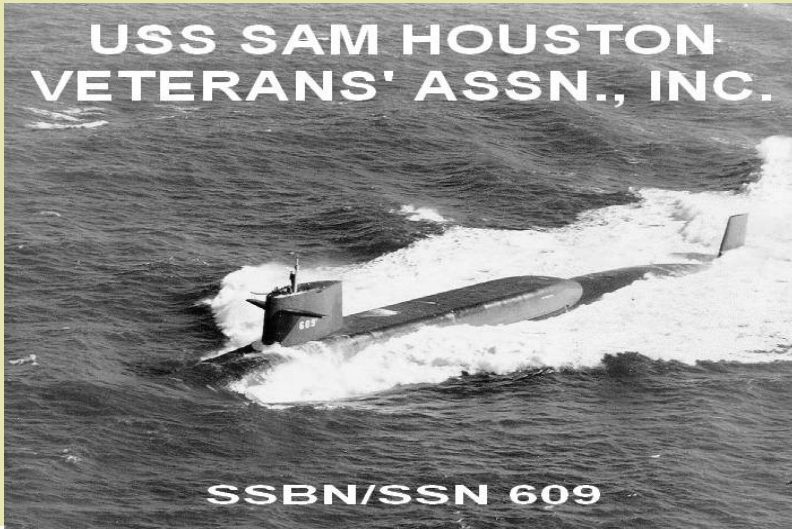


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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Shipmates & Associate Members:

I hope that all of you are as healthy as can be expected, have enjoyed the summer, and were spared property or emotional damage that might have resulted from the widespread wild weather that plagued much of the country this summer. I experienced my first discernible earthquake that was followed by Hurricane Irene—both within a week! Neither produced significant damage in northern Delaware. Hopefully, that will be all of the meteorological and geological turmoil for a long time.

Some members submitted potential reunion host cities that I will delve into at the start of next year. A few appear suitable with a cursory investigation. An article has more information on this topic inside.

Also inside are some details about the 2012 reunion in Charleston, S.C. I'm including this preliminary information primarily for your advance planning. I have some great tours planned that all attendees should enjoy and find memorable—especially if the last time you were in Charleston was when the boat was overhauled there.

Hoping that you can attend the reunion in 2012,

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DONATIONS FOR THE MEMORIAL BENCH & COMMEMORATIVE PATCH

Some members have donated toward the granite memorial bench to be installed at the Cold War Submarine Memorial at Patriots Point near Charleston, S.C. in the name of the SHVA. If you have not contributed to this significant project and are able to do so, please do so. The minimum suggested contribution is \$25, but the SHVA will accept any amount within your budget. Please mail your donation to our Treasurer at the following address:

Mark Manzer
10118 NE 41st Ave.
Vancouver, WA 98686

Installing the memorial bench is important because 1) it is a most appropriate gesture as it pertains to submariners from our era, and 2) it fulfills one of the objectives for the SHVA's incorporation and its tax-exempt status—memorializing our departed shipmates.

The SHVA is issuing “vest ready” iron/sew-on commemorative patches to donors for the year 2011. All donations during the year are considered contributions toward the memorial bench. Our Storekeeper, **Larry Farrell** [MM1(SS), Blue, 1968-1970], designed the patch (and the granite bench), and the Board of Advisors decided to purchase and issue the patches to donors without charge to the donors. A picture of the patch is on the right.



I thank Larry for his diligence and all who have donated and will donate toward this noteworthy project,

Howard Dobson

SHVA MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES & CARDS TO BE ISSUED

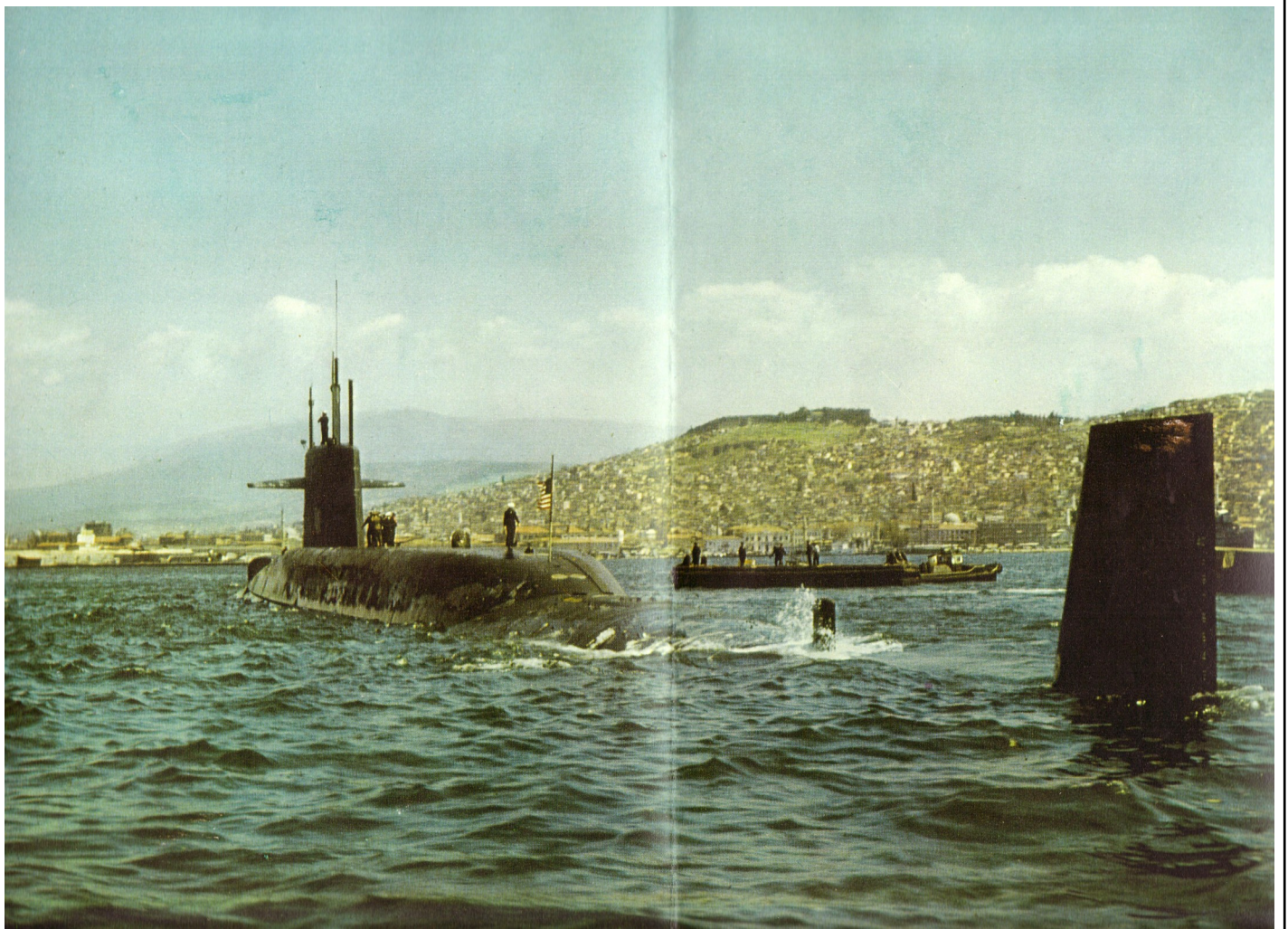
An interesting development occurred after talking with a shipmate in early May 2011 about why the SHVA does not issue membership cards while nearly all other types of veterans' groups do. I explained to him that, when I was developing plans for the SHVA, two factors led to my decision not to issue membership cards:

- Since dues would not be collected, delinquency could not exist.
- Producing and mailing the cards would incur a cost.

But while speaking with him, I learned that his concern was more related to sentiment than proof of membership. I want the SHVA to be one step above other veterans' groups; so, I asked him if issuing a membership certificate—one suitable for framing—along with a card would be better? We both agreed that this is a better idea. I calculated that I could produce and issue the required 300+ certificates and cards via postal mail for about \$250. Our finds now can afford this. I presented the idea to Board of Advisors who voted to proceed. I have purchased certificate paper, business cards, and envelopes. The certificates will be mailed in large envelopes so that they will not have to be folded. Recently, a submariner widow asked if I had intended to issue something that she could give to her grandchildren in memory of their grandfather. I added “Remembrance Certificates” to the project for Associate Members who request these in memory of their relatives on Eternal Patrol. I expect to begin mailing all of these certificates by early November.

Howard Dobson

USS SAM HOUSTON ARRIVING AT IZMIR, TURKEY



The First SSBN to Make a Port of Call
in the Midst of the First Deterrent Patrol in the Mediterranean Sea.
14 April 1963

Photo submitted by:
Jim Pratt, [MT1(SS), Blue, 1961-1964]

ANOTHER UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER AND A THIEF/THIEVES!!!!

“QM **Steve Sibula** and I started a newspaper, ‘The Crier’ (or ‘The Whiner’). It had an overly copied picture of a crying baby across the top and a bar code that spelled out FREE. We dealt with important issues like the identity of the ‘Pistachio Bandit.’ (During stores-loading parties the pistachios would mysteriously disappear; then little piles of shells would turn up now and then). Silly stuff, but it sure helped to break the monotony of the patrol. We may have only put out a half dozen issues, but they were pretty good. Maybe you could talk Steve out of some copies. I lost most of my old Navy things when my sister’s house, where they were stored, burned down in ‘84.”

Submitted by:
Michael "Sean" Dean, [QM2(SS), Gold 1977-1980]

Ed. Note: I would like to have copies of “The Crier” to share with our members. Since I do not have contact info for Steve, please ask him to join the SHVA by contacting me. I’ll ask him then about sending me copies.

2012 REUNION UPDATE

I am pleased to provide you with some preliminary information about the upcoming reunion in Charleston from 25-27 Oct 2012 (Thursday morning-Saturday evening) to facilitate your availability and advance planning. **You cannot register for the reunion at this time; I will issue the registration form in mid-March 2012.**

The sales contract with the hotel (for guest room reservations and function rooms) is signed. I have yet to sign a catering contract with the hotel. This latter one deals with the menus for our two group meals; thus, I do not have prices for these meals. For the 2012 reunion, we will not have a Welcome Reception. The reason is that the hotel has a daily buffet dinner in its restaurant/lounge at a reasonable price. We will be on our own for breakfast. The following prices are either contractually established with the hotel or are routinely offered under the hotel's current practices:

- Guest room cost/night: \$108.19; (\$94 cost + 13.5% tax + \$1.50 CVB Marketing Fee).
- Thursday (and daily) buffet dinner: about \$10.00.
- Daily buffet breakfast on your own: about \$10.00
- **KEEP IN MIND THAT TWO GROUP-MEALS AND THEIR PRICES HAVE YET TO BE ESTABLISHED.**

Because I have signed the contract with the tour operator, I can provide details of our scheduled tours—and I think that you will enjoy all of the attractions. Our group tours will occur during the days on Thursday and Friday. No tours will occur on Saturday to ensure that a rush does not occur with fitting in our Business Meeting and personal preparation for the banquet. We might have a professional photographer for portraits on Saturday before the banquet.

Brief descriptions of our two tours follow. The prices mentioned are all-inclusive (tax and gratuities covered).

Thursday: The Charleston Tour, Shopping, and Fort Sumter Tour

\$66/person

Admission to one historic house-museum; shopping time in the Market; and admission on the Fort Sumter Tour.
Lunch on your own at a restaurant in the Market.

Friday: Hunley Museum Tour, Patriots Point Tour with Lunch, and reserved seating at The Citadel Dress Parade

\$83.50/person

Admission to The Hunley Lab; admission to Patriots Point with lunch in the CPO Mess aboard the carrier Yorktown.
Reserved seating at the parade.

Plans are to have our ceremony to dedicate the granite memorial bench (that will have been installed about a year before our arrival) at the Cold War Submarine Memorial. Our Memorial Service will follow. Both of these ceremonies will occur during Friday's tour.

Unrelated to meals and tours is our Business Meeting. Right now, the primary agenda for the Business Meeting will be a vote for accepting of a minor change to the bylaws and the choosing of a location for our reunion in 2014. (It might be advantageous to settle on our 2016 reunion during the meeting.) As many of you are aware, I qualify to attend Familiarization Tours (FAM) and similar events at the expense of Convention & Visitors Bureaus (CVBs) of many cities or organizations of which I am a member. Since the 2010 reunion, I have not chosen to attend such affairs in the eastern region because the vote in 2012 will likely not be for a reunion in the eastern region for our 2014 reunion. **This is only my prediction and does not suggest that you cannot or should not vote for a reunion in the east.** Hence, I have attended a FAM in the Northern Kentucky region (across the Ohio River from Cincinnati), and I will attend another in Bloomington, Minn. at the end of October 2011. I have knowledge of some west locations and other central locations—and some in the east. In addition, I will research the locations that members have suggested. We will have plenty of cities on the docket, but I might limit them to save time at the meeting if necessary. And, don't forget that a cruise reunion is not out of the question.

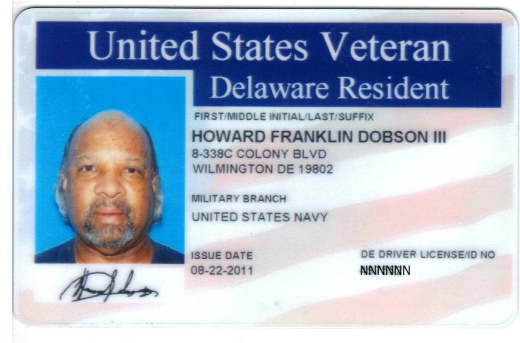
I'll prepare a document on the land-based reunion locations for your perusal and distribute it ahead of the reunion to registrants after the reunion-registration period ends. This will help save time at the meeting. That document will not have anything about cruise reunions because AT THE MEETING the attendees will have to vote on aspects of a cruise such as the port of departure, number of days, and some idea of the ports of call. There is no way for the group to determine those aspects as a group ahead of the 2012 reunion—not to mention vote on them.

I hope that you and your wives/partners can attend the 2012 reunion.

Howard Dobson

DISCOUNTS FOR MILITARY VETERANS/RETIREES

I received no suggestions in response to my request in the last newsletter for vendors/retail stores that offer discounts to military veterans—retired and not. I know of a few and will mention them in the next newsletter. What I think is more important at this time is that the veterans of the boat obtain a state-issued, veteran's ID card. The Motor Vehicle Division of Delaware does so for that state, and I am aware that New Jersey issues such IDs although I do not know which agency does so. I believe that each state is issuing the IDs or soon will be. The purpose is to provide a government-issued ID for recognition of prior military service. These IDs are the ones that vendors/stores twchich provide special discounts to veterans will be seeking. Veterans will no longer need to present their DD 214s or other documents as proof of prior service since those documents usually contain some personal information such a the SSN. A picture of my state-issued veteran's ID is below.



Howard Dobson

USS SAM HOUSTON CHALLENGE COINS

Larry Ferrell has purchased a stock of USS Sam Houston Challenge Coins for sale to our members. The statement on this coin applies to the boat in its SSBN configuration. The front and back sides of this coin are shown below.



At the time of printing of this newsletter, a purchase price for our members has yet to be established. Once that is determined, I will notify our members of the cost and the means of ordering via a Membership Memo.

Larry and I will soon be working on a design for another challenge coin whose statement will be applicable to the boat as an SSN. The basis for its wording will be the statement on the Membership Certificate for our SSN members. Two COs of the SSN configuration have reviewed and contributed to that statement, and in all likelihood it will be appropriate as is.

Both coins will also be available for purchase at the 2012 reunion.

Howard Dobson

TWO OF THE "WHO ARE THEY?" IDENTIFIED

In the last edition, Kathy Eggers, wife of **Ed Eggers** [ETR2(SS), Blue, 1960-1962], submitted the picture below as another one of those "who are they?" mystery pictures. Ed is on the far right, but he does not remember any of the others. The picture was likely taken in 1962.



John Anulies [FTB2(SS), Blue, 1964-1966] identified his brother, **Bernie Anulies** [FTB1(SS), Blue, 1961-? and on Eternal Patrol], on the far left.

John adds "seated on the right is **Bulldog Drummond**, the cook. I don't know if he had a name other than Bulldog." The two shipmates in the center remain unidentified.

John sent the picture to the right with him and his brother, Bernie, on board. I'm not sure who is who.



John Anulies

CONFUSION CLARIFIED

Ray Barlow writes:

“Just ran across your website and noted you didn't have any info other than my name on your roster. I came aboard SSN-609 in 1988 about a week after Jack Cutting as another Sonarman. We were both part of the Decom Crew in 1991 up in Washington. LT Herrington, the Weapons Officer, presided over my re-enlistment after we returned from our final WESTPAC. The Navigator was the officer on the board for my dolphins along with TMC(SS) **Robbie Dunn**, and a 1st class Nuke—I can't remember his name.

“You have a guy named Ron Focia listed as a sonarman the same time I was there and I have no recollection of such a person. I am going to include photos of my Decom cup from Sonar. Hope that helps.”



Ed. Comment: I had asked Ron to resolve this confusion.

Ron replied:

“I was Sonar Officer during the WESTPAC, and think I was Chemistry and Radiological Controls Officer during Decom. So, I was never a Sonarman . . . Thus, the confusion. I'm surprised Barlow didn't remember me, but it has been some time.

“If I'm remembering correctly, the attached picture shows STS2 Barlow's re-enlistment with LT Harrington.”

Ron



Ed. Comment: The situation was the result of my having incorrect information about Ron Focia on the roster. I have since corrected the roster. Nevertheless, Ron seems to have a great memory as he caught Ray “red handed” or is it “raised handed?”

Contributors to this article are:

Ray Barlow [STS2(SS), SSN, 1988-1991 (Decom)]

Ron Focia [LT, SSN, 1988-1991 (Decom & EOW for the last reactor shutdown)]

MISC. PICTURES FROM JIM HOEY'S COLLECTION



Dennis Underkoffler
Sought Shipmate
Nuke ET late 60s-early 70s
Gold Crew



Believe this to be
QM3 Snyder
Sought Shipmate
Gold Crew



Jim Hoey

Ed. Note: Don't know what the deal is with the flowers, and I'm not sure I want to know!

MORE PICTURES FROM JIM HOEY'S COLLECTION



This is MM1 Thomas (late 60s-early 70s). He is a sought shipmate. We called him "BJ" Thomas because he was always singing in the Engine Room. Don't remember his real first name, but I believe his initials are R. L. Anyone have any idea where he might be?

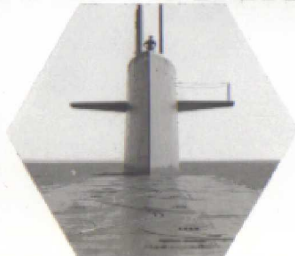


Not sure of the two shipmates in this picture. Notice our movie projector in the background that would be an antique these days. Gold Crew between 1970-1972.

PICTURES FROM THE BLUE CREW PATROL 32 BOOKLET



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CAPTAIN



J. G. REYNOLDS



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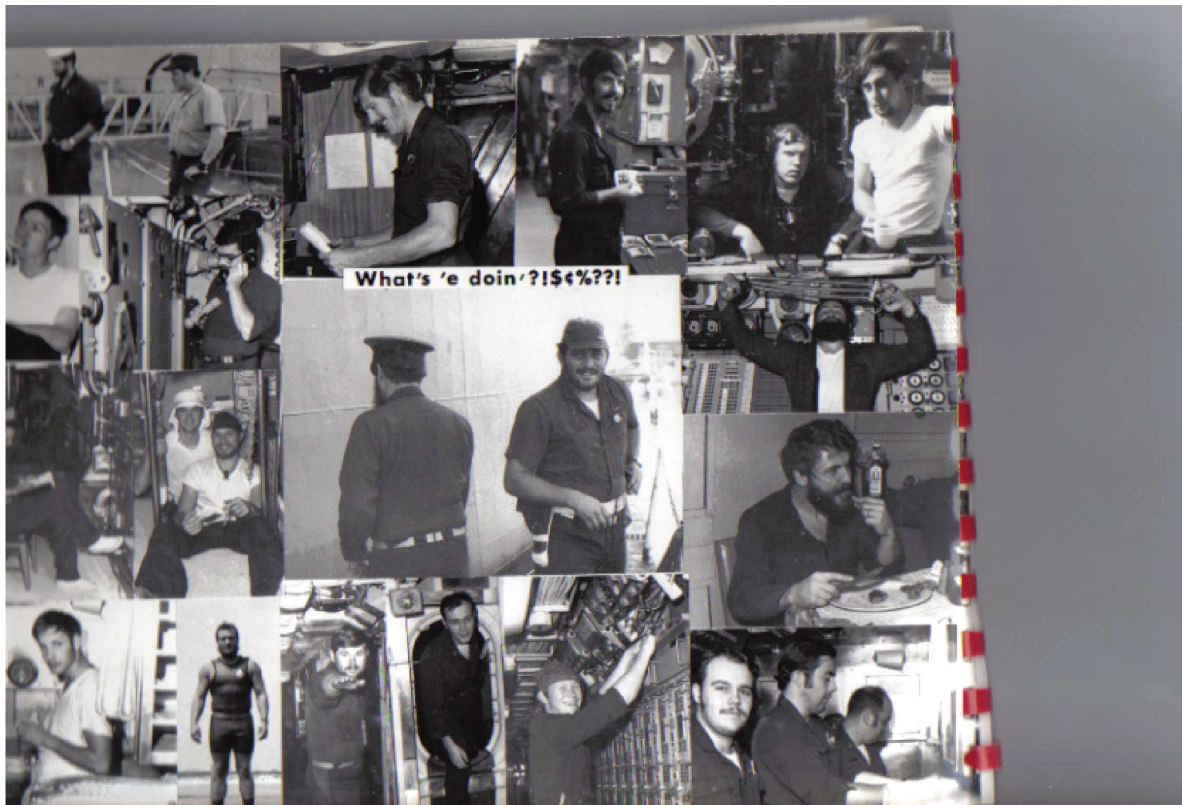
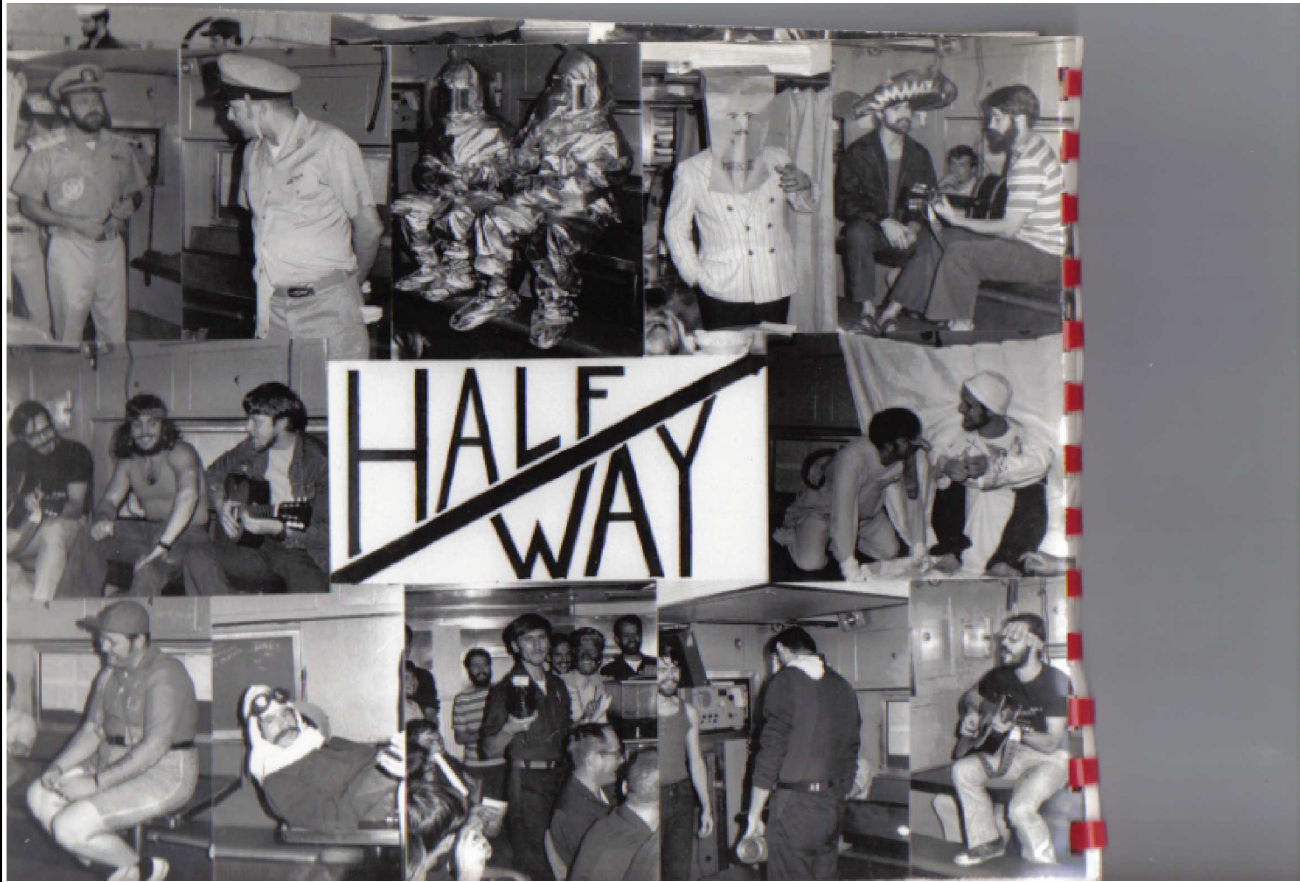
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F.C. CREAG, SD2
L.C. BARTOLATA TM
S. SLISS JR, SN

STILL MORE PICTURES FROM THE BLUE CREW PATROL 32 BOOKLET



What's 'e doin'?!\$€??!

Ed. Note: I've forgotten who submitted the Patrol 32 Booklet. Please let me know so that you can receive due credit.

MEMBERS SEEKING INFORMATION

Mike Snare [ETR2(SS), Blue, 1968-1972] writes:

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Russ Mann, (Blue crew, ET, RC Div; late '68 to '72 or '73), I'd like to know.

Ed. Comment: I'd like to know also so that I can invite him to become a member of the SHVA.

If anyone has a lead of Russ, please inform Howard Dobson and Mike. Information for contacting Mike is on the roster that I distribute periodically.

John Sheppard [FN(SS), Gold, 1971-1972] writes:

I have been trying to contact an old friend of mine who was a steward. Keith Jacobs is his name. Help me if you can. He served on the Sam when I did.

Ed comment: I have nothing. Please let Howard Dobson and John know if you have any leads.

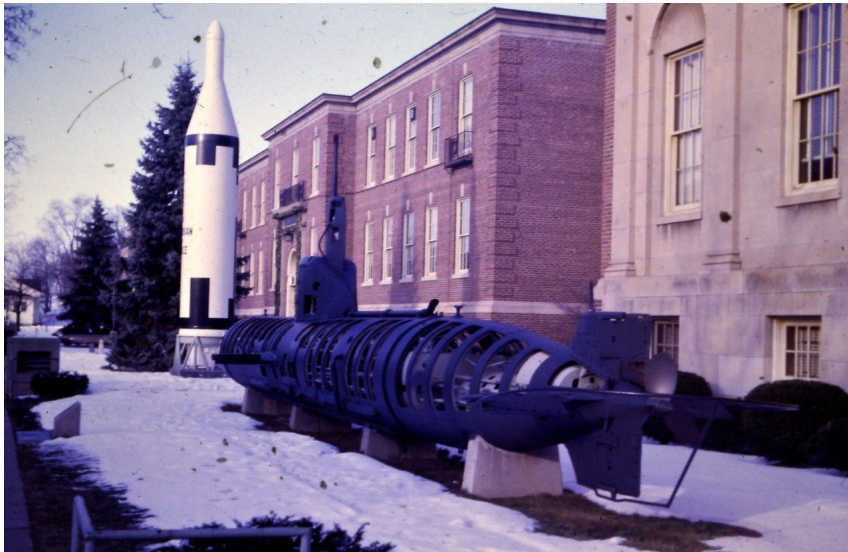
Tim Kroha [EM1(SS), Blue & Gold, 1972-1977] writes:

Do you know what dates the Sam Houston went through the Panama Canal in 1975 or 1976 and then crossed the International Date Line on its way to Guam?

Ed. Comment: Tim, I do not.

If anyone can help Tim, please contact him and let Howard Dobson know.

MEMORIES OF GROTON



Photos by: **Jack Harden** [RM2(SS), Blue, 1963-1966]



DISSEMINATING OUR REUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

Before the end of this year, I will request that each member of the SHVA submit to his/her local newspaper our reunion announcement for 2012. Most newspapers have a section for community news for locals to place information about affairs related to themselves or their organizations. This is usually a cost-free service. Do not submit a reunion announcement if it will incur a cost.

Your submitting our reunion announcement will complement the announcements that I will have submitted to an extensive list of organizations that will place it on their web sites and/or publish it in their widely distributed publications. Getting our reunion announcement in many newspapers throughout the country will be a great help toward boosting our membership.

I'll submit the announcement to most members. If two or more members live in a particular city, I'll arbitrarily choose one with e-mail to receive the announcement to prevent multiple submissions. Some newspapers request that a picture/graphic be included with the article, and I'll include one.

You will not be required to inform me if you submitted the announcement or not. But, if you are unable/unwilling to accept the task, I request that you inform me so that I might ask another to do so. Otherwise, I'll assume that you will pursue the task and that the announcement will appear in your local newspaper provided that your newspaper has a free community section.

Howard Dobson