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Reunion '09 – LAST CALL!!

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Shipmates,

OK folks – you all know that we're having a reunion and officially your deadline to get us a signup sheet is the end of this month. The "After Battery Rat" will be attending, so if you haven't had the opportunity to talk to him one-on-one, then I'd suggest you get your form in.

Regards – **Joe Roche**

Intending to Attend

49 Crewmembers by Duty Section

DS4548 (2): Jim McCullough, James Wood

DS4952 (2): Duane Gow, Bob Kaufman

DS5356 (4): George Albert, "Stoney" Hilton, Buddy Shumake, John Tumilty

DS5760 (7): Art Allum, Audrey Boyer (H), Gary Farmer, George Goodwin, Richard Konow, Mel Laubach, Buddy Tolbert

DS6164 (10): Ted "Tony" Anthony, George Booth, John Coleman, Dale Craig, Joe Hoffmann, Dennis Larson, David McCallum, Joe Roche, Ralph Wiggins, Bob Zorn

DS6568 (14): Bill Bailey, Richard Barnette, Virgil Clemmer, Tim Cole, Pat Conroy, David Glaser, Garry Goetschius, Ray Harrison, Dan Kozlowski, Burtis Loftin, Rich McCamant, Willy Ramos, Bob Rosen, Chuck Veir

DS6972 (9): Mark Adler, Fred Baker, Frank Berlingeri, Mike Bickel, Frank Campbell, Frank George, John Lee, Ira Nerzig, "Tex" Ritter

OTHER (1): "Dex" Armstrong (After Battery Rat)

SEARCH & RESCUE REPORT

Richard McCamant

It has been quite a long time since we have actually FOUND anyone to add to our list of guys alive, but we actually HAVE found ONE new fellow from the 6568 Duty Section. So... for those of you who were aboard in the 1965-1968 timeframe, you may remember a Radioman 3rd Class called Bill Browning. He was aboard from 1966 – 1968 but mainly in the 66-67 timeframe. I am assuming that he was also aboard for the "Deep Dive" incident in July 67 but have not

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confirmed this fact. He worked with David Glaser, but I am unsure of who his running mates were (if he had many steaming buddies) but I'd appreciate it if any of you had any interesting stories (stories we could actually tell) involving RM3 Browning, that you speak up and email me and I'll see that we get him properly introduced to the crew.

We also don't seem to have any photographs of him – unless he is actually IN some of our photo archives and we just haven't identified him on the photograph – so, I'd appreciate all you 66-67-ish guys who would have remembered Radioman Browning to scan our photos (go to www.sirago.com and then to the photograph albums and then choose the CREW 65-68 and the AT PLAY 65-68 albums and see if you can spot him anywhere in there. Whoever spots him first in any photograph will get a free beer at the reunion (or the next reunion you come to). Same goes for anyone who provides a photo of him (whether on Sirago or at liberty in his civvies – doesn't matter).

As you may know, we are the diesel boat that has accounted for the vast majority of her crew and we have tried to archive history and stories and photographs as well. You should be proud of the fact that once again, Sirago is "Fighter, Feeder, Squadron Leader".

But the sad fact remains that we lose crew members (through death) faster than we could ever hope to find new ones alive. And so, it is with regret that we have to announce more departed shipmates. I only wish we had more photos of these fellows but we can only publish what we have:

Fred McGuire	TM1 61-63	Died 4 June 2009
James Morgan	YN1 58-59	Died 27 February 2009
Allan Schmidt	FN 49-50	Died 4 October 2007 (only recently notified)

Fred and Doreen were going to be joining us for this reunion... he had already turned in his signup sheet and then was taken from us. Fred has been a faithful reunion attendee, especially the ones that had multiple boats. He attended both SubRon Six Smoke Boat Sisters (SSSBS) reunions. Here are some photos:



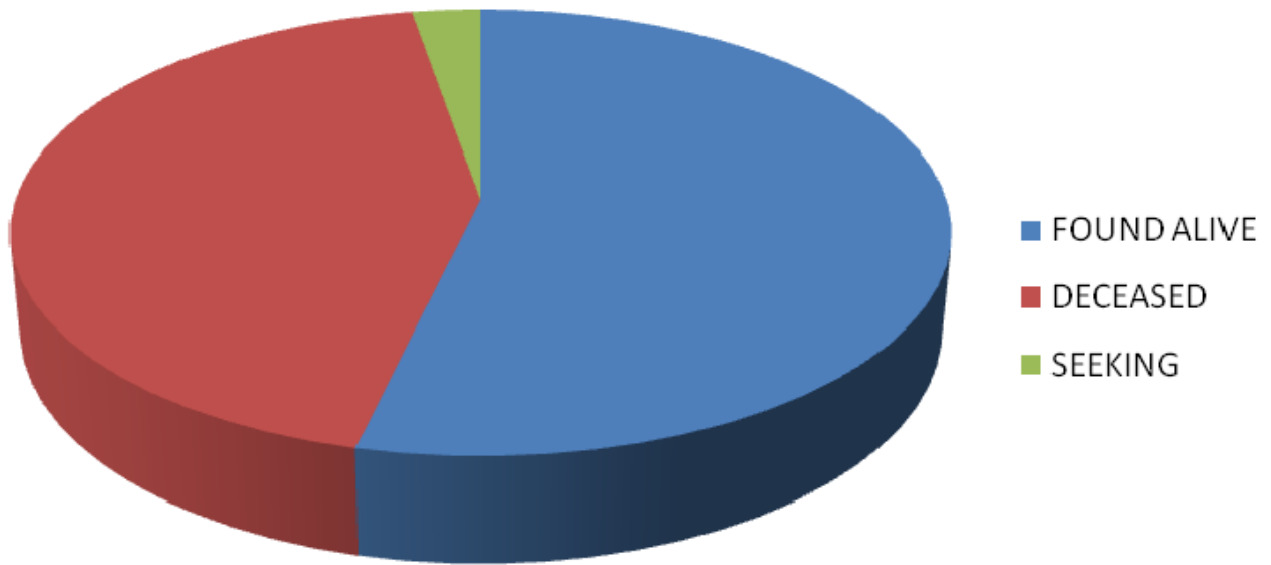
FRED MCGUIRE – OLD DAYS and REUNION

Last newsletter we had a graph showing percentage deceased by Duty Section. In this newsletter, we are showing a pie-chart (back page) showing the very small percentage of folks we are actually SEEKING (the slice at the top). The larger section (54% shown to the right) are those FOUND. This number is 870 crew members. The slice to the left (44%) are those known to be deceased which represents a total of 706 crew members. The small slice at the top are those 44 folks we are still seeking in some way (the remaining 2%). Refer to the graphic on the next page.

Now I'd like to LIST once again those 44 crew members that we are still seeking. If any of you know anything about these crew members, pop a note in the mail to me (see return address on this newsletter) and we'll re-open our searching activities. I've almost given up on finding any of them. Here they are:

LOST CREW MEMBERS WE ARE SEEKING

Abenes, Arturo Marigza TN	66-68?	Jerina, Robert J.	SN	69-70
Aquino, Trifilo Alegre TN	63-66?	Johnson, Robert E.	ETN2	64-64?
Been, Walter Gerald Jr. MMCS	68-69	Lopez, Armando M.	IC2	59-63
Bell, John L.	GSSN 61-62	McClung, Oather Hobson	PHOM3	47-47
Bennett, Thomas A.	FTB2 67-67?	Monk, Lawrence A. Jr.	FTMSA	63-64
Bushong, John Kermit	ETNSA 63-64	Montgomery, Richard	QMSN	69-69?
Calingasan, Benito C.	TN 68-72	Moran, John D.	ETRSN	62-62
Carter, Harold	STM2 47-47?	Mullin, Donald C.	QM3	52-52
Collins, Robert Stephen	CS2 70-70?	Percy, Thomas Francis Jr.	EM2	66-68?
Dano, Guillermo Pascual	TN 68-68	Porter, Bill	TN	48-50?
Dickson, Robert E.	ENFN 52-52	Pruna, Paulino T.	TN	70-70?
Docker, Frederick L.	SN 63-64	Quitoriano, Rodolfo Ramos	TN	66-67
Doran, James	RM3 66-66?	Retzlaff, William J.	SN	61-62
Dyson, James C.	STM1 47-47?	Robinson, Carl Levi	EN1	66-70?
Fleet, Michael L.	FA 68-70	Sagun, Crispulo F.	SD2	68-69?
Griesbach, Edward T.	SN 48-48?	San Juan, Florentino	SD3	71-72
Guzman, Alexander L.	TN 68-70?	Smith, Patrick	RMSN	63-63
Harvey, Charles R.	MM3 62-62	St. Clair, Charles R.	FTGSN	62-63
Hemmelgarn, William A.	MT3 62-63	Steinert, Raymond H.	SA	71-72
Holmes, James L.	YN3 66-66?	Stevens, Stephen	MM3	65-66?
Hopkins, Joseph A.	SN 71-72	Thomas, Arthur Robert	TM3	64-66
Hughes, Jospheph	MM3 70-72	Williams, Allen D.	ICFA	63-64



Above Graph Shows Status of Crew. FOUND is to right.... DECEASED to left. SEEKING is top.

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