

NAUTILUS



NEWS

NAUTILUS SKIPPER TURNS 100 YEARS YOUNG

(Story Below Text Box)

Secretary's Report

- > Active membership whose information is known: **859 (-12)**
- > Inactive membership whose status remains unknown (*missing*): **822 (-10)**
- > Eternal Patrol **892 (+6)**
- > Facebook Members **460 (+5)**

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: bfstrode@yahoo.com

Treasurer's Report

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

Expenditures: \$1,620.58
(Reunion expenses)

Deposits and credits: \$4,326.71
(Reunion registrations)

Bank balance: 3/17/24: \$6,255.38

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REUNION NEWS: The NAAI 2024 Reunion is on track with loads of members and their families already registered to attend from 27 September - 1 October, 2024. Get your registration in soon since rooms are limited at the reunion's central hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn in Groton. Lots of activities are planned that you won't want to miss. **The registration form is on the last page of this newsletter.** Looking forward to seeing you in Groton in September!



**Captain Francis C. Fogarty, USN (Ret),
Skipper of Nautilus from 1963-1967,
Turns 100 years old on April 18, 2024**

Members of the Nautilus Alumni Association who served in the 50s and 60s will remember Captain Frank Fogarty, USN, Retired. He served aboard Nautilus in 1957 and again from 1963-1967 as Commanding Officer.

Those of us who served under his command remember him as a highly skilled commander whose leadership and seamanship brought

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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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us safely through some harrowing experiences, to include an Arctic area Cold War surveillance mission, collision with the aircraft carrier USS Essex, and a myriad of other dangerous situations.

Captain Fogarty will be celebrating his 100th birthday on April 18th. He was born in Great Falls, Montana and graduated from the Naval Academy in 1948. He served on several surface ships including the Iowa (BB 61) before being selected for submarine school in 1950. After tours on Tiru (SS 416) and Queenfish (SS 393) he was selected for the first class of the Navy's Nuclear Power Program. One of his classmates there, Jimmy Carter, would go on to become the 39th President of the United States.

Captain Fogarty's nuclear submarine tours included Seawolf (SSN 575), Nautilus (as MPA), Skipjack (SSN 585) (as Engineer), and John Marshall (SSBN 611) as XO. He served as commanding officer of Nautilus from Oct 1963 to April 1967.

His final Navy tour was in the Pentagon as Operations Officer in the Submarine Warfare Division. He managed to earn a Masters degree in administration before retiring from the Navy in 1970.

After Navy retirement, Captain Fogarty returned to the West to the Idaho National Lab in Idaho Falls, ID. His assignments over 23 years included the Operations Manager for the Advanced Test Reactor and the manager of all power reactor programs. Additional jobs included president and general manager of Mountain States Energy in Butte, MT, a coal component research, development and test facility and project manager of the weld evaluation project at EG&G for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Captain Fogarty's father and mother moved to Great Falls as young adults as part of the westward migration of Irish families. They met and married in Great Falls and were active community leaders.

Captain Fogarty married Dorothy Reilly after graduation from the Naval Academy in 1948 and they enjoyed 67 years together before she passed away in 2015. He and Dorothy were high school sweethearts in Great Falls. They raised 10 children (3 boys and 7 girls) and are blessed with 21 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He and Dorothy enjoyed countless visits from them on their small ranch in Idaho Falls. Frank was an avid hiker, backpacker and cross country skier and family visits always included outside adventures around the mountains of Idaho, Wyoming and Montana. He maintained a 40 acre spread in Idaho Falls where he established a pheasant habitat and raised cows - a hobby that kept him busy at all hours of the day and night.

His enthusiasm for model trains ("O" gauge) provided a means of outreach to the Idaho Falls community as he welcomed youngsters of all ages to visit and operate his large layout of 6 trains contained in a separate building near his home. He recently donated his entire train collection to the Cheyenne Depot Museum for display and education purposes.

Captain Fogarty moved to Spokane, WA, after Dorothy died in 2015 to be closer to his family. He's been very active in his faith and Catholic community in Idaho Falls and Spokane serving in various ministries and education roles.

Frank will be celebrating his 100th birthday with family and friends on April 18th in Spokane.

To help Captain Fogarty celebrate this century-mark birthday, the Nautilus Alumni Association has sent him a Nautilus 70th Anniversary tee-shirt and hooded sweatshirt. Additionally, with Kathy Lotring, Director of the Submarine Force Library & Museum Association, taking the lead, NAAI is encouraging all of its members to send birthday cards to Captain Fogarty. We are hoping that he will receive at least 100 cards commemorating his becoming a centenarian.

If you haven't sent a card, please do so and address it to: **(Please do it SOON! Mail by April 12th ensures delivery by his 100th birthday.)**

Captain Francis C. Fogarty
US Navy, Retired
3522 W. Westview
Spokane, WA 99208

How highly Captain Fogarty is thought of among NAAI members is expressed succinctly in the following letter sent by NAAI President Lonnie Barham to the retired skipper. The letter accompanied our gifts of Nautilus 70th Anniversary shirts.



Submarine Trivia

What was the next numerical submarine after Nautilus with hull number 572, and what was its mission? (Answer later in this newsletter)



A Note From Wanda, Our Reunion Chair

In order to finalize the venues for the reunion we need to have final numbers of attendees a month in advance. Therefore the August 15, 2024 registration deadline is our goal. With that being said we know “life happens” and we know there are extenuating circumstances that may not allow you to make your reservations by then. Please communicate with me so we can make temporary arrangements for you. We will not allow this date to keep you from attending the reunion. **(The registration form is on last page of this newsletter.)**

Wanda Sells,

2024 Reunion Chairperson
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MARCH 2024



**100 YEARS - PROUDLY
WORN IN WAR AND PEACE**

*Contributed by Bret Strobe, NAAI Secretary
STS3(SS), 77-79*

In the summer of 1923, while serving as Commander, Submarine Division Three, Captain Ernest J. King proposed that the Navy create a warfare insignia device for qualified submariners. The insignia came to be known as dolphins or fish, and is one of the Navy’s oldest warfare-devices. The hard-earned badge distinguishes and identifies the members of the submarine community and has since become a source of pride for the silent service.

Not only did King propose the idea for the submarine warfare device, he also submitted the initial design. The final design of the device was **approved for wear March 24, 1924**. The dolphins depicted on the insignia are actually dolphinfish, or mahi-mahi, not the marine mammal.

EDITORS NOTE: *I received a note from Plank Owner Jerry Armstrong, SO1(SS) [LCDR, Retired], with some stories about when he served aboard Nautilus. Following are two of his stories.*

“After completing her ‘shake down’ cruise in 1955, Nautilus was returning to her home port when, traveling submerged in excess of 20 knots off the New Jersey shore, the watch in the torpedo room reported a scraping noise at the port bow. It was loud and quickly gone and almost immediately a strange noise was heard above the control room and attack center. When all spaces reported no leaks or visible damage, Nautilus continued on towards her designated surfacing area. When she surfaced the crew found the scraped area on the port bow and noticed the mast head light was missing and the cables hanging loose.

“When we moored at New London, Captain Wilkinson was quickly whisked away and returned 2 hours later. He and his boss had met with the captain of a large fishing trawler. It seems Nautilus, while traveling at 300 feet, was above the trawler’s net and had caught the supporting cable. After first scraping the port bow, the cable then caught on the mast head light and held there briefly before pulling the light from its mount and releasing the cable.

“The trawler’s captain said they were headed south at 8 knots when they suddenly started going backwards much faster. He said two of his crew were about to jump overboard when the mast light pulled loose (releasing the net’s cable). The captain knew immediately what was happening as this was the second submarine he had ‘caught’ but the previous one was not so powerful. Notice the mast head light is now mounted inside the sail.” - Jerry Armstrong

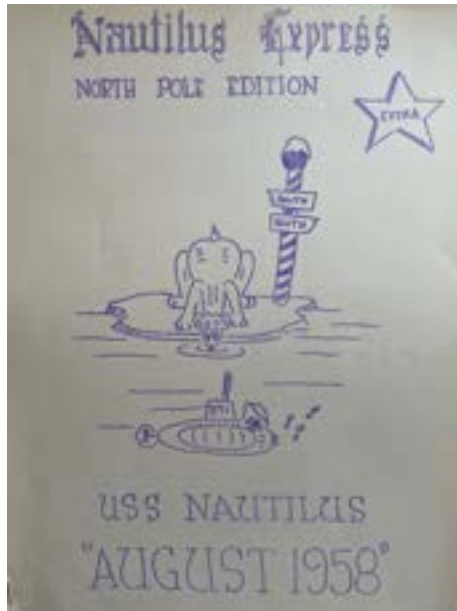
“Back in the 1950s all naval personnel investigations were conducted by the FBI. The volunteer prospective crew members of Nautilus were subject to intensive investigations that included interviewing two generations back for each man, and interviewing high school teachers, friends, former employers, and neighbors. My parents were not aware that I had volunteered for special duty, so I can only imagine their concern when asked by neighbors and friends why the FBI was asking about their son.

“Two sonar men were assigned to the crew, one from each coast. I was selected from the Atlantic sub force. I received orders directing me from Sea Lion to the nuclear training facility at Arco, Idaho, by way of McKeesport, PA, for our indoctrination. I drove to Pennsylvania which took me onto the Chesapeake Bay ferry. During the crossing while I was standing at the rail, a well-dressed man joined me and started a conversation. Some of the questions and statements he raised cautioned me that he was not who/what he seemed to be.

“To this day I am convinced he was a federal investigator trying to determine if I would reveal any military information.” - Jerry Armstrong



Editor's Note: Thumbing through the "Nautilus Express - North Pole Edition" (Published August 1958), a poem by G.A. Payne, YN1(SS), jumps out. It reminds us how much Submarine crews depend on their spouses to keep the home fires burning while they prowl Neptune's depths helping keep our country free.



A TRIBUTE TO OUR WIVES

By C. A. PAYNE, YN1, USN

It was morning in New London, April 25-58,
When we left them standing, beside the backyard gate.
Our uniforms all cleaned, our laundry snowy white,
Our sea bags packed and ready, NAUTILUS sails tonight.

We were off on orders, to the west coast for a test,
A run for long submergence, but now you know the rest.
The orders they were misleading, this wasn't to be our goal,
Our real mission was, Pacific to Atlantic via the North Pole.

But who had the hardest task to do, and to do alone,
Was it you and I together, or the wives we left at home?
Who was to fix the faucet, who was to mow the lawn,
Who was to take down the storm windows, now that we were gone?

Who was to mind the kids, and see them off to school,
Who was left to do the punishing, whenever they broke a rule?
Was it you and I together, or the wives we left at home,
That had to bear the burden, and bear it all alone?

Who was left to go get groceries, and to put gas in the car,
Who was left to answer questions, when the kids ask where you are?
When is Daddy coming home? And Mommy please don't cry,
I just want my Daddy, what would we answer, you and I?

And what reward do they ask for carrying on alone,
Waiting for the end of our mission and then to hurry home.
They ask for nothing, nothing we can't give,
They just want us home, and normal life to live.

Maybe for only a week, maybe two or three,
And then there comes the day, NAUTILUS is ready for sea.
Our uniforms will be clean, our laundry snowy white,
Our sea bags packed and ready, NAUTILUS sails tonight.

And they will tell us goodbys, and hurry don't be late,
And we'll leave them standing, beside the backyard gate.
Again they will carry the burden, while we're away to sea.
And all they ask as we walk away, is hurry back to me.





The PANOPO banners pictured above and below were made by PANOPO crew member James Morley, EM2(SS) [Retired as EMCS(SS)] with artwork by PANOPO crew member John Yuill, QMSN(SS). They were donated to the Submarine Force Library & Museum but the Museum decided they could not display them and that they would end up out of sight in storage perpetually. Jim has now donated them to NAAI. They will be displayed at all future reunions.



Spring was a bad time for modern submarines. WWII was far worse.



In World War II, 52 US submarines were lost, with a total of 3,506 officers and enlisted men killed.

In Waters Deep

*In ocean wastes no poppies blow,
No crosses stand in ordered row,
Their young hearts sleep... beneath the wave...
The spirited, the good, the brave,
But stars a constant vigil keep,
For them who lie beneath the deep.*

*'Tis true you cannot kneel in prayer
On certain spot and think. "He's there."
But you can to the ocean go...
See whitecaps marching row on row;
Know one for him will always ride...
In and out... with every tide.*

*And when your span of life is passed,
He'll meet you at the "Captain's Mast."
And they who mourn on distant shore
For sailors who'll come home no more,
Can dry their tears and pray for these
Who rest beneath the heaving seas...*

*For stars that shine and winds that blow
And whitecaps marching row on row.
And they can never lonely be
For when they lived... they chose the sea...*

*Originally written by
Eileen Mahoney aged 90 years young*



Signed Eisenhower Photo Returned to Museum

A photo of the launching of USS Nautilus by First Lady Mamie Doud Eisenhower, pictured above, who wrote a note to the chiefs of Nautilus as follows: *“To the Chiefs of the Nautilus - good luck always - Mamie Doud Eisenhower,”* somehow made its way off Nautilus and ended up in an auction. NAAI President Lonnie Barham bought the famous photo and recently returned it to the Submarine Force Library & Museum.

Pictured at left is Meghan Rathbun, newly appointed Curator/Managing Director of the Museum, accepting the valuable photo from Barham.

Barham vividly recalls seeing the framed photo hanging either in the crew’s mess just outside the chief’s quarters or just inside the goat locker.

Rathbun and LCDR Chapman, OIC, have promised to return the photo to its honored place aboard Nautilus.

Now, for a bit of humor!



"When did they start canning people?"



PANOPO is Featured On Home Depot Military Discount Ad

Bruce Aquizap, who served aboard Nautilus from 1957-1962, EN2(SS) while on board and retired as a Navy Lieutenant, works at Home Depot at the young age of 91. He was selected to advertise Home Depot’s military discount of 10% for all military veterans. As you can see, he’s proudly wearing a USS Nautilus shirt in the photo. Way to go, Bruce! Stay Young! It’s all in the attitude!



*Submarine Force Library & Museum Celebrates March as
“Women’s History Month”*



TM2 (SS) Brianna Patrick

In recognition of Women’s History Month, Historic Ship Nautilus recognizes the first female Sailor to be assigned to Historic Ship Nautilus

She is from the small town Hopewell Junction, New York. She is the first female sailor to be assigned and stationed at Historic Ship NAUTILUS.

She has volunteered for numerous education and community outreach events and family day events at the Submarine Force Museum such as supporting the underwater robotics Sea Perch competition and providing education trips to local community schools. These efforts help to promote knowledge about submarine history and technology along with submarine community opportunities.

“I wanted the chance to explore the world and experience life on submarines. The summer after I graduated high school at John Jay, I shipped off to boot camp in September of 2018. I was selected to be one of the first females stationed on the USS Georgia (SSGN 729) in May of 2019. I got my Submarine Warfare Device (dolphins) on June 20th, 2020. The most challenging part of being a TM is weapons handling. We weapons handle at least once a week and it is a high stress environment where you have to be vigilant at all times to ensure no one gets hurt. Safety is the priority when moving the torpedo. During my time on board the USS Georgia, I got to experience 4 foreign ports to include Greece, Bahrain, Gibraltar, and the ever-exclusive Diego Garcia. After 4 years of serving aboard the USS Georgia I was then selected to be the first female here at the HS Nautilus. I arrived in October of 2023. But the best part for sure has been all the lifelong friends and family I have made along the way!”

Real Life Humor

From the Editor: I read a post on a submarine Facebook site in which a retired submariner talked about his first assignment out of boot camp aboard the USS Cook, DE-1083, in 1974. When he got up the first morning aboard, he heard on the 1MC, “Cook Arriving.” He remembered thinking, “Dang, these boys really like to eat.”

That story reminded me of my first day aboard Nautilus. I was sent with another crew member to the submarine tender USS Fulton, AS-11, in New London to pick up parts. The other sailor told me to go to the ship’s store to get us some gedunk (junk food) while he got the spare parts. I was to meet him on the pier after. While walking down a passageway toward the gangway after leaving the ship’s store, I heard the Fulton’s 1MC declare, “Fulton Departing.” I practically ran to the gangway to get off the ship before it pulled away from the pier. It wasn’t until the following day aboard Nautilus when I heard “Nautilus Arriving” that I was told that commanding officers’ arrivals and departures from their vessels are always announced to the crew...Some things you just don’t learn in boot camp or in sub school. LOL



Eternal Patrol Reports Since the Winter Newsletter

Sailor, Rest Your Oar!



Thomas Richard Morse, Lieutenant, served aboard Nautilus from 1976-1979, Departed on *Eternal Patrol* on 1/13/24

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

TM2 Henry Breault
First Submariner to Receive Medal of Honor

March 25 was established by Congress as National Medal of Honor Day to “foster public appreciation and recognition of Medal of Honor recipients.”



TM2 Henry Breault Receives Congressional Medal of Honor from President Coolidge in 1924

Long before the bravery of the seven submariners who received the Medal of Honor in World War II, an enlisted man, Torpedoman's Mate Second Class Henry Breault, distinguished himself as a hero of the Submarine Force. He is the only enlisted submariner to be awarded the Medal of Honor for actions aboard a United States submarine.

Operating near the Panama Canal Zone on October 28, 1923, Breault's submarine, USS O-5, was struck by the steamship SS Abangarez opening a hole ten feet long in the submarine. The submarine rolled sharply to port – then back to starboard – and sank bow first in 42 feet of water.

The steamship picked up eight survivors – including the Commanding Officer – who had either been topside or climbed up quickly through the conning tower hatch. Nearby tugs and ships rescued several others and in all, 16 crewmen were rescued, but five were missing.

Breault had been working in the torpedo room when the collision occurred, and he headed up the ladder topside to escape. As he reached the main deck, he realized that Chief Electrician's Mate Lawrence T. Brown was asleep below. Instead of going over the side to save himself, Breault headed

back below to rescue Brown and shut the deck hatch over his head just as the bow went under. Brown though awake, was unaware of the order to abandon ship.

The men headed aft to exit the sinking vessel, but water coming into the forward battery compartment cut off their escape route. As the water rose, they made it to the torpedo room and just shut the compartment hatch before the battery shorted and exploded. Breault knew the bow was underwater and they were trapped.

Fortunately, the sinking occurred in water shallow enough for salvage operations. Salvage crews and vessels from the Panama Canal Zone eventually raised the submarine after Breault and Brown had been trapped for 31 hours. Three submariners tragically perished in the disaster.

Petty Officer Breault was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Calvin Coolidge on 4 April, 1924. It was awarded for Breault's valor in going to the aid of a fellow shipmate who would have died if Breault hadn't intervened, completely disregarding his own safety.

Answer to Trivia Question on page 4

The next numerical submarine after USS Nautilus, designated with the hull number 572, was USS Sailfish (SSR-572), the first submarine built expressly for radar picket service. She was eventually designated an attack submarine after picket duty was eliminated and renumbered as SS-572.



To the left is a picture of the last lowering of the pennant as USS Nautilus was decommissioned on 3 March 1980. This was taken from another submarine Facebook page with the identity of the Nautilus crew members involved, but their names were lost in the cutting and pasting. If anyone knows the names of the crew members involved, please let the editor know at lonbarham1@aol.com.

\$\$\$ *Nautilus Scholarship Report* \$\$\$

The Nautilus Scholarship application season closed on March 15, 2024. The following information tells us how well or how poorly we are publicizing our scholarship.

Number of applications submitted = 34

Number of applicants whose eligibility could not be verified = 18

Number of applicants whose eligibility were verified = 16

Number of applications verified for eligibility and deemed complete = 11

The 11 applications verified and complete have been forwarded to the selection committee for consideration. If funding aligns with previous years, three applicants will be selected to receive **\$3,500** Nautilus Scholarships.

Last year we had one application for a technical school. Because we decided at our last reunion business meeting that we would require one of the three scholarships be awarded to a vocational/technical school applicant if such an application was received, the one technical school applicant was awarded a Nautilus Scholarship.

At the business meeting, we also decided to require that one scholarship be awarded to an applicant who plans to attend a 2-year/junior college, if such an application is received.

This year there was one applicant for a 2-year college but he/she did not qualify based on eligibility (sponsor not a Nautilus sailor).

This year there were no vocational/technical school applicants.

Therefore, all three Nautilus Scholarships will go to applicants who intend to study at 4-year colleges/universities.

Conclusion: We still are not publicizing enough the opportunity for some of our scholarships to go to high school kids who want to go to a vocational school or attend a local junior college. Such scholarship applicants would have a very high chance of receiving a scholarship since there will likely still be so few applicants in those two categories. **Get the word out to your children, grandchildren, etc. Our country still needs electricians, aircraft mechanics, IT professionals, etc.**

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)
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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
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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
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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	\$15.00 (Circle if attending)
6 pm - 9 pm Sea Story Evening at Hilton	No Cost
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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)
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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.



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