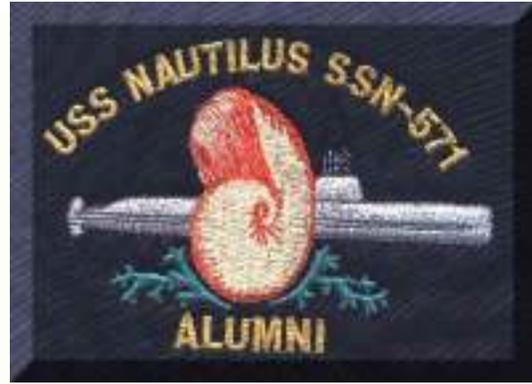
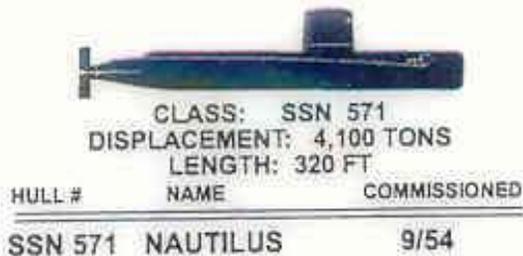


Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc.



NEWSLETTER——WINTER EDITION——JANUARY 15, 2011

Shared Memories of a Nautilus Plank Owner

Thomas J. Brames, Ed.D., LCDR, USN, Ret.

In my case, service on *Nautilus* is the high point in my life, outside of family of course. Even today, after half a century, people still know about *Nautilus* and want to talk about what it was like. On my professional resumes over the years, reference to *Nautilus* always brings about some questions and sincere interest. Although I have served on other submarines, nothing compares to the unique honor brought to me by that one submarine.

During the first months of *Nautilus* sea trials, a forward portion of the sail and section of the teakwood decking was torn away by high speed while submerged. Little was made of

it by most of the crew at the time “except” by one of the cooks, **George Denny**. Being an outstanding cook, great friend, a person with “unique and talented contacts at EB”, **George** arranged for someone to take those broken pieces of teakwood and fashion them into about a dozen small PLANKS and had an equal number of chrome-plated brass plates engraved to mount on the wood. I don’t know who all received these PLANKS from **George**, but I was given one that I treasure deeply. At some point, I expect it will be donated to the Nautilus Museum by my family, but for now it remains a very treasured possession.

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If you can line up a sanitary blow you can handle this stuff!

President's Message

The first comment has to be about the great reunion Rick Turner and Bob Childs put together. I would also like to thank the families again for their efforts; we all know this is a team sport at our age. We heard nothing but BZs from all the attendees.

Besides the reunion duties Rick had he also stepped up and relieved me of the treasurer duties. I must admit I have been behind the curve getting all the data to him but I think we are now running with the new team in place.

I also want us all to be thinking, even now, about the next group of Board Members we will elect in 2012. The 60s crew has been deeply involved for the last several iterations and I am hoping the 70s team will take some of load on the next Board. The very important position of secretary will be open and I want the members to be thinking about stepping up for this Very Important job. Tommy Robinson has really set the standard for running our organization, especially the NAAI database. Without the ability to track all our members we would be hard pressed to run our organization. With that being said, if you have interest in the secretary job let the board know. We will keep all volunteers in the loop so when elections occur the new secretary can hit the ground running.

The Nautilus Scholarship Fund (NEAF) will be awarded this year. Make sure all your families are aware of the opportunity available to them. Depending on the number of applicants, we will award at least one \$1000 scholarship or two \$500 awards.

Last but not least, I want to remind everyone that we are all shipmates and friends. We are Submarine Sailors; we can make decisions; we can change our minds when given more data. When we request proposals for NAAI functions remember that they are only proposals until voted on by the Board and the Members, at which time they become directions to proceed. Once voted on we need to get on board and go forward based on the majority vote, no second thoughts, no recriminations.

That's all folks, have a great new decade and new year. I look forward to the next reunion and seeing you all there.

Rich Young



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Just because I'm a Submariner, you don't have to ask me if I liked the movie. Chances are, if you're crying at the end of it, I didn't... and if you are feeling amorous afterwards... then I will certainly at least remember the name and recommend it to others.

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Although the traditions of “plank-ownership” dates back hundreds of years, it is today, mostly represented by a piece of paper stating such ownership. I can TRULY state, without an argument, that I am indeed a PLANKOWNER OF THE *USS NAUTILUS*. This is what it looks like.



Although my life after Navy took many twists and turns, I find that I view myself like a U.S. Marine does; “Once a marine, always a marine”. In my Case, “Once a *Nautilus* sailor, always a *Nautilus* sailor”. It’s as much a part of me as my bones.

On a different subject, the Boy Scouts of America offers a merit badge in NUCLEAR SCIENCE. Having been associated with a local scouting program for some years, I volunteered to become a merit badge counselor for the NUCLEAR ENERGY badge. It occurred to me that the boys might like to see what a nuclear reactor system looks like, so I built one from memory.

Here then is a picture of the primary and secondary system of the *Nautilus*; greatly simplified however. The control rods actually move, and the reactor pressure vessel is lighted so as to show the reactor core. For more realism, I purchased some low-grade Uranium ore that is very slightly radioactive, and DOES react to a Geiger

counter.



For simplicity, I only show one “loop” and only some of the absolute components (steam drum, pressurizer/de-gassifier, boiler, turbine, condenser, and primary and secondary pumps). Using the model made of PVC piping and connectors is much better than just simplified pictures in a book.

Another “visual” shows what a Uranium 235 nucleus looks like, as well as the resulting splitting of the atom.

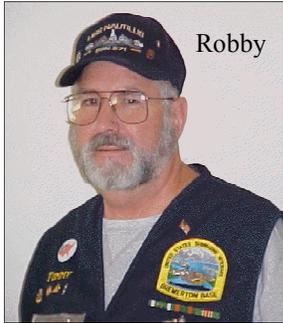
Lastly I made a cloud chamber and purchased a radioactive source in the form of “the eye of a needle”. It is a very interesting thing to see, and even several PhD friends from the University of California at Davis had never seen a cloud chamber.

As I said, *Nautilus* continues to influence my life in ways I could never have imagined. Some of our colleagues might consider sharing their similar experience with young boys through scouting. It is very, very rewarding.

Then and Now

*Then - We called the enemy things like "Commie Bastards" and "Reds" because we didn't like them.
Now - We call the enemy things like "Opposing Forces" and "Aggressors" so we won't offend them.*

Secretaries Scribbles



Robby

Best wishes to all for a great New Year! 2012 will be my last year as Secretary. I hope a member who is interested in the position and has time to devote to NAAI will raise their hand.

A wise old Chief once told me to train my relief. I'm ready to do that, by working in parallel with a volunteer between now and the 2012 elections, and beyond if needed. The pay is not worth a darn but the job gives you a warm fuzzy feeling, as having accomplished something worthwhile, for your shipmates..

On January 15, 2011 the NAAI database (Nautilus Sailing List) contained 2,211 names on four lists distributed as follows:

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|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Crewmember Mailing List | 619 |
| Plank Owners | 31 + 5 missing |
| PANOPOs | 54 + 2 missing |
| Decommissioning Crew | 37 |
| Historic Ship Crew | 21 |
| 2. Auxiliary Mailing List | 122 |
| 3. Eternal Patrol List | 505 |
| 4. Missing List | 965 |

Additional numbers of interest:

Life Members - Crew	302
Life Members - Aux	22
Life Members/Widow - Aux	62
Honored Life Members - SS-168	29

The **Unknown Address/Status List** continues to be the largest in number and **needs much attention**. If you have time, some sleuthing abilities, and would like to help please send me an email or phone. I will provide you with the list of names of our missing shipmates.

Tommy Robinson, '63 - '67
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Headquarters Pigeon Forge Tennessee



USS Nautilus crew reunites in Pigeon Forge

By Ellen Brown
Staff Writer

Members of the USS Nautilus, the first nuclear powered submarine, reunite every two years --- but when they get together, it's like no time has passed at all.

"My wife is the first to point out that our stories get better and better," laughed Rick Turner of Wears Valley, who served as a Second Class Petty Officer on the sub from 1966-1967 and now serves as reunion chairman.

"We're continually on the Internet, exchanging pictures and stories," added Frank Holland of Ocala, Fla., who served as Petty Officer and Chief Petty Officer from 1954-1960 and is now president of the USS Nautilus Association.

Around 91 former crew members from all over the country have gathered at the Holiday Inn in Pigeon Forge this weekend for this year's reunion. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the decommissioning of the ship.

The USS Nautilus was the first vessel to complete a submerged transit across the North Pole. It was named for the submarine in Jules Verne's "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" and was authorized in 1951; it launched in

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1954.

It is now home to the Submarine Force Library and Museum in Groton, Conn., maintaining the world's finest collection of submarine artifacts. It is the only submarine museum operated by the U.S. Navy.

"There was no other ship in the navy that spawned as many admirals -- I think there were 17," Turner said.

There is "always something to do" on the ship, said Holland, who often built model airplanes during his down time.

When Turner was transferred to the ship in 1966, he believed the ship "was past its prime."

"All I could think of at the time was, 'Who did I make mad?' I look back now with a great deal of pride. The Nautilus was unique --- there was nothing like it before or after."

This weekend's reunion includes a picnic at Metcalf Bottoms; bus tours to Y-12 and through the back roads of the Smokey Mountains; an outing to Dixie Stampede; and a business meeting while the spouses enjoy shopping or a walk in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP).

A banquet will feature GSMNP Superintendent Dale Dittmanson as speaker, along with the last commanding officer of the USS Nautilus and the widow of the captain who manned the ship when it went under the North Pole.

All of the crew members agree that there is a special camaraderie among the group.

"We were a bunch of eccentrics who just happened to work together as a team," said Alfred Charette of Mystic, Conn., who serves as the association's historian "Every crew member was responsible for every other crew member."

Sailor Home From the Sea

Honored Life Member Cyril "Brodie" Brodbeck of USS Nautilus (SS-168) WWII shares a Hartford Courant editorial dated May 28, 1984.

The *USS Nautilus*, Connecticut's own since her keel was laid June 14, 1952 at Electric Boat in Groton, is finally almost home.

The famous submarine will retire to Connecticut next year thanks to the efforts of numerous people and groups, epically the Connecticut Nautilus Committee, a statewide non-profit group which has raised all but \$350,000 of the money

Dedication of the Captain William R. Anderson Tennessee Historical Marker at Bakerville, Tennessee.

At the reunion Pat Anderson talked about the State of Tennessee historical marker for Bill Anderson. Pat forwarded this photo for the crew to see



L-R Pat Anderson, Reed Dreaden and Rep. John Tidwell

Thanks to Rick Turner and his side kick Bob "Wonder Boy" Childs and their brides we had a fun and productive reunion in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The next reunion will be in Groton, CT in 2012, home of the Submarine Force Library and Museum and, of course, USS Nautilus. Start planning to attend now.

Editor

needed to build the ship her permanent berth at the Nautilus Memorial in Groton.

The worlds first nuclear powered vessel in 1958 she became the first ship to cruise under the polar ice cap and logged more than 450,000 nautical miles in her 25-year career. Like other history rich American vessels such as the *USS Constitution* and the *USS Arizona*, *Nautilus* has been designated a national historic landmark.

She has earned a special place in the history of the United States Navy and serves as a bridge between New England's maritime traditions and its new naval industries. When the fund raising effort on behalf of *Nautilus* is complete and the memorial is built, visitors will in one afternoon be able to view the first atomic-powered sub in Groton and then see at anchor next door in Mystic the *Charles W. Morgan*, one of America's last wooden whaling ships.

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NAAI & DSF partnered to make this happen ... Spread the word!

NAUTILUS SCHOLARSHIP



In February of 2009 the Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc. (NAAI) and the Dolphin Scholarship foundation (DSF) proudly announced the establishment and endowment of the Nautilus Scholarship.

This award honors crewmembers of *USS NAUTILUS*, both (*SSN-571*) and (*SS-168*), by awarding undergraduate scholarships to a spouse, child, grandchild, great grandchild, or stepchild, step grandchild or great step grandchild of a current or former crewmember of either submarine who has served honorably aboard either submarine for thirty (30) or more days.

DSF IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR!

The Application Form is posted on the NAAI website at <http://users.gotsky.com/rcave>

Applicants can download the Check List and Application Form and submit their application for the academic year 2011-2012. If an applicant is unable to download the documents from the NAAI website they may request a mailed copy by contacting the NAAI Secretary either by phone or email. See page 2 for contact information.

Nautilus Scholarship (NEAF) Donations

Contributions received since July 15, 2010

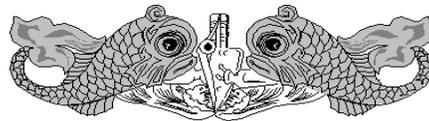
\$100	DR Dean Dunn, Ph.D, P.G. Dolphin Scholar – 4 years
\$200	J. Douglas Turner
\$25	John A. Schinnell
\$1000	Rich Young In memory of John Livingston (Scorpion), Don Brady, Doc Bonner and Rich Burke
\$200	James D. Turner
\$100	Elizabeth Painter In memory of LCDR Orville E. Painter
\$200	Gennor Marchese
\$50	Tommy Robinson In memory of John “Stretch” Crothers
\$100	Myra Lovejoy In memory of LCDR Edward M. Lovejoy
\$500	Violet P. Early

Thank You!

FOLLOW THE CHECK LIST!

Completed applications must be received not later than April 15, 2011. The first scholarship totaling \$1000.00 will be awarded in August of 2011. Depending on the number of qualified applications received, either a single \$1000.00 or two \$500.00 initial scholarships will be awarded.

The Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc. is a non-profit, all volunteer, membership organization.



Our purpose is to establish for USS NAUTILUS (SSN-571) her permanent place in history and to assist wherever possible in establishing and maintaining the highest traditions of the United States Navy. Our aim is to account for all former crewmen and to bring together as many former and present shipmates as possible and to remember those shipmates on eternal patrol.

Have you found your belt getting shorter during a deployment?



IN MEMORIAM

“There is not one of the ocean’s monsters could trouble the last sleep of the crew of the Nautilus, of those friends riveted to each other in death as in life.

Jules Verne
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
Part II, Chapter I

Since July 15, 2010 these shipmates have either been reported or researched as having received their final orders.

EMC(SS) Harry Hurey, USN, Ret.
‘58 - ‘60 EMCA(SS) Passed 11/15/91

MMC(SS) Sanford P. Carr, USN, Ret.
’76 MM1(SS) Passed 08/13/06

MR Rexford N. “Rex” Roway
Undersea Lab SDiego Passed 05/13/10
’57 Science Group

CS1(SS) Jack L. Baird, USN, Ret.
‘54 - ‘62 CS1(SS) Passed 07/13/10
PLANK OWNER & PANOPO

ET1(SS) John W “Stretch” Crothers
‘65 - ‘66 ET1(SS) Passed 08/20/10

SKCS(SS) James Owens, USN, Ret.
‘55 - ‘57 SD1(SS) Passed 11/21/10
‘57 Ice Probe

CDR Albert A. Wood Jr., USN, Ret.
‘54—’57 LTJG Passed 01/05/11
PLANK OWNER

VADM Lando W. Zech, Jr., USN, Ret
‘59—’62 CDR Passed 01/09/11
Third Skipper of Nautilus

SAILORS, REST YOUR! OAR!

CS1(SS) Jack L. Baird, USN, Ret.

“Mother” — Mother Baird; that’s what we mess cooks called him. Rather than the super smothering, cheek-pinching type mother, he was more like a mother hen, ever watching over his ‘brood’ clucking and pecking at us to keep us in ‘line’. Let me say right away that mess cooking, especially underway, was the hardest job I’ve ever done at any time, anywhere in my entire life. It was back breaking work; up before dawn to long after dusk. We mess cooks were spud peeling, salad making, dish washing, deck swabbing, coffee making, meal serving, bus boy slaves.

Jack was head of the commissary in *Nautilus* and as such had a lot of responsibilities; keeping track of food inventory, over-seeing the other cooks, keeping a ‘weather eye’ on us mess cooks, and at sea during the mid-watch, baking the most delicious breads and pastries one could ever put in one’s mouth.

He appeared rather gruff and short of patience when I first came aboard *Nautilus* in April 1957, as I saw him in action in the galley. To be absolutely truthful, knowing that I would soon be mess cooking for him filled me with some amount of dread and foreboding. However, I quickly learned that he only demanded the attention and respect that his meals deserved when feeding some of the finest submarine sailors ever to sail under the sea, especially in such a fine boat as *Nautilus*, “The First & Finest”. I soon learned to anticipate the needs of the cooks and to always be a step ahead of their needs if I could. This proved to be the key to his approval, not that he ever said anything, but sometimes, it’s what’s *not said* that has more meaning than praise. I got the message.

Jack had been a submariner for some time before coming to *Nautilus*, and as such, was very much a prime example of what a submariner should be. I soon observed that he indeed had a great sense of humor exhibited by a big grin and hearty laugh. He didn’t seem so scary to me then.

Over these many years, I ran into Jack at the *Nautilus* reunions and he always greeted me with a hearty, “hello Yuill, still got your little MG car?” Of course the man was the sum of many parts outside of the Navy, many of which I never got to see. He was a husband, father, and brother. I’m sorry I

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The best of the best ... or creme de la creme.



Welcome Aboard New Life Members

(Since July 15, 2010)

ETCM(SS) **John K. Hargraves**, USN, Ret.
'56 - '57 ET1(SS)

MR **Alfred "Abie" Shuman**
'61 - '66 MM1(SS)

CAPT **Robert C. Smith**, USN, Ret.
'63 - '66 LTjg/LT

MR **Leon E. Stromlund**
'63 - '67 IC2(SS)

MR **Reece E. Furlow**
'66 - '67 ET1(SS)

CAPT **Andrew S. Prince**, USN, Ret.
'67 - '70 LCDR

TM1(SS) **John L. McPhilly**, USN, Ret.
'71 - '76 TM1(SS)

MR **C. Edgar Mason**
'72 - '75 MM1(SS)

LCDR **Thomas Hasselbacher**, MSC, USN, Ret.
'76 - '78 HM1(SS)

MM1(SS) **John "Jack" Mayhue JR**, USN, Ret.
'77 - '79 MM2(SS)

Auxiliary Life Members

MR **Charles D. Jobe** – Sponsored by
LCDR Freddie L. Boswell, JR, USN, Ret.

MR **Rick Faircloth** – Son of PANOPO
EM1(SS) Bobby J. Faircloth

*70 percent of the world's surface is covered by...
SUBMARINES! looking for **TARGETS!***

RACE TO THE NORTH POLE USS NAUTILUS (SSN571) SCHOLAR

Do you remember the virtual "Race to the North Pole" a fund raiser for the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation (DSF). It officially ended August 3, 2008 and Randi Klein, Executive Director of DSF, announced *NAUTILUS* as the winner at our Groton reunion, having received \$8800 in donations. As a result DSF named a "Heritage Scholarship" the *USS Nautilus (SSN571) Scholarship* for three years. This occurred before NAAI and DSF entered into a memorandum of agreement for a permanent NEAF/Nautilus Scholarship, which will be awarded for the first time in 2011.

In October 2010, DSF renewed the Dolphin Scholarship for Joseph P. Lee and he remains as the *USS Nautilus (SSN571) Scholar* for the 2010-2011 academic year. Joe was originally selected for this Named Scholarship in 2008. DSF encourages communication between their Named Scholars and their sponsors. If you would like to write to Joe, his address is:



Joseph P. Lee
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Joe is attending Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. His major is finance and management.

Joe is a member of Delta Sigma Pi, professional business fraternity, and serves on the Executive Board as Vice President of Awards and Scholarships.

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never had the chance to eat at this *Nautilus Restaurant* in Niantic, but I still have the July 1989 issue of Yankee Magazine with the article about his cooking on the Mobile Oil tugs. He also had a distinction that he and only nine other men could ever claim: he was both a Plank Owner in *Nautilus* and a PANOPO, having been one of the 116 men to first sail under the North Pole on August 3, 1958

He was undoubtedly many things to many people, but to me he'll always just be 'Mother Baird.'
"Sailor rest your oar."

John C Yuill, QMSN(SS), USS Nautilus (SSN0-571), 1957-1960

This is where you find out what really happened!

MINUTES

NAUTILUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, Inc ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

October 2, 2010

0900 --- Meeting called to order by NAAI President **Frank Holland** in the Falls Room at the Holiday Inn, Pigeon Forge, TN. All Elected Officers and Board Members, less Ex-Officio **Roland Cave**, were present. Attendance by voting members exceeded 77+, believed to be more than any previous business meeting. Reverend **Gary Daines** offered the invocation prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President **Frank Holland** presented plaques, in appreciation of services rendered, to Reunion Chairman **Rick Turner**, outgoing Storekeeper **Gary Daines**, Bylaws Change Committee Member **Al Charette** and all outgoing Officers and Board Members. **Frank** reviewed the Nautilus Educational Assistance Fund (NEAF) and its management by the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation (DSF) and those Nautilus folks eligible to apply. Either one \$1000 or two \$500 Nautilus scholarships will be awarded in 2011. He also recommended sending donations directly to DSF noting them for the Nautilus Scholarship until NAAI's tax exempt status is resolved.

Frank said his computer crashed and he may not have sent all Life Members Cards as he intended. If you are a Life Member and you do not have a NAAI Life Membership card please contact **Frank** for a card.

Frank turned the meeting over to Vice President **Len Scherer** who called for reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Secretary **Tommy Robinson** read the minutes of the Annual Business Meeting conducted on September 27, 2008. The minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer **Rich Young** reported on the treasury, saying that the account balance is about \$30,000 with bills still to pay for this reunion. He commented on the Board's decision that established an operating threshold of \$15,000. Any money over that amount will be placed in the NEAF to support the Nautilus Scholarship.

H.S Nautilus, CMC , CSC(SS) **Patrick Fritz** represented "our boat" at the reunion. He gave an excellent "state of the boat" address describing the current

outstanding state of Nautilus, awards received, activities of his 40 man submarine qualified crew and their participation in community affairs. Our boat appears to be in good hands.

Regarding elections, Vice President **Len Scherer** read the Officer nominees names and ask if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor and the following Officers were elected by a show of hands: President **Rich Young**, Vice President **Warren Johnson**, Treasurer **Rick Turner**, and Secretary **Tommy Robinson**. Non-elected Board Members are **Frank Holland** (Ex-Officio) and **Ed Childs** (Appointed by Incoming President). A paper ballot was submitted for Board Member positions 3 & 4. **Bob Boyce** was elected to Position (3) and **Gene Jackman** was elected to Position (4).

Regarding the 2012 reunion site, Vice President **Len Scherer** said that we had a proposal for the 2012 reunion in Ocala, FL. A discussion from the floor followed. It was thought that holding every other reunion in Groton, CT was written in the by-laws. The bylaws do not address reunion locations. To clarify this point Secretary **Tommy Robinson** read from the 2006 Business Meeting Minutes, "**Al Charette** said that it had been decided by vote at a previous meeting to hold every other reunion in Groton." President **Frank Holland** then presented the Ocala, FL proposal. No other proposals have been received. The subject of 2012 reunion location was voted on by the membership and Groton, CT was chosen by show of hands. There was a call for volunteers to chair the 2012 reunion. **Bob Childs** volunteered to act as 2012 Reunion Chairman, **Joe Degnan** volunteered to assist with registration, and CMC **Fritz** volunteered to act as Navy Liaison.

President **Frank Holland** read the bylaws change proposals. They were approved by a show of hands. 1045 --- Business Meeting Adjourned.

*Tommy Robinson, '63 – '67
NAAI – Association Secretary*

Note: Board Member (Ex-Officio) **Frank Holland** resigned his Board position on October 10, 2010. President **Rich Young** reluctantly accepted **Frank's** resignation. **Jon Cavallo**, who was third in the overall vote for two Board Member positions, was appointed on October 18, 2010 by President **Rich Young** to fill the vacant position until elections are held in 2012.

Submariners taking care of submariners.

Dear Shipmates,

I reported aboard *Nautilus* in September 1960 and left in June 1962. For all but a short few month of that time **Lando Zech** was my Captain. It was then Captain **Zech** went out of his way to help me and set the course of my life to come. The *Nautilus* was my first duty and I came aboard as a Fireman and left as a Second Class Electrician's Mate.



During the end of my tour, I did my best to find a way to become an officer. Since I did not have a degree, the chance of that happening was slim. Yeoman **Mullins** discovered that the Navy was looking for future pilots in the enlisted ranks, as was done in WWII. Unfortunately for me, the *Nautilus* was scheduled to be out of port on the only day I could take the Navy-wide exam. I asked the XO for help and Captain **Zech** called me up to the wardroom. He ask me why I wanted to be a pilot and not stay in submarines. I answered that I couldn't as I did not have a degree and that the pilot program would lead to a commission when I received my wings.

Time past and nothing happened. We left New London for a short cruise the day before the test date, and I resigned myself to the task of trying to find another avenue to move my career forward. But, the next day, I was called up to the wardroom. When I arrived, Captain **Zech** introduced me to a Commander that was sitting next to him. He

explained that the Commander was the CO of the testing facility at Floyd Bennett and brought along a package for me. Captain **Zech** tossed the package to Lt. **Don Shelton**, my Division Officer, and said, "Set *Hauck up in my stateroom and get this done.*" It was the Navy-wide exam, Captain **Zech** had called the Commander and asked him if he would like to go for a ride on the "World's most famous ship." The Commander, of course, was thrilled and accepted. Captain **Zech** asked him to bring along one of the exam packages.

I left *Nautilus* in June 1962, got my commission and wings in March 1964 and flew the F-8 crusader, a single-seat fighter.



I left the Navy as a Lieutenant in late 1967 and became a commercial airline pilot. I flew as a Captain for National Airlines, Pan Am, and retired from Delta Airlines. I married the daughter of an Eastern Airlines Captain and we have five wonderful kids and seven grandchildren. I never would have had the rewarding career I have enjoyed nor met the wonderful woman that I share my life with if Captain **Zech** had not gone out of his way for one of his crew.

I'm sure he touched many other lives and made them better for it. I simply wish to let those that loved him know of one more.

May God bless all those he loved and loved him with peace and gratitude.

Sigrid "Sig (Rab)" Hauck, '60—'62

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Former Gov. John N. Dempsey, chairman of the Connecticut Nautilus Committee says the Nautilus Memorial, which will include a library and museum, will help pay tribute to the scientists, engineers and craftsman who designed and built the submarine and the men who served on her.

Nautilus takes her name from nautical, the Greek word for sailor. It's good to know that it will take but slightly more effort to bring this old hand at last home from the sea.

What a wonderful accomplishment!



Email Eulogy for Jack Baird

Tommy, of the many Eternal Patrol notifications you have sent, this one hits the hardest. As an 18 year old SA, I mess cooked for **Jack Baird** on *Nautilus* back in 1955. He was great to me and to all onboard *Nautilus*. What a wonderful person. **Jack** had a reputation for being tough, he was called **Black Jack Baird**, but the truth is, he had a heart as big as life. He was truly a compassionate and caring person under that gruff exterior. I had the extreme pleasure of being shipmates with **Jack** through my 6 years on *Nautilus*. **Jack Baird**, along with **Doggie Rayl** and **George Fields** were the three seasoned sailors on *Nautilus* who truly guided and mentored me through my early years on *Nautilus*. Great guys, great sailors and terrific individuals, they will all be missed. I know that if we had the ability to look into heaven today, we would see **Doggie** and **George** welcoming **Jack** onboard for their forever cruise on Eternal Patrol. They just don't make sailors like that anymore. God bless them all. I miss them. **Bill Gaines**

NAAI Treasurer's Report 01/09/2011

Investments at
Edward Jones

Money Market
@ .1% \$4,335.36

Certificates of Deposit
@ .35% due 05OCT11 9,000.00
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Total Net Worth \$22,335.36 *Rick Turner*
Treasurer

NEAF Balance: \$15,673.69



NOW HEAR THIS!

Donations to the NAUTILUS SCHOLARSHIP fund may be sent directly to the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation (DSF) noted for NEAF and/or NAUTILUS. They are tax deductible.

Donations written to NAAI and sent to the Treasurer will forward to DSF. However, these Donations are NOT tax deductible.

THE BIRTH OF NAAI

Have you ever wondered how NAAI came into being and who has lead our Association? My interest was piqued at the last reunion when I was given a copy of the Minutes of the First Membership Meeting held September 26, 1992 at the Ramada Inn, Mystic, CT. According to the Minutes the following occurred:

January, 15, 1992 the incorporators of NAAI met and elected as temporary officers, Acting President Stu Nelson and Acting Secretary Jack Kurrus.

September 26, 1992 the following officers were elected for the ensuing year; President Jack Kurrus, VP Donald Wilson, Secretary Joe Degnan, Treasurer Al Charette and Directors [BOD] Stu Nelson and Ed Childs.

Apparently no one held office in NAAI before 1992. Our Certificate of Incorporation, dated December 6, 1991 is followed by the Incorporators meeting in January 1992, then by the first members meeting in September 1992.

Past and Present Presidents

- 1992-1992 *Stuart "Stu" Nelson, '57 - '61,
 - 1992-1993 John "Jack" Kurrus, '57 - '59,
 - 1993-1994 Robert "Bob" Sollenberger, '56 - '57
 - 1994-1996 Leonard "Len" Scherer, '63 - '67
 - 1996-1998 Joseph "Joe" Degnan, '57 - '59,
 - 1998-2000 Philip "Phil" Griffith, '64 - '68
 - 2000-2002 Robert "Bob" Passeri, '64 - '68
 - 2002-2004 Robert "Bob" Holst, '65 - '69
 - 2004-2006 Leonard "Len" Scherer, '63 - '67
 - 2006-2008 Roland Cave, '58 - '61, PANOPO
 - 2008-2010 Ernest "Frank" Holland, '57 - '61,
 - 2010-Present Richard "Rich" Young '63 - '67
- *Eternal Patrol*

NAAI Historian, Al Charette, comments, "Before 1992 we were a very loose organization, run by committee, but mostly by Stu Nelson, who assembled the first mailing list. The 1992 reunion was when the NAAI logo came into being. It is a colored version of an onion skin in the Electric Boat launch program that Lance Engle took to an embroiderer."

President Rick Young, in his message on page 2, underscores the need for younger Nautilus Alumni to step up and lead NAAI into the future.

Secretary Tommy Robinson, 63—,67

A submarine family ... It doesn't get any better.

Get wet with submarine tech photos

By [Daniel Terdiman . CNET News.com](http://www.cnet.com)
July 21st, 2010

We take a look at the inner workings of a Virginia-class fast-attack nuclear submarine built in the US.

In 2007, at the Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding yard in Newport News, Virginia — where the first of the next-generation aircraft carrier class, the *Gerald R. Ford*, is currently under construction — the US Navy rolled out the *North Carolina*, the fourth of the Virginia-class fast-attack nuclear submarines.



USS Nautilus in the cross hairs of the new flat screen 'scope



CDR Wes Schlauder, CO USS North Carolina (SSN 777) and son of former USS Nautilus (SSN 571 Executive Officer CDR Wally Schlauder, USN, Ret.

Today, the *North Carolina* (SSN 777) is stationed at the New London submarine Base (as seen in the image above), commanded by **Wes Schlauder**. The *Virginia* is the first class of submarines to have true 21st century on-board communications, including a fibre-optic intranet, a server room and large digital screens placed throughout the ship that show what is being viewed through the periscope.

Most submarine movies have created the romantic image of the skipper in a darkened room, looking through two eye holes, at what can be seen with the periscope. But with the Virginia class, that classic image is no more. Now, the imagery coming from the periscope is translated on to large digital monitors that are spread throughout the *North Carolina*, including here, in the main control room, as well as in the commander's personal quarters.

The photo above shows a zoomed in image of the classic submarine *Nautilus*, at the museum that is adjacent to the New London submarine Base. The *Nautilus* is a full kilometre and a half away from the *North Carolina*, meaning that the image on this screen

- which is very crisp
- is extremely magnified.

Editor's Note

Ed von Fischer emailed from England saying that he was pretty sure that CDR Wes Schlauder, CO North Carolina is Wally Schlauder's son. Wally confirmed that with a hearty, "Yes indeed, Wes Schlauder is my son and I can say it with great pride. The North Carolina is some submarine."

Ed von Fischer was Engineer and Wally Schlauder was Exec on the "Big N" '68—'71.

Yearly Physical

An old retired submariner goes to NRMC for his yearly physical, his wife tagging along. When the doctor enters the examination room, he tells the old Chief, "I need a urine sample, a stool sample and a sperm sample."

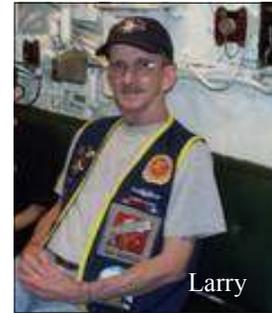
The old Chief, being hard of hearing, looks at his wife and yells: "What did he say? What did he want?"

His wife yells back, "He needs your skivvies."

Tell me what you need ... I'll get it!

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Larry

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- 002 Square Patch Design—Available
- 003 Blue Sweat Shirt—\$32 (+) \$2 for XX
- 004 Gray Sweat Shirt—\$32 (+) \$2 for XX
- 005 Oval Shell Design—Available
- 006 Window Decal-White—\$3.80
- 007 Window Decal-Clear—\$3.80
- 008 Bucket Hat -Tan—\$20
- 009 Bucket Hat-Blue—\$20
- 010 Ball Cap-Blue—\$20
- 011 Ball Cap-White-Crew Member—\$12
- 012 Ball Cap-Blue-Crew Member—\$12
- 013 Sew on 50th Patch—\$4.50
- 014 Sew on Crew Member Patch-White—\$2
- 015 Peel & Stick 50th—\$1.50
- 016 Ships Patch-Jacket Size—\$6.50

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2010 Reunion Tee
4 left— L
4 Left—XL
1 Left—XXL

\$20

Have you ever found the golden rivet?

If you have not joined NAAI ... You should!

2011 Dues

Thanks to all of our members who have paid dues for 2011 and beyond and our shipmates who have taken Life Memberships. For all others please join your shipmates and send our NAAI Treasurer a \$10 check for 2011 dues.

We are NOT collecting past dues.

Please send your check noted DUES together with the adjacent Dues Form, to NAAI Treasurer, Rick Turner, 2559 Walnut Ridge Way, Sevierville, TN 37862.

If you have any questions regarding your membership status please contact NAAI Secretary, Tommy Robinson, at ss_ssn_ssbm@wavecable.com or phone 360-871-6899 (Message).

Thanks to all who continue to support our fine Association.

A Little Know Fact—SS-168

A survivor of the Japanese carrier Kaga, at the Battle of Midway, told how some of his shipmates saved themselves by clinging to the air flask of a torpedo fired from Nautilus which hit the carrier and failed to explode, the concussion separating the warhead from the air flask.



Nautilus Alumni Association, Inc Dues Form

Life Membership = \$100
Annual Membership = \$10 /Yr.

_____ Life Membership
_____ 2011 _____ 2012 Annual Dues

Name: _____

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Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

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Spouse Name: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (Please check one)

SSN-571: _____ - Ships company or attached personnel serving 30 or more days aboard *Nautilus*.

Auxiliary: _____ Any person interested in establishing for Nautilus its permanent place in history and/or establishing a legacy for a family member who has served on *Nautilus*, e.g.

Spouse ___ Son ___ Daughter ___ Grandchild ___

FOR CREWMEMBERS

Served in Nautilus from (YR) _____ to (YR) _____

Rank/Rate (Duty) while onboard? _____

Military Retired? ___ Retired Rate/Rank?: _____

Plank Owner? _____ PANOPO? _____

Decom Crew? _____ Historic Ship Crew? _____

Please make checks payable to NAAI and mail with this form to:

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