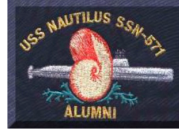


NAUTILUS



NEWS

Secretary's Report

- > Active membership whose information is known: **874 (+15)**
- > Inactive membership whose status remains unknown (**missing**): **832 (+10)**
- > Eternal Patrol **892 (NC)**
- > Facebook Members **466 (+6)**

Contact: bfstrode@yahoo.com

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance: 3/17/2024 - \$6,255.46

Expenditures: \$181.19

Deposits and credits: \$3,280.86
(**Reunion registrations**)

Bank balance: 5/19/24: \$9,355.13

Contact: rickfaircloth1025@gmail.com



FEWER THAN 100 DAYS UNTIL NAUTILUS 70TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

REUNION NEWS: Time rushes on! With fewer than 100 days between this newsletter and the 2024 *Nautilus 70th Anniversary Reunion*, our Reunion Chair, Wanda Sells, reports that everything is in place. All that's needed is for those who plan to attend but have not registered to **register now!** The Reunion is from 27 September - 1 October, 2024. 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!

A few sample photos from the great 2022 Nautilus Reunion. Make sure you're in this year's photos!



Some of us gathered in front of "our boat"

Board of Directors

President: Lonnie Barham
lonbarham1@gmail.com
 401-644-6829

Vice President: John Lewis
jlewis77@comcast.net

Treasurer: Rick Faircloth
rickfaircloth1025@gmail.com

Secretary: Bret Strode
bfstrode@yahoo.com

Committee Chairs

Reunion Chair: Wanda Sells
wandals@icloud.com

Web Master: Rich Young
bear6467@msn.com

Chaplain/Database Mgr: John
 Anderson
chaplainjohn571@gmail.com

Scholarship Chair: Vacant

Membership Chair: Vacant



2024 Reunion Notes Reunion Chair - Wanda Sells

**THE 2024 REUNION IS
 WAITING FOR US! BE THERE!**

For explicit details, go to page 16,
 17 & 18 of this newsletter for
**Agenda Information, a
 summarization of every day's
 events, and the Registration Form.**

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

wandals@icloud.com



On the pier where Nautilus was being refurbished



**Great fellowship among shipmates and
 families at the banquet**



The large mural of Nautilus at the Ocean Beach Port and Starboard venue at Ocean Beach, the location of the Nautilus 70th Anniversary Reunion (Banquet Hall pictured below)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc. approaches the 2024 Nautilus 70th Anniversary Reunion, a joyous occasion during which we will celebrate seven decades of Nautilus accomplishments and will honor every sailor who manned Nautilus—past and present—since its commissioning on September 30, 1954, I can confidently assure our NAAI membership that the state of our Association is strong.

Our membership continues to grow, primarily as the result of new members finding and joining the Nautilus Facebook Group, but also through word of mouth. Unfortunately, the number of missing shipmates still exceeds our membership number and, of course, the eternal patrol list grows longer every year. That said, with 874 active members, ours is one of the larger submarine alumni associations in the country.

Our treasury remains solvent and fluctuates with our association's needs. As a non-profit organization, we don't expect to make money or maintain a large bank balance. Since we voted to stop charging annual membership fees, our treasury now operates on a "pay as you go" basis with our bank balance currently growing with reunion registrations. It will then decline as we pay reunion expenses. Regardless, with our treasurer's diligent oversight, we will remain in the black.

Our Nautilus Scholarship Fund remains fully funded with sufficient deposits to ensure sustainability. The fund's manager, the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation, oversees our fund's

investments and has enjoyed returns that allow us to award two to four scholarships every year. This year we have awarded four \$3,500 scholarships to children and grandchildren of Nautilus crew members.

At our last reunion the membership voted to rewrite our scholarship rules to require that one scholarship be awarded to an applicant who intends to pursue a vocational or trade course of study if such an application is submitted. Last year we had one applicant for a vocational school and he was awarded a \$3,500 scholarship. Unfortunately, this year we had no trade/vocational applicants. Word of mouth is the best advertisement for these scholarships. So, if you know of a Nautilus descendant who wishes to pursue a trade career, make sure they are aware that our scholarships exist.

Lastly, thanks in large part to Wanda Sells, our Reunion Chair, our Association will once again sponsor a truly great biennial reunion. Planned attendance is growing daily with an expected participation that will hopefully fill the reunion hotel. The activities are outlined later in this newsletter along with the registration form. It will be an exciting, fun-filled reunion. Be there with as many family members as possible!

Once again, I am happy to report that the state of our Association is strong!

Lonnie Barham, President, Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc.



Submarine Trivia

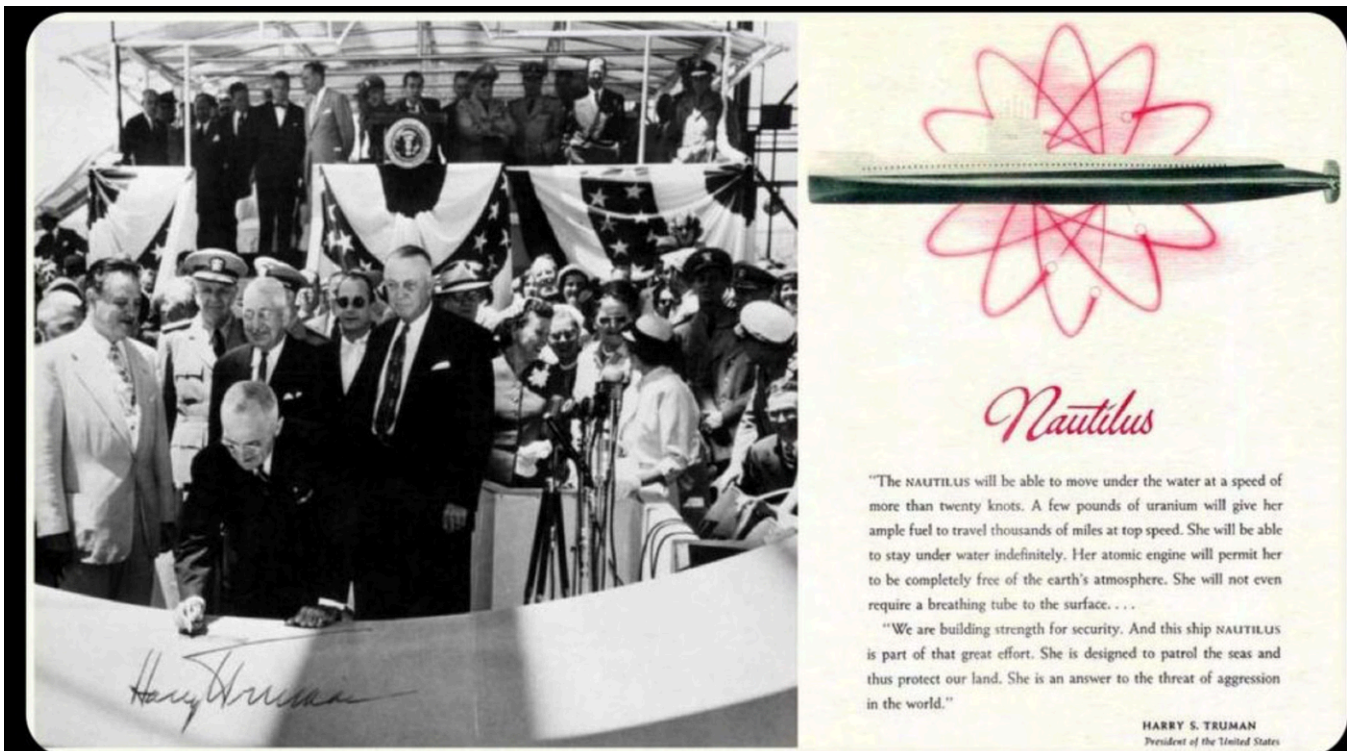
When a navy ship goes into commission, it is assigned a voice call.

What was the voice call name assigned to USS Nautilus ?

(Answer later in this newsletter)

Nautilus Keel Laid 52 Years Ago This Month

June 14, 2024, marked the 72nd anniversary of the keel laying for the world's first nuclear submarine, our beloved Nautilus. President Harry Truman did the honors by engraving his signature into the keel.





USS Nautilus Scholarship Recipients

Naomi Engle



Sponsor: CAPT Raymond E. Engle, USN (Ret.)
College: University of California, Los Angeles
Year: Freshman
Major: Linguistics & Computer Science

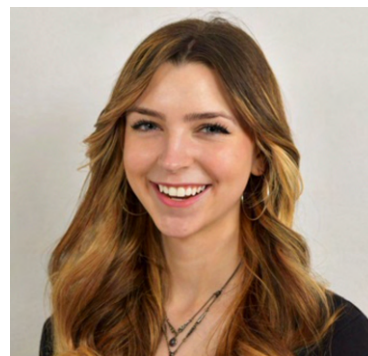
Quote:

"Growing up in a family with a rich naval history, receiving this scholarship will not only advance my educational pursuits, but reinforce the importance of my family in my career. I hope that the Dolphin Scholarship will serve as a reminder to myself of how far my family has come and how our past continues to shape us."

Chloe Banino

Quote:

"This scholarship, to me, means honoring the contributions of my grandfather who came before me by excelling in my own right in the academic world, enriching myself through the education he always dreamed I would be able to have."



Sponsor: LCDR James Garde, USN (Ret.)
College: Dartmouth College
Year: Junior
Major: Government Modified with Philosophy

Logan Garwood



Quote:

“This scholarship means a lot to me because my dad and grandpa were both submariners in the Navy. I am proud of them both and honored to be a Dolphin and Nautilus Scholar. This money will help me to better afford college”

Sponsor: EM1(SS) Dean Garwood, USN (Disch.)
College: University of Washington
Year: Senior
Major: Mathematics; Data Science Minor

Emmalyn Siclare



Quote:

“Receiving the USS Nautilus Scholarship is an honor. It will allow me to pursue my goal of becoming a nurse practitioner and make an impact in the medical community. I am honored to represent the submarine community and am beyond grateful for their support.”

Sponsor: CDR Bennett Siclare, USN (Ret.)
College: Georgia Southern University
Year: Sophomore
Major: Nursing

A couple of Sea Stories

Jerry Armstrong—Plank Owner—SO1(SS) while aboard, Retired LCDR:

My service on Nautilus was an exciting tour of duty. We were at sea a lot to prove to the Navy and to the U.S. Congress that nuclear propulsion was a safe and valuable asset. We operated during the week with the surface Navy and on the weekends took the politician to sea. A hectic schedule for certain. However, the authorities in Washington even authorized a dependent's cruise. This allowed our wives and/or parents to go to sea for a day, submerge, put the boat through her paces and prove to our loved ones that the ship was safe. My wife, Ann, (even with her claustrophobia) went with us and had her picture taken peering through the periscope. We made three dives and the guests were thrilled. (I kinda' think some were happy when we surfaced and returned to port).



Editor's Note: And to think that today, even with the nuclear reactor gone, wives can't venture beyond frame 45. (An interesting question for Jerry: Were wives allowed aft of 45 back then?)

Bill Gaines—PANOPO—SO1(SS) while aboard, Retired CAPT:

Over my years on Nautilus, I visited many ports, always enjoyable and some memorable. One of the most memorable was the 1956 visit to Miami, Florida. During that trip south, we visited Key West, New Orleans and then Miami. We were berthed in downtown Miami Beach and were hosted by the Miami Beach Nautilus Hotel. Very appropriate. It was a spectacular hotel and all the folks at the hotel were just great. The Nautilus crew was well taken care of. Much of the time was spent at the large outdoor swimming pool, well, just enjoying the sights and sunshine. There was a Miss Nautilus contest to select the loveliest of the many young ladies in attendance. As would be expected, that garnered a lot of crew interest. Great fun. I can't recall any other Nautilus port visit where the entire crew came together in such a positive and enjoyable manner. It was a wonderful experience. Photos below: Miss Nautilus of 1956. The Nautilus crew assembled on the Nautilus Hotel swimming pool diving board. That is the infamous Bill Miller at the outer end of the diving board. Now, what could possibly go wrong?



Historic Anniversaries Since Last Newsletter

April 10, 1963 - Sixty-one years ago we lost the USS Thresher and 129 great submariners, including former Nautilus shipmates—notably, Nautilus PANOPO LCDR John Wesley Harvey, Commander, USS Thresher.



May 22, 1968 - Fifty-six years ago we lost the USS Scorpion and 99 great submariners, including former Nautilus shipmates. Scorpion's skipper was also a Nautilus alum—CDR Francis A. (Frank) Slattery, Commander, USS Scorpion.



May 26, 1979 - Forty-five years ago, Nautilus spent her last day under her own power before entering Mare Island Naval Shipyard for pre-decommissioning overhaul.



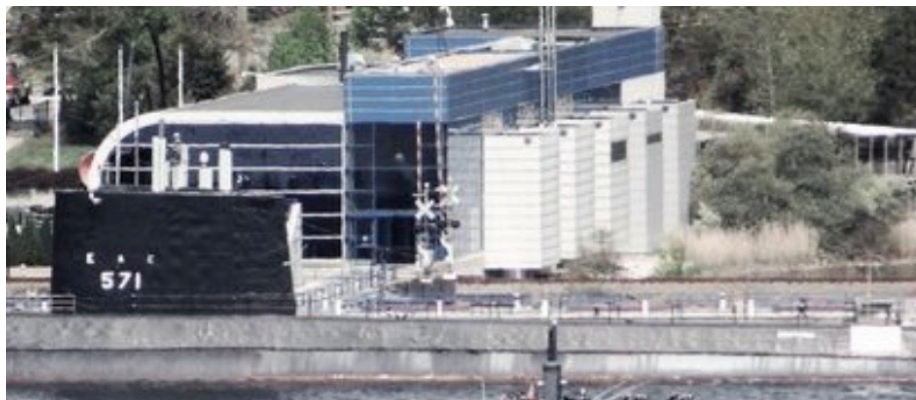
March 3, 1980 - Forty-four years ago, USS Nautilus was decommissioned.



May 20, 1982 - Forty-two years ago, Nautilus was designated a National Historic Landmark.



April 11, 1986 - Thirty-eight years ago, Historic Ship Nautilus and the Submarine Force Library & Museum opened to the public.



An Introduction To Historic Ship Nautilus' OIC

(Several months late and long overdue.)

LCDR Bryan R. Chapman, USN

Officer-in-Charge, Historic Ship NAUTILUS
(SSN 571)

Director, Submarine Force Library and
Museum



A native of Wadsworth, Ohio, LCDR Chapman enlisted in the US Navy in November of 2003. Following initial training as a nuclear Machinist's Mate, he reported to USS Annapolis, SSN-760, in Groton, CT in August of 2006. He subsequently was accepted into the Seaman-To-Admiral 21 program and was commissioned as an officer after graduating from Purdue University with a Bachelor's degree in Physics in May of 2010.

His junior officer tour was aboard USS Mississippi, SSN-782, from August of 2011 to August of 2014. As a plank owner, he served as the Reactor Controls Assistant, Quality Assurance Officer, Assistant Weapons Officer and Assistant Engineer while guiding the ship through a rigorous construction and modernization schedule prior to her transfer to the Pacific Fleet.

Following duty on Mississippi, LCDR Chapman completed a shore assignment as a Shift Engineer at the Nuclear Power Training Unit in Charleston, SC from August of 2014 to October of 2017. While assigned there he completed a Master's Degree in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University.

His Department Head tour started in May of 2018 aboard USS San Juan, SSN-751 where, as the ships Navigator, he completed a surge deployment and various training and testing exercises prior to relieving as the ships Engineer Officer. He then took the ship into a floating dry-dock to complete 18 months of maintenance prior to returning her to operational duty. He completed his department head tour as the Weapons Officer aboard USS Hartford, SSN-768 where he prepared the ship for an Engineered Overhaul at the Electric Boat shipyard in Groton, CT.

LCDR Chapman completed his next shore tour at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, CT where he served as the Weapons Officer from July, 2021 to June, 2023. There he was responsible for training and mentoring all future submarine department heads and ensuring training standards were being upheld across the submarine fleet.

LCDR Chapman assumed the position of Officer-in-Charge of Historic Ship Nautilus, SSN-571, and Director of the Submarine Force Library and Museum in July of 2023.

LCDR Chapman's awards include the Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards) and various campaign and service awards.

He resides in Voluntown, CT with his wife, Renee, and their seven children, Antonio, Gianna, Luca, Kaitlynn, Thomas, Emily, and Jacob.

Lifted from other Sources

From U.S. Naval Institute Facebook page:

In accordance with Navy tradition, submariners are thrown over the side of their boats to commemorate special occasions such as qualifying for their submarine dolphin insignia or ending a war patrol with an advancement in rating.

In 1960, six submariners from USS Amberjack (SS-522) who had earned their dolphins were thrown overboard just as a destroyer passed nearby. Unfamiliar with the tradition, the captain of the destroyer signaled "WHAT HAPPENED?" Amberjack responded "UNSHINED SHOES."

From Royal Navy #SubmarineService #SilentService:

When the hatch shuts over your head, the OOW says last man down and the Ship Controller says green board, you understand the meaning of ***adventure***.

When the only thing between you and millions of gallons of seawater is a steel hull and some closed valves, you understand the meaning of ***courage***.

When sonar calls out to the conn "high speed screws in the water" in hostile waters, you understand the meaning of ***fear***.

When the messenger passes out the only family grams the satellite could catch and yours isn't one, you learn the meaning of ***loneliness***.

When hissing water in the overhead turns from a slight annoyance to a terrifying rushing cascade bouncing off the hull and equipment, you understand the meaning of ***survival***.

When you hear the quick sound that a curtain makes on your rack that indicates your watch is about to begin, you understand the meaning of ***irritation***.

When you see a brother stand to attention while the Captain passes him his Tot with the Dolphins he worked so hard to earn, you understand the meaning of ***pride***.

When you retire and they pipe you over the side for the very last time, you learn the meaning of great ***sadness***.

When your eyes grow dim and your strength ebbs with age, and you see a submarine getting underway, you understand the meaning of ***envy***.

When a shipmate from a time so long ago passes on and people say so many things they wish they had said before they departed, you understand ***regret***.

Eternal Patrol Reports Since the Winter Newsletter



We have received no Eternal Patrol reports for Nautilus shipmates since our last newsletter. However, an honorary crew member and submariner himself, recently passed. The son of Nautilus plank owner ETC(SS) William J. (Bill) O'Halloran, **Dr. William (Bill) David O'Halloran**, departed on April 29, 2024 to and join his Dad on Eternal Patrol. Following in his father's footsteps, Bill Jr. had served aboard submarines before pursuing his career as a medical doctor. He, along with his surviving wife Karin, was a longtime, steadfast supporter of the Nautilus Alumni Association. Bill will be greatly missed.

Sailor, Rest Your Oar

When your final dive is made
and your battery's running low,
You'll know there lies a boat for you
many fathoms here below.

With your annunciators jammed on full
and your depth gauge needles bent,
Your accumulator's dry of oil
and your air banks all are spent.

It's then you get to wonderin',
"is my life's boat rigged for dive?"
Your guessing drill commences,
"am i dead or still alive?"

You pace the flooded decks with scorn
and curse the flaws of man.
Into realms of Rex you've stepped,
and here you'll make your stand.

To live your life, as sailors must,
at the bottom of the sea.
There's one you'll have to reckon with.
That one, my friend, is thee.

Will your conscience do you justice
when the final muster's in?
Did you lead the kind of life you should
in every port you've been?

The answers to these questions
and many, many more,
are locked in the hearts of sailor men
from Cannes to Singapore.

So, when your day for mast rolls 'round,
the choice is up to you.
Chart your course of life right now.
Chart it straight and true.

Now's the time to flood your tanks
and trim up 'fore and aft.
It's a trifle late when the klaxon sounds
to square away your craft.

Your final billet lies below,
on the "old ocean's" floor.
So be ready when the last word's passed —
"Sailor, rest your oar!"

- Author Unknown

[Answer to Submarine Trivia - Page 5](#)

When a navy ship goes into commission, it is assigned a voice call.

What was the voice call name assigned to USS Nautilus?
USS Nautilus' voice Call was "Aggravate"

USS Nautilus 70th Anniversary Gear Remains Available

In addition to the T-shirts and Hoodies previously announced, T-ZERS Shirt Shop is now stocking Nautilus 70th Anniversary ball caps. Navy blue for crew members and royal blue for legacy/family members. They are beautiful caps that we will all be wearing at the reunion. Order yours now since a minimum number of orders are needed before a new inventory is manufactured. **Copy and paste this URL into your browser window** (it is not executable by clicking here.)

<https://t-zers-shirt-shop-inc.printavo.com/merch/ussto>



USS Nautilus Crewmember Cap

\$22.60

Product Description The great classic look and lightweight feel make this cap an all-around favorite.

Fabric: 100% brushed cotton twill Structure: Unstructured Profile: Low Panels: 6 Closure: Self-fabric slide closure



USS Nautilus Non Crewmember Cap

Reunion Agenda Details

Wanda Sells - Reunion Chair

USS NAUTILUS CREW, FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

The 2024 USS Nautilus Reunion is 3 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 September 27th so make sure if something happens that you have to cancel let them know beforehand.

Many of us arrive the day before so you may have to call your reservation in if that is your desire. 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.

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 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 reunion. His food and service is excellent. He uses only the best food providers in the area. Cash bar.

Saturday, September 28, 2024 - 9 A.M - NAAI business meeting. Hilton Hospitality Room. Everyone is invited. Enjoy area attractions in the afternoon. Later that afternoon at 5:30 P.M. we will gather at the Submarine Force Museum and Historic Ship Nautilus to **tour Nautilus and visit the museum exhibits.** More details to come. That evening around 7 P.M., we will gather in the hospitality room for **Sea Stories** where refreshments (pizza, calzones, drinks) will be provided at no charge.

Sunday, September 29, 2024. Free day to explore the area. Lot to see and do. More to come in other emails. If you want to take a **tour down the Thames River** in a water taxi now is your chance.

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.

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.

I hope you are as excited about this wonderful reunion as we are. It has taken a lot of planning but I think we are there. Contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I love the phone calls and emails. Let me know your thoughts! Safe travels! We'll see you in a three months.

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 _____

Event	Cost
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 & (Circle Choice if attending) Lobster Clambake	\$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	\$15.00 (Circle if attending)
--	----------------------------------

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)
--	----------------------------------

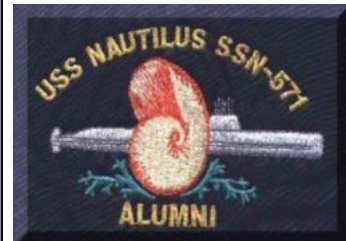
Total \$ _____

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/](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