

Sirago Newsletter



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Reunion 2015

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Shipmates:

We are now about 16 months until our 2015 reunion – I know that’s more than a year – but we need your help in supporting this multi-boat SubRon Six Smoke Boat Sisters (SSSBS) reunion. Next newsletter (issued in the Spring of 2014) will have the FIRST SIGNUP SHEET for the 2015 reunion.

For planning purposes, the reunion will take place the 30th of April 2015 (Thursday) and we will have our “Farewell Breakfast” on 3 May 2015 (Sunday). We have contracted for good room rates and food rates so if you desire to come early by a few days to the reunion before the rest of your crusty buddies arrive, you will still be able to book your room at the favorable rate. Again – more information will be promulgated in the Winter/Spring 2014 Newsletter including prices, signup sheets and answers (hopefully) to all your questions.

For any/all of you who have EVER been to a Sirago reunion, you are automatically a member of the SSSBS by virtue of being an

attender. We also have sent notice to all the folks who came to our last SSSBS reunion in 2011 and we’ll be holding the 2015 reunion in the same place – the Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel which is right on the beach and our boat-versus-boat competitions will take place on the beach where it is practical. We also hope to have Squadron Six participation if possible. Last time it was NOT possible due to their merging of Squadron 8 into Squadron 6.

I have taken a poll of any/all Sirago and other diesel boats in Squadron Six (mainly those who have joined us in the past) and already have a total of 114 crew members of these boats who have expressed an interest in coming plus another 7 who have said that “Maybe” they will come. So right now, we’re at 121 potential folks coming and that doesn’t necessarily count YOU if you are not an emailer (didn’t get my email) OR if you ARE an emailer and didn’t respond. So... if you ARE interested and don’t find yourself listed on the next page as expressing interest, then email me (see the header of this article) or write me at Mike Bickel / 1125 Villaview Dr. / Manchester, MO 63021 to tell me you are, indeed, interested and I will add you to the “interested list”. At our 2011 SSSBS Reunion we had 170 crew members and a total of 312 people at the banquet (that includes their spouses and guests). It was a wonderful time with a live band and plenty of activities. We’re well on our way now to booking a big crowd again, so if you missed the last one, please consider coming to this next one.

For the purpose of reducing paperwork, I am ONLY listing below those members of the USS Sirago (SS485) who expressed an interest in the 2015 SSSBS reunion. We had 57 crew members show up for the 2011 Reunion and this number (below) is a good start for this next reunion (44

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crew members/honoraries already expressing interest):

Mark Adler	Art Allum	Ray Anderson	Mike Bickel
Bill Browning	Ray Bussard	Virgil Clemmer	Bob Coarsey
Tim Cole	Bill Coleman	Pat Conroy	Bob Cox
Dale Craig	Armando DelaRosa	Frank George	Ed Gerhardt
Tony Gilbert	Katherine Glaser	Pegg Glaser	Tori Glaser
Duane Gow	Frank Hamaker	DP Hauer	Joe Hoffmann
Gary Hoover	Jim Hughes	Ken Jury	Bob Kaufman
Ken Koller	Mel Laubach	Bob Liland	"Tex" Loftin
Alex McArthur	Larry McClintock	Doreen McGuire	Art Michaelson
Ira Nerzig	Jerry O'Brien	Bob Rosen	Gene Russell
"Buddy" Shumake	Cecile Walraven	Harold Webster	Bob Zorn

LOST & FOUND NOTICES (D=Decom Crew, P=Plank Owner)

FOUND

Although it's hard to believe, we are STILL FINDING the occasional "lost" crew member through Rich McCamants continuous pinging efforts:

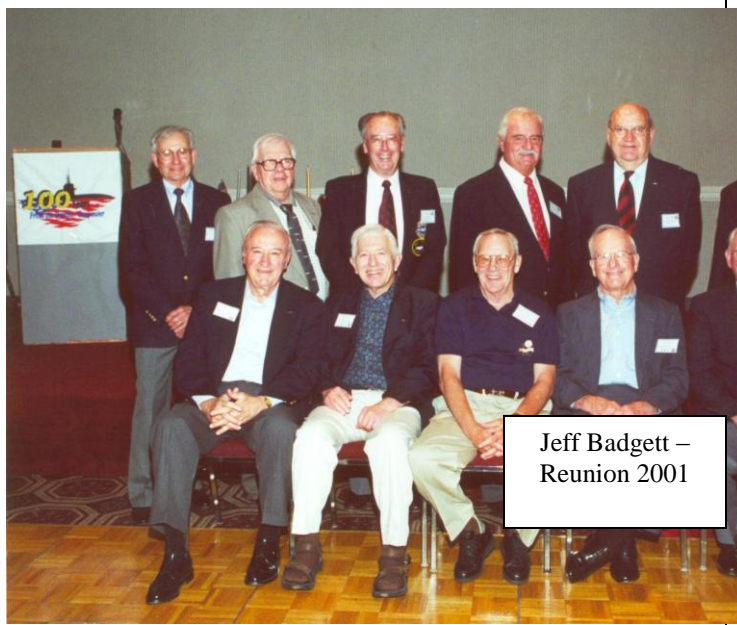
Charles Ray Harvey	MM3	62-62	Note: Also on Orion
Carl Raymond Kuck, Jr.	FN	69-69	

ETERNAL PATROL

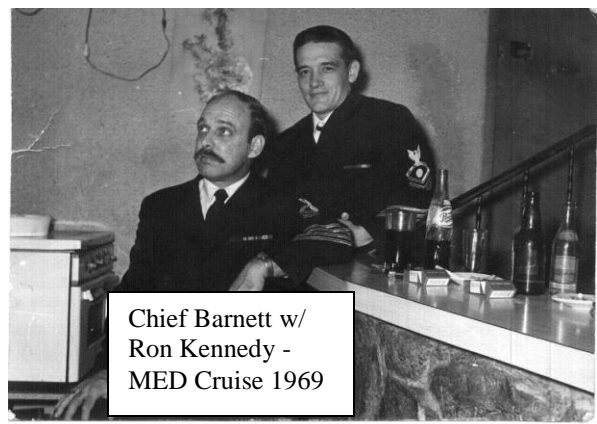
One of our "Eternal Patrol" crew members below was a plank owner bringing the total "Plank Owners Still Alive" down to 7.

John Jefferson "Jeff" Badgett	LT	54-57	Died 25 October 2013
Richard D. Barnett (Barney)	EMC	65-69	Died 8 July 2013
Donald Buhner	LTJG	50-51	Died 20 May 2013
James Peter Eadie II	LT	57-60	Died 17 July 2013
Fred Lemka	ETN2	66-67	Died 25 August 2013
Robert Michaud	QM3	67-69	Died 18 February 2008
Sam Packer	LCDR(XO)	57-59	Died 4 October 2013
Hal Schumock	TM2c	45-45(P)	Died 13 October 2013

Sailor, rest your oar....



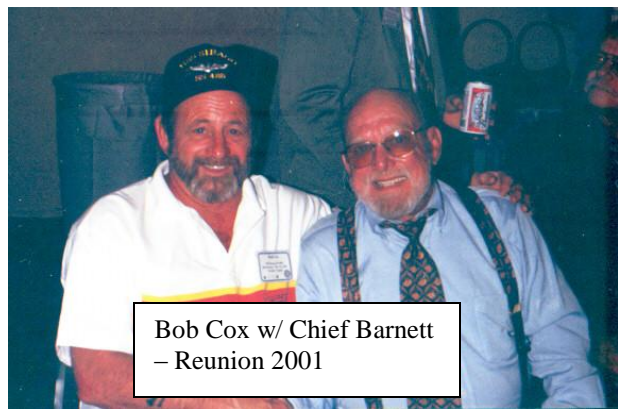
Jeff Badgett –
Reunion 2001



Chief Barnett w/
Ron Kennedy -
MED Cruise 1969



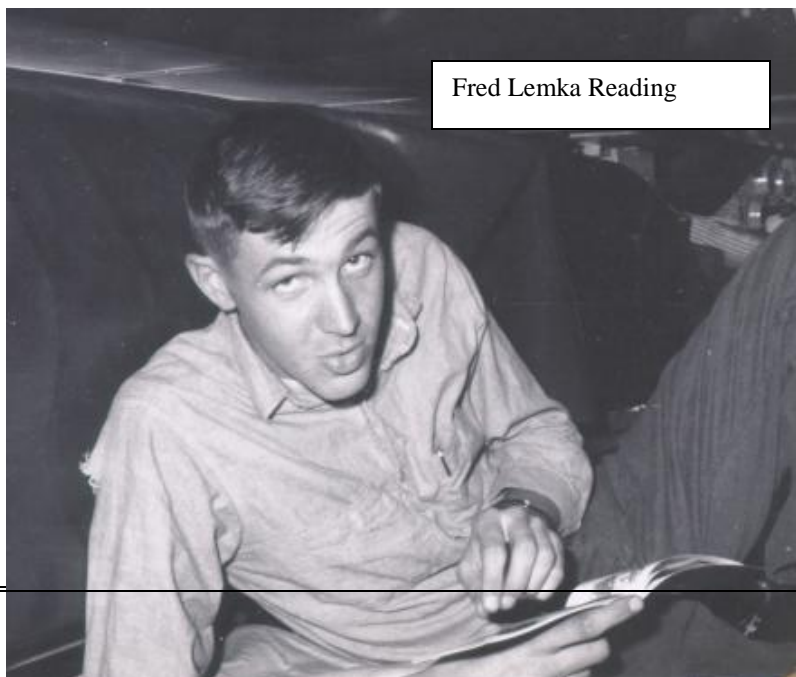
Don Buhrer



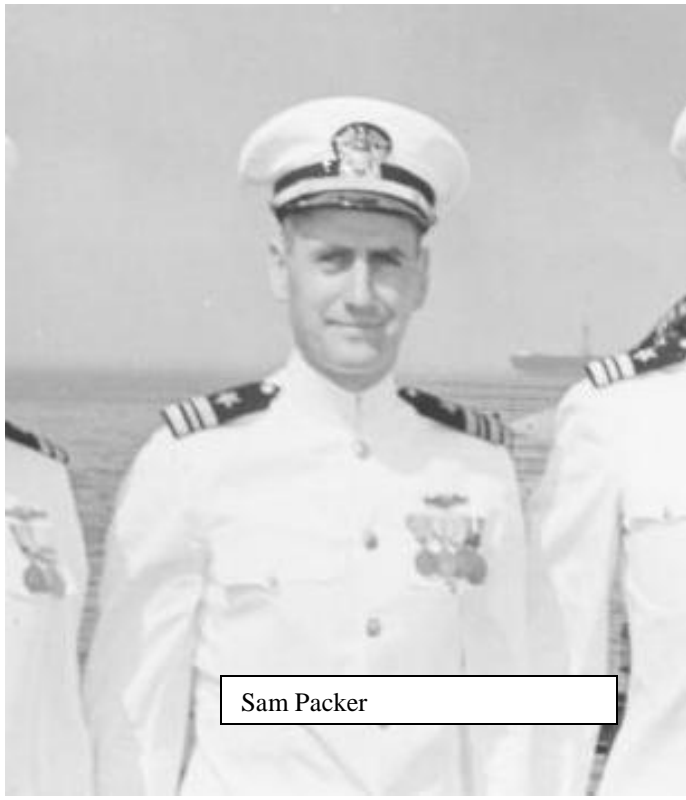
Bob Cox w/ Chief Barnett
– Reunion 2001



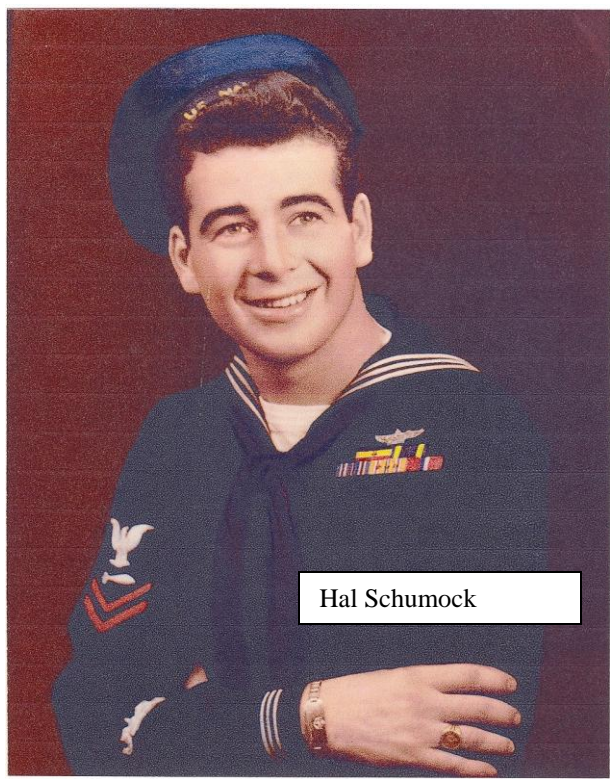
James Peter Eadie II



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