

NAUTILUS



NEWS

2024 REUNION WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!

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 **501 (+41)**

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

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Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance: 5/9/2024 - \$9,355.13

Numerous payments, deposits and credits related to the Reunion

Bank balance: 11/4/2024: \$9,536.68

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Many great new memories were made at the 2024 Nautilus Alumni Association reunion. Old friendships were renewed and new friendships were established.

We had almost 150 in attendance, filling almost the entire hotel at the Hilton Garden Inn in Groton. Besides enjoying drinks and fellowship around the patio fire at night, Nautilus folks ate heartily at the lobster clambake and pig roast held at the Groton Lodge of Elks, laughed and shed a few tears hearing shipmates' stories at the Sea Stories Night with NAAI-provided food and drinks, saw the sights once again aboard the Thames River Heritage Park's water taxi, and celebrated the culminating event—the 70th Anniversary Banquet—at the Port & Starboard banquet hall at Ocean Beach, New London.

The Navy hosted a wonderful ceremony on the museum pier on the 70th anniversary of Nautilus's commissioning. (See newspaper article about it in the photos on page 30.)

Many photos of the reunion weekend have been posted on the Nautilus Facebook site. Several of them have been reposted in this newsletter for those NAAI members who aren't member of the Facebook group. It's a private group that allows only crew and family members to enter. To join go to Facebook and search for USS Nautilus SSN-571 where an administrator will determine whether or not you are a legitimate crew member, former crew member, or family member.

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2026 Reunion

Although the reunion chair position remains unfilled, the Board is already thinking about the 2026 reunion. Planning for it will begin in earnest within the next few weeks.

The Board is looking for any and all ideas for the next reunion besides its location. Several years ago, the bylaws were changed to require that reunions always be held in the Groton, CT area since that is where the boat will always be located.

Until we have a reunion chair, please send all ideas to Lonnie Barham at lonbarham1@gmail.com

2024 Reunion Finance Report

As noted in the finance report on page one, our bank balance is slightly greater than before the reunion.

With income from registrations/event payments and the profits from the silent auction, raffle and coin sales, we managed to keep our bank account healthy.

Silent Auction - \$2,540, Coins/Raffle - \$964

Planning for the NAAI 2026 Reunion is Underway

As usual, the 2026 NAAI reunion will be held in the Groton, CT, area within a few miles of the Submarine Force Library & Museum and Historic Ship Nautilus. We all enjoy returning to the boat we called home for so many years.

The dates for the reunion have not been established. Most likely, we will work around dates that hotels and flights are the least expensive. We will keep it during the months of May—September, however, because of weather. No one wants to be traipsing around Connecticut during the cold months.

We can't negotiate a contract with an area hotel until January of 2025 but will seek a hotel that is reasonably priced, not too far from Nautilus, and that will provide as many amenities as possible. That may end up being the same hotel we reserved for the 2024 reunion—the Hilton Garden Inn in Groton.

As far as the banquet facility, the Port & Starboard hall at Ocean Beach, New London, seemed to be a pretty good venue. However, we will conduct a search in case there is something even better.

As far as activities, the Board is open to any and all suggestions. We will start working right away on pushing the SubBase to allow us to tour an active submarine. By then, there will be a pier at the Museum for the Thames River Heritage Park's water taxi, so we can easily use it again to tour the river and to taxi back and forth to New London.

As mentioned in the box to the left, NAAI is still looking for a crew member or family member to fill the shoes of Wanda Sells as the next reunion chair. If anyone else is interested, please contact lonbarham1@gmail.com.

New to the Board of Directors

At the 2024 reunion business meeting, the following new members to the NAAI Board of Directors were elected.



Frank W. Reinhold, Jr. - NAAI Vice President

Frank is a native of Lee, New Hampshire and a graduate of Oyster River High School in Durham, NH in 1965. After graduating from high school he attended Southern New Hampshire University.

Frank subsequently joined the Navy Submarine Service and served on the following commands: USS PIPER (SS409), USS CORPORAL (SS346), USS NAUTILUS (SSN571), USS ALBACORE (AGSS569), USS SAM HOUSTON (SSBN609) (Blue), USS CINCINNATI (SSN693), USS GATO (SSN615), USS TULLIBEE (SSN597) and USS PENNSYLVANIA (SSBN726) (Blue). He served as Chief of the Boat of GATO, TULLIBEE, PENNSYLVANIA PRECOM UNIT, and USS PENNSYLVANIA BLUE.

His shore tours included the Bureau of Naval Personnel and the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and on the staff of Submarine Development Group Two (Detachment Bravo), San Diego, CA.

After completing his military career, Frank returned to the family farm in Lee, NH and established Flag Hill Winery & Vineyard, Inc. In 2019 Frank sold Flag Hill Winery & Distiller after 26 years in operation and retired.

During the same period Frank became a Real Estate Agent, then Broker and owned/managed Prudential Real Estate in Durham, NH. Frank served as President of the Strafford Country Board of Realtors and Northern New England Computer Advisory Board.

In the Town of Lee, NH, Frank served two terms as a Selectman. He also served on numerous local and state government boards and on farm/winery boards. Frank also served on several military association boards.

As an active member of the American Red Cross, Frank serves as a Disaster Assistance Team captain (DAT) providing emergency services to the Seacoast, New Hampshire region. Frank has deployed during seven national disasters throughout the United States to provide emergency assistance to victims of Hurricanes serving as a Feeding Supervisor feeding groups of up to 5000 victims a day.

Frank lives in Sebastian, FL with his wife Heather. He has one son, Frank W. Reinhold III and three grandchildren.



Paul Doucette - NAAI Secretary

I was born in Revere Massachusetts and grew up in Malden Ma. It's kinda cool when I realize I was born down the street from America's 1st public beach, Revere. Then later would serve on the world's 1st Nuke sub. Coming home from Halifax N.S. They got WBCN on the radio as we sailed by Boston. Thought that was really awesome.

I went in the Navy February 1977 and went to boot in fabulous Great Lakes RTC. From there sub school and then to my most favorite base "club" ASW in San Diego, where I met Bret Strode.

After a year of school they turned me loose on the fleet. I sat there looking at orders to the Nautilus. One of the guys offered to trade orders for a sum of money and his orders to Parche. A good class advisor talked me into keeping Nautilus.

I reported to Nautilus Sept 1978. First person I ran into was Bret Strode. What a relief to go someplace scary and find a friend. I worked seaman gang and mess cranking. Got to paint 571 on the sail! I qualified in December 79.

In March 1980 I transferred to the Andrew Jackson Gold crew. I spent 3 years on her and did 6 full patrols and got to know the North Atlantic pretty good! Became a Sonar Supervisor and was topside torpedo handler Petty officer in charge during weapons handling. One big inspection we got Outstanding on a torpedo load for topside operations.

January 1983 I went to try some Neutral duty. Checked into the USS Fulton one of the oldest ships in the Navy with maybe only the Constitution leading. I spent 18 hour days on a berthing rehab project. My enlistment came up and I got out. I did take her to sea for a week. We returned early cause things just broke!

June 1983 I reenlisted and went to Great Lakes. Got reestablished in the Navy and waited for half the summer for my orders. Finally got orders to instructor duty.

September 1983 went to instructor duty Bldg 448 on the hill across from the boomer building. I taught several Advanced Sonar courses. SSSA, BQR 23, BQR15, BQN 17 and rewrote the factory course for the BQR23 A. Got to spend a few weeks in San Diego TAD.

1986 my enlistment was finished and the wife and I decided to get out.



Bob Keehn - Information/Database Manager

Kenneth Robert (Bob) Keehn IC2(SS)

US Navy 1967-73

USS Nautilus (SSN-571) 1968-71

USS Pollack (SSN-603) 1971

Born and raised in Wichita, KS. I enlisted in the Navy on the advice of my dad. My dad was a WWII Navy veteran stationed in the Pacific. My boot camp and IC-A school was in San Diego, CA followed by Sub School in Groton.

I came aboard Nautilus in May '68 at Portsmouth, NH. The first shipmate I saw, Bob Holst IC1, was walking down the pier toward me. He handsomely wore his very full rounded red-silver beard and greeted me warmly. I loved Nautilus and my shipmates from that point on.

Nautilus turned out to be my "groundhog day," but not in a bad sense. I enjoyed the camaraderie so much that I felt I could repeat my years aboard over and over for the rest of my life. As it turned out, as enlistments were up, folks were going their own way, and I did the same.

I earned a degree in accounting and worked some 34 years for two major oil and chemical companies, both in Dallas, TX. Retired in 2018. Member of USSVI Dallas Base since 2021 and volunteer as their UpScope newsletter editor.

Debbie and I were married in 1988. Blessed with 3 wonderful daughters and 3 grandchildren (ages 3-1-1), all very special of course. Debbie and I, daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren all attended the Sep 2024 Groton reunion. I truly enjoyed visiting once again with shipmates and their families. Loved showing off Nautilus and New England to my family and they loved

being there.

Debbie and I attended our first NAAI reunion in 2000 with a number of our buddies. I volunteered in 2013 for secretary, scholarship, eternal patrol, and newsletter duties. Oldest daughter did layout (great job!) for the NAAI newsletter from 2014-2020. Mentored by Tommy Robinson 63-67, RM1, CW04 USN Ret, an extraordinary leader without ever saying he was the leader. Happy to be helping out once again!



Benjamin Amdur - Liaison to Historic Ship Nautilus & Sub Force Museum

Benjamin (Ben) Amdur is a native of Niantic, Connecticut, and a graduate of East Lyme High School. He earned a degree in Electrical Engineering from Cornell University in 2000 while attending on an NROTC scholarship, commissioning as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy upon graduation.

Over his 21 years of active-duty service, Ben served aboard USS SEAWOLF (SSN 21), USS PITTSBURGH (SSN 720), PCU NORTH DAKOTA (SSN 784), and as Officer-in-Charge of Historic Ship NAUTILUS (SSN 571). His shore assignments included roles at the SECNAV Office of Program Appraisal, the Submarine Learning Center, Naval Submarine School, and Chief of Naval Personnel. During his naval career, he also earned Master's degrees from The George Washington University and the U.S. Naval War College.

Since retiring from the Navy in 2021, Ben has been a technology program manager and business analytics team leader at Fidelity Investments. He resides in Stonington, Connecticut, with his wife, Michelle, and their two daughters, Lucy and Nina.

Bob Boyce - Scholarship Chair (Photo and Bio in next newsletter)

Name The Shipmates (Hint: All are from the 60s)



Another Nautilus Sea Story

Port Visits

by Bill Gaines

Throughout its years of operation, Nautilus traveled many miles and visited numerous ports, foreign and stateside. In looking back of my years onboard, I recall participating in 20 port visits, some more than once. All were enjoyable.

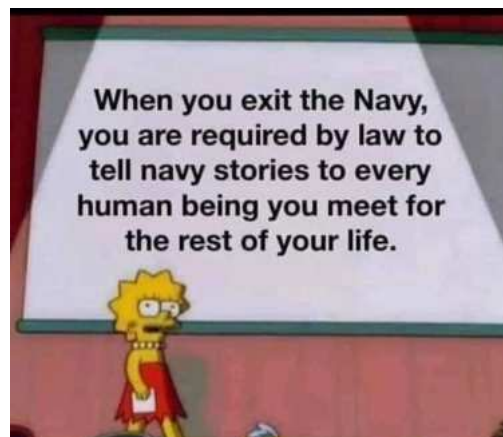
In previous posts I mentioned the visit to Miami, a wonderful 1956 gathering at the Nautilus Hotel, and the 1961 visit to the island of Malta during a Med Cruise. Each port visit was unique and I recall something special about each visit.

My first foreign port visit was to Holy Loch, Scotland, in 1957, well before it was a base for SSBNs. Nautilus was in for voyage repairs to repair a periscope that was damaged on the first Arctic ice expedition. I recall that a group of us went out in town for breakfast and we each ordered steak and eggs. The food was great, but the quantity was, well, not like Jack Baird served. Easy fix; to the amazement of the waitress, we each order 2 helpings. Great breakfast.

During that same trip, we visited Portland and Plymouth England and Le Havre, France. It was in Plymouth that I first became aquatinted with my dear friend and shipmate Joe Degnan. As the liberty party gathered and began heading back to the ship, Joe took control and was in the lead singing God Save The Queen. There was never a dull moment when Joe was present.

In Le Havre, I remember going shopping for a French Beret with my friend Denny Breese. For both of us, it was a must have item. How could you visit France and not purchase a beret? I still have that French beret from Fauvet in La Havre, but more so, lots of wonderful memories of time spent with my great shipmates.

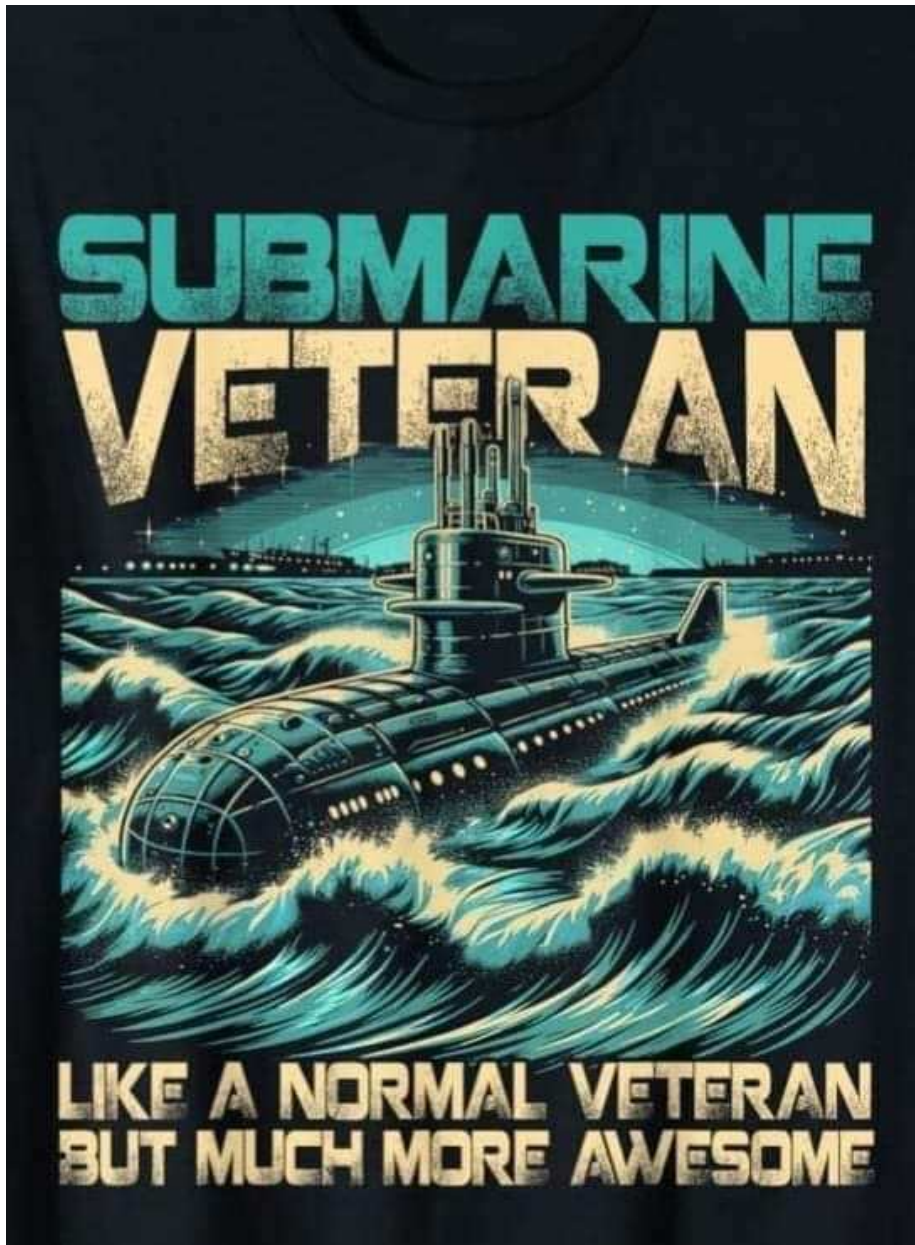
Then there were the port visits to the beautiful island of Bermuda. For excitement in Bermuda, it was motorbikes. It seems that Nautilus produced a few challenges to the antics of the famous Evel Knievel. Ouch! So many other port visits and so many other great memories. Pictures below: A very dapper Chuck Shaffer on his Bermuda motorbike. And Ed Reardon and George Fields, the fearless torpedo men after their great Bermuda motorbike adventure. As I recall, the story was that while riding the motorbikes cautiously down a narrow road, a thorn bush suddenly jumped out into the middle of the road. Or something like that. The best shipmates ever. So what are your Nautilus port visit memories? For Joe Degnan: What about a Colonel Keating of the Royal Algerian Balloon Force story?



Submarine Trivia

Who were the sitting U.S. presidents to travel aboard a submerged submarine? (Answer later in this newsletter)

We honored all Veterans on November 11th, but...



Eternal Patrol Reports Since the Summer Newsletter

Sailor, Rest Your Oar!



Gary L. Ingraham, Retired CWO2, served aboard Nautilus as MM1(SS) from 1961-1965, Departed on *Eternal Patrol* on 3/12/24.

Gregory A. Mercer, Retired MMCS(SS), served aboard Nautilus as MM1(SS) from 1975-1980. Departed on *Eternal Patrol* on 6/10/24.

William A. Goodrich, Retired LCDR, served aboard Nautilus as ETN3(SS) from 1961-1962. Departed on *Eternal Patrol* on 12/21/23.

Alfred C. Emunson, Retired MMCM(SS), served aboard Nautilus as MMCS(SS) from 1970-1975. Departed on *Eternal Patrol* on 11/13/24.

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

More Submarine Trivia

How many enemy warships did U.S. submarines sink during WWII? (Answer later in this newsletter)

Even More Submarine Trivia

Who were the only three First Ladies to sponsor/christen a submarine? (Answer later in this newsletter)

Now, for a bit of humor!

A southern country preacher from Georgia had a teenage son named Chip and it was getting time the boy should give some thought to choosing a profession. Like many young men, the boy didn't have a clue what he wanted to do, and didn't seem too concerned about it.

One day, while the boy was away at school, his father decided to try an experiment. He went into the boy's room and placed four objects on his desk:

- A Bible
- A silver dollar
- A bottle of Jack Daniels whiskey
- A Playboy magazine

The old preacher then says to himself "I'll just hide behind the door, and when he comes home from school this afternoon, I'll see which object he picks up. If it's the Bible, he's going to be a preacher like me, and what a blessing that would be! If he picks up the dollar, he's going to be a businessman, and that would be OK; but if he picks up the bottle, he's going to be a no-good drunkard, and, Lord, what a shame that would be. And worst of all, if he picks up that horrible magazine he's gonna be a skirt-chasin' bum."

The old man waited anxiously, and soon heard his son's footsteps entering the house and whistling and he headed for his room.

The boy tossed his books on the bed, and as he turned to leave spotted the objects on the desk. With curiosity in his eye, he walked over to inspect them.

He picked up the Bible and placed it under his arm, dropped the silver dollar into his pocket, uncorked the bottle, and chugged a big long drink while he studied the details of this month's centerfold.

"Lord have mercy," the old preacher disgustedly whispered, "he's gonna be a Submarine Sailor!"

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

The Nautilus Scholarship application period for the 2025-2026 school year is well underway. Thus far, we have received fewer than a dozen applications. Please publicize this great educational opportunity to your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Last year we awarded three scholarships, each worth \$3,500 for a student's first year, with the ability to reapply for subsequent years. It's a great supplement to tuition.

Our bylaws require that one scholarship goes to a student seeking to attend (or already attending) a four-year college/university, one to a student going to a junior/community college, and one to a student who wants to pursue a technical/vocational education or certificate.

We 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 will have a very high chance of receiving a scholarship since there have been 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.*



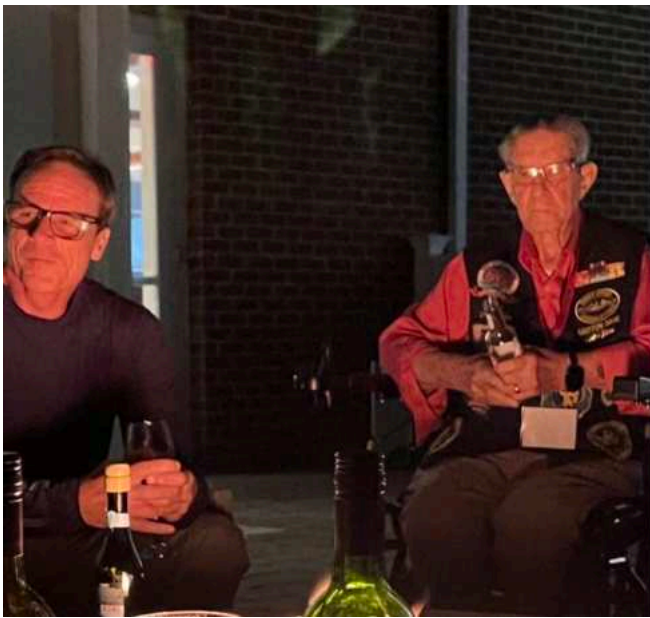


PHOTOS FROM THE 2024 NAAI REUNION

These photos were lifted from the *USS Nautilus SSN-571* Facebook Group's pages. Names are not included since copying photos and names together aren't easily done. To identify crew and family members pictured, please go to Facebook and search for the USS Nautilus group. Ask to join and an administrator will contact you shortly. After admission, you will be able to scroll through all entries, to include these photos with faces identified.







































Members of the Groton Middle School Band perform the Navy Hymn during a ceremony celebrating the 70th anniversary of the commissioning of the Nautilus at the Submarine Force Museum on Monday.

A major anniversary for the Nautilus

Navy marks 70 years since commissioning of the first nuclear sub

By KIMBERLY DRELIICH

Groton — About 2,500 sailors served aboard the USS Nautilus (SSN-571) during its service life, from its commissioning and historic journey to the North Pole, to its Cold War missions and last trip before decommissioning, said Lonnie Barham, president of the Nautilus Alumni Association.

Speakers thanked those crew members during a ceremony Monday afternoon at the pier alongside Nautilus at the Submarine Force Library and Museum held to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the ship's commissioning.

"They've celebrated the long life of the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, 'the first and finest' as called her, so we as remember that of achievement, it was the intrepid



Navy veteran John Augustine and other attendees stand for the benediction during Monday's ceremony.

men who sailed her who made her great," Barham said. Barham said men and women continue to serve as a crew to ensure Nautilus "remains in the hearts and minds of Americans as the wonder-

ful historic ship that she is." More than 40 Nautilus crew members were among the crowd of over 100 people attending the ceremony overlooking the submarine and the Thames River on the sunny afternoon.

At one point, the Nautilus crew members stood and were applauded by the audience, followed by other Navy members and veterans also standing as the Groton Middle School Band performed "Anchors Aweigh," the unofficial march song of the U.S. Navy.

The decommissioned submarine has been displayed at the museum since 1986 as the "Historic Ship Nautilus."

Lt. Cmdr. Bryan Chapman, officer in charge of the Nautilus, spoke about the "revolutionary achievement, the transformational impact and the continued relevance of this historic ship Nautilus with its bold and courageous crew."

Retired Rear Adm. Sam Cox, director of the Naval History and Heritage Command, said that within eight months of being launched, the Nautilus was commissioned. A few months later, the Nautilus was underway and Cmdr. Eugene F. Wilkinson gave the famous message, "Underway on nuclear power."

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Nautilus crew members recall having great shipmates

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Cox said the submarine "revolutionized Naval warfare, and, in addition to that, the technology represented in that ship also changed the course of world history in bringing about the end of the Cold War."

Nautilus through the years

William E. Engdall, a crew member aboard the Nautilus at its commissioning and among a group who shared their memories in a Zoom interview last week, recalled that he and his shipmates were so happy to stand on the deck during the commissioning ceremony in 1954. He said he felt he was part of a great vessel that drew the crew together from all different backgrounds. "Everyone had a niche," he said.

Engdall, who served aboard the Nautilus from ages 18 to 21 and was a senior chief torpedoman's mate, said he enjoyed the camaraderie. He said as a result of the Nautilus, he served a long career in the Navy and then for the Department of Defense.

The Nautilus made a historic journey in 1958 under the North Pole. Joe Degnan, who served aboard the Nautilus



Members of the Naval Submarine School Silver Dolphin Color Guard present the colors during a ceremony celebrating the 70th anniversary of the commissioning of the USS Nautilus at the Submarine Force Museum on Monday.

from December 1956 to December 1958 as an electrician's mate, was one of the "PANOPO" crew members, which stands for Pacific to Atlantic via the North Pole. The 1958 transpolar journey included 13 officers, 98 enlisted Navy crew

members, a Navy captain psychiatrist, two civilian ice experts, and two civilian inertial navigation system experts.

Before then, in 1957, the Nautilus made three excursions covering 1,383 miles under ice from the Atlantic, and the

crew developed an incredible amount of information on how to maneuver under ice that proved invaluable — and proved that a transpolar trip would be possible, Degnan said. Barham, who was a supply petty officer aboard the Nautilus

from 1966 to 1968, said fewer than half of the 2,500 sailors, who served aboard the Nautilus during her operational life, are still alive.

Barham said alumni and their families came together for activities over the past few days, as well as the commissioning, to celebrate 70 years of Nautilus service and every sailor.

"Every single one of us was extremely proud to have served aboard Nautilus, no matter when, and we had great officers, great captains, very highly qualified people all around us that we could depend on — and no matter what we did, we were proud of it, and to this day I still am," Barham said.

Robert W. Boyce, who served aboard the Nautilus from 1965 to 1969, reporting as a lieutenant junior grade and leaving as a lieutenant, said celebrating the commissioning anniversary "is telling the world that these ships, the submarine community, is essential for our national security, and Nautilus played an important part."

He said the lessons learned from the Nautilus,

including the importance of training, continue to be applied today.

He recalled the collision between the Nautilus and the aircraft carrier Essex in 1966. He said that the Nautilus crew responded the way they were trained, and "everybody did what they were supposed to do in an emergency."

James J. Kronenwetter, who served aboard the Nautilus from 1965 to 1968 as a nuclear electrician, said a concrete owl served as a mascot aboard the Nautilus for a period of time, accompanying the crew on trips. Postcards were sent back to the owl's original location in Groton.

Paul Doucette, a sonar technician who was part of the decommissioning crew, said he grew up hearing about the Nautilus on the news, but the significance of serving aboard didn't fully sink in until he was visiting home and one of his parents' friends started talking to him all about the submarine's history.

Doucette, who served aboard the Nautilus from 1978 to 1980, said he was "proud to be a custodian of the first nuclear submarine." kdrelich@theday.com

And a Final 2024 Reunion Story



Marie Thompson & Debbie Keehn

Marie Thompson

I thought I was the only one

by: Bob Keehn

Marie lives in Vermont, and she attended the 2024 Nautilus reunion. I recall that she and her husband Frank and her sister Loretta always attended reunions together. Frank, served aboard Nautilus 1961-67 as SO1/STC/COB and retired as CW03. Sadly Frank departed Eternal Patrol in 2018, and Loretta has also passed.

I will always remember both Marie and Loretta as an incredibly glamorous pair, always dressed for our Nautilus banquet as if

attending the Midshipman's Ball!

As my story goes, at our Sep 30, 2024 banquet, Marie's son Patrick (also a Subvet) and his wife Lori, pointed out where Marie was seated. I hustled over, trotting out ahead of my wife Debbie, but she soon caught up and we shared a warm greeting and hug with Marie. It was truly good to see her still living vibrantly.

A kind of minor commotion started up as "other guys" came over to share their hellos. I stepped back a bit and observed the Kronenwetter brothers, Bill and Jim, standing in line as if they had their dance cards in hand.

Now, you should know, that in my mind, Marie and I go back a bit. Lori and Patrick arranged a dinner with Marie, clam chowder and beer, back in 2022 at the 99 in Groton. So, I was in mild shock to see that Bill and Jim and others looked to also be involved.

I gathered myself, and admitting my reduced stature, tapped Bill on the shoulder and simply said, "I thought I was the only one".

Submarine Trivia

Who were the only sitting U.S. presidents to travel aboard a submerged submarine?

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Answer: Theodore Roosevelt and Harry Truman were the only two sitting presidents to travel in a submerged diesel submarine. Roosevelt rode in the USS Plunger (SS-2), the Navy's second submarine in 1905 and first purpose-built submarine. The Plunger was commissioned in 1903.

Truman took a trip, to include submergence, on the captured German submarine U-2513 while on vacation in Key West, Florida, and was later presented with a plaque that certified him as a qualified submariner.

Presidents Eisenhower, Nixon and Carter also rode submarines, to include experiencing dives, aboard nuclear submarines.

More Submarine Trivia

How many enemy warships did U.S. submarines sink during WWII?

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Answer: 1314

Even More Submarine Trivia

Who were the only three First Ladies to sponsor/christen a submarine?

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Answer: Mamie Eisenhower (USS Nautilus), Jackie Kennedy (USS Lafayette), and Michelle Obama (USS Illinois).

**Have a Great Fall and
early Winter.**

Happy Thanksgiving!
Merry Christmas!

**Be on the lookout for the
Winter NAAI newsletter
that will publish in
February.**

Thanks for reading!

Lonnie Barham, Editor