

# SHIP'S STORE ITEMS

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With all these conversations about “Now and Then,” I thought I might as well introduce myself with some photos of my own. This is the first “Storekeeper’s Report” in our newsletter and I (Wally Walraven) currently have the watch. Above you will see a relatively recent photo of myself (2001 Reunion) and also a couple of others dating back to the early 50s. Never thought I’d see the day when I’d change my rating from TM to SK but I don’t seem to have any torpedoes to push around any more, so right now I’m pushing supplies to raise money for our Sirago Veterans’ Association. Since my wife Cecile would like to see us eventually reclaim the space in my house, I’d appreciate you considering me sending you a “spread” of these supplies running hot straight and normal to your own place of abode.

You might want to keep this page from your newsletter for future reference as I am going to describe our NEW AND IMPROVED procedure for ordering supplies. First of all, you need to contact me directly to ensure that we still have stock on any particular item. This can be done by e-mail ([wallsis@juno.com](mailto:wallsis@juno.com)) or just phone me at (757) 420-4946. Assuming I tell you that I can ship whatever items you want, you should then immediately mail a check for the TOTAL (see price list below) made out to **USS SIRAGO** and marked with the items you want—mail the check to: Garry Goetschius / 3620 Locust Circle East / Prospect, KY 40059-9020. I will ship you your item(s) as soon as you give me the order (e-mail or phone), assuming they are in stock. Be sure to give me your address too. Our objective right now is to run our stock down to generate some cash for the organization. We will continue to stock certain items, but will try to keep our stocks low except at reunion time (next reunion 2005). So...our intentions (with the exception of a very few items) is to NOT backorder anything we are offering here. If you snooze, you lose. Here’s the list:



**Tench Video** showing USS Sirago – and describing main systems - **\$20.00**



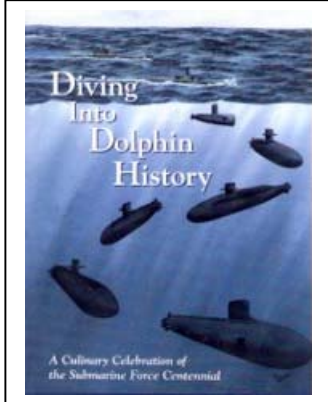
Classic **DBF Pin** (Diesel Boats Forever) - **\$10.00**. **Gold Stars** (for your 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nth boat) are **\$1.00** each.



“**First Navy Jack**” Flags (2 foot x 3 foot jack size) with brass grommets - **\$10.00**. Additionally, we have a **framed “card”** with this photo and an explanation of how they are now used on the “War on Terrorism” for the Navy Fleet. - **\$8.00**. OR – you can order a **COMBO** (Flag AND Framed Card) - **\$15.00** and save yourself some money.



“Let there be Light” blank **notecards - \$15.00.** There are 16 cards and 17 envelopes in each box. Perfect for offering sympathy or just sending a note or Holiday Greeting.



A **Cookbook** celebrating 100 years of submarines with recipes from the active nuclear-boat navy with their boat patch shown, etc. - **\$10.00.** We are absorbing the freight for these just to get rid of them. Wonderful (and some weird) recipes.



If you've got a wife, she needs one of these pewter **Submariner's Wife pins.** This was recently designed in 2002 and everyone who sees them loves them. - **\$10.00**



The official **Sirago patch.** - **\$10.00**

OK – so now you see the items that we can show photographs of. BUT WAIT – THERE'S MORE!! We also have some items which we don't have photos for, and one other item that good taste forbids displaying to so gentle-minded a readership.

First: we have available **SIRAGO ROSTERS** available for **\$5.00** each. This is actually quite a nice **BOOK** (with cover) that was given out for free to those who attended the reunion. This book has in it a complete listing of ALL people who are (F)ound, (D)eceased, or being (S)ought in alphabetical order. THEN, for all FOUND folks there is a complete address, phone, e-mail, etc. This section of the book is divided by your DUTY SECTION so all your folks are together—great for thinking about mailing Christmas Cards to your best buddies.

Second: we have **photo CDs** for **\$10.00** each. These CDs have 1251 photos from various time periods on Sirago (and some of reunions, crew members today), which represent what we had on PHOTOPPOINT

The official “**SS**” patch for all your “Diesel Boat” guys. Depiction of step-sail guppy with “Steel Ships & Iron Men” written below. Dolphins are colored 1/2 Silver and 1/2 Gold representing both enlisted and officer-types qualified on these wonderful boats. - **\$10.00**



before that site crashed in December 2001. So...it's our photo site on a CD (but as of December 2001 so almost all the current photos are there, but not reunion 2003, or a few old photos). In addition to the photos being on the CD, there is a program called INDEX.HTM that allows you to see the albums by name (CREW 45-48 for example) and then drill down to all the photos, and complete captions are there as well.

One final item which does not win the “good taste” award is known as the “**Bush Dolphins**” and this isn't named after our president. I myself call them the “Spread Eagle Dolphins” and we only have enlisted (Silver) in stock. We are selling them for **\$10.00** as a money raiser. If you don't know what they are, just call me—I'll explain.

OK Folks! Place your orders and I'll fire 'em at ya!

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