



USS HADDO NEWSLETTER



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From the Editor:

The following links were submitted by Roger and Veronica Rackley
Video Depicts camaraderie between Veterans as opposed to friendships between civilians and the importance of maintaining these connections.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=58HA_trxpos

The first Air Force One
You would think this plane would go to Eisenhower's Library or the Smithsonian.

The first Air Force One recently discovered, is an airplane of historical significance that was found (2013) languishing in an aircraft facility in Marana, Az.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/ehwvZXVKmPU>

If anyone is interested there is a Snook reunion the week of October 5, 2015 in the Dallas Texas area, Contact me via email for more information.

Books

The following book was mentioned in Newsletter 49 and is repeated in the current letter.

Sir

I have published the book, "Covert Sailors-Submarine Sea Stories" and am contacting you to promote sales to your reunion association. It is available in Kindle-version or as a 5"x8"x672-page paperback edition at amazon.com. If someone would rather have a signed copy, they should email me at xboatsailor@yahoo.com and place "Sub Book" in the subject line to insure that their information doesn't go to the spam locker. Any Submariner who would like to have his original story in print, I am collecting submissions for an eventual volume Two. A portion of royalties are being donated to USSVI. I am trying to pay down medical costs from two different cancers and would appreciate all assistance of this endeavor. Thank you for your kind

consideration in helping me "get the word out",Jim Schenk, SS-214, SSN-586, SSN-664; 1966-1972.

James Schenk

NOW AVAILABLE in Kindle or Paperback editions:

Hey there, sailor –

I am a Life Member of USSVI and belong to Groton Base, Carolina Piedmont Base and am commissioning Chaplain of Nathanael Greene Base. I have published my book entitled, "COVERT SAILORS – Submariner Sea Stories" by Jim Schenk, for sale from amazon.com. As promised, a portion of the royalties will be donated to USSVI. If you answered my email in the past from xboatsailor@yahoo.com then you should be ready to order and enjoy it now, because you are in there. Well, some gave, and some did not. Anyone desiring to be included in Volume Two may send their submissions to the above email and be sure to include **SUBMARINE BOOK** in the Subject Line as insurance that it does not go to AutoDump.

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and Windows phones and tablets.

This endeavor, more or less, reads like an underwater version of McHale's Navy; not recommended for Skimmers or Civilians unless they use the Glossary in the Appendix. As you are reading this book, your wife will say to you, "What's so funny?" and you can choose to tell her,or not, but please, do pass the word.

The 5"x8" paperback issue is now available at 672 pages in easy-to-read larger print. It can be purchased at createspace.com for \$23.35 or at amazon.com for \$18.60. I had no say in the cost of the paperback, but the Kindle book is now at \$5.00 upon my insistence. Enjoy the read...I await your critique.

God bless you and your family,Jim

Haddo 604 Memories

All Haddo crew members, this area needs your full attention. Topics of interest are your experiences, deeds, misdeeds, heroic acts, misfortunes, frustrations, accomplishments, endeavors, ordeals etc. Please also share your stories from other boats and duty stations.

Humor

This happened to me once. (not on Haddo)

The executive officer came out of the wardroom and found me standing in the crews mess. "Petty officer Hergert there is water coming from the overhead in number three stateroom, it tastes like saltwater". I went into the stateroom to investigate and sure enough water was dripping from the ceiling. I opened the access door nearby to see where it was coming from. Ah! I see what happened, stuffed some rags in to absorb the water and returned to the XO. "XO Sir, the water dripping from the overhead in the stateroom, which you tasted, came from the sanitary tank charcoal vent. Apparently someone brew down the officers urinal forcing water back up through the vent. He acknowledged and nothing more needed to be said.

However! To taste or not to taste, that is the question.

Other Emails

From Ralph Stroede

Subj: Bruce Taylor added to Crew list

Hi Bruce,

I have added your name to the Crew List. Please check it and make sure I did it correctly. I have also added you to our Master Mailing List. I look forward to meeting you at the next reunion.

Welcome aboard and Welcome Home!

Ralph

Thanks for the email. I reported aboard Haddo as a LT, USN in May 1968.

Since you are a Haddo Plank Owner you might be interested in knowing that the time I reported aboard Haddo she did not show up at Pier November because she was diverted on search and rescue for Scorpion. Both boats had been on patrol in the Med. I was coming to Haddo from the Daniel Webster SSBN 626 (Blue)

commanded by Jack Williams, your former skipper on Haddo. Jack was the best officer I ever had the privilege of serving under. I wanted a fast attack out of Charleston and he got me my billet on Haddo. On Haddo I served first as Communicator followed by Ops, and at the time of my detachment I was actually Acting XO for a very brief period due to Andy Massimino's serious illness. I was detached in early September 1969, shortly after we put her in the yards in Charleston for the Sub Safe overhaul. My highest rank remained LT.

I am officially retired but I still remain active in my company, Taylor Engineering, Inc., but not on a full time basis. My wife, June, and I spend approximately one-third of our time throughout the year at our second home in Baltimore, MD. My contact information is as follows:

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Baltimore, MD 21210
Tel: (443) 759-8427

You can always reach me by email wherever I may be. Right now I'm sending you this from a cruise ship in the China Sea enroute Shanghai.

Again, Ralph I really appreciate you reaching out to me. God willing June and I will attend our next reunion.

Sincerely,

Bruce

-----Original Message-----

From: Ralph [mailto:rstroede@hughes.net]

Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 9:34 AM

To: 'Fred Heyse'; Bruce Taylor

Subject: RE: Haddo

Hi Bruce,

What was the highest rank you attained on Haddo and what years did you serve? Also, please send me your physical address and phone number so I can add you to the Master Mailing List. The Newsletter will be emailed to you in April and October. If you want to see any of the previous Newsletters they are all on the Haddo web site. The next reunion will be in Sept.-Oct. Of 2016.

Ralph Stroede

MM1(SS)N

1964-1968

Plank Owner

From: Fred Heyse [mailto:heysefh@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 4, 2015 10:13 PM
To: Bruce Taylor; Ralph Stroede
Subject: Re: Haddo

Bruce and Ralph,
Ralph, Bruce would like to be added to the Haddo list of the crew. You may remember Bruce as an arriving LT just as I was leaving and a bit before you were leaving I believe. Bruce and I were in the same Sub-school class! Bruce, Ralph was an MM1 at the time and ran the Engines Upper Section. Ralph is the coordinator of this group and has to add you to the website (<http://usshaddo.com/>) and then you are on all distribution lists!
Hope to see you both again in the not-too-distant future.
Thanks,
Fred Heyse

From: Bruce Taylor
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 1:43 PM
To: Fred Heyse (heysefh@earthlink.net)
Subject: Haddo

Fred,
What a nice surprise it is to hear from you. We'll miss you in Chicago as well. As for the Haddo reunion, I am not on anyone's list, but I sure would love to have gone. Can you email somebody to put us on the Haddo reunion list? My email is btaylor@taylorengeering.com <<mailto:btaylor@taylorengeering.com>> and I guess you have June's as well. We live in Jacksonville, FL (since 1974 when I finished grad school). I have my own engineering consulting firm, Taylor Engineering, with about 50 employees. We specialize in water related projects such as waterfront engineering design, dredging and navigation, coastal and harbor engineering, water resources engineering, etc., etc., etc. Look up our website. I don't go in every day anymore, but I do stay involved. I have also been very involved with the University of North Florida. I will go off of the school's Board of Trustees within a month or so after 11 years. I've really enjoyed it. Sorry, I hope I haven't bored you, but I thought you might like to know. I hope all is well with you and your family. June and I still remember your wedding. It was a blast! Take care Freddie and please keep in touch. If I need to email somebody on the Haddo

reunions, just let me know.
Best regards,
Bruce

R. Bruce Taylor
CEO/Chairman

From: Fred Heyse [mailto:heysefh@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 6:44 PM
To: June Taylor
Subject: RE: Sub reunion correction

Bruce and June (only!).
We must miss this gathering due to family reunion commitments scheduled a year ago. We missed seeing you at the Haddo reunion in Charleston last September. Hope to get together at some future gathering soon.

Fred Heyse

To: Ralph Stroede
Subject: Empire Rising Donation to your Reunion Association
Hi Ralph,

How are you doing? I hope the new year has been treating you well so far. I wanted to thank you again for helping spread the word about *The Trident Deception* last year. As I mentioned in my last email a few months ago, it sold very well (#44 nationwide and #28 at Barnes & Noble), and as a result, my publisher offered me a second two-book deal for books to be released in 2016 and 2017, for four total so far. Most new authors don't get follow-on book deals, but with your help, I beat the odds! Thanks so much!

My second book - *Empire Rising* - releases on February 24th, and I'd like to donate a signed hardcover for you to use at an upcoming reunion. Additionally, if you can spread the word to your association members again this year - via email, newsletter, or whichever way you think is best and appropriate, I'll send you a signed hardcover to use as a second book at an upcoming reunion, or signed to you or someone else in your association, whichever you prefer.

It's tough to break in as a new author, but my publisher is trying to make it happen. St. Martin's Press has arranged fantastic promotions again this year - the paperback version of *The Trident Deception* will be featured at the front of every Barnes & Noble across the country for one month starting February 3rd, Walmart

has placed an order for 10,000 copies, and it will be carried by most military exchanges. My second book - *Empire Rising* - will also be featured at the front of every Barnes & Noble for 3 weeks when it releases on February 24th, and will be offered at a 20% discount. They'll also be advertising *Empire Rising* on FoxNews.com, with 2.2 million impressions. However, even with my publisher's efforts, it's a tough world out there for a new author and I would really appreciate it if you could help spread the word again.

Please let me know if you'd like a copy of *Empire Rising* for an upcoming reunion, and if you can help spread the word about the launch of the paperback version of *The Trident Deception* and hardcover/eBook release of *Empire Rising* this February, I'll send you another signed hardcover.

Thanks again for your help getting my writing career off to a great start. I couldn't have done it without you!

Warm regards,

Rick

Author of military thrillers published by Macmillan / St. Martin's Press. Find out more at - [Deception at Maximum Depth!](#) and rickcampbellauthor.com

PRAISE FOR *The Trident Deception*:

— “The best submarine novel since Tom Clancy’s classic *The Hunt For Red October*.” — Booklist

— #2 Submarine Thriller on Amazon based on customer reviews. (*The Hunt for Red October* is #1.). Check out the book's [Amazon Reviews](#)

PRAISE FOR *Empire Rising*:

— "Another riveting military action thriller by Rick Campbell. A MUST READ for fans of this genre." — Publishers Weekly

— “The story rockets around the globe and the pages cannot turn fast enough. Readers who miss Clancy will devour Campbell.” — Booklist

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— *Empire Rising* releases on February 24, 2015 (Paperback format will release in 2016)

Eternal Patrol

The following are emails about Pat Dittmar

Hi Pat, I added you to the Crew List on the Haddo web site. Please check it and make sure I did it correctly. You will be receiving the Newsletter by email twice a year. Please send me your physical address and phone number so that we can add you to the Master Mailing List.

Hello Ralph,

I am Bonnie Castello, Pat's wife. I am so very sorry to have to tell you that Pat passed away on September 3 after complications from spinal surgery. Just before his surgery, we were talking - as we always did, about his history in the Navy and the three submarines he was on - the Haddo, The John Marshall and the Sablefish. I just happened to be online, and so I looked up the Haddo and found your website. He was very happy to know about it and I read off a number of crew member names from 1963 to 1967 - the time he served. He indeed recognized a number of crew members from the list. He loved his time on the subs - the adventures, seeing Russia from a periscope, being part of the whole Cold War elint effort, traveling all over Europe during his time off, learning about all the systems on the subs and of course enjoying the best food the Navy had to offer. Although he was educated in finance and was a serious 'math nerd', in his earlier days after the Navy, he built 4 ferro-cement boats - all on the 30-50 foot range. One he outfitted as a shrimp boat, and he and his young family lived on it along the Texas gulf, and he made his living shrimping. He was always proud of the fact that he did all the work himself, including the electrical, hydraulics, winches, etc. He credited his time on the subs with giving him the knowledge he needed to build such strong and effective boats. He went on to get his Master Merchant Mariner license for all oceans and the Great Lakes, and for many years did anchor hauling, oil rig placements, all sorts of oil patch work in the Gulf, and at one point after a very bad divorce, spent about a year doing similar work off the west coast of Africa. He also had his commercial airplane pilot's license and enjoyed flying during most of his life. Recently we talked about how much he wanted to fly again, but our real plan was to retire, buy or build a sailboat, live on it and circumnavigate the British Isles in summer, the Med in winter. In his past, Pat single handed a sailboat from San Diego to Hawaii. His real love was the stock

markets, and since we met 21 years ago, he has been working on computerized systems for trading the various market instruments. As I mentioned, his formal education was in finance, and even in his 'rougher' days, he was always involved in the markets in one way or the other. He has built a series of automated programs - sometimes called 'robots' that trade the futures market and seem to do well. I am now working with his software and hope to continue his work. He was an avid poker player, and combined his math skills with a penchant for writing, and authored a book called 'Practical Poker Math - Odd, Probabilities and Game Theory for Hold em and Omaha', which was reviewed in the London Times, and even translated into Italian!! just wanted to give you some background on my Boy. He was an amazing man, and I am sure that some of his colleagues from the submarines would have some crazy stories to tell about him - he was definitely one of a kind. I miss him terribly. Thank you for updating the site. I will sign on and take a look. I suppose I must move him to the 'final watch' category - oh, Lord, this is hard. Anyway, thank you again for reaching out to Pat - I know he would have been very happy to re-connect with you and the others from his sub days.

Bonnie

Hi Bonnie,

I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Pat. I am especially sorry for your loss. He was a good man. I served with him. We are both Plank Owners. It sound like he had a very interesting life. I have taken him off the Crew List and put him on the Eternal Patrol List. Thank you for the information. Good luck to you.

Respectfully,

Ralph

Hello Ralph,

Thank you so much for your kind words and for updating the site too. Yes, he mentioned he was a Plank Owner -I just wasn't sure which vessel(s). He always said that submariners were a special lot - of course they would be, due to the extraordinary job they do and the pressures of being submerged for long periods of time, the secrecy of the boat and its equipment - the list goes on. I am sure you too are cut from the same cloth as Pat . I am happy to make your acquaintance and again thank you for your kind words.

Reunion pictures submitted by Lance Andretta –

Merry Christmas to you and your family.

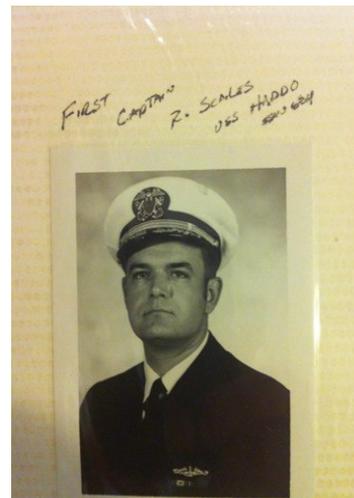
Kind regards,

Bonnie

From Eugene Gilbert

I have never been to a USS Haddo reunion. Time served aboard the Haddo was both memorable, and significant in my life. Thank you for sharing these pictures, they bring back many memories Gene Gilbert

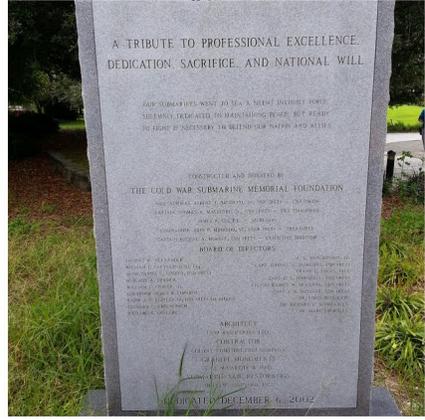
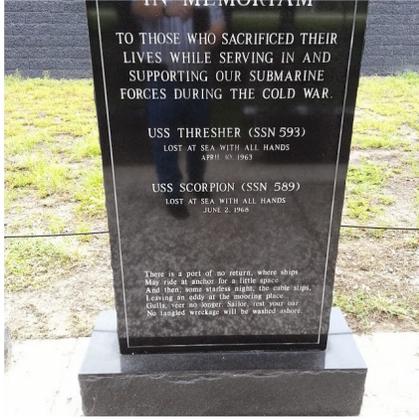
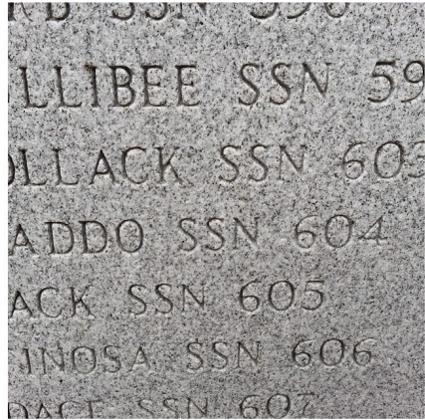
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Winter in Maine









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