

NAUTILUS



NEWS

2024 REUNION PLAN IN PLACE

Secretary's Report

- > Active membership whose information is known: **871 (-4)**
- > Inactive membership whose status remains unknown (*missing*): **842 (No Change)**
- > Eternal Patrol **886 (+4)**
- > Facebook Members **455 (+4)**

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.

Contact: bfstrobe@yahoo.com

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance: 1/11/2024 - \$3,549.25

Expenditures: **\$3,801.84 (Early reunion expenses/deposits that will be mostly recovered through registration/ticket/event sales.)**

Deposits and credits: None

Bank balance: 9/1/23: \$7,411.09

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Reunion Will Celebrate Nautilus' 70th Anniversary

27 September 2024 - 1 October 2024

The 2024 Nautilus Reunion Planning Committee, headed by Wanda Sells, has completed yeoman's work with detailed planning in place for the Nautilus 2024 Reunion.

The reunion will take place in Groton and New London, Connecticut with arrival/sign-in on Friday, September 27, 2024, at the reunion's primary hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn, Groton, CT. (See hotel reservation information on the attached reunion registration form.)

As mentioned in the fall newsletter, our reunions have historically begun mid-week, usually on a Wednesday and ending with breakfast the following Sunday—with the reunion banquet on Saturday night.

We have set the dates for the 2024 reunion to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the commissioning of USS Nautilus on September 30, 1954. Thus, this year's reunion will start with arrival on Friday, the 27th, followed by various events on Saturday and Sunday, and will culminate with the Nautilus 70th anniversary celebration and our reunion banquet on Monday, the 30th. Reunion departure will be on Tuesday, October 1.

A lot is planned for the reunion to include: Channel Fever get together Friday night at the Groton Lodge of Elks, including a barbecue and lobster dinner; the NAAI annual business meeting Saturday morning; a tour of the Submarine Force Library & Museum and Historic Ship Nautilus Saturday afternoon/evening; a water taxi tour of the Thames River Heritage Park, to include a close-up river view of Nautilus on Sunday; and the official U.S. Navy celebration of Nautilus'

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2024 Reunion Notes Reunion Chair - Wanda Sells

THE 2024 REUNION PLAN IS IN PLACE! We're going to have a fantastic time!

For explicit details, go to page 12 & 13 of this newsletter for **Agenda Information and a summarization of every day's events**, page 14 for the **Registration Form**, and page 15 for **Payment Information**.

Please stay healthy and safe.
 Wanda Sells NAAI Reunion Chairperson.

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70th anniversary on Monday at the Nautilus pier; and the Nautilus Reunion Cocktail Hour and Banquet Monday night.

Commemorative t-shirts and coins have been designed and will be available at the reunion; several great items have been donated to be auctioned at the reunion banquet; and, most important, loads of crew members and their families have already indicated their intention to attend, which will make for a wonderful get together on the auspicious occasion of Nautilus' 70th anniversary.

Please get your registration form and check, Venmo, Zelle, or credit card information to our treasurer, Rick Faircloth, as soon as possible.

Ideas, suggestions, questions, and/or concerns should be addressed to Wanda Sells, Reunion Chair, at wandals@icloud.com, or to Lonnie Barham, NAAI President, at lonbarham1@gmail.com. **(Registration information and forms at Pg 12 - 15 of this newsletter.)**

President's Report

First, I want to thank Wanda Sells for all of her hard work putting together what promises to be a truly great reunion. While the NAAI Board has assisted with advice and guidance, Wanda has put in, and continues to put in, the vast majority of the grunt work required to make the reunion a success. So, when you receive a phone call, email or text from Wanda giving you information about the reunion, urging you to attend, or just checking in on you, make sure to thank her for her Herculean efforts.

The Nautilus Scholarship application season is well underway but will end on March 15, 2024. Thus far, the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation—the organization that administers our scholarship and other submarine scholarships—has received 35 Nautilus Scholarship applications for 4-year colleges. None for vocational/trade schools. Seven have been approved by NAAI for further consideration based on documentation of the sponsors' service aboard Nautilus and proof of a familial relationship, including one spouse.

Last year we awarded three scholarships of \$3,500 each to three deserving students who are Nautilus descendants, two entering universities and one entering a trade college. If you know of any aspiring student who is a descendant of a Nautilus crew member, please encourage them to apply through this url:

<http://subforcescholarships.smapply.io/>

Submarine Trivia

What was the last diesel submarine active in the U.S. Navy and in what year was it decommissioned?

(Answer later in this newsletter.)

LEGACY MEMBERS NEEDED

Surviving crew members who sailed Nautilus when she was operational are growing old. We don't like it, but it's a fact. So, who will carry on the mission when the "old guys" are gone? Who will work to keep the history and accomplishments of Nautilus in the minds and hearts of America? Who will remind our countrymen of the hardships and sacrifices made by the 2500 men who took Nautilus deep under the sea to dangerous places all over the world as she helped

deter our enemies?

The answers to these questions are easy. It will be direct descendants and extended family descendants of Nautilus crew members, those we call **Legacy Members and Associate Members**—sons, daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc.,—who will lead the Nautilus Alumni Association into the future and keep the "First and Finest" foremost in the minds of future generations.

We need every member of NAAI to encourage (browbeat, arm-twist, whatever it takes, LOL) to get their descendants and extended family members to join NAAI. While donations of any amount are welcome from those who join (we previously charged \$10 admission fee), joining is now free. All it takes is the time to fill out a short form to provide a bit of information (*attached at page 11 of this newsletter*).

We have many legacy members who are key to the NAAI mission, to include folks like Wanda Sells, our treasurer Rick Faircloth, and others behind the scene. We need more to volunteer to assume officer and/or committee chair positions, or to just be good members who provide occasional suggestions and attend reunions.

An example of legacy members who support the Nautilus Alumni Association in many ways—from bringing their family members to our reunions, to donating items for our reunion auction, to posting great comments on the Nautilus Facebook Group site—is the **Harry Hedin family**. Harry was an EN1(SS) aboard Nautilus in 1957-58, a PANOPO who retired as ENCS(SS) and has since gone on eternal patrol. Here is an excerpt from a Veterans Day post by Karla Twigg, Harry's daughter. It epitomizes what Nautilus means to our legacy members.

I know this is long and I apologize, but I wish to share a post I put on my Facebook feed seven years ago with new friends I met this summer at the 65th reunion of the Nautilus crossing the North Pole. The three children in this photo attended along with six of our daughters. We had a marvelous time and besides the chance to reconnect with each other, it was a chance to reconnect with the role our father and his shipmates played in the history of the world. The event emphasized the importance, urgency, dignity, and bravery of those involved in bringing this journey to completion. Boarding the Nautilus is a privilege because we get to walk where our father and so many other dedicated submariners walked.

Growing up, our mother always kept a tiny dolphin pin attached to our winter coats. She told us we had earned them because, "If your dad is in the Navy, you are in the Navy too."

Finally, here was my original post: *This day always turns my thoughts to the veteran that was larger than life in my world. Here are his thoughts about the Navy in his own words. This is part of a letter he wrote to his sister Erma, who was apparently trying to dissuade him from reenlisting: "The Submarine Navy is quite different from surface craft; it has to be in order to operate as efficiently as it does. Group relationship, as you call it, is at its peak here, and we don't draw a line between officer and enlisted man. When at sea this close relationship is evident by the smoothness with which the various jobs are carried out, no bickering or griping. It's obvious the Navy thinks a lot about the submarine men by the way we are given extra privileges, food, pay, best of officers and men etc. Not to brag, but the Navy thinks a lot of me."*

Isn't he a good writer? This is just one of a box full of letters we found after Mom and Dad both passed. *Pride Runs Deep. A salute to Veterans today from the Hedin family.*



Brothers of the Phin

I chanced upon a sailor once with an emblem on his chest.
It appeared to be two angry sharks on a trash can for a rest.
His white hat was dirty and his neckerchief tied too tight.
He had only one eye open as he staggered through the night.

He was young and wiry, with knuckles cracked and oozing.
From the way he looked and smelled he'd spent the night out boozin'.
As he pulled abreast, he squared his hat and asked me for a light.
"I'm due back aboard by four or the COB will set me right."

As I fumbled around for my lighter, he pulled some smokes from his sock
"I'll be damned lucky to make it," he muttered, 'I'm steamin' against the clock."
Through the flame of my old Zippo, I could see a smile on his face.
"But, you know -- it was damn well worth it. That 'Bell's' a helluva place."

He sucked the smoke deep down his lungs and blew smoke rings towards the moon,
Rolled up his cuffs, pushed his hat to the back and said "Maybe a cab will come soon."
In spite of the time he was losing, he was wanting to shoot the breeze
So we sat on the curb, like two birds on a perch, as he talked of his life and the seas.

I asked about the thing on his chest and he looked at me with a grin.
He squared his hat, snubbed out his smoke, and said "I'm a Brother of the 'Phin."
"I'm one of the boys who go under the sea where the lights from above don't shine;
Where mermaids play and Neptune is king and life and death intertwine."

"Life on a boat gets deep in your blood and nothing on earth can compare
To the feeling inside as she commences a dive going deep on a hope and a prayer."
"I've sailed some fearsome waters down below the raging main
And I've heard that old boat creak and groan like the wheels of a railroad train."

"It's the one place on earth where there ain't no slack and you don't have more than you need;
Where each man is prince of his own little space and each lives by the submarine creed."
"There ain't much I've done in this fickle life that would cause other men to take note,
But I've walked in the steps of some mighty fine men who helped keep this country afloat."

"They slipped silently through the layers down below that raging main
While up above enemy men-o'-war laid claim to the same domain."
"Brave sailors were they in their sleek boats of steel
Silently stalking their prey and closing in for the kill."

"They died as they lived, unafraid, proud and free
Putting all on the line to secure liberty."
"Their bones rest in glory down in Neptune's ground
Their souls rest with God, waiting the klaxon's next sound."

"So, it's more than a 'thing' that I wear on my chest; it's a badge of the brave, proud and true.
It's a tribute to those who have gone here before, riding boats that are still overdue."
"It's the "Dolphins" of a submariner worn proudly by the few
Who've qualified at every watch and touched every bolt and screw."

"They know the boat on which they sail like they know their very soul
Through the fires of hell or the pearly gates they're ready for each patrol."
"But when in port they take great sport standing out from all the rest.
For deep inside they burn with pride for the dolphins on their chest."

Then he stood erect, squared his hat, and pulled his neckerchief down to the 'V'
He rolled down his cuffs, put his smokes in his sock, and squinted back towards the sea.
"I can hear them diesels calling, so I'd best be on my way.
We'll be punchin' holes in the ocean when the sun peeks over the bay."

As I watched him turn and walk away, I felt honored to know such men.
For they bring life to Duty, Honor and Country. These "Brothers of the 'Phin."

This great submariner poem, with a few edits for this newsletter, was posted on the Facebook group "Got Dolphins? Submariners Lounge," on 1/6/23, by Patti Chebatar Lynn (Unknown whether she wrote it or copied it from another source.)

FACEBOOK POSTS OF INTEREST

January 5, 2024 - Entry by Bill Gaines

On this day 67 years ago, 05 January 1957, I completed my submarine qualification on Nautilus. As with many of my shipmates, I did my initial submarine qualification on Nautilus, launching the qualification process in December 1955 and received my final signature in January 1957. I was designated qualified in submarines on 05 January 1957, 67 years ago, number 102 to qualify on Nautilus. I was a seaman E-3 at the time. The qualification card, which I still have and will share, is signed by E.P. Wilkinson, Captain, US Navy. That makes the card special. Do you have your Qual Card?

Looking over the signatures on my qualification card for both compartments and sketches (systems) I'm reminded of the great support I received from so many of my Nautilus shipmates while traveling through the qualification process. Almost all of the signatures were obtained during 1956, with the 2 final signatures obtained in January 1957. Yes, I was delinquent. The final signatures were for Refrigeration System signed off by Jim Brissette, and the very final signature, Engine Room including Maneuvering Room, by the wonderful Bobby Ringer. That was a tough signature for me, being a non Nuc. Other signatures of interest, Amidships Aux and Machinery Space by the one and only Line Locker (Alan Lewis) Louie. Later, as a member of the Auxiliary gang, he later became known as Lower Level Louie. Great Guy and a classic character.

One of my all time favorite shipmates, George Fields, signed off on several systems and compartments. The great Bill Engdall signed me off on High Line Rig and Torpedo Boom Rig. Bill was tough as I recall. I participated with Bill for a few at-sea torpedo recovery operations. I'm sure he will remember those wild events. Always exciting hauling the MK 14 and Mk 16 torpedoes onboard.

Jerry Armstrong signed me off for the Attack Center and Sonar Room. How appropriate. And my very dear friend Larry Harjehausen signed me off for the Basic Electrical System. Larry Harjehausen was a long time friend and one of the best shipmates of all times. I have another great Sea Story involving Larry and our shipmate John Hargon that I will share sometime in the future.

There are two very significant signatures on my card that I truly cherish; Ken Carr and John Nicholson. They were the best and I was pleased to maintain contact with them throughout my navy career. My division officer throughout the qualification process was Ray Engle who helped me significantly. Good guy.

It would be great to hear from others who qualified on Nautilus. I'm sure there are some interesting stories regarding the qualification process. Bill Gaines

U. S. S. NAUTILUS (SSN571)

QUALIFICATION TRAINING CARD:

NAME: GAINES DATE: 57 SERVICE NO. _____ DEPT. ASSIGNED: COMM-FRY

DATE DESIGNATED FROM E-1 IN SCHOOL: 11/10/55 DATE REPORTED ABOVE: 11/17/55 ADVANCED COURSE CODE: _____

BATTLE STATION: _____

COMPLETED TRAINING COURSES FOR: _____

COMPARTMENTS	DATE	COMP. INST.	DATE	DEPT. HEAD
Torp. Room & Prod. Crew's Qtrs.	5-26-56	2610-26	7-28-56	
Crew's Qtrs., Galley & Mess Area, Battery Tank Officer's Qtrs.	4-11-56	US E 4476	4-11-56	W. J. White
Attack Center, Including Sonar Room, ECM Bay	7-2-56	US E 4476	5-24-56	W. J. White
Periscope Center	10-31-56	W. J. White	10-31-56	R. P. Ringer
Control Room, Including Radio Room and Radar Room	6-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Amidships Aux. Machinery Space	6-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Reactor Compartment	6-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Engine Room Including Maneuvering Room	1-4-57	R. P. Ringer	1-4-57	R. P. Ringer
Stern Room & After Aux. Machinery Space	3-10-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Torpedo & Bridge	12-4-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer

SKETCHES	DATE	PETTY OFFICER	DATE	DEPT. HEAD
Tanks	5-23-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Trim and Drain System	4-23-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
High Pressure Air System	12-5-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
100 lb. Air System	4-23-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
350 lb. Service Air System	7-7-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
High Ventilation Air System	7-12-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Oxygen System	11-15-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Fuel Transfer & Compensating System	11-15-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Main Hydraulic System	11-15-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Mast Hydraulic System	12-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Steering Hydraulic System	12-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Low Pressure Blow System	12-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Sanitary Tank Drain and Blow System	12-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Fresh Water System	12-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Battery Water System	12-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Sound Powered Telephone System	12-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Swackel Piping and Induction Piping	12-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Refrigeration System	12-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Arrangement of Torpede	12-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Escape Trunk Arrangement	12-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Magazine Flooding System	12-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Primary System	12-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Steam System	12-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Fuel and Condensate System	12-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
Basic Electrical System	12-2-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer

SPECIAL SKETCHES BY DEPARTMENTS:	DATE	PETTY OFFICER	DATE	DEPT. HEAD
MSC DEWY RELEASE	11-20-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
ESCAPE HATCH CLOSING	11-20-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer
TORPEDO BOOM RIG	11-20-56	W. J. White	11/20/56	R. P. Ringer

This man has stood five instructional watches as Petty Officer-of-the-watch below decks. 1-4-57 exp

This man has stood satisfactorily a minimum of five watches underway on each of the stations listed below.

STATION	DATE	INITIALS	STATION	DATE	INITIALS
LOOKOUT					
ATT. CTR.					
SONAR					
REAR					

MACHINERY TO BE OPERATED BY DEPARTMENTS	DATE	PETTY OFFICER
TORPEDO TUBES	6-28-56	W. J. White
POWER LEADLINE	6-28-56	W. J. White
TORP. HATCH	6-28-56	W. J. White
SUN ELEVATOR (FWD OPT)	6-28-56	W. J. White
ESCAPE HATCH CLOSING	6-28-56	W. J. White
DEWY RELEASE	6-28-56	W. J. White
MAGAZINE FLOODING & TESTING	6-28-56	W. J. White
ANEMOMETER WINDLASS	6-28-56	W. J. White

This man has demonstrated his ability to operate all machinery and equipment in his own department as listed above.

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT (Signature): _____ RANK: LT DATE: 1/4/57

I hereby certify that the above named man has this date fully, properly, and satisfactorily fulfilled the requirements for qualification in submarines as set forth by the Submarine Force Command, and those additional requirements specified by the Commanding Officer for qualification in Nuclear Submarines.

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT (Signature): _____ RANK: LT DATE: 1/4/57

This man has been designated "QUALIFIED IN NUCLEAR SUBMARINES" as of 5JMS 1957 and appropriate entry has been made in man's service jacket.

COMMANDING OFFICER (Signature): _____

Also lifted from a Facebook posting by Bill Gaines.

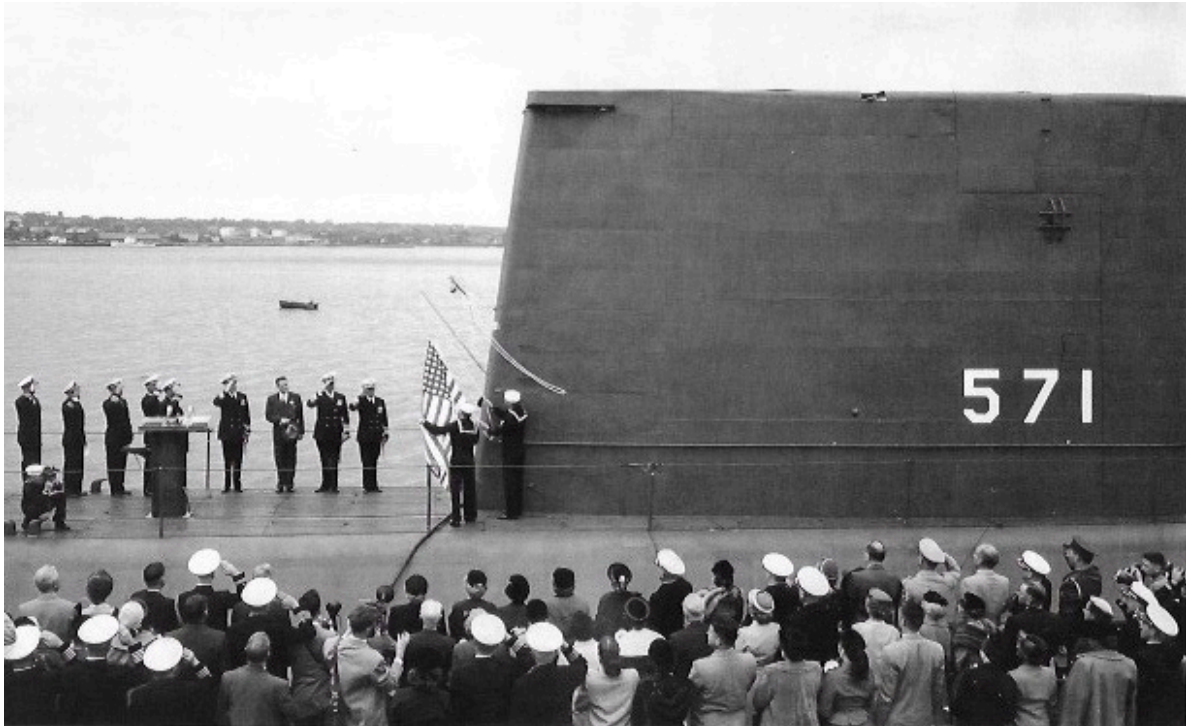


Photo above: Raising the colors for the first time on the USS Nautilus SSN 571, 30 September 1954. Performing the honors, QM3 Bump Hadley and QM1 John Teixeira.



Yet one more purloined post from Facebook.

The Sells family reacts when Wanda and Jim tell them they are all going to the 2024 Nautilus Reunion in Groton.



The Sells and all of us hope you are planning to attend this wonderful reunion that will serve as a great tribute to the “First and Finest” on its 70th Birthday. **Be like the Sells: Bring your family!**

Groton Area Submarine Birthday Ball

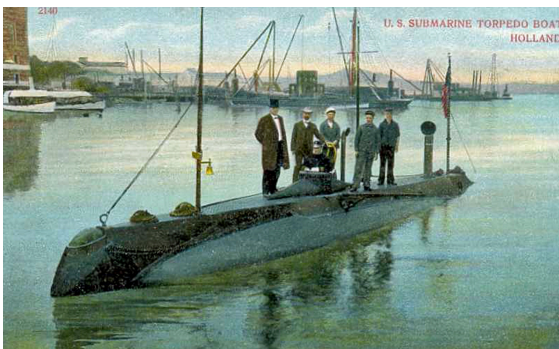
Raise a glass because it is official, the Groton Area Submarine Birthday Ball is scheduled for April 13, 2024 at Foxwoods Casino and Resort Hotel in Ledyard, CT! (Just north of Groton)



For more information, follow the Groton Area Submarine Ball page on Facebook (Also search Facebook for Submarine Birthday Balls near you)



Several members of the Nautilus Alumni Association have expressed an interest in attending. At least four of us have agreed to attend with spouses if we can get tickets. This newsletter's editor is seeking tickets and possibly a table for NAAI. Anyone else who lives within driving distance of Groton and is interested in attending, please contact Lonnie Barham at lonbarham1@gmail.com or send a text to 401-644-6829.



Picture post card of the USS Holland (SS-1).

April 11th is considered the birthday of the U.S. Navy Submarine Service since the USS Holland SS-1 was the first submarine commissioned into the Navy on 11 April 1900. Today, the modern submarine service celebrates the birthday of the Submarine Service on or near April 11th every year.



69th Anniversary: On the morning of January 17, 1955, at 11 am EST, NAUTILUS' first Commanding Officer, Commander Eugene P. Wilkinson, ordered all lines cast off and signaled the memorable and historic message, "Underway On Nuclear Power." Over the next several years, NAUTILUS shattered all submerged speed and distance records.

The oldest nuclear submarine, USS Nautilus, and the newest at the time, USS Lipscomb, share a pier (photo courtesy of Bret Strode)



Answer to trivia question on page 3: There are actually two answers to this trivia question and both are accurate. The last *operational* diesel submarine in active service was the USS Blueback SS-581. She was decommissioned on 1 October 1990. The diesel-powered submarine, the USS Dolphin AGSS-555, was a research vessel that was decommissioned 15 January 2007.



The instruction and pace at nuclear power school was very, very intensive. While a few may have wished they had opted out, like the ensign in the cartoon, we are thankful that so many great officers and enlisted men made it through the school and became the driving force behind the propulsion that took Nautilus well over 300,000 miles during her illustrious career. (Wow! That distance equates to circumnavigating the Earth more than twelve times!)







Okay, which one of you retired chiefs created this costume?



Eternal Patrol Reports Since the Fall Newsletter

Sailor, Rest Your Oar!

Douglas Grant Smith, QM2, served aboard USS Nautilus during 1970. Departed on *Eternal Patrol* 12/12/2023

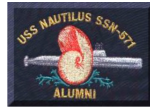
James A. Baumgartner, IC1, served aboard Nautilus from 1954-1956. Departed on *Eternal Patrol* on 12/14/2023

Ricky P. “Rick” Milnarik, TMC, served aboard USS Nautilus from 1975-1980, Departed on *Eternal Patrol* 12/27/2023

Vinson A. Parsons, FT1, served aboard Nautilus from 1957-1958, Departed on *Eternal Patrol* on 1/10/24

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

Membership Form (Please encourage shipmates, family and other supporters to join. It's Free!)



NAUTILUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC., MEMBERSHIP FORM

CREW MEMBERS AND NON-CREW MEMBERS (FAMILY MEMBERS, DESCENDANTS, OTHER SUPPORTERS, ETC.) MAY JOIN FREE OF CHARGE! A ONE-TIME DONATION OF ANY AMOUNT TOWARD OUR OPERATING EXPENSES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH GREAT APPRECIATION!

(CHECK ONE) JOINING NAAI _____ UPDATING PERSONAL INFORMATION _____
(Check One) Crew? _____ Legacy/Family? _____ Associate? _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Spouses Name _____

I AGREE TO RECEIVE PERIODIC INFORMATION, NEWSLETTERS, ETC., FROM NAAI (YES/NO) _____

SSN-571 CREW MEMBER

Years Aboard Nautilus: From _____ to _____ Rank/Rate/Position While Aboard _____

For Military Retirees: Retired Rank/Rate/Branch _____

PLANKOWNER _____ PANOPO _____ DECOM CREW _____ HISTORIC SHIP CREW _____

Any non-crew member interested in establishing for NAUTILUS its permanent place in history and/or establishing a Legacy for a family member who served aboard NAUTILUS (Complete this section in addition to your name, address, etc., above.)

NAME OF CREW MEMBER _____ Years Aboard _____ to _____

RELATIONSHIP: Spouse _____ Son _____ Daughter _____ Grandchild _____ Other _____

NAAI MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY: Ship's company or attached personnel who served aboard USS NAUTILUS, SSN-571, for at least 30 days. A crew member's/deceased crew member's spouse or widow and descendants (e.g. children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, etc.) shall be allowed to become members. Other family members (siblings, nieces, nephews, etc.) and non-family supporters of Nautilus may join as associate members.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP: Members receive newsletters and periodic communications, stay current on scholarship offerings, can attend business meetings and reunions, and are eligible for NAAI Board of Directors and Committee positions.

Please make voluntary donation check payable to NAAI and mail check along with this form to: NAAI Treasurer Rick Faircloth, PO Box 104 Baconton, GA 31716

NAUTILUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC., IS A NON-PROFIT, TAX-DEDUCTABLE, 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 CREW MEMBERS, TO BRING TOGETHER AS MANY FORMER AND CURRENT SHIPMATES AS POSSIBLE, TO REMEMBER THOSE ON ETERNAL PATROL, AND TO HONOR THEM THROUGH THE AWARD OF NAUTILUS SCHOLARSHIPS.

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From the Reunion Chair

USS NAUTILUS CREW, FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

The 2024 USS Nautilus Reunion is 8 months away. The registration form is attached. Here are some things you need to know.

The dates are Friday, September 27, 2024 to October 1, 2024. The registration form pretty much has the agenda but here are the details.

The Hilton Garden Inn, Groton, 224 Gold Star Highway (Rt. 184) Groton Ct. is the host hotel. The Nautilus has “run of the house” which means we have reserved the entire hotel at a discounted price. Instructions on making those reservations is on the registration form. Make sure when you make those reservations that you get a confirmation email and the details are what you expected.

This year we are not getting a free breakfast with our reservations so exploring the area for unique venues will be fun. The Hilton has a nice restaurant and breakfast costs between \$8.00 to \$15.00. A credit card will be required to make your reservation with an expiration date that does not expire until after the event. Your card will not be charged until 5 days prior to the 27th so make sure if something happens that you have to cancel let them know beforehand.

Many of us arrive Thursday, September 26, 2024, a day early. The website has made it possible for you to reserve your room on that day also. We will not have bus transportation to the venues so let’s plan on carpooling with our friends that do not have transportation. (Yes, some coming are coming by train, bus and Uber!!)

Agenda

Friday: September 27, 2024. 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. **Arrive and check in** at Hilton Hospitality Room. Each person will receive a welcome packet that will include your name tag, detailed agenda and other goodies. If you arrive later your packet will be at the Elks Lodge for the evening event.

Friday: September 27, 2024. 6:00 P.M. to 9:00P.M. **CHANNEL FEVER AT ELKS LODGE, GROTON CONNECTICUT.** Catered by Cyr BBQ. New England Clam Bake. Lobster (1 per person) clams, mussels, corn on the cob and red potatoes steamed in seaweed. Pig roast and bbq chicken. Pig roast, chicken, coleslaw, barbecue baked beans, corn bread and bbq sauce. We have used Cyr BBQ for two previous reunions. His food and service is excellent. He uses only the best food providers in the area. **Cash bar.**

Saturday: September 28, 2024 **NAAI business meeting** 9:00 A.M. to 11:00A.M.. Hilton Hospitality Room. Everyone is invited.

That afternoon we will gather at the **Submarine Force Museum and Historic Ship Nautilus**. More details to come.

Sunday: September 29, 2024. Free day to explore the area. Lots to see and do. More to come in other emails. If you want to take a tour up and down the **Thames River in a water taxi** now is your chance. Tours hourly from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. See Nautilus from the water side and other exciting and interesting sites. We took this tour at the August event. Absolutely awesome! My husband had never seen this because he was always below deck when Nautilus was coming and going! A real treat for quite a few of the guys that took the boat. Sign up for your preferred departure time—10 am, 11 am, 12 noon, or 1 pm—at Friday’s check-in. (First come, first served.)

6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. NAAI will be hosting a fun **Sea Stories Evening** in the Hilton Hospitality Room. Free food and drink. Come hear your fellow shipmates tell about their time on the boat. Jim (Jiggs) Kronenwetter will give a slide presentation about “The Owl”. We are working on other presentations. Let us know if you want to be a participant. This will be a great night to “hear it from the horses mouth”!

Monday: September 30, 2024 **Navy Celebration of Nautilus’ 70th Anniversary** at Submarine Force Museum and Library. More details as they come available.

5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P. M. **Nautilus Reunion cocktail hour & banquet** at Port & Starboard Pavilion, Ocean Beach, New London. This is a real cool place. We had our last reunion banquet there. From 5:00 P. M. To 6:00 P. M. come down to the Nautilus room facing the ocean. Cash bar just outside the room. There is a large painted mural of Nautilus on the wall. Then we will gather in the banquet room for a business casual dinner and celebration.

Tuesday: October 1, 2024 Come say your farewells in the Hilton Restaurant. No departure breakfast this year.

Wanda Sells

NAAI 2024

Reunion Chairperson

NAUTILUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2024 REUNION



**September 27 - October 1, 2024
Groton-New London, Connecticut**

Registration Form

(Please complete a form for each individual attending)

Name: _____ Address _____

Crew Member? Yes ___ No ___ Years Aboard _____ Rank While Aboard _____

Plank Owner? ___ PANOPO? ___ Decom Crew? ___ Historic Ship? ___

If non-crew, name of related crew member _____

Phone _____ Email _____

<u>Event</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Registration Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$20.00
	(Mandatory)

Friday, September 27, 2024

9 am - 4 pm: Arrival & Check-in at Hilton Hospitality Room **No Cost**

6 pm - 9 pm: Channel Fever at Groton Elks - BBQ & Lobster Clambake (Circle Choice if attending) **\$30 BBQ**
\$65 Lobster

Saturday, September 28, 2024 (Circle those you are attending)

9 am - 11:30 am: NAAI Business Meeting Election of Officers - Hospitality Room **No Cost**

5 pm - 7 pm: Tour Submarine Force Museum and Historic Ship Nautilus **No Cost**

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Visit Local Attractions and/or

10 am - 2 pm (hourly): Thames River Boat Tour, 35 pax per hour starting at 10 am (Circle if attending) **\$15.00**

6 pm - 9 pm Sea Story Evening at Hilton **No Cost**

Monday, September 30, 2024

Time TBD: Navy Celebration of Nautilus' 70th Anniversary at Submarine Force Museum **No Cost**

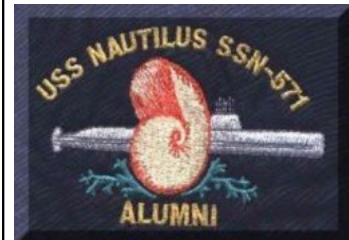
5 pm - 9 pm: Nautilus Reunion Cocktail Hour & Banquet at Port & Starboard Pavilion, Ocean Beach, New London **\$66.00**
(Circle if Attending)

Total \$ _____

Make Hotel Reservations at the **Hilton Garden Inn**, 224 Gold Star Hwy (Rt. 184), Groton, CT, by calling **860-445-6800**. Use Code **NR2024** for Reunion Rates. Or make reservations online by typing this link into your browser window:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/nautilusreunion2024/>

NOTE: There is an extra "s" at the end of Nautilus. Don't forget to include it.



**Make Checks Payable to:
NAAI**

Send this form and check to:

2024 NAAI Reunion
Rick Faircloth, Treasurer
PO Box 104
Baconton, GA 31716
Send Form & Check
No Later Than Aug. 15, 2024

2024 Nautilus Reunion Registration and Payment Methods

Call Treasurer Rick Faircloth at (229) 869-6218 if you wish to provide credit card or check/bank information privately instead of sending it by mail, or to get Venmo or Zelle information.

Credit or Debit Card

Complete this short form and send it to the NAAI treasurer, Rick Faircloth, at PO Box 104 Baconton, GA 31716.

Name on credit card _____

Type of card (Visa, MC, AMEX, etc.) _____ Card number _____

Expiration Date _____ 3-digit Security Code _____

(BE SURE TO ALSO MAIL OR EMAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM TO RICK. Do not include any credit card info. on the registration form.)

Pay by Check

Make your check payable to NAAI for the total amount, including registration fee and event attendance fee for each person attending, and send it to the NAAI treasurer, Rick Faircloth, at PO Box 104, Baconton, GA 31716. **(BE SURE TO ALSO MAIL OR EMAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM TO RICK.** Do not include any credit card info. on the registration form.)

Pay with Venmo

Download the Venmo app on iOS or Android (not available on Windows). Create your Venmo account and connect it to your phone number, email address and to your bank account or credit card. Venmo charges a 3% fee if you use a credit card. No fee for payment from your bank account. Send total registration/event attendance payment for each member of your party to the NAAI treasurer, Rick Faircloth at phone # (229) 869-6218 or email at rickfaircloth1025@gmail.com. **(BE SURE TO ALSO MAIL OR EMAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM TO RICK.** Do not include any credit card info. on the registration form.)

Transfer payment with Zelle

Most banks have Zelle as a cash transfer option. Check your bank account to verify. If not, download the Zelle app on iOS or Android (no Windows availability). Call our treasurer, Rick Faircloth, at (229) 869-6218 for the NAAI bank account information you will need to add Rick to those whom Zelle can send money. Transfer the registration fee and related event fees to Rick. **(BE SURE TO ALSO MAIL OR EMAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM TO RICK.** Do not include any credit card info. on the registration form.)

The 2024 NAAI Reunion t-shirts and sweat shirts, both long- and short-sleeved, are ready for order. They will **NOT** be available for purchase at the reunion so order them now. The dark blue are for crew members. The lighter blue for legacy (family and friends). The shirts are produced in batches of 24 so be patient but diligent. There can be a wait until they have sufficient orders to run. So order now!!

Questions and concerns can be answered by Rich Young, bear6457@msn.com. Or Wanda Sells at wandals@icloud.com.

Reunion T-Shirts can also be ordered directly online by accessing the Nautilus Shop at the T-zers Shirt Shop. To access, type this URL into your web browser:
<https://t-zers-shirt-shop-inc.printavo.com/merch/ussto>

Or Call T-zers Shirt Shop at [\(208\) 888-5877](tel:(208)888-5877)

Both Styles Available in Short and Long Sleeves and in Both Light Blue (for Legacy Families and Friends) and Dark Blue for Crew



