 2024 Cartoon Calendar Contest**

**Grab your pen and start sketching!  
The 2024 DSF Cartoon Calendar Contest is open!**



**Cartoon Calendar Contest**

Entries due August 1, 2023

1. A total of twelve (12) drawings will be selected for the 2024 Dolphin Scholarship Foundation cartoon calendar
2. Drawings are to be of a humorous nature depicting life in the Submarine Service
3. All cartoons must be:
  - o Original artwork, not copies
  - o Hand drawn in black ink (not pencil) on white paper OR black & white computer generated
  - o Landscape orientated on 8 1/2 x 11 paper
4. Please print on a separate piece of paper:
  - o Artist's Name
  - o If current or former military member: rank/rate and duty station
  - o If dependent: sponsor's name, rank/rate, duty station, & artist's age (if under 18)
  - o Mailing address, e-mail address, & phone number

**Please DO NOT fold entry**

Send all entries to:

Dolphin Scholarship Foundation  
4966 Euclid Road, Suite 109  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462


OR EMAIL TO:

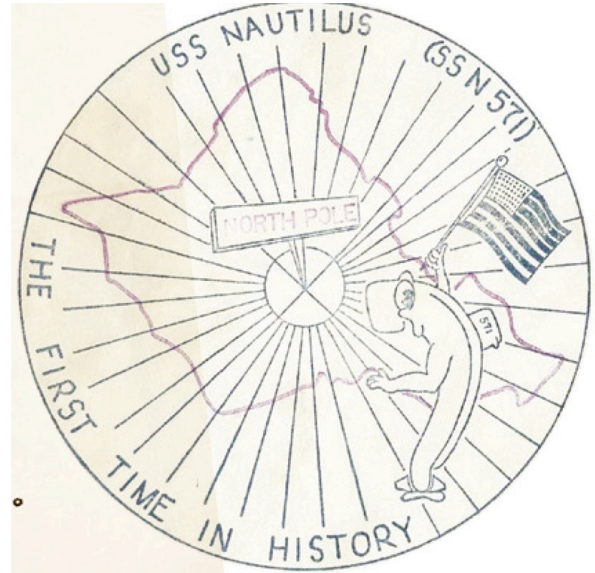
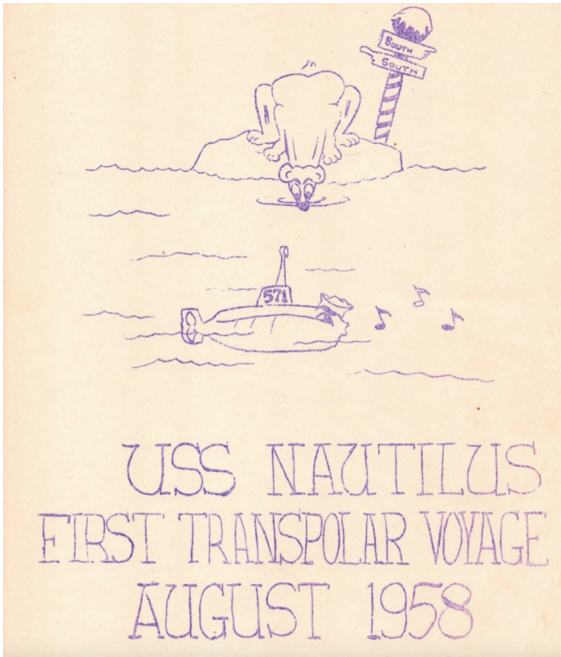
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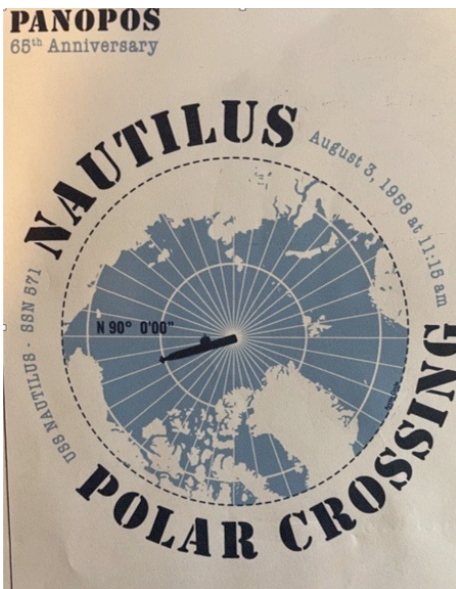
27. People on board NAUTILUS during her transpolar trip will have the title of PANOPO - Pacific to Atlantic via the North Pole.

28. NAUTILUS carried 75 days of food for 116 men. The meal served after the North Pole crossing was steak, french fries, creamed peas and carrots, fresh fruit salad, fresh bread and North Pole cake.

29. 38 movies were shown during the trip. Chess, cribbage and acey-ducey tournaments were held. The juke box (free) played almost continuously.



**PANOPOS**  
66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



**NAUTILUS ARCTIC FACTS**

- Schedule**

Departed Honolulu	2:00 AM EDT	23 July
Transited Bering Strait		29 July
Went under Arctic pack off Point Barrow, Alaska	8:37 AM EDT	1 August
North Pole	11:15 PM EDT	3 August
Emerged from pack on Greenwich meridian at 79° North	9:54 AM EDT	5 August
Arrived off Iceland	2:00 AM EDT	8 August
- The first transpolar voyage by a ship in history, Honolulu to Europe, will take NAUTILUS 19 days and cover 8,146 miles at an average speed of over 17 knots.
- When NAUTILUS reached the North Pole at 11:15 PM Eastern Daylight Time on 3 August more men - 116 - were assembled at the Pole at one time than ever before.
- NAUTILUS is equipped with a closed television network with the camera pointing up for observing ice.
- NAUTILUS traveled 1830 miles in 96 hours from Point Barrow, Alaska to the Atlantic Ocean between Greenland and Spitsbergen.
- NAUTILUS is equipped with 10 separate sound equipments for detecting ice above and 3 for measuring the distance to the ocean floor below.
- One NAUTILUS crew member, James R. Sordalet, Electrician's Mate First Class, became the first Navy man in history to reenlist at the North Pole.
- In 1957 NAUTILUS traveled 1383 miles under ice in three separate trips totaling 5.5 days and reached a latitude of 87° North, 189 miles from the North Pole.
- Polar ice is on the average 12 feet thick although some ridges extend down 50 feet and even further.
- NAUTILUS is equipped with four compasses of various types.
- The water at the North Pole was measured with a precision fathometer to be 13,410 feet deep. This is 1927 feet deeper than the minimum measured by others who have reached the pole.
- Prior to NAUTILUS 1957 Arctic trip no ship had ever been north of 83 degrees 21 minutes North under its own power. A Russian icebreaker in 1955 reached this latitude. The FRAM under Hansen had drifted locked in the pack ice to 85 degrees 37 minutes North in 1895.

**MEMORIES OF DAYS GONE BY**

For those of us who served aboard Nautilus in the 60s, try to identify the crew members in this photo. Hint: one of them suffered a broken arm when the very heavy watertight door between the crew's mess and the torpedo room closed on his arm as we all scrambled to close off compartments after colliding with the USS Essex.



**THIS QUARTER'S SUBMARINE TRIVIA QUESTION**

Can you name the submarine movie from the scene depicted here?



(Answer is on the last page of this newsletter.)

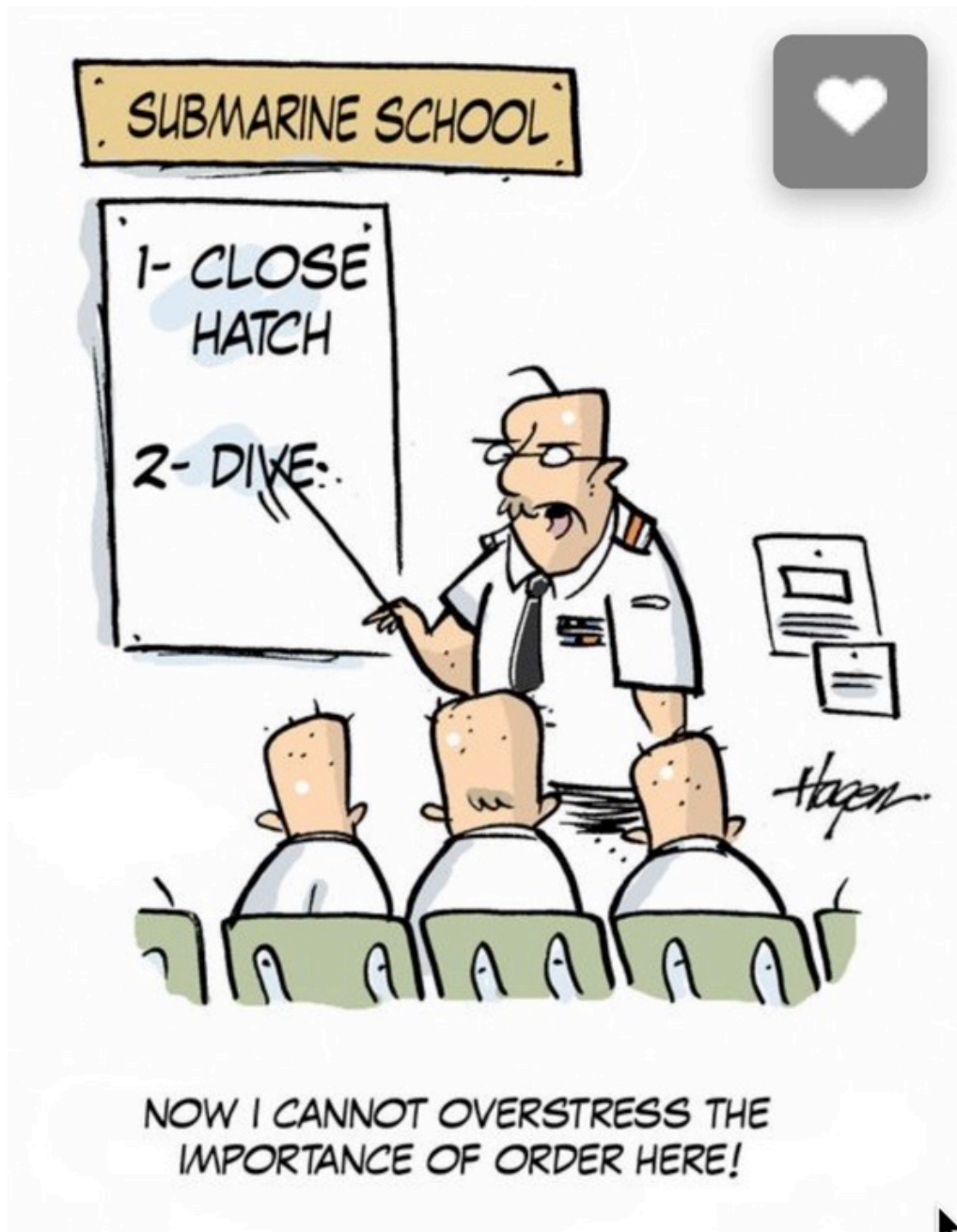


**SOME CLOSING HUMOR**

Things got a little boring while Nautilus was in the yards at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, so the Chief of the Boat (COB) decided to go fishing in the upper reaches of the Piscataqua River.

After fishing for a couple of hours, he ran out of bait but saw a venomous cottonmouth snake nearby with a frog in its mouth. Knowing that frogs make good bait and that the snake couldn't bite him with the frog in its mouth, the Chief reached over and grabbed the snake behind its head, took the frog and put it in his bait bucket. Now the Chief's dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. Thinking fast, the Chief grabbed his bottle of Jack Daniels whiskey and poured some into the snake's mouth. The snake's eyes soon rolled back and it went limp. The Chief released the snake into the river and continued fishing with the frog bait.

A short time later, the Chief felt a nudge against his leg. He looked down and there was that same damn snake, this time with two more frogs.



## USS Nautilus - PANOPO Anniversary Celebration

August 3 thru 5, 2023



### Registration Form

**No Fees! For Planning Purposes Only!**

Please submit a form for each person attending by June 4, 2023 to:  
U.S. Mail: **Wanda Sells - 10092 Astoria Ct, Lone Tree, CO 80124**  
Or, scan and email to: [wandals@icloud.com](mailto:wandals@icloud.com)  
*Absolute Deadline: July 4, 2023*

#### Attendee Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**Nautilus Alumni Association  
Status: (Check All That Apply)**

Crew Member \_\_\_\_\_

PANOPO \_\_\_\_\_

PANOPO Legacy Member \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Legacy Member \_\_\_\_\_

Honorary Member \_\_\_\_\_

Plank Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Plank Owner Legacy \_\_\_\_\_

Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Staying at Hilton Garden Inn?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Hilton Reservation Made? \_\_\_\_\_

Will Reserve Hilton by 7/4? \_\_\_\_\_

Will Stay Elsewhere? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Events I Plan To Attend

**Get Together Thursday Night at Hilton Bar Area (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Visit with old friends and PANOPOs present)

**PANOPO Ceremony Friday - Nautilus Pier (free) (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Reception after in Museum's Torpedo Room)

**Tour Nautilus Friday Afternoon (free) (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Chili Dinner - SubVets Club Friday Night (free) (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_**

- a. Meat Chili, Vegan Chili, 6' Subs, Salad, Cake, Coffee, OPEN BAR - Beer and Wine
- b. PANOPO Crew Panel Q&A/Book Signing
- c. Pat Anderson Book Signing
- d. Karaoke if DJ available

**Water Taxi Tour Saturday (free) (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_**

(Board at Groton Pier, cruise past Sub Base, cross river to cruise past Coast Guard Academy, head down coastline to dock at New London Pier at State/Bank Streets, time to walk around/lunch New London, re-board and cruise back to Groton Pier)

**Saturday Night Dinner at Location TBD (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_**

(Planning for 6 pm at a restaurant that offers wide menu choices. Another opportunity to visit with PANOPOs and other old friends. Choose what you wish to eat and drink - Self Payment.)

**Sunday Morning Breakfast at Hilton (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_**

(Bid Farewell to PANOPOs and other old and new friends - Self Payment.)

# MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW!

Deadline for reduced rate is July 7, 2023, so  
hurry!!

## See You in August!

(Answer to trivia question on page 8: “*Torpedo Run*” (1958)  
with Glenn Ford and Ernest Borgnine)

# END OF NEWSLETTER



