

Sirago Newsletter



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Reunion '11

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Shipmates,

In THIS newsletter you will NOT find any signup sheets as we are too late in the game to be encouraging people to join us. Speaking of "late", I am very late getting this newsletter out which is called "February" but I am writing it on the 13th of March. By the time you receive it, it would be too late to sign up anyway. I have included a whole insert showing only the people who have actually sent in signups (from each and every boat in SubRon Six). Because many of them were on multiple SubRon Six boats (shown with (*) after their name), there are fewer individuals coming than what you would compute by adding up all the numbers. We have a total of 173 different people (crew members) who have already sent in signups and I have heard about some more that are "in the mail" as I type. This 173 crew count generates over 300 registrations when you count their wives or guests into the count. So – it will be one heck of a great reunion!

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Note from Dan Durham

Dan Durham who was a LT aboard the Sea Leopard and also was aboard the Grampus in the mid-60s is coming to this reunion, for reasons beyond just wanting to swap sea stories. He writes:

I had to make the hotel reservation because my daughter, Diane, who has lived in the Norfolk area for several years, recently moved to New London, CT. She has just completed a two year tour as CO of the Coast Guard Cutter FORWARD. The FORWARD was in GITMO in January when the earthquake hit Haiti. They got underway and were the first responders to Haiti, arriving early the next morning. For several days Diane was the on-site commander in Port-a-Prince, until the big ships arrived. She used her helicopter to survey the damage and to transport people for medical care. The FORWARD also acted as air traffic control for the airport until the Air Force brought in a team to do that. Diane was quoted in the New York Times and USA Today and interviewed on CNN, and was introduced by the President at the July 4th picnic at the White House.

Separate from that incident, she was the recipient of the Witherspoon Award that the CG awards to one person a year for excellence in leadership. She has now reported for duty at the CG Academy as Director of Professional Training.

I like to think that Diane has done so well because she spent some time aboard the SEA LEOPARD, in port, while still an infant. She was first aboard before she was a month old. She got her nautical start on a smoke boat.

Dan

Note from the "White Rat" (Alex McArthur)

Mike,

Let's suppose we start with my nickname. Some time ago on the "Sara-gogo" I was done the honor of going over the side. Herman Hill (EN3) and Joe Laudano (ENFN) were there. When I pulled myself out of the water, Herman said, "Boy you look like a drowned "White Rat". I took a liking to the handle, and have held on to it ever since.

I got out in '73 as EN1 after dealing with several officers who should not have had the honor... know what I mean?

I worked for E.B. in Groton Conn for a few years. Worked on the NR-1 for a year. Ready? This was a submarine with windows and two wheels. HELLO!!! How the hell do you figure that kind of thing?

Later,
Alex

ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES

Jackson "Clyde" Beatty	EN2	66-68	Died 6 December 2010
Donald Hall	LTJG	52-55	Died 25 January 2011
Ray Gundy	CS2	51-52	Died 18 February 2011
Ed Hamback	MM3	64-66	Died 19 January 2011
Walter "Archie" Moore	EN2	56-58	Died 9 January 2011

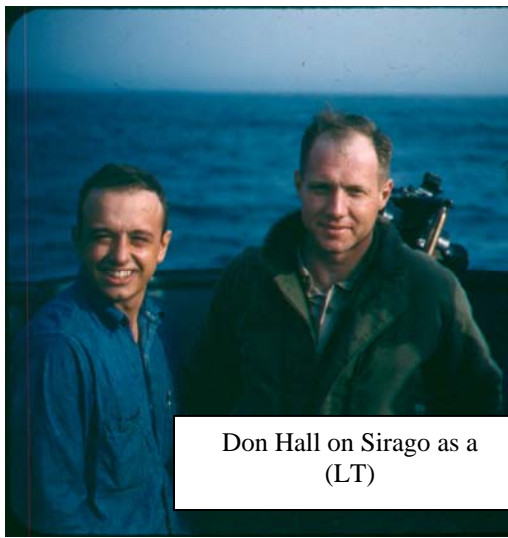


Clyde Beatty –
Reunion 2005

This note was sent to me from Linda Beatty, "Clyde" Beatty's widow:

I want to start off by thanking each and every one of you for all your prayers and support during these past few weeks.

Clyde's request was to be cremated & buried at sea in the Pacific Ocean, so in keeping with his wishes, we are having a military funeral. His ashes will be entombed in a model submarine, then shipped to San Diego, where he will board a submarine for the last time. The sub will perform the "at sea burial with honors". As family members cannot be aboard when the ashes are distributed into the ocean so the ceremony will be taped. We will receive a certificate of the longitude, latitude, time, etc along with a DVD of the ceremony. If Clyde were alive, he would be laughing that we were able to do all of this.



Don Hall on Sirago as a (LT)



Don Hall as a 4-Striper (CAPT)

Don Hall later retired as a Rear Admiral after a distinguished career. He regularly attending our Sirago reunions and contributed to the reunion organization both his time and his talents as we got organized as a reunion group. We will miss him greatly.



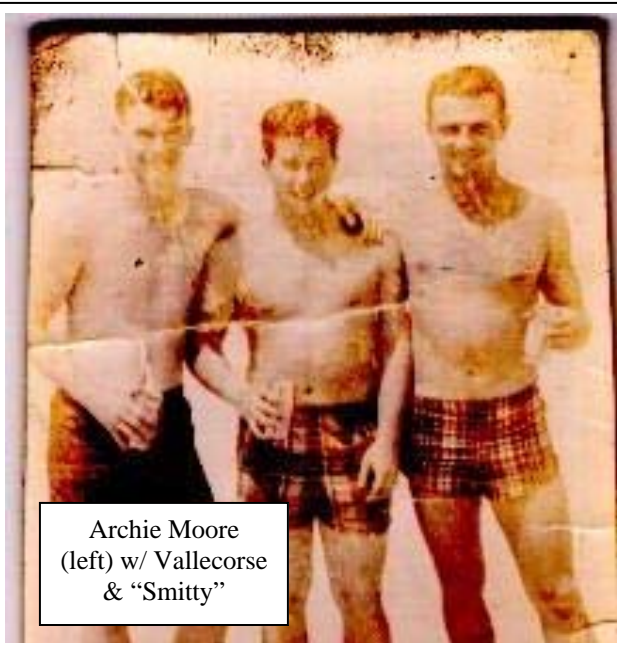
Ray Gundy

Just a short note to let you know that my husband, Raymond M. Gundy, MSCS(SS) passed away on Friday, February 18, 2011.

Ray served aboard several submarines the Sirago, Toro, Cubera, and Cutlass. He served his country for 33 years, the last 14 being on recruiting duty. He was proud of being a sailor and treasured those dolphins and wore them with pride!

Ray and I attended several of the sub reunions and he always enjoyed meeting old shipmates and trading stories. I hope you can remember him at the next reunion.

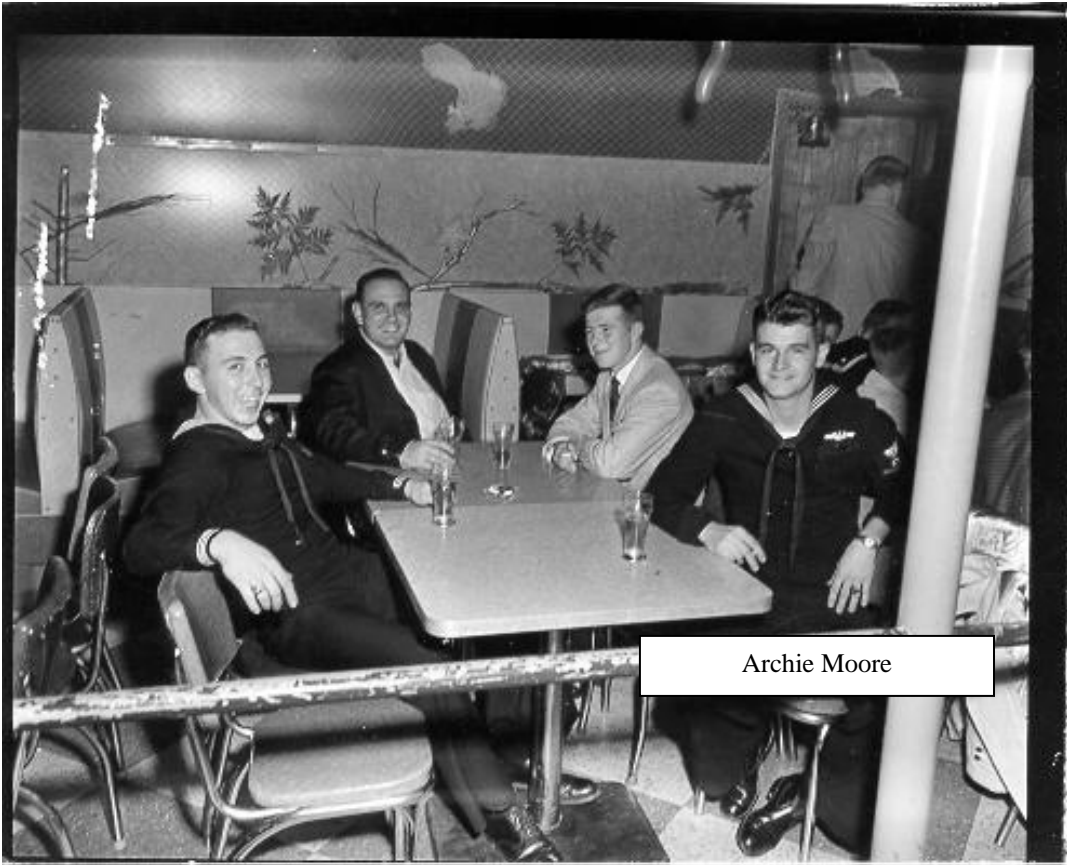
Sincerely,
Patricia Gundy



Archie Moore (left) w/ Vallecorse & "Smitty"



Moore dancing



Archie Moore

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