

# Sirago Newsletter



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## REUNION 2007 – BOOK YOUR ROOMS!

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Shipmates,

In the continued interest of keeping everyone aware of Reunion 2007 activities, I thought it would be a good idea to focus this newsletter on not only the reunion, but also a bit more on the subject of the SSSBS (SUBRON SIX SMOKE BOAT SISTERS). This particular article is to keep you up to date with regard to who is coming next year and also **HOW TO BOOK YOUR ROOM.**

For those of you newly found crew members of Sirago, Sea Leopard, or Cutlass, I need to catch you up on information about the hotel and the reunion dates. The dates are set for Wednesday 23 May 2007 – Monday 28 May 2007 in Mobile, Alabama. The character you see on the left side of this page (Poseidon, aka Neptune) has positioned himself already in Mobile Bay to personally insure that fair weather will prevail for the Mobile area from this date forward and throughout our 2007 Reunion. After that, all bets are off. Being thus assured of safe passage and fit quarters, we now are encouraging all of you who have indicated interest in the 2007 3-boat reunion to call the hotel and book your rooms. Already the emailers have been sent out a note to this effect so you snail mailers need to get busy to make sure that our hotel knows that we are coming in force!! Our ulterior motive is to insure that no other LARGE group books space at the hotel during the time that we are there. So... if you are thinking about coming, we would like you to book your room now.

You can get more information from the following website: [www.riverviewmobile.com](http://www.riverviewmobile.com). I would also like to direct your attention to another website: [www.mobile.org](http://www.mobile.org) for a listing of all the activities, restaurants, places of interest, etc., many of which

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are within walking distance of the Riverview.

This hotel is under renovation at the present time and is changing from a classy hotel to an absolutely top notch facility. The price per room next year after updates for the Memorial Day timeframe would normally be \$150-\$250 per night but we have negotiated a rate of \$100 per night. If you want to park your car in their parking facility there is an extra \$10 charge per day. Parking is at a premium where this hotel is located and I can guarantee you that you will not be disappointed. We understand that \$100 per night is a bit more than what we normally do, but we are planning to have a really nice reunion and know that while our crew members may be used to cramming themselves in submarines like sardines, the ladies will be very appreciative of such first class accommodations.

If you want to call the hotel directly, use the phone number (251) 438-4000 and tell them that you are wanting to reserve your room. Tell them that the event is filed under "USS Sirago" and is also called "Reservation ID: 28216". You can also use their website to book your room or call their toll free number of (866) 749-6069. If you do it toll free or though their website, the "RES ID 28216" is the important thing to remember.

Here are the people CURRENTLY trying to come (by 4-year period) for each boat. If you are not listed and are trying to come, let Rich McCamant know (see his LOST & FOUND CREW insert for his email and phone number).

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**TOTAL – ALL BOATS: (319)** – not counting duplicates:

**USS SIRAGO (SS485) CREW: by Duty Section: (140):**

**DS4548 (3):** Bill Campbell, Jim McCullough, Bob Mulhall

**DS4952 (6):** Don De Genaro, Duane Gow, Bob Kaufman, Norm LeBlanc, Dan Reilly\*, John Thompson

**DS5356 (12):** George Albert, Jeff Badgett, Chuck Balkcom, Bob Barringer\*, Boyd Bywater\*, Don Hall, Ray Hartenstein, Bob Mazurek, Ron Nichols, Buddy Shumake, Ed Sowinski\*, William Williams

**DS5760 (14):** Art Allum, Paull Anderson, **Audrey Boyer**, Roger Dean, George Goodwin, Don Gotta\*, David Hauer,

Mel Laubach, James Morgan, George Reisner, Francis Rickel, Gene Russell, Ed Shaffer, Bill Shamphan

**DS6164 (32):** Ted Anthony, George Booth, Bruce Boughton, Dale Craig, Bob Dishman, Pat Donovan, Kevin Dunne, Larry Eakes, David Feagles, Hal Galloway, Ray Haley\*, Joe Hoffmann, Jim Hughes\*, Joe Humphrey, Larry Jinks, Dennis Larson, Dave McCallum, Larry McClintock, Hugh McCracken\*, Fred McGuire, George Miller, Fred Robinson, Joe Roche, Lowell Russell, Ralph Schmidt, Bill Schmitt\*, Roy Scott, Gene Shore\*, Butch Sites, Ralph Wiggins, Marvin Yokum, Bob Zorn

**DS6568 (38):** Doug Andersen, Ray Anderson, Ken Anderton, Richard Barnette\*, Gary Beasley, Clyde Beatty, Bill Clegg\*, Tim Cole, Pat Conroy, Dennis Dion, Dennis Duren, Bob Ewing, David Glaser\*, Garry Goetschius, Ron Hart, Jerry Hauser, Dan Hawkins, David King, Ken Koller\*, "Tex" Loftin, Ty Lynch, Rex Major, J D Mayo, Rich McCamant, Don Miller, Frank Phipps, Willy Ramos, Ray Rausch\*, Doug Roberts, Bob Rosen\*, Rob Schutte, Dean Sedgwick, RC Shipley, Nelson Shiver, Ray Spooner, Gary Thonn, Chuck Veir, Lewis Zipperer

**DS6972 (36):** David Ackerman, Mark Adler, Fred Baker, Bob Bell\*, Mike Bickel, **Deb Brown**, David Burtsfield\*, Ray Bussard, Frank Campbell, Rusty Curtis, Mick Finn, Jim Fitzpatrick\*, Bob Flora, Tom Foglesong, Doug Fox, Gary Gamauf, Frank George, Gale George, John Holmes, Bill Huskey, David Keene, Bud Keidel, Ron Kennedy, Les Lammers, Bruce Larsen, John Lee, Randy Morgan, Dick Morris, Tom Neville, Tom O'Brien, "Tex" Ritter, George Self, Bill Van Volkenburg, Larry Vicente, Tom Yankay, Paul York

**SEA LEOPARD CREW: by Duty Section: (130):**

**DS4548 (4):** Jack Atkinson\*, Chic Knight, Ed Schuele, Roger Spooner, LaMar Taylor

**DS4952 (4):** Joe Dooley, Walter Hansen, Jack Lammers, Chuck Schaub

**DS5356 (16):** Bill Atwell, Dick Blank, "Babe" Brogan, Boyd Bywater\*, Joseph Gomes, Bill Hill, Walter Hubbell, Kwock Kam, Robert LaLonde, Ed Sowinski\*, Johnny Stanford, Dick Teas, Frank Thompson, Louis Vozar, John Walker, Bill Zilar

**DS5760 (16):** Joe Bonds, **Valerie Caston-Coseo**, Ed Covey, Roy Forsythe, "Dewey" Fuller, Milo Fuller, Ray Haley\*, Al Higginbotham, Jerry Hooper, Dan Laemont, Tom Lemke, Sidney Logan, Henry Patzer, Fred Pester, Norman Snell, Dick Weiner

**DS6164 (24):** Bill Clegg\*, Jim Cosby, Dave Donovan, Dan Durham, Don Espeseth, Jim Ferro, Robert Galindo, Don Gotta\*, Jack Hart, Glenn Herold, Glenn Hilbert, Sam Hilker, Larry Huffstutler, Ellis Jordan, **Chuck Kindlesparger**, Ralph Leonard, Charles Powers, Ray Rausch\*, Bill Schmitt\*, John Shuron, David Stamps, Lew Sykes\*, John Truman, John Winters

**DS6568 (47):** Hal Anderson, Marty Arntzen, Charles Baize, Lionel Banda, Bob Bell\*, Chuck Berry, Gary Brown, Richard Burggraf, Dan Burke, David Burtsfield\*, Jay Butler\*, Jose Cabrera, John Carlsen, Jim Cunningham, Richard Curtis, “Woody” Dawson, Jim DeLong, Jim Fitzpatrick\*, Dick Forsythe, Lonnie Friar, Tom Gibbs, Bill Heffernan, Inving Henrichsen, Les Jinkens, Ken Koller\*, Andrew Kotulak, Jim Kreyer, Tom Kromer, Jim Latterell, John LaVeck, Hermy Maula, Jack Messersmith, Tom Morrell, George Morris, Bob Musitano, Paul Nasso, Bob Renninger, Wayne Rison, Steve Rogers, Chuck Shoefeldt, Phil Somerset, Mike Spasiuk, Paul Turner, Bob Walsh, John Wass, David Wilhoit, Dennis Wood

**DS6973 (18):** Stan Bartholomew, Art Bjorkner, Floyd Blaylock\*, Darrell Colbert, Tom Cushman, Alan Fisk, Rod Friedmann, David Glaser\*, Rick Goebbel\*, Bill Hayes, Martin Henderson, Lee Hubbell, Jim Hughes\*, Elton Landrum, Gerald Linton, Robert Moore, Bill Powell, John Radens

**CUTLASS CREW: by Duty Section: (75):**

**DS4548 (1):** Frank Fatale

**DS4952 (8):** Zeb Alford, Jack Atkinson\*, Billy Garnett, Kenneth Guilfoil, Adrian Hardman, Leroy Peterson, Calvin Shirley, Duane Wahlstrom

**DS5356 (10):** Bob Barringer\*, William Chapman, Thomas Glenn, Carl Gronemann, Harry Henry, Dave Napier, Don Remick, Bob Spinnler, Bill Trefethern, Cyril Tuckfield

**DS5760 (9):** Robert Baldwin, Donald Curbow, Bob Fennell, Bill Flynn, Hugh McCracken\*, Keith Mellish, George Puffenberger, Pascal VanHorn, Richard Wyhliidko

**DS6164 (16):** Robert Bandy, Jay Butler\*, Don Gotta\*, Jim Hughes\*, Bob Keller, Michael Layton, Walter Malone, Paul Monson, Tom Murray, **Gloria Pickett**, Wayne Reedy, Dan Reilly\*, Bill Revesz, Bob Rosen\*, Gene Shore\*, Dan Wrzesniewski

**DS6568 (18):** George Ashbaugh, John Bailey, Richard Barnette\*, John Henry Collins, Burl Fluharty, **Delores Fredricks**, Robert Frye, David Glaser\*, Charles Greenlee, Edgel Hash, Howard Roberts, Al “Poopsie” Pelz, Tom Sherrod, Lew Sykes\*, Terry Tietz, Doug Tucker, Frank Voznak, Charles Weaver

**DS6973 (13):** Floyd Blaylock\*, Steve Durfee, Rick Goebbel\*, Jim Horwath, Dick Huebner, Roman Marciniak, Kahl McDevitt, Donald Meyer, Dennis Rooy, Bill Shepherd, John Tregoning, Ed Urban, Michael Wiegman

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 Included in the above numbers are 2 “honorary” members for each boat. All except one are widows.

This will be momentous. Don’t miss it!

**Mike ♦♦♦**

## HISTORY OF SUBRON SIX

With the outbreak of World War II and the havoc wrought on the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, the early brunt of retaliation against the enemy fell upon the Pacific Submarine Force. It was during these early days of World War II in the Pacific when the present SUBRON SIX had its beginning as SUBRON SIXTEEN. As the war progressed, SUBRON SIXTEEN continued to add to its share of the more than five million tons of Japanese shipping sunk by U.S. submarines.

With the end of the war in the Pacific came the need to relocate an immense naval organization and to begin the transition to peacetime operations. Accordingly, SUBRON SIXTEEN sailed from the Pacific via the Panama Canal to New London, Connecticut. Less than three months later SUBRON SIXTEEN left New London, Connecticut, as SUBRON SIX enroute to its new homeport of Balboa, Canal Zone, Panama. During the transit the units of SUBRON SIX, spent the month of December 1945 at Staten Island, New York, then headed for the warmer climates of Panama. In June 1949, the squadron was reorganized, formally named Submarine Squadron SIX, and moved to its present homeport in Norfolk, Virginia.

From 1949 until 1960 Pier 22 had nothing but diesel boats attached to the Squadron. In 1953 the book “PERISCOPE VIEWS” was created to commemorate these diesel boats along with the tender - USS ORION (AS18). The boats went through a process of refining their logos and patches and for the first time SUBRON SIX came up with its own LOGO shown below.



In 1960 the first nuclear boat joined the squadron – the USS Scorpion (SSN589) and the squadron decided to change its logo to reflect this new

nuclear powered submarine:



Currently, the Squadron has six nuclear powered submarines and their logo has changed again as shown to the right. Again, as you can see, the depiction is of a nuclear boat with fair water planes

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which used to be quite prevalent on the nukes.

In an effort to stay with the “smoke boat sisters” idea, we (the SUBRON Six Smoke Boat Sisters - SSSBS) have decided to re-adopt the ORIGINAL logo as our own to commemorate those days when our leaders believed that silence was golden, stealth was strength, and that Diesel Boats were Forever. That is what the SSSBS is all about... it’s about our WWII roots, diesel smoke, cramped quarters, hard work, good liberty, Pier 22, and those who loved every minute of it.



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