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FROM THE EDITOR

APOLOGIES

First the excuse. My hard drive crashed and I lost tons of data. I know, 1s and 0s don't weigh anything, but if it would have been on paper it would have been tons. As soon as I saw that my system was having problems I began backing up my files, but (you guessed it), during the backup my system died. I held a proper funeral and said a few not-so-kind words as I kicked dirt into the hole. So, now I now have a new hard drive and the computer works fine. Unfortunately, most of the files that I backed up were corrupt and unusable.

Now for the apologies. Please forgive me, if: You sent me an e-mail and I didn't get back to you. You gave me an address change and I didn't incorporate the change. You asked me for copies of something and I didn't make them. Or for any other mistake I may have made that you think I could reasonably blame on my computer.

REUNION UPDATE

Head Count: Thanks to all of you who have sent me your registration forms and money for the banquet. I've made the deposit to the hotel for the banquet and confirmed all the other necessary arrangements; we're locked in. What started out as an idea held collectively amongst us will soon be a reality. If you miss it, those

of us who attend will think of you, have a drink in your name, and hope that someday you be able to forgive yourself.

We've got over 70 people attending the reunion so far and it looks like we should have about 40 rooms reserved. So, if you are planning to attend the reunion but haven't made your move yet, and you know who you are, you had better get the required sigs on your qual card soon or you'll be dink. On 10 October I need to release any rooms that might still be held for us, which means if you register after that date you will only get a room if space is available and you'll be charged the regular price. I will be able to increase the banquet list clear up until 8 November, so that's not a problem (but, see the section **My Move** on page 2). Also, for me to account for you in terms of planning, i.e., group breakfast, golf and CWSM activities; plus get all the memorabilia ordered, I need to get a registration form from you ASAP. If you have lost track of your form, send me an e-mail or a letter, or give me a call (see roster).

Group Breakfast: I had quite a few requests for a Group Breakfast for both Saturday and Sunday, but not enough requests to have a banquet room set up for us. What we are going to do instead, is have an open breakfast in a private area in the regular restaurant. It's a glassed off area called the *Shooves* and it will be reserved for Haddo reunion people only. I think this is better anyway. It will be intimate enough that we can do all the visiting we want, and open all morning so we can choose, individually, when we want to eat. Additionally, we will not be locked into a fixed menu; we can choose from the menu or the buffet.

Hospitality: Charleston Hospitality; there's nothing like it. Don't believe me? Try calling Tami Orr. There is probably more to see and do in the Charleston area than you could absorb in a week – without a reunion! So Tami has suggested that any of you that would like to do some preplanning and need specific information before you get there, like maps, tours, points of interest, etc., that you should give her a call and she would be more than happy to send stuff out to you. You can call the hotel at (800) 290-4004 and ask for Tami. If you get her voice mail (and you probably will) just leave her a message of what you would like and your address or phone number. She also had a suggestion for all the wives and girlfriends whose exposure to sea stories, jokes, and watching grown men act like kids is dangerously close to exceeding their lifetime limit. To avoid that life-threatening overdoses, (or did she say friendship-threatening?) she suggested that you contact her and she'll help you plan things away from the hotel while the guys are doing their sailor thing. She loves to shop buy the way, and knows all the best places – she is a native Charlestonian and a natural born shopper.

And Hospitality by another name is called the *Sea Brook* room. That will be our hospitality suite. It is ours from Friday afternoon to Sunday noon. Since it looks like several of us are checking in on Thursday, I will try to get it for Thursday also. We can have our own chips & dip and beverages in there and they will provide the ice and stuff. After you get checked in come check us out. I will have all the memorabilia stuff there plus any last minute reunion info.

CWSM: This is a tough one. Fund raising for the CWSM has fallen short of projected goals and therefore the Memorial will not be ready for a dedication on the 15th of November. Rusty Pickett said, however, “that in this centennial year to **not** recognize the 40th anniversary of the George Washington setting sail from Charleston for its first patrol would certainly be inappropriate”. So, in lieu of the dedication ceremony, there will be a groundbreaking ceremony on the 15th.

The CWSM committee had anticipated substantial support from Defense Contractors, but apparently they didn't come through. The major source of income for a lot of companies during the cold war era came from defense contracts. I would like to think that they would be eager to help honor the silent heroes of that war. If you have ties with a defense contractor and you feel the way I do, you might want to take that brochure I sent in

the last newsletter to the CEO (or whoever would make charitable decisions) and put a bug in their ear.

NOTE: I have never said this to those who were on the roster when I took over the newsletter, but to everyone that has joined us since, I have said that I am not trying to make a political statement with the newsletter, nor am I on some humanitarian pilgrimage. If my comments above sound political to you, I apologize and will try not to let it happen again.

Golf: Dick Noble has conjured up a golfing event that will probably be the talk of the weekend. He says this will be a bragging rights only tourney, using course rules, and that the pairing of partners will occur after the completion of the tourney by the luck of the draw. All of that makes about as much sense to me as the game itself. The entry fee will include green fees, golf cart (mandatory at this course), and prizes. Dick says he would like a few more players and guarantees there will not be any bad golf, only a great time. So if you'd like to whack the heck out of a little ball, hike to where the ball landed, hit the ball again so that you can take another walk, just to be able to hit it again, etc., give Dick a call (see roster) and pack up your clubs.

Pictures: I have made arrangements with an ex Navy Photographersmate, living in Charleston, to take group pictures Sunday morning. I think we should have at least one large group picture and then any sub groups you would like a picture of, e.g., A-Gangers, Commissioning Crew, Goat Locker, etc. The photographer will also make the rounds through the Saturday night banquet, taking pictures at random for our scrapbook. I will try to think of a good way to distribute them. If you have any ideas, let me know.

I have only received a couple personal pictures from you guys, so I doubt that I will try to do anything with them at the reunion except return them to the owners.

My Move

Actually it's “*our*” move. Susie and I are moving (for the last time ever) to the mountains of Colorado. We bought property there about 3 years ago and are currently trying to build our retirement home in ‘them thar hills’. This project has been in the planning stage for almost two years. The first year or so was for planning; coming up with the design that we love, picking the right spot on the

property to build, and selecting the alternative materials to build with. The last year, I have felt like the victim of one of those “go-find” pranks that we used to play on the new guys. Like, go find a gallon of prop wash, or go find a can of relative bearing grease. For the last year, we have been playing tag with a Pueblo Engineer, a San Diego Architect, the Tucson Building Materials Manufacturer, and a Trinidad Builder. Not to mention making long distance arrangements for a 700-foot driveway, electrical lines strung down that driveway, and getting a well drilled and a septic system installed. I would like to think positive and just say that we have experienced some minor schedule slips, but actually there has been a boatload of minor schedule slips - which tallies up to about a five-month major slip. The short story is that we will move out of San Diego by the first part of October and may be out of touch until mid December (unless we can figure out how to get on-line in the tent). Of course we will see some of you at the reunion. I will keep my e-mail account and access it through my cell phone. This may mean delays in my responses and those responses may be cryptic (I have enough trouble with a regular keyboard, let alone a miniature telephone keypad). If, during Oct. or Nov., you need any reunion help, please contact Dick Noble. Don't worry, I got his permission to volunteer his help.

ROSTER UPDATE

New Contacts: WOW!! We have added more than two dozen new people to the roster and that beats ‘**200 in 2000**’. Congratulations to every one who reached out and touched someone. Don't go getting nasty on me here; I meant that metaphorically.

To all those new to our roster, I would like to extend a warm:

Welcome aboard the Huddle Newsletter.

Moving? We had a very good run this last issue. I had less than a half dozen changes and only two potential “Lost Contacts”. One of those turned into a bearing change and the other one (I think) went from a James to a Jim and a new address. This is probably one of those times I can use my ‘hard drive crash’ excuse. Anyway,

you'll see the changes in **red** and the lost contact in **blue**. Just a reminder; if you're moving, drop me a line to let me know.

THANKS!

Once again I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all the support I have been getting. The Mail Sack is full with your comments and stories and you have covered my expenses with your contributions. Thanks again!!!

Thanks for your financial support!!

John Bailey, Darrel Brown, Hal Clark, Bill Cook, Ray Coons, Daniel Cooper, Mike Gann, Gerald Joachim, Carl Haines, Larry Kelly, Pat McGovern, Ed Neasham, and Paul Shockley.

Thanks to everyone whose words helped fill these pages

CURRENT EVENTS

Hunley: At precisely 8:42 AM EST, on 8 August 2000, the Hunley, arguably the first submarine used in combat, surfaced off the coast of Sullivan's Island. It was raised from the bot-tom of the river and placed aboard a US Navy barge. Suspended in its unique carrying frame, she, along with a small armada of vessels, sailed up the Cooper River for the last time.

This unique submersible was lost at sea on 17 February 1864 shortly after placing a torpedo on the union ship Housatonic during a daring nighttime attack. While backing down subsequent to its attack, it sank with all hands lost - the third such crew to have been lost at sea manning this historic ship.

Though we may not agree with the cause for which these Americans were fighting, it is important to reflect on what these Sailors contributed to our Force. There is no doubt about the exceptional daring and bravery that was required to climb into that vessel (40 feet long and 42 inches wide, equipped with a snorkel and planes, that used a candle for lighting and determining air content), and hand propel it four miles offshore to an awaiting and unsuspecting enemy.

It would be two more generations before John Holland created his Turtle, but without the spirit, ingenuity, raw courage, and certainly the sacrifice of these men of the sea, our Submarine Force would not be where it is today. We are all proud today, as these men undoubtedly were then, to be called Submariners.

Plagiarized from a more detailed e-mail message by Rusty Pickett, Captain, USN (Ret).

Submarine Birthday Ball: Isaac Generally did a tremendous job with the ball here in San Diego. If you had to attend the ball in another city, I hope it was as good as ours. Rear Admiral A. H. Konetzni, Jr., ComSubPac, was the guest speaker and by the time he finished his presentation, I was looking for the recruiter. I got the chance to speak to him briefly after his speech and he's as impressive on a one-to-one as he is in front of an audience.

Bill Paxton was another story. He played the skipper of the American Boat in U-571, but at the ball he was not in keeping with that role. His hair was lapping over his collar like a Page from King Arthur's court. So, me, and a little Maker's Mark bourbon, sauntered over to his table to inform the young man that he needed a hair cut. That's what Chiefs do. We lead by example and remind those who can't follow on their own. Anyway, like a young seaman, he immediately began whining that he had 'sidewalls' for the movie. While he was trying to convince me, he reminded me of the role he played in "True Lies" where Arnold Schwarzenegger has him at gunpoint on the edge of a 2- or 3-story building and Bill Paxton wets his pants out of sheer fear (no steely-eyed killer of the deep here). I gave him the benefit of the doubt, but my wife and I saw the movie and verified that he indeed had an appropriate haircut.

All in all, the 100th Submarine Birthday Ball was a grand success. The speakers were invigorating, I think the Galloping Gourmet must have prepared the food, the Tolling of the Bell tugged on everyone's heart-strings (and threatened that water-tight seal around the eyeballs that we steely-eyed killers of the deep try so hard to protect), and the dancing



said, "It's Party Time". There were about 1,300 attendees (a large portion signing up within the last week) and you could not have made a 'quiet little house party' go any smoother.

The pictures above are of a commemorative coin given to each attendee. – Thanks Isaac

FEATURE ARTICLE

Comments on "Haddo Remembered"

Our last two issues featured an article from *The Klaxon*, by RADM C. W. Nimitz, Jr., USN (Ret), titled *Haddo Remembered*. Well, someone (new to our roster) remembers first hand those patrols. The following is an e-mail that I received from John Balogh who sailed aboard the U.S.S. Haddo (SS 255).

Hi Ray, I received the newsletter a few days ago, it is quite interesting especially the part from the Klaxon. Nimitz and I spoke of this patrol several times over the phone, and of course the article was brief. There are a few items that I recall differently and I tried to call him but he is up north. I believe that he and I are the only two that are still living when we came alongside each other and the megaphone conversation took place. Tom Howe the Exec, Nason who was on the TDC and went topside, and Hartegan was the watch officer; they are all gone. Viebranz and Downing, the two other officers that are still living, one was the diving officer in the control room the other was most likely in the control room with the radar, however he also could have been topside. I was not yet commissioned, I was the chief QM and my station was wherever the skipper was during battle stations.

I do recall very vividly the attack being made on a large vessel hugging the coast and the can that

nearly got us. It was very early in the morning and the target was just visible. It was a surface attack, the captain was on the forward TBT and I was a few feet behind him. The tracking party of course was in the conning tower and the lookouts were below, I was the lookout and on the after TBT which we were not using. I spotted the can and reported it. The skipper was concentrating on the large vessel. I kept reporting the can as it got closer. Then the can started shooting explosive shells at us. I said "captain they're shooting at us". Every time a shell exploded I ducked under; I was worried about my legs. I kept saying each time louder, "Captain they're shooting at us!" He finally heard me and turned toward me and said "goddamn Balogh what do you want". Just about then a shell exploded ahead and above us which got his attention and he yelled, "take her down". We barely had time to switch targets.

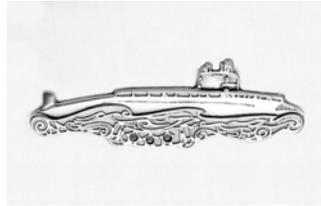
There is more to it, which the Klaxon article reports. I will contact the skipper and ask him about that attack, I am sure my version is correct. Whenever I meet one of my shipmates they kid me with "goddamn Balogh what do you want". Well Ray this is my longest e-mail and the only reference I ever made about our patrols, at least in writing. I still have high hopes of attending your reunion.

A fellow submariner, John Balogh

MISCELLANEOUS

Cold War Patch and Pin:

Mike Gary has provided some interesting information on a Cold War Pin and Patch. The pin is unofficial, but would be a nice repartee to the Boomer Patrol pin. The patch and pin were designed by Stu Taylor. Stu joined the navy in 1947, was on the USS Tusk during the Cochino rescue as an ET, went to "gentlemen" school and retired as a LCDR. He used the shape of the diesel driven, but nuke looking Blueback and did it in profile with the idea that she is heading home. Stu felt that since there were Combat Pins, Nuke Pins,



and even SWOS pins, a Cold War pin, for those who didn't ride the "Hotels", would be apropos. If you're interested, the patch and pin cost \$16 (\$7 for the patch, \$8 for the pin, and \$1 for shipping). Actually, they cost \$16 whether you're interested or not, but if you are interested, make your checks payable to USSVI-Blueback Base and mail it to: Bob Walters, 4105 N.E. Alberta Court, Portland, OR 97211-8152. I just received mine and they're very well done.

Web Sites:

Here are some interesting web sites:

<http://www.subshipstore.com>

<http://www.americanhistory.si.edu/subs/>

<http://www.usshaddo.com>

FROM THE CREW

The following is an excerpt from the *FOSTER-HAINES*, "A Division Repair Manual" submitted by Jim England

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SNORKEL HEAD VALVE

The Snorkel head valve is a very important piece of equipment and must be maintained in proper working order at all times. The operation of the induction mast and head valve must be tested often to ensure that the head valve is in fact SHUT when the indicator on the BCP indicates that it is SHUT. The air hoses to the head valve should be inspected often to ensure that they are not broken or kinked. These inspections should be conducted BEFORE putting to sea.

INDICATIONS:

There are several indicators of a head valve malfunction:

1. A malfunction will most always be accompanied by the loud sound of rushing water from the pipe room, followed by shouts from the Torpedo room and the occasional sounding of alarms. Some personnel may even experience shortness of breath.
2. Loud groaning of induction fans as they try to pump water instead of air.
3. Certain facial expressions and utterances from the personnel in the conn. Examples are "WHAT THE

F*# K IS THAT NOISE???? and HOO-LEEEE
S#%T!!!!

CORRECTIVE ACTION:

The replacement of the air supply flex hoses to the head valve always corrects a head valve malfunction. The replacement must be completed at first opportunity. The following procedure, when properly executed by qualified personnel will complete the hose replacement:

1. Assemble all non-rated A Division personnel topside.
2. Get coffee. (NOTE: Do not allow the non-rated personnel to have any coffee no matter how hung over they are because they must concentrate on the work at hand.)
3. Remove appropriate sail plates. Regularly threaten all non-rated personnel to prevent them from dropping said 7000-pound sail plates over the side.
4. Lash a Bosn's chair to the partially raised induction mast. Select a non-rated person to man the chair. (NOTE: The selected person should NOT be nauseous, hung over or have a fear of heights.)
5. Instruct the non-rated person to pour copious amounts of dish liquid down the pipe to lubricate the new hoses while the mast is being raised, thus using the mast to pull the new hoses into position. Caution the non-rated person not to spill the dish liquid on himself as that would make it difficult to hang on.
6. If any large ships should come up the river causing a wake during this procedure, instruct the non-rated person to "hold on tight". Do not lower the mast at this critical juncture. Shout words of encouragement up to the non-rated person as he is whipped wildly from port to starboard, clawing at the greasy pipe to keep from being flung into the river.
7. Try to "laugh with" the non-rated person when the operation is complete.

Haddo Web Site

In case you didn't notice under the section titled "MISCELLANIOUS" <http://www.usshaddo.com> was listed as an interesting web site. Well, thanks to Ralph Stroede, there is now a Home Page for

the USS Haddo. Check it out. Even though it's in its infancy, Ralph has done some neat things there. There is a place for the newsletters, the boat's history, and links to other 594 web sites. We will even set up a Ship's Store for those of you who wished you had gotten some of the goodies at the reunion.

We had also talked about adding our newsletter roster to the web site, but I know that this could be a sensitive subject. Consequently, we're moving slowly here. If you have any ideas on how we can get a roster posted without infringing on anyone's privacy, we would be very interested. I had thought about yet another Haddo postcard on which you could let me know what part (if any) of your address you would want on the Haddo home page, but it has been my recent experience that not everyone who wants to respond actually responds. The bottom line is that a roster serves very little purpose if the visitors to the web site can't get a hold of someone listed. Conversely, there are also those that would prefer not to have worldwide exposure. Names on bathroom walls are one thing, but this www.myname.com could be too much.

MAIL SACK

Once again, the mail sack is full; just the way it should be. Notice that most of the e-mails, however, are from the newer people to the newsletter? Some of you guys who have been getting the newsletter for years have been repressing your inner submariner and it's time to let him out. Go ahead. Let it flow. Get in touch with that youthful kid who used to shout "Submarines Once, Submarines Twice, etc. It will feel good.

Advice from Dr. Ray

In the name of brevity, I have eliminated most salutations and closings from the messages, so don't go thinking these guys are a bunch of uncouth communicators. Also, where there was more than one e-mail from the same person, I have separated them with a short line (usually).

E-MAIL

Robert Aboud

Please add me to the Haddo Newsletter. I was an A-Ganger, MM1(SS), on the Haddo from 1981-1985. Do you by chance have an e-mail list of other members of the crew in that time

frame? I'll be on the road for the next few weeks and after that I'm moving, so for now please use my work address.

Andy Andrews

TM2 (SS) Andy Andrews here, I got hold of Charlie Free, and Little John is getting to Donnie Fling, we almost got the Torpedo gang together. Listen! I need the info for the reunion, send it to me soon as you can, OK

John Balogh

I saw your notice of a Haddo reunion in the publication Shift Colors. I know that reunion is for the SSN 604 but having put the old Haddo in commission and having served on it until it returned to the states in 1945 I thought I would like to attend, that is if you all don't mind an old guy like me around. I enlisted in 1936 served on the USS West Virginia until 1939 then to the S-18 at Pearl. From there to the Haddo until about January 1945, then to the Stingray. Then to the states for duty on U-Boats as OinC of a couple. By the way Rear Admiral Chester Nimitz jr. lives here in Florida. He was my skipper and recommended me for my commission on the seventh Haddo patrol. I believe I made 13 and some that were too short for me to count. Drop me a line.

Thanks for the reply to my 5/14/20 e-mail. I will sure try to attend the 604 Haddo reunion. Although the 255 Haddo has a reunion during the Sub Vets WWII convention in Phoenix in September, it is doubtful that I will attend that one. I try to get up to the Sub Base at Kings Bay GA in early November, but I will pass that up and try to attend your reunion. In the meantime I will go through this cluttered mess on my desk and try to find the addresses of some of the 255 crew members and send them off to you.

Ray, I don't mind at all if you put the comments I made in the newsletter. I have been trying to check out my version of the attack on the can versus the Klaxon version. I called Nimitz but he is up north during the summer so I called Viebranz who was the Engineering officer at the time, after several attempts to contact him I gave up. Yesterday I received a call from him, he said he just returned from Italy and as soon as he read the messages on the answering machine he called me. That shows you that submariners once a shipmate always a shipmate. We had a long talk and agreed that we did come alongside the Harder and gave them the info about our attack, and that Nimitz and I are the last ones to see and talk to them. However, he said there may be some who were lookouts at the time that may still be around. In regards to the attack starting as a surface attack, he agrees with the Klaxon. He said I may be thinking of another attack we made. I am sure that I am right so I think I will try to get the official patrol report from the Navy archives. Viebranz and I had a very long talk. He made the 5th through the last patrol on the Haddo and I made the 1st through the 8th patrol. He remembers me leaving the boat at Pearl. Viebranz left the Navy and became the CEO of the Sylvania corporation. He retired from there when another corp. took over. By the way, he tells me that he is on your Newsletter mailing list. Again it was nice hearing from you.

Darrell Brown

Please let me add my congratulations on an excellent newsletter. It is professionally done, and provides a community for all the men who served on Haddo during her life. It is good to see stories and read emails from people I have not seen in years. Keep it up, Ray. I will snail mail you a contribution to help with the expenses. Unfortunately, I am not going to be able to attend the reunion due to previous commitments. I am already getting grief from some people over this, but I cannot help it. I will be there in spirit, you can bet on that. I just returned from a little reunion last weekend at the home of J.W. Simpson, MM2(SS), a-ganger, in Tennessee. Also there was Jim "Jocko" Adams MM2(SS), a-ganger, and Dave "Seapig" Gronbeck, TM2(SS). We were all together on board in early 73 through 75. We ragged Dave pretty hard about the merging of TM rating into MM. It was a good time. We stayed up till 0300 on Friday night and 0500 on Saturday. Just like old times, only we paid dearly for it the next day. We're not 20 any more. Of course, Dana Johnson STS2(SS) called early on Sunday morning to wake us up with a very loud diving alarm. Thanks Dana, we owe ya. J.W. is going to have to move out now, because we ruined his "sterling" reputation in the neighborhood. Till next time. Down

Bill Candy

In cleaning out some old negatives, I discovered several, (12-15) photos taken aboard HADDO in St Croix, off Bermuda fishing, ROTA scenes, and Fort Lauderdale steaming alongside. I had given the originals to the submarine museum, but have made up new copies for the reunion. I can take reprint requests there, but wondered if you wanted to put an album or something like that to keep on record? Down scope....DIVE!

Harold Clark

Just received the newsletter- great!!!!!!! Just found out I will have to pay an additional \$6000 in Fed taxes for '98. Will find a way to be there if we have to mortgage the house!!! Enclosed is some sub info I thought you would want to see. Have been having fun visiting sub netsites. Please feel free to send the newsletter by e-mail and you can give out my e-mail address in the next newsletter. Harold (Hal) Clark EM1(SS)

Have sent registration form & order for sub stuff, if you don't get them let me know and I will send again to you. Will be arriving by train! Love trains almost as much as subs! Had to mortgage the house a second time to do it but will be there. I have a beautiful submarine ring from a company in Florida (the best rings available) and will bring brochures for the table if you want or will have them ship brochures to you if you want, just let me know which. They are great and someone will surely want to order a ring or two on their own. I have the latest issue of the Mag. "Industrial Computing" which has a beautiful picture of a Russian titanium hulled boat on the cover. The boat is covered with snow and the accompanying article on the inside is about a company in Richland, WA that turns scrap titanium from their boats into golf clubs!!!!!!!!!! Not as good as turning them into plowshares but certainly a close second. Smooth Sailing

Thanks for the e-mail. Yeah the train ride sounds fun. And diesels definitely lull me to sleep. My wife bought me some time at a train museum last year as an engineer under instruction running a NW-2 switcher that had exactly the same diesel as our boat had! Will go to the post office Sat. and send the magazine to you -- it's a pretty cool picture. Will also contact the ring company and have them send the brochures to me and will send one to you ahead of time. Ray, if it's easier for you to mail all my stuff (mugs, hats, etc.) to me rather than cart them to Charleston that's OK. I will gladly pay the shipping if it will make it easier for you to handle things. That's got to be a hassle to worry about handling all that stuff and getting it there. A thought, if you are looking for ideas for speakers at some of the get-togethers in Charleston, here's one --- if Jack Garrison is coming to the reunion he would probably be glad to talk about Three Mile Island and the accident. He was on watch on the other sister plant when it happened and has some great stories about it and all the boo-boo's that caused it. Best regards and smooth sailing

Doug Covert

I got your latest newsletter belatedly. My girlfriend brought it down to Mexico when she came for a visit in January. I'm currently enjoying life afloat on my 42ft sailboat "Serendipity". I'm writing now from Zihuatanejo, a very nice place, especially in February while it's still so cold and miserable up north.

I sent back a response to your query about a reunion. Sounds like a great idea. I was only aboard for four years - '72 to '76. A few of the names on your mailing list still bring back pleasant memories. Thanks for the great job you are doing on the newsletter. Please continue to send the newsletters c/o Pat Gayman at 111 SW Harrison #18B, Portland OR 97201. My email also remains the same. The return address for this email is via HF radio, so is very low bandwidth (only good for text). If you or anyone else is interested in what Serendipity or I are doing I post regular updates to <http://www.teleport.com/~dougc>. As we say in the cruiser community, "Fair Winds and following seas". Doug Covert s/v Serendipity

Ronald Darnell

Yes by all means put me on the mailing list. There are some shipmates that I lost track of on the precom crew. And yes Harvey relieved me. From the Haddo I went to the Proteus, then Gilmore; never really got away from SubLant. Further down the line I put the Hunley and L.Y. Spear in Commission. Finally retiring in 1974 after a short tour on the J.F. Kennedy. I have a son, who is also a submariner, E-8 Hospital Corpsman, stationed at the safety center in Norfolk.

James England

I just hooked up with Buck Taylor who said you have a newsletter going. I've been trying to find shipmates for 30 years with no luck. Then Buc's wife walked into my office and saw my picture and patch on the wall. I served on Haddo from 65 - 69 in Charleston. Looking forward to hearing from you.

You're certainly right about the memory thing. I haven't heard Ed's name in 30 years but as soon as I read it I instantly remembered his face. You are a different story. I remember your name. I would have been about 22 years old, a non-rated non-qual that hung out with Fred Pester, Carl Hains and Billy Foster. Being right out of school, I was probably pretty blitzed trying to take the whole thing in. I e-mailed Tony DeNicola over the weekend and he answered immediately. Then he called me Saturday night and we talked for about an hour. We are going to get together around the end of July when he comes to Fl. I can't tell you what that means to me and it's all because of the newsletter. Thank you.

I will be mailing the checks and registration form to you shortly. I have put together about 9 anecdotes that you may want to use in future issues. What is the best way to send them? I have been making a list of names as they come to me and I'm having trouble with 2 of your chiefs. One was tall and chubby with blonde hair and reminds me of the skipper on Gilligan's Island. The other was medium height, short black hair and argued with Dick all the time, all circa 1967 of course. Let me know if I can help you with the newsletter.

I'm confused on your address. In the May 99 newsletter you said you were moving back to San Diego and in your e-mail you mention your future home in Colorado. You ain't on the lamb are you? I will hold off sending you any snail mail until I hear from you.

Diane Taylor just brought me the March 2000 issue and all I can say is WOW! This thing gets bigger and better with each issue. I have started a list of names that come to me as I read the newsletter and think of times past. The newsletter is a wonderful memory jogger and I guess it's working that way for everybody. They're coming out of the woodwork. I don't know how to proceed with finding these guys. I use many of the search tools on line (submarinesailor.com). Maybe we need a clearinghouse operation or something. Any Ideas?

You nailed the 2 chiefs: Whalin and Foncre are now on my "hunted" list, which is now 23 names long. I will send you the list as a word attachment, along with the "head valve" story. I would like some feed back on the story - too long, too short, stupid, what?

Here is a list of names that have come back to me just in the past 2 weeks since I read my first copy of the newsletter. They are not on the roster. Not bad for a 55 year old who has trouble finding his way to work, eh? All names are spelled phonetically and are circa 66 - 69.

LT. Pete Igoe, . A Div. Officer, 6 days shorter than I was in June of 69. **LT. Ferguson**, A Div. Officer, Navigator, nickname: "Fergazelle", Clumsy as hell, wore a size 15 shoe, kept dropping the D.O. key ring down the 15B scope well. **Charlie T. Free**, Charlie was a TM striker after the COB was done with him on the deck gang. **Jeffery Theys**, Worked for COB in port, stood planes watches underway. I am convinced that this is the young sailor that Dick wrote about (20 questions with the captain). **Bobby Web**, MM2, A Div pirates, very quiet. **Billy Foster**, MM1. **"Pappy" Heck**, CMC Chief Commisaryman, great chow, Talked like he had a mouth full of marbles. As a mess cook, you NEVER asked him to repeat himself. **Steve Mar..Mac ..something..** (shit I almost had it) CM2, Pappy's #2, also a great chef. **?????? Panek**, CM striker under Pappy. Blonde haired California beach boy. Great pastry chef. Fell asleep under his sunlamp in the Diesel Gen. Room on one trip and smoked his face. **Tim Kashuba**, MM1, another A Div. Pirate.

Bought a new VW Fastback in 68. Got shit faced and used it to remove all of the parking meters from AMVETS to the South Gate. **Fred Pester**, MM1, Another A Div. Pirate. **Dave Shute**, TM2. "**Dangerous**" **Dan Daly**, IC1, short but nasty. ????? **Trombley**, EM or MM nuke. "**Abe**" **Abercrombie**, MM2 nuke. (**Derf**) **Don Derfler** Worked on deck in port and planes underway. ?????? **Kepner**, SN2, worked for Dick and Doug. **Barry** ??????, Same as above. (think I will write Dick about these guys.) (**Saint**) **Fred Santalanes**???, RM 1, (Same guy Ron Graff is looking for in Mar. 00 letter.) "**Dusty**" **Rhodes**, Everyone should remember Dusty and his "port list" due to the weight of his metals. The only time I actually touched a real live WW II war patrol metal. ????? **Bohmie** (say "BAYME") I probably butchered this one. He was some kind of nuke. I have a Polaroid of him in the crews mess. I don't know why. **Chief Gueterez?** Some kind of chief nuke I think. ??? **Ward**, TM3, There are a few Wards on the roster and one of them may be him. **Jack Maddox**, RM.

I have to stop now because my toes are killing me. Maybe we can make a consolidated list of the "hunted" and send it out to everyone.

John Farro

First let me start out by saying I think you did a marvelous job on this reunion letter. My wife Rita, who has written a book ("Life Is Not A Dress Size") and who also sends out newsletters, strongly agrees. Enclosed with my registration form is a check for 25.00 to help defray a little of your costs or if you wish you can buy a couple of malts. Bryan Levgaard and I have both made our reservations already we are staying for a week. Ray, I like your suggestion about contributions to memorial fund in the Haddo's name but I would like the particulars as to when you would like a check for that. I work as an electrician for "John Deere" and have scheduled that week off. I am really looking forward to seeing old shipmates again. Once again "well done"

Jamie Feitler

I was just perusing my copy of Shift Colors when I ran across the notice for the Haddo reunion. Thanks for taking up the cause. I hope you'll be able to reunite many of us with baling wire and bubble gum in our toolboxes.

I served aboard the Haddo-fish from Oct 80 (caught her in Diego Garcia) with J. R. Rouse and 'Corky' Corcran as CO and XO. I stayed aboard for six years at the request of Frank Stewart (who later commanded the Louisville in the Gulf war).

I don't think I'll be able to make it to the reunion, however I do have some stuff I'd be happy to send you; things like crew lists from changes of commands, cruise photos, party photos, PI party photos, the MS-5 handwheel, etc. Maybe we should set up a website for sharing all the great photos?

Thanks for the nice note Ray, and thank you for your kind offer of the Haddo newsletter. Please put me on your mailing list. Jamie Feitler MM1(SS) retired

Larry Fraley

I am interested in the Haddo reunion. I picked her up in Passagola, Mississippi in May of 1975 as an E6 and left her in October, 1976 as an E7. I was a Fwd ICman, not a nuke. By the way, does raydbf stand for 'Ray - Diesel Boats Forever?'

Yes please add me to your Newsletter list. The Haddo was the first nuc I qualified on. I also ended my 25 years on shore duty. 3 ½ years at TRITRAFAC SUBASE Bangor. Larry Fraley ICCS/SS RET.

Charlie Free

I am an old Haddo Sailor. Please send info you have on the Haddo Re-Union. I served aboard Haddo from late 1966 until July of 1970. I served in the Navy for 4 years 2 months and 2 days. My rank was TM2(SS).

It was July 1970 when I mustered out of the Navy and went back to Florala, Alabama. Messed around there for awhile (until I ran out of money). Then I enrolled in Trade School and took Heating and Air Conditioning on the GI Bill. Graduated in 1972. In the

meantime I got married to Martha. Moved to Pensacola, Florida and went to work for an Air Conditioning Contractor until 1976. August 1976 moved to Crestview, Florida and went to work for another Air Conditioning Contractor. Build a house (the same one I live in now) and joined the Alabama National Guard in Florala which is about 25 miles north of Crestview. Worked for the Contractor in Crestview until 1984 at which time I got the opportunity to go to work fulltime for the Alabama National Guard in Florala. In March 1984 (14 years after getting out of the Navy) I went back on Active Duty with the Alabama Guard. Believe it or not I'm still on Active Duty. Will have 21 Active years 22 Nov 00. I'm not sure how much longer I will stay, I just take it day by day. If something better comes along I'll be gone. I left out about a million other things that have happened in the meantime, but that's generally what has happened. Oh! By the way I'm still married to Martha; three Boys and Eight Grand Kids. Life has been pretty good.

I'm excited about the Haddo Re-Union and anxious to see old friends. I must confess I cannot remember everybody.

Barry Friedel (a non-Haddo guy interested in finding old friends - can anybody help?)

I am trying to find an old friend of mine who used to be on Haddo during the mid 80's. His name is Roger Rakley, last name may be misspelled. He was an ICC/SS. I believe he retired while stationed at the Submarine Training Facility San Diego. Any help you could give me would be very much appreciated.

Thank you for answering so quickly. Too bad Roger and Ronnie are not among your list. I believe that he was going to retire to either Kansas or Nebraska as he was from there. You have probably been to <http://www.decklog.com>. That site is also very good for finding old shipmates. As for my boats, I sailed Thornback (SS418), Odax (SS484), Permit (SSN594) and retired off of Plunger (SSN595). After retirement (in '87) I went to work as a contractor for NavSeaCenPac there at Point Loma until moving out here to Iowa in '96 so that my wife could care for her ailing mother. I would welcome the Haddo newsletter as I knew others of her crew too. Barry L. Friedel FTGC/SS USN Ret.

Mike Gary

I sailed in HADDO OCT 68 to JAN 69. I came on board a YN3(SG) and left a YN2(SS). I retired a YNC(SS) in SEP 83 and was recalled back to active duty in NOV 86 to MAR 89. When were you in HADDO and what was your RATE? I believe this will be the first reunion for HADDO and I am glad somebody is trying to put it together. Where will the reunion be held? I am on the USS INDEPENDENCE (CVA-62) Reunion Committee Staff and we held one of our reunions in Charleston in 1996. The hotel we stayed at went all out to accommodate our needs and requests. If I can be of any assistance, let me know and I will see what I can do. Have you joined SUBVETS INC.? There have been a lot of former crewmembers in the magazine under new members. If you aren't a member, let me know, and I will send you an application.

Seems we were on Haddo for a few months at the same time. Didn't know there was a newsletter. Would like to get it and info on the reunion. Looking forward to getting the information. Will see if I can work out coming to the reunion. We will have just gotten back from 5 weeks on the road in the motor home, but what's another week?

Received the Newsletter and other info. You are doing an outstanding job!!! It was good to see some of the names on the Roster - I lost contact with everybody when I left HADDO. You are correct about the dates I was on the boat. I was on HADDO 14 OCT66 - 18 JAN 68. The dates I listed were the dates I was at COMSUBLANT. Going through files, I found my QUAL CARD with some of the "Sigs" from some of the guys on the Roster. I also noticed that Robert W. Chewing was a new member - He was the Skipper when I qualified in JUL 67. I lost track of him when he went to D.C. My wife and I are looking at our calendar to see if we can make the reunion - We will be traveling from the end of SEP to the Monday of the week of the Reunion, but we will try to make it.

Have you seen the Cold War Patch and Patrol Pin? I ordered mine from the American Submariner Magazine and they look pretty good. Keep in touch

A suggestion for the News Letter - Start a Booster List - A donation of \$5.00 makes a person a Booster and his name will be listed in the Newsletter. This will help with the cost of the postage. The money can be kept in an account and every thing can be accounted for. This is the way we do it in our SUBVET BASE and it works well. Is this coming reunion the first or have there been others? What we do in one of my other reunion groups, is vote on the next reunion where, when, etc. before we leave to go home. Have you put the info on the Reunion in any other magazines or papers? If not, why don't you send info to American Submariner, VFW, and American Legion? I think they will give one free publishing in their magazines. If you need the addresses, let me know and I will get them for you. What do you think about bringing applications for SUBVETS to the Reunion? I have some, but I can get more if you think it is a good idea. Something to think about. Let me get out of here.

Mike Gary

P.S. If you can, please pass the info in the next newsletter, so we can get the info out.

Gerald Joachim

Understand there is a Haddo newsletter that is put out occasionally. Would like to get on the distribution list. Was onboard from Oct 68 to March 70. Was an ELT in M division. Got out of the Navy in 1970. Started working for Northern States Power at it's two unit nuclear plant called Prairie Island at Welch, Minnesota. 29 years later still working in the radiation protection/chemistry group at the plant with 1 1/2 left till retirement. Let me know what I need to do to get on the distribution list.

From Dick Gill to Gerald

Gerald, good morning,

Nice to hear from an ole shipmate after many years and alot of miles. Yes I was on Haddo as Engineer Officer from Feb 67 through April '69 and do remember your name.

There is a Haddo newsletter that comes out periodically. I will add Patrick Householder's e mail address above and am sure he would add you to the distribution list. A reunion is also being discussed this fall!

I retired from the Navy in '85 and like you, decided to stay in the nuclear field. I am currently here in Lynchburg VA with Framatome Technologies although I only do part time work for them now.

Best wishes to you and good to receive your e-mail.

Wayne Johnston

I was a crewmember of the Haddo from Jan. 1967 to Jan. 1970 in Charleston. I know the whereabouts of four others. I am very interested in going in Nov. I would like further information. I made three long runs, qualified on my 21 birthday May 1968 the day the scorpion was lost, drank my dolphins the day they buried Robert F. Kennedy. Lots of memories good and bad. Look forward to hearing from you. It will be great to see Capt. Chewning at the reunion. I will send address of other shipmates as soon as I can. One has moved the rest have to be checked also.

First I want to thank you for such a great newsletter I loved reading it. Keep up the good work. As for the 4 shipmates I told you I had contact with, one is G. Thomas Upshaw in Hiltonhead SC. He plans on being at the reunion. Another is Gene Crowl, in New Hampshire. I think he will come. I haven't had any luck finding William L. Taylor SK2 (SS), he was in Corsicana, TX but moved. I'll keep trying to find him. Tom told me he has found Charlie Free & Donnie Fling in Crestview Fl. They ask why the Haddo reunion wasn't listed on the USS Pollack (SSN 603) web site under links most other subs are. So I thought I'd pass it on to you. I'll check with you in about a week to see if these guys I have listed have contacted you for newsletters and to be added to the roster. P.S. Dennis Panek, a cook on the Haddo originally from San Diego was up in Oregon. I got his number from his mother in San Diego. She is a widow her last name Panek. I lost the number but you might check to see if she is still there.

Good to get word from you, and know that T. Upshaw, C. Free, & G. Crowl have contacted you. I just got off the phone after talking to Dennis Panek's folks, they are Edward J. Panek 619-224-3872. They're in San Diego, Ca. Dennis now lives in San Diego, they said they would pass on the info. to him about the Newsletter and reunion. I gave them your phone number to give him, hope he calls you. I gave my number also. They could hardly believe someone from Missouri was calling. If he calls me first I'll get the info back to you as soon as possible. Tom Upshaw told me that there were 41 rooms reserved when he talked to Suzy. As for the Pollack web site, I put down USS POLLACK (SSN 603) on Links and the Haddo is listed. The Pollack is also having a reunion in Charleston this Sept. Wayne "little john" Johnston SK2 (SS)

Will Jordan

Hope things are going well w/ plans for reunion. Just a quick note for an address change. Also, ran into (literally) while out jogging, Norm Johnson. He is a contractor working for CINCPACFLT and just moved to paradise. He was XO back in late 70's. He wasn't aware of our group or the reunion. I'll include his address. I am still in navy and working at COMSUBPAC as DCOS for Intel. Mahalo and aloha from paradise

Dutch Kneuer

I will not be able to attend the reunion this year due to prior commitments (Remora reunion, SubVets WWII convention, Cruise to Mexico) which will have pretty well depleted my recreation dollars for this year. Maybe I'll be able to make the next one.

Pat McGahan

I was on HADDO 1974-1976, in a variety of Lt jobs, including a stint as DCA during the Pascagoula overhaul, and took her through the canal enroute SDGO. I am retiring from the USN after 30 years this month (June).

Pat McGovern

I got my sea-bag packed, stopping for breakfast at the Hominy Grill, then on to Drunken Jacks for a few drinks with the Magnolias Wenches, sober up with some Shecrab soup, I love the Bars with dirt floors and loud juke boxes, Home of Krispy Cream Donuts and sticky fingers, Gechy Time. Yes I am going to the reunion, but I'm renting a house on the island for a week and letting my golf pro son represent me in the golf tournament, plus I need a designated driver. I plan to suck up the continental breakfast in the morning at the hotel, I'll use my brother in laws name(MATEY)and room number to crash in. I plan to look good when I get there and leave a 98-lb. Weakling. I cant wait to see the softball team that never won a game, and the moment of silence for our fallen shipmates is very important to me, plus I will be there Wednesday for the memorial.

Hey you hosers, OK, it's a done deal. I went down town to the retirement board today and signed the papers for April 28 retirement. I then turned in my identification in order to receive my new "retired" ID card. Down Scope, Matey PS GREAT JOB RAY

Lyle Moore - to - Ralph Stroede

Ralph. I am Lyle Moore. We were in engineering on the Haddo together. I found you on www.submarinesailor.com. I was very pleased to see your name and a couple of the others listed. If you like e-mail back, I would like to exchange mail and find out about some of the others. Regards Lyle Moore MMCM SS

Ralph Stroede's response

I remember your sorry ass! How in the hell have you been??? Master Chief, I'm very proud of you. It's funny that this is all coming together now. I signed into the sub sailor and Ray Butters found me, he was a sonorman on the commissioning crew, he is retired and living in San Diego. Dick Noble had talked him into keeping up the 604 newsletter. I'm going to forward your letter to him so that you not only get on the mailing list but he will also send you a roster of the crew. Ed Mox called me the night before last, he is up

in Toledo, Al Stratton is up in Ravenna, OH. I still haven't contacted him. I live on a 225 acre farm in NE Ohio, about 50 miles west of Pittsburgh, my wife works downtown, and 125 miles south of Cleveland. I work for a company out of Cleveland. I'm not like those rich chiefs that got to retire, I still have to work. Got to run for now but we will talk more later. It was good to hear from you, PeeWee, stay in touch.

Lyle Moore

Have you heard from Dave Hottenstien? He lived in the Charleston Area. Also John Shockley an ELT Chief if I remember correctly. I am so pleased with the response, I only located the lot of you couple days ago. Even found a couple of shipmate from the first boat that I was stationed on. I will work up a bio and Email it, 35 years is a day or two. Yes the wife and I plan on being at the Charleston shindig. Where is it going to take place? Take care and be safe Lyle.

Dick Scales

Am curious about your feelings on the length of the newsletter mailing list, as a result of some recent "games" that I played. I came across some of my old Haddo notes from my command years of 1971-1975, as well as I believe all prior Haddo newsletters put out by Mike Gann and then you. Names started popping up, and you know how that goes..... Well, I identified between 80 and 90 former known Haddo "sailors" who are not presently on your mailing list as shown in the March 2000 issue, quite a few of whom were shipmates with me "back then". Although now two years old, I have a set of nationwide "phone discs" that I've learned to research fairly rapidly, as well as various professional journals that periodically publish directories of all members locator data. Suffice it to say that these yielded quite a few "strong" leads that may well allow contact reestablishment simply by making telephone calls, which I'm ready to proceed on, but I don't want to "overload" your end of things (effort or expense) by hitting you with several dozen names who want to hear about Haddo / reunions / et al.

Some used to be on earlier Haddo newsletter directory lists and dropped off (maybe at the request of someone genuinely not interested then), others have never been on anything other than the occasional inclusion of a list of shipmates with whom others would like to regain contact. Specifically, I have about 36 for whom there is only ONE listing in the whole United States that reflects the name as fully as I had reference to it (lots of J. Gonzales, for example, but only one Jerome F Gonzales). Have others tried this approach to your knowledge? I found it highly successful in the mid-90s when I took charge of trying to contact all living classmates from Annapolis, and was able to reach over 97% (but I had lots of info about their names, backgrounds, kids names in many cases including colleges from which they graduated, and eventually such leads pay-off).

I'll likely call the ones I served with anyway, but I won't start until I hear back as to whether you want me to encourage them to get "listed" with the "HRC" (as in Haddo Reunion Committee). If you urge such for all I can find, I'll feed you periodic e-mail updates (to include e-mail addresses if they have them). Once "tier one" is done, I'll go to the next step, which is (for example) calling the five identifiable Terry Elkins listings in the country, none of which are Terry F. Elkins specifically for phone listing. Etc., etc., etc..

Can't very well send a cost-offsets donation by e-mail, but I'll include same when I make a mailing in the near future. Best regards ... can only hope at this point that I'll be able to give serious consideration to the next reunion since we are home-building/moving in the next couple of months. By mid-June my address (not phones) will change.

Gary Semler

Just a quick note to give you a new contact who is interested in getting the newsletter and reunion info. I met him at several of our Charleston Base Subvets Inc functions and also at the Submarine Ball last Sat night, which by the way was a great party. I believe he also can add some more names to the Haddo roster from this area as well as some out of the area. He was on the boat in the 70's. Please contact him and see if you can help him out. Keep up the great work.

Jackie Turnquist (another non-Haddo person looking for friends - can anyone help her?)
I heard rumors of a Haddo Reunion from Frank Wise. My ex-husband was on the Haddo many years ago. I wouldn't mind getting in touch with some of the people I knew back then. Any news? You can reach me at Jackie.Turnquist@courts.state.md.us Thanks, Jackie T.

Tom Upshaw

I understand you are organizing a reunion of Haddo shipmates in Charleston in November. If you could provide me with information for that I would be grateful. Wayne Johnston has also informed me that you are doing a newsletter. Let me know how I might get on the mailing list and if possible get some back copies of those already published. Thanks in advance for your assistance and for your efforts for the November meeting.

Thanks for a quick response. Wayne and I went on the Haddo the same day as seamen right out of sub school. That was January 1967. I was there for two years having qualified and making FTG3. There was an over compliment of FT's so I was transferred to the Chivo (SS341). Talk about a difference.

As I was typing this in another friend who came on with Wayne and I called after I had left a voice mail for him earlier today. I knew where he was and did a search on the internet and found his number. Charlie Free later became a torpedoman. He is excited about the reunion and hopes to attend. I will forward the information on to him.

Tom Warner

This is a copy of the Doll House I promised. Hope you enjoy it; I have. See you in November.
Tom

Letters

Robert Chewing

I am embarrassed for not having answered your two great letters before now. We had our entire immediate family out in Idaho for skiing during much of December through the New Year. I am currently in Virginia trying to live in and take care of two places - one in Virginia and one in Idaho. I frequently wonder where the time goes. Either I am more busy in retirement or it just takes me longer!

It was a wonderful experience having Dick Noble call me on the telephone. He brought back very vividly many memories from the past; just as your letters have done. I am so pleased that, after all these years, others have such a close identity with USS Haddo and the experiences we lived together as a crew. I am greatly honored to be asked to speak at this year's reunion and accept with pleasure. I know how large an undertaking it can be to organize a reunion and appreciate what you are doing.

I wanted to get this note off to you before any more time had elapsed. My wife, Ginny, and I will be returning to Idaho toward the end of March, and I will try to be better at my correspondence once we are there.

Thank you again

Taps:

I apologize for the location of this entry and assure you that the page 12 placement was not meant in any way to lessen its significance. When I received this information, I had pages 1 through 8 already copied and therefor could not place this notice properly in the body of the newsletter.

I have just learned and I regret to report that we have lost a fine shipmate. Al Stratton past away on 13 July 1998. Al was a fine person and an inspiring shipmate and we shall miss him.