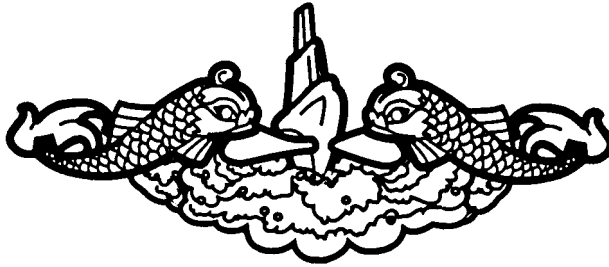


USS HADDO (SSN 604)



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Happy New Year former shipmate. Although we've tracked down names and addresses for 49 of you now, we've got a long way to go. The list of remembered crewmembers' names, for whom we have no addresses, has grown to over 200. If any one can supply an address for any of these folds, PLEASE DO. Please copy this Newsletter and send it to all former Haddo crew members you know, and so on. Forward, or phone former crew members' mailing addresses to either;

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Mike and Hal started up this Newsletter back in March, 1990 and will try and keep it going as long as possible. Attached to this Newsletter is a complete list of names and addresses accumulated so far - each a recipient of this mailing . . . and a list of names alone of remembered crew members whose whereabouts are not currently knows - can anyone supply?

An Now, a little "Food for Thought"

Given the interest generated by the first two Newsletters, we (Hal and Mike) believe now that there should be some mission, some purpose, some objective we can set that would serve as an interest-sustaining factor that might one day bring us all together once more (or at least provide the opportunity). We're too late for Haddo's decommissioning, so that's out. We know of no other event through the operational life of the boat that would be a unifying theme and all former crewmembers since the span of time involved is 1962 - 1990 (28 years). And yet, there may be one such opportunity to be explored.

The Navy is about to embark on the construction of the next generation of Fast Attack submarines - the "Seawold/SSN-21" class. Suppose interested members of the former Haddo crew (officers and enlisted alike) were to adopt as a goal having one of the new SSN-21's named U.S.S. Haddo! This would provide the unifying cause that would sustain our interest in keeping in touch as well as creating the ultimate opportunity for a "reunion" - the commissioning ceremony for the next U.S.S. Haddo, a ship whose name we would be responsible for perpetuating. "Our" U.S.S. Haddo was not the first, so there's already a precedent within the Navy for perpetuating the name. The first U.S.S. Haddo (SS-255) was a Gato class diesel boat that saw action in WWII in both the Atlantic and the Pacific. Stationed with SUBSOWESPAC out of

Freemantle, Australia, Haddo was credited with sinking two Japanese tankers on August 21, 1944, and a Japanese destroyer two days later. Haddo was one of twelve boats present in Tokyo Bay for the formal surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945.

We visualize (for lack of a better idea) a committee composed of former Haddo C.O.s (or other officers) spearheading the effort within the Navy heirarchy (after all, former C.O.s/officers must still have some connections), while the rest of us former crew scattered about the United States would back up the "inside" efforts of the committee with lobby-letters to our respective Congressional representatives. If we expect to get anywhere with this, it's not too soon to get started now. Enclosed is a card on this you may register your interest (or disinterest) in this idea, as well as your interest (or disinterest)in the newsletter itself. Please send back to Mike Gann and I will take appropriate action.

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