



USS HADDO NEWSLETTER



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From the Editor:

Since the last news letter I have received little input from the Haddo community. This issue will mainly consist of feedback from the Haddo reunion.

I am sure there are many stories left to tell and not just about Haddo, please relate your experiences with other submarines as well. Let the newsletter carry the history of you to your friends and relatives as it is important to hand down to other generations the experience of submarine service and what it was like to serve.

Recommended

Next time you are in San Diego, visit the Maritime museum. They now have an interactive light and sound exhibit aboard the Maritime Museum's Russian Foxtrot-class submarine which takes you on a journey to the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, when the world stood on the edge of nuclear war.



<https://sdmaritime.org/visit/public-events/to-the-brink-of-war/>

US Navy to arm its submarines with 'Blackwing' spy drones

The hunt for Red October is about to get much easier.

Submitted by Robert Martin

<https://www.engadget.com/2016/05/19/the-navy-is-arming-its-submarines-with-blackwing-spy-drones/>

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/05/us-navy-to-deploy-submarine-launched-drones/>

hell below smithsonian – links to submarine videos via you tube

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=hell+below+smithsonian

Washington (SSN 787) Time-Lapse

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ydVNPmuCMRQ>

Could the US Navy Really Hunt Down Russian or Chinese Submarines?

<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/could-the-us-navy-really-hunt-down-russian-or-chinese-17346>

Haddo 604 Memories

Edwin,

Just read the April Newsletter and the article about the massive 3000 lb hydraulic system loss in the Med. I was the Diving Officer at the time (as a TMI) and remember it well as it was during the evening meal. Sonar contacts all over the place as is usual in the Med, and we were able to stop the ascent at 200' and recover from the causality. Cleanup was something else in the Engine Rm and everyone off watch helped wipe up the oil which had misted and was on everything. I also made Chief on that run and was initiated in Naples. I was the only submariner, every other initiate was from the Carrier and Cruisers. Those skimmers wanted nothing to do with the Goat LKR on Haddo. I had a ball and believe me they piled it on.

Clive Waite email 3/28/2016

Emails

From: Mike Gann [mailto:gannm@gleneddy.com]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 9:19 PM
To: Ralph Stroede <rstroede@hughes.net>
Subject: Re: Hello from the USS Haddo

Ralph – Thanks, but I really must keep my phone number private – it is an unlisted number, because I have had “issues” with phone calls in the past. If folks want to get in touch they have my E-mail and mailing address. Sadly, it is highly unlikely that I will make any of the future Reunions, as my wife's health needs preclude that sort of travel any more. I certainly enjoy the Newsletter each time it arrives and I commend you, and the others who are involved in compiling and distributing it. Regards to you and best wished to all former crewmembers. I hope the Reunion in St Louis is a big success and I look forward to hearing all about it in a future Newsletter.

From: Mike and [mailto:ssn698@hughes.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 10:41 PM
To: Stroede, Trudy <tstroede@hughes.net>
Subject: RM2 David F Ott

Trudy

I would like to ask a favor...could you find out if anyone knows how to get in touch with RM2 (SS) OTT

He worked for me when on Haddo 78-80....My wife and Are are unpacking boxes we boxed in Hawaii. found his qualification Certificate and would like to get it to him...

v/r RMC(SS) Medina

From: Rick Campbell [mailto:rick@rickcampbellauthor.com]
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 10:53 PM
To: Ralph Stroede <rstroede@hughes.net>
Subject: Rick Campbell Update - Tomorrow is the Big Day - and I Need Your Help

Hi Ralph,

Tomorrow is the big day! *Ice Station Nautilus* releases at bookstores everywhere, and will be featured at the front of every Barnes & Noble, on their "Biggest Books of Summer" table. However, I really need your help!

After 32 years in the Navy, becoming a writer was a difficult transition, but I've done well. However, part of that is because my publisher made a significant investment in me, paying to have my books featured at the front of Barnes & Noble, along with other marketing efforts. After the release of *Ice Station Nautilus*, my publisher will evaluate the return on their investment, and decide whether to offer a new contract with similar terms or pull the plug and invest in someone else. It's critical that *Ice Station Nautilus* does well.

You can make a difference. For example, if I sell just 10 hardcovers at each Barnes & Noble and an equivalent total at Amazon, that will be enough to guarantee me a new contract. If there's a way you could get the word out, you could let those who might be interested in reading *Ice Station Nautilus* know that the book is available, and discounted 20% the first two weeks at both Amazon and Barnes & Noble. I'd really appreciate your help getting the word out!

Best Regards,

Rick

From: wriffer@cox.net [mailto:wriffer@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2016 8:22 PM
To: rstroede@hughes.net
Subject: My thanks to the men of the USS Haddo

I am sending this to you as it was the only e-mail I could find on your web site that might be able to pass this along. Please consider putting this in your news letter or putting it out in any other form you feel appropriate. Thanks.

" My thanks to the Haddo:

On October 24th , I was checking into the Crown Plaza in St.

Louis and left my wife in the car. She decided to get out and promptly fell, hit her head, and busted it open. A group of you (Haddo men) were outside the hotel and rushed to her aid. You called the EMT's, sat her up to make sure she was okay (breathing, etc.), wiped up a lot of blood at no little cost to your handkerchiefs and clothing and in general made sure she knew she was in good hands. We ended up at the ER with a number of stitches and a decision to replace her knee when we got home.

However, she is fine. I never served around the Haddo but based on what I saw that night, I suspect she was a real winner. My sincere thanks to all who helped us that night. My best to all of you.

Bill Riffer
Capt. (Ret.) USN
(Former CO, USS Boston SSN-703 and Simon Lake AS-33)"

**2016 USS Haddo Reunion
September 22 – 26, 2016
St. Louis, MO**

The 2016 reunion was a great success due to the efforts of several members. A big thank you to Richard Noble, Pat McGovern and Ken Brenner for obtaining prizes and restaurant gift cards which were passed out as door prizes at the banquet. A big thanks to Hal Clark for donations which were put into a Chinese Auction. And finally to Ray Butters for his craftsmanship in making the gift for the guest speaker. There were 78 people in attendance. Following are some of the highlights of the adventure.



The hospitality room served as the central gathering place where Haddo sailors and their mates could gather to swap sea stories and catch up with each other. Pictured is Bob Fehre and Ralph Stroede having a serious discussion about who knows what. Some of the folks gathered at the round table were Sandy Fehre, Ray Butters, Tom Warner, Jerry Roch, Pat Mautner, and Marie Noble. Lots of refreshments were provided – beer, wine, soda, cheese and snacks.



They deemed themselves the “Haddo Misfits” – Bob Fehre, Don Gorence, Nolan Romero and Lance Andretta. I think they were missing a few members!!



Friday evening we cruised the Missouri River with a buffet dinner. Seated from left to right: Ray Butters, Susie Butters, Patty Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Thelma Warner, Tom Warner, Trudy Stroede, Ralph Stroede, Don Derfler, Sandra Brenner and Ken Brenner.



From left to right: Dave Montgomery, Bob Fehre, Lance Andretta, Nolan Romero, Flo Romero, Don Gorence, Pat McGovern.



Go ahead and give us a pose..... Janet and Chris Seebald.



Our Trolley Tour guides – Dusty and Charlie. What a great tour of the city of St. Louis. An amazing fact was that most of the cities attractions are free of charge.



The grounds of Forest Park are all maintained by 1400 volunteers who donate their time annually. Everything was pristine – no trash or weeds anywhere. Just beautiful.



One stop along the way on the trolley tour. Looks like Christie and Don Harvey are interested in something.



Ice sculpture at the entrance to the banquet hall.



On to the banquet. Don Derfler, Wayne Johnston and Patty Johnston.



Add in Roger Ferguson and Adrienne Baughman.



Daniel Cartwright, Tony Cocchiara and William D'Amato



Tony Cocchiara II, Jim Adams, William Hayes and Barbara Hayes



Sandra Fehre, Bob Fehre, Nolan Romero and Flo Romero



Our Guest Speaker, Paul Callahan and Ray Butters. A big thank you to Ray Butters who crafted the gift for Paul Callahan – a replica of the Haddo. Great Job Ray!

Roster of Haddo sailors attending:

Jim Adams, Bill Allen, Tom Amrhein, Lance Andretta, Ken Brenner, John Briquet, Ray Butters, Paul Callahan, Dan Cartwright, Michael Coates, Tony Cocchiara, William D'Amato, Don Derfler, George Dreyer, Terry Elkins, Bob Fehre, Roger Ferguson, Don Gorence, Don Harvey, William Hayes, Richard Hillman, Wayne Johnston, Rick Kepner, Ken Kolonkowski, Larry Krause, Jerry Lundquist, Pat McGahan, Pat McGovern, Dave Montgomery, William Neff, Richard Noble, Dave Oliver, Dennis Osborn, Donald Payne, Jerry Roch, Nolan Romero, Dempsey Rouse, Christopher Seebald, Donald Smith, Jerry Stanek, Ralph Stroede, Jack Taylor, Ladd Tomlin, Steve VanOsdol, David Waddell, and Tom Warner, Sr.



Our sponsors helped to make this reunion a success from free beer to many door prizes in the form of gift certificates to various restaurants