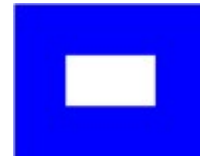
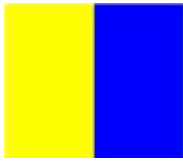


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Next UP : OUR Joint Reunion November 4-7, 2020 in Little Rock , Arkansas

Our next joint reunion for the USS Sea Owl ,USS Sea Poacher and USS Sea Robin will be November 4-7, 2020 in Little Rock , Arkansas hosted by Merlyn and Shirley Dorrheim. We're using the Gatherings Plus Company to coordinate , register and schedule all the events , meals and transportation shown in the attached itinerary.

The basic Activity Package includes the Gathering Plus website (www.gatheringsplus.com) ,Welcome packet, Registration ,Welcome Reception Nov 4 ,Tolling of the Bells ceremony,BBQ Lunch at Whole Hog BBQ Nov 5 , Tour of Clinton Library and USS Razorback Nov 5 ,Tour of the Old Mill ,Lunch at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Nov 6 and the Banquet Nov 6 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Besides the basic Activity Package of \$ 269 per person , we have two other options:

1. Bill Brinkman has arranged with the USS Razorback SS 394 to schedule our own special " Sleep over Night " on Thursday November 5. We will have the sub all to ourselves which means we can show movies in the Crew Mess in the After Battery and spend more time exploring the sub. The sub does have a regular toilet and most important " AC and Heat". We have sleeping available for up to 40 Attendees. We can accommodate 35 in the After Battery (see the picture of the men and women in the bunks on the cover). In addition, we have the Chiefs Locker available for 5 bunks in the Forward Battery. Note that we have a tour of the USS Razorback that November 5 morning , so you can check out where you want to sleep later that night, The Razorback folks will supply pillows and sheets.

You should bring your own blankets (and pillows if you wish) or sleeping bags , change of clothing ,medicines , personal hygiene items , flashlight , and wear closed toe shoes.

Also the Razorback folks provide a Continental breakfast on the morning of November 6 which includes coffee, tea, juice, donuts. Our Business meeting is at 10 AM November 6 , so the sleepover folks have time to get back to the Crowne Plaza Hotel after the continental breakfast on the sub. The cost of this Optional Sleepover is \$ 40. (Make out checks to USS Seapoacher). Just in case, Bill is taking your verbal reservations (512-255-0285 or [seapoacher @att.net](mailto:seapoacher@att.net)) in case we get more than 40 folks signing up.

We have 5 signed up so far including 3 Movie Petty Officer Electrician Mates !!
(Bill Brinkman , Hubert Jackson , Chuck Killgore, Joe Palmer & Jordan Darrah)

2. A second Option is the Ladies Tour of the Esse Purse Factory in Little Rock from 1 to 4 PM on November 7. This optional Tour will get you back to the Crowne Plaza Hotel by 4:30 PM in time to get ready for the 6:30 PM Banquet. The USS Sea Poacher Association will pay for the Museum admission and also coordinate the cars needed to transport the Ladies to and from the museum.

So far we have 5 Ladies signed up ! (Lin Brinkman , Shirley Dorrheim , Linda Jackson , Linda Machado and Deirdre Bridewell.)

See pages 8 and 9 for this [reunions Itinerary and registration form](#). Our code is [sea2020](#).

Joe Murdoch's "USS Sea Poacher & Friends " get together

November 8-12 , 2020.

Note that right after our Official Three Subs National reunion held November 4-7 , 2020 in Little Rock ,AR , Joe Murdoch and Linda Machado are hosting the

“ USS Sea Poacher and Friends “ get together November 8-12, 2020 in Branson. Missouri.

The Itinerary for this get together is found on page 11 of this newsletter. You go to the Gatherings Plus website (www.gatheringsplus.com) , go to “Military reunions” and click on this event. The code for seeing more details and the registration forms is [seapoachers2020](#).

(Next article below is from the *Madison County Record* April 28, 2005)

Submarine sighted on the Arkansas River!

The *USS Razorback*, the longest serving submarine in the world, will anchor the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum when it opens its temporary facility on the Arkansas River at North Little Rock in July 2005. Later in the year, the *USS Hoga*, a 100-foot tugboat of World War II fame, will also join the *Razorback*. The *USS Razorback* is the last operational submarine that was present in Tokyo Bay to take part in the surrender of Japan in 1945, officially ending World War II. The *USS Razorback* received five battle stars for WWII service and four stars for service in Vietnam. The sub was decommissioned by the U.S. Navy in 1970 and transferred to the Turkish Navy. The *USS Hoga* was awarded a special citation for its heroic rescue work during the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. www.northlittlerock.ar.gov.

Delaware Memorial Bridge Memorial to Lost WWII Submarines



The Delaware Valley Chapter of World War II Submarine Veterans raised the funds for this memorial that is located in the Delaware Memorial Bridge Veterans Memorial Park.

By the end of World War II, U.S. Submarines had sunk 55 percent of Japanese ships that were sunk during the war. Submarines represented less than 2% of the U. S. Navy.

The plaque lists the names of the 52 submarines lost during World War II.

During World War II, the U.S. Navy's submarine service suffered the highest casualty percentage of all the American armed forces, losing one in five submariners. Some 16,000 submariners served during the war, of whom 375 officers and 3131 enlisted men were killed.

Of the 52 that were lost two— *Dorado* (SS-248) and *Seawolf* (SS-197) – were lost to friendly fire (with *S-26* (SS-131) probably additional friendly fire, as the collision with USS *Sturdy* (PC-460) appears due to being mistaken for a U-boat), at least three more – *Tulibee*, *Tang*, and *Grunion* – to defective torpedoes, and six to accident or grounding.

Another eight submarines went missing while on patrol and are presumed to have been sunk by Japanese mines, as there were no recorded Japanese anti-submarine attacks in their patrol areas. The other thirty-three lost submarines are known to have been sunk by the Japanese.

Ref: The News Journal (Wilmington Delaware) 8 July 2000 and Wikipedia - List of lost United States Submarines.

Status of the Virginia Class Submarines

Reference : https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia-class_submarine

The Virginia Class Submarines have been built in 4 different “Blocks” so far , and the new Block V subs will start with the USS Oklahoma SSN 802 and USS Arizona SSN 803.

Block V involve 10 boats and may incorporate the Virginia Payload Module (VPM), which would give guided-missile capability when the SSGNs are retired from service. The Block V subs are expected to triple the capacity of shore targets for each boat. Construction on the first two boats of this block is expected to begin in 2019, with contracts for long lead time material for SSN-802 and SSN-803 being awarded to General Dynamic's Electric Boat. Newport News Shipbuilding was awarded a long-lead materials contract for two Block V boats in 2017, the first Block Vs for the company.

On 2 December 2019, the Navy announced an order for nine new Virginia-class submarines – eight Block Vs and one Block IV – for a total contract price of \$22 billion with an option for a tenth boat. The Block V subs were confirmed to have an increased length, from 377 ft to 460 ft, and displacement, from 7,800 tons to 10,200 tons.

List of Virginia boats

Name	Hull Number	Commissioned	Name	Hull Number
Virginia	774	23 Oct 2004	Montana	794
Texas	775	9 Sept 2006	Hyman G Rickover	795
Hawaii	776	5 May 2007	New Jersey	796
North Carolina	777	3 May 2008	Iowa	797
New Hampshire	778	25 Oct 2008	Massachusetts	798
New Mexico	779	27 March 2010	Idaho	799
Missouri	780	31 July 2010	Arkansas	800
California	781	29 Oct 2011	Utah	801
Mississippi	782	2 June 2012	Oklahoma	802
Minnesota	783	7 Sept 2013	Arizona	803
North Dakota	784	25 Oct 2014	Unnamed	804
John Warner	785	1 Aug 2015	Unnamed	805
Illinois	786	29 Oct 2016	Unnamed	806
Washington	787	7 Oct 2017	Unnamed	807
Colorado	788	17 March 2018	Unnamed	808
Indiana	789	28 Sept 2018	Unnamed	809
South Dakota	790	2 Feb 2019	Unnamed	810
Delaware	791	4 April 2020 (scheduled)	Unnamed	811
Vermont	792	18 April 2020 (scheduled)		
Oregon	793			



Doris "Dorie" Miller (October 12, 1919 – November 24, 1943) was an American sailor in the United States Navy. He manned anti-aircraft guns on the USS West Virginia during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 for which he had no training and tended to the wounded. He was recognized by the Navy for his actions and awarded the Navy Cross by Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz..

He was the first black American to be awarded the Navy Cross, the third highest honor awarded by the Navy at the time, after the Medal of Honor and the Navy Distinguished Service Medal. The Navy Cross now precedes the Navy Distinguished Service Medal. Miller's acts were heavily publicized in the black press, making him an iconic emblem of the war for black Americans. Nearly two years after Pearl Harbor, he was killed in action when his ship USS *Liscome Bay* CVE 56 was sunk by a Japanese submarine on 24 November 1943 during the Battle of Makin. The loss of 644 men was the deadliest sinking of a US Navy Aircraft Carrier.

On January 19, 2020, the Navy announced that CVN-81 would be named after him, a *Gerald R. Ford*-class aircraft carrier scheduled to be laid down in 2023 and launched in 2028.

A previous ship was named for him , the USS Miller (FF-1091).



USS Liscome Bay CVE 56



See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Doris_Miller

Blasts from the Past from Karl Schipper

From the *Chattanooga Daily Times* June 15 , 1960 :

John H. Love , son of Mrs. John T. Love of Soddy , is scheduled to be promoted to Electronics Tech second Class June 1960 while serving aboard the Atlantic Fleet submarine USS Sea Poacher.

From the *Key West Citizen* September 17 , 1952 :

Key West , FLA.-The submarine Softball League will return to action after a day off. The submarine Sea Poacher will play against the submarine Barb.

The Bushnell-Sea Poacher game was postponed because of the Bushnell's absence from the Key West area. The league standings is as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.	Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chivo	12	3	.800	Manta	4	11	.266
Bluefish	11	4	.734	Barb	2	8	.200
Cero	11	4	.734	Trumpetfish	1	8	.101
Sea Cat	11	5	.696	Bushnell	1	12	.071
Odax	12	6	.689	Petrel	0	12	.000
Sea Dog	10	5	.666				
Gilmore	10	6	.625				
Chopper	12	7	.621				
Clamagore	11	7	.611				
Amberjack	9	6	.600				
Archerfish	6	5	.546				
Balao	6	8	.428				
Sea Poacher	6	8	.428				
Guavina	4	6	.400				
Batfish	6	12	.294				

Amesbury veteran, 90, laid to rest on Veterans Day

Author: *Jim Sullivan, The Daily News of Newburyport, Mass. Tribune Content Agency*

Nov. 13 , 2019 AMESBURY -- U.S. Navy veteran Stewart "Skip" Chapman was a man dedicated to his family and to his country, and both paid their final respects to him on Veterans Day.

Chapman, 90, was born in Detroit and served as a Navy radioman on the USS Chopper and the USS **Sea Poacher** during the Korean War.

But it was during leave in New York City that he met his future wife, Mary, at a birthday party in 1954. The two kept in touch via mail and were married in 1955.

The Chapmans would have four daughters while living in Michigan and eventually moved to Amesbury in 1980, where Skip became a real estate agent.

Maryann Whalley is Chapman's first-born daughter.

"They bought a six-bedroom Victorian home that my father redid himself," Whalley said. "It was a handyman special type thing."

Skip kept in touch with his Navy buddies and loved to tell his family about his time in the service.

"He always told us about his Navy days and going underwater and where they went," Whalley said. "He had an audience with the Pope Pius XII, and he wasn't Catholic at that time."

Whalley also said her father was very patriotic and raised his family, which included 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, to be the same.

"My husband was in the submarine service also," Whalley said.

"They loved to swap stories. My father was, of course, on a diesel submarine and my husband was on a nuclear submarine."

Chapman, however, died of natural causes Nov. 6 and it was while celebrating his funeral Mass at Holy Family Parish on Monday that the city's annual Veterans Day parade just happened to be passing by on School Street.

Just as his time in the Navy took Chapman to many exotic points of call and also led him to meet his wife and raise his family, it also provided an unknown mourner on the day of his funeral.

Status of the Gerald Ford Aircraft Carriers

During our 2017 USS Sea Poacher National Reunion in Norfolk ,Virginia , we got to drive by the Newport News company and see the USS John Kennedy being built. We also saw the USS Gerald Ford in Norfolk just prior to its commissioning 22 July 2017.

New Carrier Replaces the Carrier

USS Gerald R. Ford	CVAN 78	USS Enterprise	CVAN 65
USS John F. Kennedy	CVAN 79.....	USS Nimitz	CVAN 68
USS Enterprise	CVAN 80	USS Dwight D. Eisenhower	CVAN 69
USS Doris Miller	CVAN 81	USS Carl Vinson	CVAN 70

USS SEA POACHER/USS SEA OWL/USS SEA ROBIN



Little Rock Reunion2020
November 4th – 7th, 2020

Wednesday NOV 4 th	Thursday NOV 5 th	Friday NOV 6 th	Saturday NOV 7 th
 <p>Check in at Crowne Plaza Little Rock \$94 per night + tax Breakfast Buffet \$7 Complimentary Airport Shuttle Complimentary Parking</p> <p>Hospitality Room Open</p>  <p>USS SEA POACHER</p>  <p>USS SEA OWL</p>  <p>USS SEA ROBIN</p>  <p>5:30 p.m. WELCOME RECEPTION</p>  	 <p>Depart Hotel 9:30 Little Rock City Tour Clinton Library</p>  <p>Tour of the USS Razorback</p>  <p>Lunch 12:30 PM Whole Hog BBQ</p>   <p>Old Mill Stop</p>  <p>"Tolling of the Bells"</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Return to Hotel</p> <p>Ship Sleep Over</p>	 <p>10:00 am</p>   <p>Noon Lunch at hotel</p>   <p>Hospitality Room Open</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Group Photo on own</p>   <p>6:30 p.m. FINAL BANQUET DINNER</p>    	 <p>Depart</p> <p>ACTIVITY PACKAGE PRICE: \$269 per person</p> <p>INCLUDES: Website Welcome Packet Name Badges Registration Welcome Reception Memorial BBQ Lunch, Tour Escort Thursday Tours Friday Lunch at Hotel Final Banquet Transportation All Taxes and Meal & Gratuities</p> <p>Driver Gratuities not included</p>   <p>11/5/19</p>

Go to gatheringsplus.com, Events, Military Reunions, Scroll Down till you find USS Sea Poacher/USS Sea Owl/USS Sea Robin Patch click on it, Password: sea2020. Print off and mail in your registration, register online or call us at 417-338-4048!



**USS Sea Poachers, USS Sea Robin, USS Sea Owl
Reunion Registration Form Little Rock, Arkansas
November 4th – 7th, 2020**

Planner: Bill Brinkman Phone: 512-788-4441 email: seapoacher@att.net

Name (on name badge) _____

Spouse/Guest _____ Guest _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell _____ Email _____

Wheelchair Access? Yes No Dietary Restrictions? _____

HOST HOTEL: The Crowne Plaza Hotel 201 S. Shackelford Road, Little Rock, AR 72211
Call 501-223-3000 for room reservations and mention you are with the (USS Sea Poachers, USS Sea Robin & USS Sea Owl) Reunion. The room rate is \$94.00 per room per night plus tax and includes breakfast for two per room. Room rate available 3 days prior and after reunion dates, based on availability. Rooms not reserved by October 1, 2020 will be dropped from the group block. Breakfast Coupons for Full Hot Breakfast Buffet can be purchased at check in for a special rate of \$7 per person. Optional events: Ladies Event & Ship Sleep Over, contact Bill Brinkman.

**REUNION ACTIVITY PACKAGE:
(Includes everything listed on the Itinerary)**

_____ of attendees x \$269.00 pp = \$ _____ TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Banquet: Crab Stuffed Tilapia _____ Chicken Fried Chicken _____ Smothered Pork Chops _____
A 50% deposit is requested by September 4th, 2020 with final payment due October 4th, 2020.
Refunds on cancellations after Oct 4th will be on a case by case basis.

MAIL REGISTRATION & CHECK PAYABLE TO:

GATHERINGS PLUS, 155 Industrial Park Drive, Hollister, MO 65672 417-338-4048 events@gatheringsplus.com

TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD:

I authorize Gatherings Plus to charge \$ _____ to my credit card. Name on card: _____

Card # _____ Exp Date _____ Security Code _____

Signature: _____

A 4% processing fee will be added to all credit card payments.

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MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Eternal Patrol John Porter FN 66-68

Born 5 August 1948 Died 3 July 2010

John Porter, who is stationed aboard a submarine, the USS Sea Poacher, in Key West, Fla., is spending this week in Ava with his grandmother, Mrs. George Beason and Mr. Beason, 517 N.W. 7th Avenue, and with his aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Doy Price and children of Route 2. Seaman Porter, U. S. Navy, is the son of Chester Porter, Newton, Kan., and the late Mrs. Georgia Frye Porter.

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Note: Here is the Itinerary for Joe Murdoch's "USS Sea Poacher and Friends" get together Nov 8-12 right after our Three Sub National Reunion in Little Rock, AR. Register on the Gatherings Plus Website and let Joe know that you are coming.

The code for entering this Gatherings Plus website is

seapoachers2020

**USS SEA POACHER and FRIENDS
Branson Veterans Week Celebration
November 8-12, 2020**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p>Check in at THE GRAND PLAZA HOTEL</p>  <p>\$89.00 per room per night plus tax including breakfast</p> <p>5:00 p.m. WELCOME! (pick up packets with schedules and name badges)</p> <p>Dinner on your own</p>  <p>7:30 p.m. THE CLAY COOPER EVENING SHOW</p>	<p>Hot Buffet Breakfast</p>  <p>10:00 a.m. HOT RODS And HIGH HEELS Morning Show (\$18.00) Tickets need to be purchased separately, contact Joe Murdoch)</p> <p>LUNCH Followed by VIETNAM ERA REUNION SHOW</p>  <p>5:30 p.m. DOLLY PARTON STAMPEDE DINNER AND SHOW</p>	<p>Hot Buffet Breakfast</p>  <p>10:00 a.m. THE BRETT FAMILY SHOW</p>  <p>12:30 p.m. LUNCH at Keeter Center and TOLLING OF THE BELLS</p>  <p>4:00 p.m. YANKEE GIFT SWAP (\$10 gift)</p>  <p>8:00 p.m. LEGENDS IN CONCERT</p>	<p>Hot Buffet Breakfast</p>  <p>9:30 a.m. BRANSON VETERANS DAY PARADE</p> <p>Lunch on your own</p>  <p>3:30 p.m. "NOAH" The Musical</p> <p>6:30 p.m. GROUP PHOTO</p>  <p>7:00 p.m. BANQUET DINNER at Hotel</p>	<p>Hot Buffet Breakfast</p> <p>Depart</p> <hr/> <p>ACTIVITY PACKAGE: \$505.00 per person</p> <p>INCLUDES: Clay Cooper Show Dolly Parton Stampede Brett Family Show Keeter Center Lunch Legends in Concert Banquet Dinner Noah the Musical Transportation to Group Activities All tax and most gratuities Hospitality Room Reunion Website</p>

Please contact Joe Murdoch after registration at 239-322-2019

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