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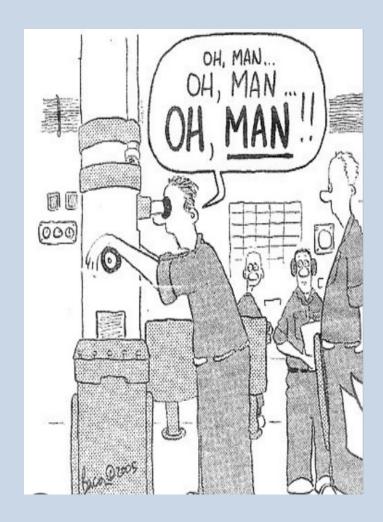
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello to the Nautilus Family!

Ours is a large, rich and diverse family, including current and former Nautilus sailors, their families, and numerous supporters of Nautilus who assist our Association as we strive to ensure the lasting memory of *The First and Finest* and keep her forever in the hearts and minds of America.

2026 Reunion: The NAAI Board has decided that the dates for the 2026 Nautilus Reunion will be during the same late September time frame as the 2024 get together. Exact dates will be determined based on best pricing after we complete negotiations with the hotel and the banquet venue, but most likely the dates will be Thursday-Sunday, 24-27 September, with the ability to add a day or two before or after should guests want to stay longer.

Theme: 2026 marks the 40th anniversary of the Submarine Force Library & Museum at its off-base, open to the public location, and the 40th anniversary of Nautilus opening to the public as aa historic ship. These anniversaries will be celebrated at the 2026 reunion. Both of these remarkable events occurred on April 11, 1986.

The Board seriously considered having the 2026 reunion in April of 2026 to coincide with the 40th anniversary of these two events, but when we realized the average temperature in Groton in early April is in the chilly 40s and 50s, and that many attractions—such as Abbott's Lobsters in Noank—are not yet open, the September dates were chosen.

In addition to celebrating Nautilus's and the Museum's opening to the public, we want to celebrate the sailors assigned to Historic Ship Nautilus, both current and those assigned since the ship's opening to the public in 1986. They serve as the backbone of NAAI's and the Navy's quest to educate the public about Nautilus and her achievements, and to immortalize her in the annals of American history. A huge emphasis will be placed on including these sailors in our reunion activities and recognizing their importance and accomplishments.

Activities: Wanda Sells and her board member assistants did such a great job with the 2024 reunion that the current board will, for the most part, duplicate the activities from that reunion. The "Sea Stories Night" during which Nautilus sailors recounted their adventures and humorous anecdotes will become Family Sea Stories Night; when family members will talk about their memories and funny stories related to Nautilus. The same evening we'd like to hear some interesting and/or humorous stories from current and former Historic Ship Nautilus sailors related to their service aboard The First and Finest.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE cont.

Hotel and Venues: We are now in the process of exploring hotels and venues for the reunion. However, many hotels and venues won't negotiate prices or dates more than a year out. Right now, the same hotel and venues used during the 2024 reunion look to be the best, but that may change when we can negotiate in September 2025. The important thing is for all of us to put the dates on your calendars and be prepared to make travel and hotel reservations as soon as the registration form is published in the early fall of this year.

Fraternally,

Lonnie Barham, NAAI President

Oscala Fla. Celebrates the laying of the keel! From an article published in 2012

https://www.ocala.com/story/news/local/2012/06/18/dedication-saturday-for-crew-of-uss-nau-tilus/31903466007/ Dedication_

For crew of USS Nautilus June 14 marked the 60th anniversary of the laying of the keel.

Dedication Saturday for crew of USS Nautilus



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Frank Holland, an engineman first class in the Nautilus reactor room, was an Ocala native who died at age 80 on April 1, 2011. He served on the Nautilus from 1955 to 1961 and was onboard for the first transit under the North Pole in 1958.

Baccoli, on June 14, 1952, was a 17-year-old Navy journalist with the Naval Submarine Base New London newspaper "Dolphin" and was sent to cover the keel-laying ceremony at the nearby Groton, Conn., shipyard.

"I knew every picture counted," said Baccoli at his residence in Oak Run.

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Baccoli, originally from Queens, was assigned to take photos of President Harry S. Truman as he carved his initials into the keel.

"Can you imagine, a 17-year-old getting a chance to meet the president," Baccoli said.

Oscala Fla. Celebrates the laying of the keel cont.









USS Nautilus (SSN 571/SS 168) Scholarships - 2025



Congratulations! Four scholarships were awarded for \$3,500 each. All four were for 4-year college attendance— no jr. college, community college, or trade schools. Two were awarded to descendants of officers and two to descendants of enlisted.



Taylor Hammond

"I'm incredibly grateful to be named a SubForce Scholar, as it allows me to honor my grandfather – someone I never had the chance to meet, but who continues to impact my life. This award will help me thrive academically as I pursue my studies in Sport and Entertainment Management. I feel truly fortunate to receive this opportunity through both his legacy and the support of this scholarship

Sponsor: STS3(SS) Barry

Hammond,

USS Nautilus, 1966-68

College: University of South Carolina

Year: Sophomore

Major: Sport & Entertainment Management Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Dean's List
- University of South Carolina Volleyball, Manager
- Women in Sport and Entertainment Club



Ashley Hammond

"It is truly an honor to be a SubForce Scholar. This scholarship will grant me opportunities to further my education at the University of Denver. I am so fortunate to have been selected, and I am eager to continue to gain new experiences at DU that will progress my professional career exponentially. Thank you very much."

Sponsor: STS3(SS) Barry Hammond,

USS Nautilus, 1966-68
College: University of Denver

Year: Senior Major: Hospitality

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Dean's List
- Study Abroad Florence, Italy
- Hospitality School Ambassador
- Manager of student-run cafe
- Accepted into the 4+1 program at DU



Emmalyn Siclare

Also Selected: 2023, 2024

"I am extremely honored to be a recipient of the Nautilus Scholarship! It will allow me to pursue my dream of becoming a Nurse Practitioner and to make an impact on people's lives. It is such an honor to represent the submarine community."

Sponsor: CDR Bennett

Siclare.

USN (Ret.) HS Nautilus, 1998-2000, 8th OIC

College: Georgia Southern University

Year: Junior Major: Nursing

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society
- Presidents List
- Student Nurses Association
- Georgia Southern University Singers Choir
- Georgia Southern University Honors College

Other Scholarships: Foxwoods Resort & Casino Scholar



Annabelle Whitney

"It is an honor to be a SubForce Scholar and to continue the legacy of my grandfather, CDR Payson R. Whitney, Jr. The scholarship will help me take the next steps in my education and career path."

Sponsor: CDR Payson R. Whitney, Jr., USN (Ret.), USS Nautilus 1967-71 High School: Fitch High School College: University of Connecticut

Year: Freshman

Major: Art

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- All-State Mixed Choir
- Varsity Fencing Women's Foil MVP
- Chamber Choir Award

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CALLING ALL NUKES...

Hundreds of Nautilus sailors went to Nuclear Power School at this facility. Like many things in the past, S1W Idaho is now just a memory. Mostly good for our shipmates we hope.









Naval Reactors

U.S. Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management contractors safely conducted explosive demolition of the S1W (Submarine First Generation Westinghouse Design) Prototype Facility at the Naval Reactors Facility in Idaho.

Explosive demolition was the safest and most cost-effective approach to demolishing this steel facility structure and resulted in more than \$25 million saved in time and resources.

Constructed in 1953, the S1W Prototype trained over 13,000 Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program operators before final shutdown in October 1989. In 2019, **Naval Reactors** partnered with DOE-EM to decontaminate and decommission the three inactive prototypes located at NRF, beginning with S1W.

WHATS UP AT THE MUSEUM?

Water Taxi ... grand opening! Take me to the museum please!







Golf anyone? I know this event is in October but we wanted anyone interested to be aware. SIGN UP EARLY!

https://ussnautilus.org/golf-registration/

October 2025



October 16

Deep Dive Golf Tournament

Lake of Isles Groton, CT, United States

Submarine Force Library and Museum Association presents the 5th Annual DEEP DIVE Golf Tournament Lake of Isles, FOXWOODS, North Stonington | Thursday, October 16, 2025 SAVE THE DATE Player registration includes: Green Fee, Cart, Range Balls, Prizes, Continental Breakfast, Grilled [...]





JOIN YOUR SHIPMATES ON FACEBOOK!

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Join all three!

There are two excellent Facebook groups dedicated to the USS Nautilus, its sailors, and their families. The first, is the **USS Nautilus SSN 571** page. Started several years ago by a Nautilus shipmate and a Nautilus spouse it's an outstanding group. A great source for photos, stories, and news events related to Nautilus. Just type in the group's name in the Facebook search bar and click on "JOIN". It's a private group only for Nautilus shipmates and their family members, so an administrator will have to welcome you aboard. You'll be happy you joined!

USS Nautilus SSN 571 Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/233864874124693

The other, more recent, Facebook group dedicated to Nautilus shipmates, family members, and friends, is the NAAI Facebook group **Nautilus Alumni Association**.

It's the official source for news about Nautilus Alumni Association events, and dedicated to helping keep alive the history and achievements of USS Nautilus. Here you will find breaking news about the 2026 Nautilus Reunion and other events and links. Again, just type in the group's name and click "JOIN" and an admininistrator will welcome you aboard!

Nautilus Alumni" Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/964349679134624

Another great Facebook site dedicated to Nautilus and to the entire submarine force. The home of 571, **The Submarine Force Museum Association**, home of the USS Nautilus. It is a great source for information about Historic Ship Nautilus, the Submarine Force Library & Museum, and about the submarine force in general. It's another Facebook site that is well worth joining!

Submarine Force Museum Association Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/SubmarineMuseumAssoc

The Treasury Report \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

NAUTILUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INC			
CHECKING BALANCE 03/16/2025		\$	9,526.37
	APRIL-MAY 2025 EXPENSES		
04-02-2025	QUICKBOOKS		\$35.00
04-18-2025	NAAI CREDIT CARD PAYMENT		\$17.11
	ZOOM MEETING (APRIL)\$17.11		
5-2-2025	QUICKBOOKS		\$35.00
5-19-2025	NAAI CREDIT CARD PAYMENT		\$10.00
	AUTOMATIC PAYMENT		
5-19-2025	NAAI CREDIT CARD PAYMENT		\$532.11
	100 COINS (\$525.00)		
	ZOOM MEETING (MAY)\$17.11		
	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$629.22
	DEPOSITS APRIL-MAY 2025		
04/07/25 Coin Reimbursement(Schmid)		\$101.00	
CHECKING BALANCE 05/19/2025 \$8,998.15			\$8,998.15
COIN INVENTORY 56			
Submitted by Rick Faircloth, Treasurer 05/19/2025			



70th anniversary coins. We have 56 left. The cost is \$6 plus postage.

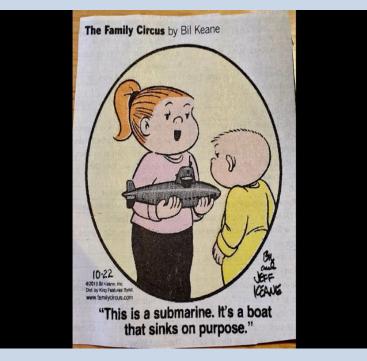


THE FUNNY PAGES

How many submariners does it take to change a light bulb? Two. One to hold the bulb... and the other to drink so much

that the room spins.







"HEY WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GUY THAT KEPT FARTING?"



"Open the hatch, please! I promise...no more farting."

Miscellaneous Nautilus Photos Found on the Internet





A book for middle schools!

Margaret (Peggy) **Ballman** is writing a book about USS Nautilus that will be geared toward middle schoolers. It promises to be an outstanding addition to the extensive collection of books about our wonderful boat. She also sent me the post below about a mural her relative Phillip Boyle (Nautilus 54-59, Plankowner and PANOPO) had painted on Railroad property facing his back yard. Impressive!

"Hi Lonnie, here is the photo of the Nautilus painting I mentioned. Uncle Phil had an artist paint it on the railroad wall behind his property in <u>Woodbridge</u>, NJ. It stayed there for several decades until he passed away. At that point, the house was sold and I guess the township painted over it. Unfortunately, the picture has some scratches or some kind of markings on it. I don't know what or how they got there."

"I also found this pic. On the back it says Portland 1958. Looks like Uncle Phil with two other sailors and some visitors. As far as I know, my uncle did not know anyone in Portland, so I'm guessing the other folks were guests on a tour or something. I thought the tall blond sailor behind Uncle Phil might be John Yuill or John Kurris, but not sure. I tried to identify the men from the Nautilus yearbook, which I realize includes a few who were not on Operation Sunshine. I thought the sailor on left could be Jeff Armstrong or Aage C. Jensen, but again, all guesses on my part!"

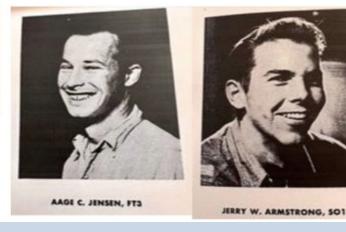


Here are the photo Ms. <u>Ballman</u> sent of her Uncle Phil Boyle in Portland during the <u>PANOPO</u> trip. She included photos of Nautilus sailors from whom she tried to guess was the "the tall, blond sailor behind <u>Uncole Phil"</u> might be. Perhaps Phil's <u>PANOPO</u> shipmates can identify the sailor. (Looks like John Yuill to me.)









ETERNAL PATROL



"Sailor, rest your oars"

MMC (SS) Bruce Aquizap Nautilus 1957 to 1962 PANOPO



Sadly, we learned that our shipmate Bruce Aquizap has departed on eternal patrol. Bruce served aboard Nautilus from 1957 to 1962 and was aboard when Nautilus became the first in history to cross the North Pole under the ice and then transit on to the Atlantic Ocean, coining the term PANOPO—Pacific to Atlantic via the North Pole. Bruce was an MMC(SS) aboard Nautilus and later retired from the Navy as a Lieutenant. Bruce leaves a loving family in New Hampshire. Bruce was 92 years old.

Rest in Peace, Shipmate, until we meet again in Neptune's Valhalla! "Nautilus Family

We lost a Nautilus treasure today. I was notified by Tori Aquizap today that Bruce has passed. Many of us were aware and had the opportunity to talk to him for the past few weeks. If you would like to send Tori and the family a card her address is 65 Tide Mill Road, Hampton, NH. 03842-2706. Her phone number is 603-778-5083.

Wanda Sells"

ETERNAL PATROL



"Sailor, rest your oars"

Richard Manazir Jr. Nov. 27, 1949 – April 28, 2025, Nautilus 1971-1974

Richard M. Manazir, Jr., 75, husband of Jeannette Drucker Manazir, of Beaufort, SC, died peacefully Monday, April 28, 2025 in Beaufort Memorial Hospital after a long battle with cancer.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 1:00pm in Anderson Funeral Home. A memorial service will follow on Saturday at 2:00pm in Carl Anderson Memorial Chapel.

Rick was born on November 27, 1949 in Boston, MA. He is the son of the late Richard M. Manazir, Sr. and Evelyn O'Connell Manazir.

He leaves behind his wife, Jeannette; his daughter, Kelly and her husband Mike O'Connor; one brother, Robert O'Connell; two sisters, Danise Vieni and Debbie Millett; two grandchildren, three great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews as well as his loving companions Dudley and Zoe.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the Hilton Head Humane Society - 10 Humane Way, Hilton Head SC 29926 or One Love Animal Rescue - www.oneloveanimalrescue.com



Maybe you have an idea, something you'd like to see at the next reunion. Here's your chance to see it happen. My shipmates from the Decom days and Historical Ship members, we're the young bucks in this! Legacy members we need you! So let's step up and help make this next reunion as memorable a reunion as the last.



Found this picture in a search, I don't recall a Nuclear weapons handling party, or missile techs when I rode the "Bus"! Maybe that was one of my "grape" qual signatures!

VIEWER SUBMISSIONS ENCOURAGED! IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS SUGGESTIONS OF WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS. CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER!

Important Links!

On the next pages you will find many useful internet links. This is recreated using John Dudas' document he sends out. It's updated from the last newsletter. Thanks John! Remember Hold the control button and click on it.



USSVI National Veterans Service Officer - June 2025 - John Dudas

Shipmates - Hi Everyone, Sorry I missed the April and May VSO Newsletters. I was indisposed with Open-Heart Bypass surgery and am still attending Rehab at the hospital for the next 13 weeks. Everything is working and I am regaining my strength every day with the workouts.

Editor: Paul Doucette

Editor's Note: John Dudas is a Nautilus crewmember, 1969-72. To decide if this report should be continued, please let me know if you find this information useful. Paul Doucette, NAAI Secretary & Editor

VA's Home Refinancing Options for Military Members and Veterans

https://www.military.com/money/personal-finance/vas-home-refinancing-options-military-members-and-veterans.html

VA Watchdog: Misdated PACT Act Disability Decisions Costing Government, Veterans Millions

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/04/15/thousands-of-vets-disability-claims-linked-pact-act-included-wrong-dates-resulting-mispayments.html

Coast Guard Reservist Wins Landmark Supreme Court Case Over Pay Disparities for Federal Workers

 $https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/05/01/coast-guard-reservist-wins-landmark-supreme-court-case-over-pay-disparities-federal-workers. \\html$

Vet Realtor Pulls Alarm on Plan To Fund 'Blue Water' Navy Bill

https://www.military.com/militaryadvantage/2018/06/21/vet-realtor-pulls-alarm-plan-fund-blue-water-navy-bill.html

VA Chipping Away at Claims Backlog, Hopes to Process 2.5 million Filings This Year

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/04/09/va-chipping-away-claims-backlog-hopes-process-25-million-filings-year.html

Lawmakers Press VA for New Cost Estimate on Electronic Heath Records System

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/04/03/lawmakers-press-va-new-cost-estimate-electronic-heath-records-system.html

VA's Top Watchdog Agency Blames Poor Accounting Practices for Last Year's Budget Scare

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/03/28/vas-top-watchdog-agency-blames-poor-accounting-practices-last-years-budget-scare.html

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VA announces major survivor benefits reforms

https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-announces-major-survivor-benefits-reforms/

Chairman Bost for the Daily Caller: Time To Restore Veterans' Constitutional

https://veterans.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=6687

Thousands in West Region being booted out of military's Tricare

https://www.militarytimes.com/pay-benefits/mil-money/2025/05/09/thousands-in-west-region-being-booted-out-of-militarys-tricare/

VA's online legacy project adds names of 210,000 vets lost overseas

https://www.militarytimes.com/veterans/2025/05/08/vas-online-legacy-project-adds-names-of-210000-vets-lost-overseas/

A shifts survivors assistance office in effort to speed up benefits

https://www.militarytimes.com/veterans/2025/05/05/va-shifts-survivors-assistance-office-in-effort-to-speed-up-benefits/

Commissary director sees opportunity for stores amid DOD upheaval

https://www.militarytimes.com/pay-benefits/mil-money/2025/04/29/commissary-director-sees-opportunity-for-stores-amid-dod-upheaval/

VA unveils the next 13 sites for electronic health record rollout

https://www.militarytimes.com/veterans/2025/04/01/va-unveils-next-13-sites-for-electronic-health-record-rollout/

What Type of Benefits Are Available to the Widow of a Veteran?

https://www.reference.com/world-view/type-benefits-available-widow-veteran-109023a308ae4c00? ad=dirN&qo=serpIndex&o=740005&origq=veterans+administration+news&ueid=319162d3-4bbc-4144-b93c-552def21d6bb

Access to non-VA care no longer requires secondary approval

https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-makes-it-easier-for-veterans-to-use-community-care/

Share your story, today, with "VLM for Living Veterans

https://news.va.gov/140128/share-your-story-today-with-vlm-for-living-veterans/

My Heal the Vet is moving, June 4, 2025

https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/home

Miller-Meeks, Kiggans, Bergman Introduce No Wrong Door for Veterans Act

https://millermeeks.house.gov/media/press-releases/miller-meeks-kiggans-bergman-introduce-no-wrong-door-veterans-action and the state of the control of th

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A Single Server Holds All Navy Pay and Promotion Data. DOGE Canceled a Contract to Upload It to the Cloud.

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ESRC=navy_250527.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=navy&utm_campaign=20250527

These Resorts and Hotels Are Just for Veterans and Military Members

https://www.military.com/travel/these-resorts-and-hotels-are-just-veterans-and-military-members.html? ESRC=navy_250527.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=navy&utm_campaign=20250527

Is Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay Taxed?

https://www.military.com/money/personal-finance/ask-lacey-concurrent-retirement-and-disability-pay-taxed.html? ESRC=navy 250527.nl&utm medium=email&utm source=navy&utm campaign=20250527

PTSD VA Ratings: What You Need to Know

https://www.military.com/benefits/ptsd-va-rating.html?
ESRC=navy_250527.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=navy&utm_campaign=20250527

Hegseth Orders Review of Defense Department's Support for Homeschooling

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/05/27/hegseth-orders-review-of-defense-departments-support-homeschooling.html?ESRC=eb_250528.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eb&utm_campaign=20250528

Pentagon Diverts \$1 Billion from Army Barracks to Fund Border Mission

https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/05/28/pentagon-diverts-1-billion-army-barracks-fund-border-mission.html? ESRC=eb_250529.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eb&utm_campaign=20250529

Services Ordered to Cut PCS Moves by 50% over Next 5 Years

 $https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/05/28/pentagon-orders-services-cut-pcs-moves-50-over-next-5-years.html?\\ ESRC=eb_250529.nl\&utm_medium=email\&utm_source=eb\&utm_campaign=20250529$

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