

NAUTILUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, Inc. -- HISTORY SUMMARY

- 1983 Reunion at the Officer's Club, Naval Submarine Base, New London, CT. It was organized by Stu Nelson and included a softball game.
- 1986 Reunion at the Ramada Inn, Norwich, CT. It was organized by Stu Nelson and celebrated the grand opening and dedication of the Submarine Force Library & Museum (SFL&M) and Historic Ship (H.S.) Nautilus.
- 1988 No reunion information available.
- 1990 Reunion at the Ramada Inn, Mystic, CT. It was organized by Lance & Linda Engle and has a country western theme that started with an outdoor barbecue. Our banner was stolen and returned anonymously just prior to the next reunion, but not before we had a second one made.
- 1992 Reunion at the Ramada Inn, Mystic, CT. It was organized by Lance & Linda Engle and introduced the Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc., logo on golf shirts and jackets. The logo was based on a redesign by Lance and Linda Engle of the onion skin in the 1954 Electric Boat Launch Program booklet.
- 1994 Reunion at the Best Western in Mystic, CT. No other information available.
- 1996 Reunion at the Shilo Inn & Suites in Idaho Falls, ID. It was organized by Harry & Vivian Hedin. A tour of the prototype at Arco was available. The guest speaker was RADM Yogi Kaufman.
- 1998 Reunion at the Radisson in New London, CT. It was organized by Walter & Carnie Lincoln for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the North Pole trip. We had a clambake at the Mystic Seaport. The speaker was CDR Mike Connor, CO of the new Seawolf.
- 2000 Reunion at Humphrey's Half Moon Inn in San Diego, CA. It was organized by Captain William A. Gains and we toured a 688 class submarine.
- 2002 Reunion at the Radisson in New London, CT. It was organized by Walter & Carnie Lincoln. We toured a Russian Juliett class diesel electric submarine with nuclear missile launch capability. The Victorian Lady performed for the ladies.
- 2004 Reunion at the Groton Inn & Suites, Groton, Ct. It was organized by Al & Marilyn Charette for the Golden (50<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary of commissioning. A tour of the Russian Juliett class submarine with nuclear missile launch capability was available. Mrs Reynolds, an 1873 Sea Captain's wife from the Mystic Seaport, performed for the ladies. Admiral Bowman, Naval Reactors, was guest speaker.
- 2006 Reunion at the Hampton Inn & Suites, Bremerton, WA. It was organized by Roland Cave and committee. Channel fever night was a spaghetti feed at the Horse & Cow. Golf and a bus tour of Mount St. Helens was available and a tour of a TRIDENT submarine and TRIDENT Training Facility was conducted. A local boat tour to Kiana

Lodge and a Northwest salmon dinner was offered. Guest speaker at the banquet was the local Submarine Group Admiral.

- 2008 Reunion at the Groton Inn & Suites, Groton, CT. It was organized by Al & Marilyn Charette for the Golden (50<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the North Pole voyage. A USS Nautilus (SSN-571) flag had been given to the USS Providence (SSN-719) to be taken to 719 feet at the North Pole. This flag along with gold and silver dolphins and a North Pole 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary coin was had been given to Captain Bowen (NASA) [submariner & astronaut] for him to take on a flight into space. The flag was at the reunion. The missing man ceremony was performed. The Friday night buffet included a performance by the Sojourners on Building the USA Flag. Captain Mark Ginda, the fourth H.S. Nautilus OIC was the Master of Ceremonies.
- 2009 A memorandum of agreement between the Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc (NAAI) and the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation (DSF) was signed which established the Nautilus Educational Assistance Fund (NEAF) to fund the Nautilus Scholarship. The Nautilus Scholarship was established exclusively for descendants of Nautilus crewmembers and is administered by DSF in association with NAAI. NAAI President Frank Holland and Randi Klein, [past] Executive Director of DSF were most instrumental in this event.
- 2010 Reunion at the Holiday Inn, Pigeon Forge, TN. It was organized by Rick Turner in observance of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of decommissioning. We had a great southern BBQ for channel fever night. Tours of the great Smoky Mountain National Park and the Y-12 building at Oak Ridge, TN were conducted. The Oak Ridge facility was the birthplace of the atomic bomb. We also enjoyed a dinner show at Dolly Pardon's Dixie Stampede. The Banquet guest speaker was RADM Richard A. Riddell, USN, Ret., ninth and last CO.
- 2011 The first two Nautilus Scholars were selected. Nautilus Scholarships were awarded to:  
1. Benjamin K. Blair grandson of LCDR William A. Goodrich, USN, Ret.  
2. Haden T. Cory grandson of LCDR Freddy L. Boswell, Jr., USN, Ret.
- 2011 On April 30<sup>th</sup> a Nautilus Memorial Pedestal was dedicated in the Ocala, Marion County Veterans Memorial Park in Ocala, FL. It was "A day of Honor and Remembrance." NAAI Past President Frank Holland was the driving force behind this project.
- 2012 Applications for the Nautilus Scholarship are being accepted and must be received not later than March 15, 2012.

Reunion Chairman Bob Childs is organizing our next reunion to be held in Groton, CT., September 27-30.

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