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Welcome to Georgia



Nathan Deal, Governor

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**Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR**

GREETINGS:

May 16, 2012

It is a pleasure to join you in celebrating the *Ninth LST 1156 Reunion*. Congratulations on this occasion.

In honor of your continued commitment to our state and country, I would like to recognize the outstanding achievements of the crew of the USS Terrebonne Parish.

On behalf of a grateful state and nation, we thank you again for your dedication to the service and protection of the United States.

I am certain this reunion holds great significance for each of you, and I consider it a privilege to be a small part of your celebration.

I also hope that you will enjoy some of the attractions available in the Savannah area.

Safe travels for those who have traveled from out of state, and I extend my best wishes for a memorable reunion.

Sincerely,

Nathan Deal

Nathan Deal

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Ninth LST 1156 Reunion

- What's Ahead -



Wednesday, May 16, 2012

Ocean Plaza Barbecue

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Thursday, May 17, 2012

Tour

Lunch: Paula Deen's

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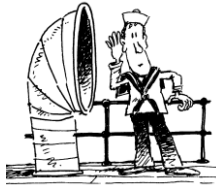
Friday, May 18, 2012

HAA: Lunch with a Soldier

HAA & USCG Air Station Tour

Banquet Dinner

T-BONE TALK



The "SEAL Trident"

The Birth of the Navy SEALs

*By Don Snyder, YN3, Guest Columnist
USS CAMBRIA (APA 36) ('55-'57)*

Anderson, Indiana

As a former Gator sailor, one of the Navy's most interesting organizations to me is the U.S. Navy SEALs. They are a unique breed of warrior, and I thought their history and mission would be of interest to former T-Bone crewmembers and other readers of the LST 1156 Association's Newsletter.

The Navy SEALs were established by President John F. Kennedy in 1962 as a small, elite maritime military force to conduct "unconventional warfare".

They carry out the types of clandestine, small unit, high-impact missions that large forces with high-profile platforms (such as ships, tanks, jets and submarines) cannot accomplish. SEALs also conduct essential on-the-ground Special Reconnaissance of critical targets for imminent strikes by larger conventional forces.

SEALs are the Special Operations Command's force-of-choice among Navy, Marine, and Air Force Special Operations Forces (SOF) to conduct small-unit maritime military operations which originate from, and return to a river, ocean, swamp, delta or coastline.



This littoral capability is more important now than ever in our history, as half of the world's infrastructure and population is located within one mile of an ocean or river.

Of crucial importance, SEALs can negotiate shallow water areas such as the Persian Gulf

coastline, where large ships and submarines are limited by depth.

SEAL – Sea, Air, Land

The SEALs are trained to operate in all environments (Sea, Air, Land) for which they are named. SEALs are also prepared to operate in climate extremes of scorching desert, freezing Arctic, and humid jungle.

The SEALs current pursuit of elusive, dangerous and high-priority terrorist targets has been operating in remote mountain regions of Afghanistan.

They have also been involved in hostage-taking incidents off of the coast of Somalia, and in successfully completing an operation kill Osama bin Laden in Pakistan last year.

Gator Navy Link

SEAL teams are located on both U.S. coasts: Team One at the Naval Amphibious Base Coronado in San Diego, California and Team Two at the Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, the LST 1156's home port.

Both SEAL teams are constantly deployed throughout the world frequently on amphibious force ships to protect national interests.

This Year in History

In 2002 the LST 1156 Association was established, and the first reunion of former T-Bone officers and crewmembers was held at the Lake Wright in Norfolk, Va.

A highlight of that first gathering was a tour of the USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) shown below in Chesapeake Bay.





AHOY - NOW HEAR THIS



By **Rick Erisman**, RM3, Ship's Historian

Tybee Island & the Civil War Sesquicentennial



Pittsburgh, Pa.

Just 15 miles east of Savannah on your way to Tybee Island for our 9th Reunion, you will pass Fort Pulaski National Monument. The National Park Service during the Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration, a defining event in our nation's history, is commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War from 2011 to 2015.

Civil War to Civil Rights

The Civil War culminated 80 years of sectional tensions over economics, cultural values, the extent and reach of the federal government, but, most importantly, the role of slavery in American society. Following the fall of Fort Pulaski in April 1862, Union Major General David Hunter emancipated area slaves. Fort Pulaski became a final destination on the Underground Railroad as slaves sought freedom on Cockspur Island.

Fort Pulaski National Monument will portray the fort as it was during the period of the Civil War from 1861 to 1865. As part of its commemoration, the fort is using reproduction flags as a visually effective way of depicting historic events.

The Confederate National Flag will fly above the fort six days a week from March 2011 until the 150th anniversary of the Siege of Fort Pulaski in

2012. The park will fly the 34-star United States flag on Sundays, in order to continue to interpret the Union occupation of the fort from April 1862 until the end of the Civil War. Likewise, when Fort Pulaski begins flying the 34-star American flag in April 2012, the Stars and Bars will fly on Sundays to interpret the Confederate occupation.

With South Carolina's secession from the United States in December 1860, federal facilities, including armories, foundries, and forts, from across the south were being taken by their home states.

On January 3, 1861, Georgia troops, under the direction of Governor Joseph Brown, seized Fort Pulaski. This was just a first step that would lead to Georgia's secession a few weeks later.

From January 1861 until April 1862, Fort Pulaski was Confederate occupied. On March 4, 1861, the Confederate national flag, also known as the Stars and Bars, was adopted in Montgomery, Alabama, the original capital of the Confederacy. This flag would fly above the fort for the next thirteen months. During that time, the garrison was busy preparing for whatever test that lay ahead. Fort Pulaski National Monument began flying the Confederate national flag in March 2011.

Fort Pulaski celebrated Christmas, 1861, in a big way. The Confederate garrison invited guests from Savannah to share in a lively Christmas party. Their first, and only, holiday at Fort Pulaski was filled with eggnog parties and amusement in many

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Did You Know?

The breach made in Fort Pulaski's southeast corner was repaired by Union soldiers within six weeks following the battle for the fort in 1862.

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of the casemates. Fort Pulaski National Monument commemorated the "Nog" party with a candle lantern event in December 2011.

For nearly two months, Union troops erected 36

guns in 11 batteries on the western shore of Tybee Island. The Union cannons on Tybee Island, over a mile away, converged on Fort Pulaski on April 10, 1862.

After 30 hours, the brick walls of the fort were breached, and the Confederate fort surrendered on April 11. The historic battle featured the first significant use of rifled artillery against a masonry fort and had international ramifications on the future design and construction of coastal forts.

SOURCE: National Park Service



Bookshelf



The Man Behind the Greatest Submarine Rescue in History

- ***The Terrible Hours*** by Peter Maas, HarperCollins, 2000, 240 pages

Review by **Louis S. Bernadotte, LT, USNR**
(‘44-’46)

White Lake, Mich.

Have you ever read a book that you just couldn’t put down until it was finished? This true story of the submarine *USS Squalus* is one of those books. Author Peter Maas (*Serpico*; *The Valachi Papers*) gives us insight into the disaster that befell the *Squalus*, which was lost on a test dive shortly before the start of World War II off the coast of New Hampshire in May 1939.

The Terrible Hours tells the story of a great sailor who fights brilliantly, intelligently and with great bravery to save the lives of the doomed crew.

The hero is Charles “Swede” Momsen, the inventor of the Momsen’s Diver’s Lung, the recovery chamber and its fabulous diving bell that attaches to the submarine. It allows the ocean to stay at bay while the crew safely exits the submarine.

Could he actually pluck those men from a watery grave?

In this case, miraculously thirty-three crew members survived against all odds following an agonizing 39 hours at the bottom of the sea. While their loved ones waited in unbearable tension on shore, their ultimate fate would depend upon one man, U.S. Navy officer Charles “Swede” Momsen, and his Diver’s Lung recovery chamber.

As a former WW 2 Navy officer, I personally recommend this book for anyone interested in U.S. Navy history and submarines; and to anyone who likes a great, suspenseful story in vivid detail with a



moment-by-moment account of the disaster and the man at its center.

Nimitz Arrives in New Home Port at Everett



The aircraft carrier Nimitz arrives March 4 at its new home port.

Everett, Wash. welcomed the latest aircraft carrier to call the naval station its home port with the arrival on March 9 of Nimitz.

Nimitz docked following sea trials and a year-long \$239 million overhaul at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

Nimitz replaces the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln, which deployed in December and is later scheduled for a lengthy refueling of its nuclear reactors at a shipyard in Virginia.

Two aircraft carriers remain at Bremerton. John C. Stennis returned to its home port on March 2 from a seven-month deployment; Ronald Reagan is starting an overhaul at the shipyard.



A Naval Air Crewman assigned to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 15, guides the pilots of an HH-60H Seahawk helicopter as they retrieve cargo from the deck of the fast combat support ship Bridge during a replenishment at sea with the aircraft carrier Carl Vinson in the Arabian Gulf on March 11.

Personal Impressions

By Sue Carney, Ph.D.



Learning Initiatives



Frederick, Md.

In addition to my full-time teaching load, I have mentioned in the past that my responsibilities to serve on college committees take up a considerable amount of time.

Last year, I found myself spending many hours each week dealing with issues through my role on the Grievance Board. This semester, I have found my 'extra' time being taken away by my work on a new committee, our First-Year Seminar committee.

Over the past year, our faculty has discussed the merit of making key changes to our Core Curriculum. While we have not yet agreed on many of the details to be changed, we did decide to move forward with a 3-year pilot program whereby First-Year seminar courses would be offered to incoming students.

Many other colleges, including my own alma mater, offer first-year seminars. In most cases, these are small courses (~15 students) that are designed by individual faculty members to suit their own interests or areas of expertise. Through the courses, students have the opportunity to enhance their writing, critical reading, verbal communication and information literacy skills while interacting on a fairly personal basis over a general-interest topic with their professor and their peers.

We settled on a pilot program to see if in fact the seminar program will meet the goals that we would like to achieve, which are mainly to improve the aforementioned skills of our first year students. I enjoyed my own experience in a first-year seminar, and I debated whether or not to submit a proposal to teach one of these seminar courses.

Ultimately, I decided that I didn't have room in my fall schedule to teach such a course. However, when the opportunity to be involved in the committee overseeing the program presented itself, I soon found myself nominated and elected to the committee along with five other faculty members from different disciplines and one student.

And, at our first meeting, I soon found myself in the role of the chairperson! This was partly because the three senior faculty members thought it would be a great service role for a junior faculty member, and partly because the other two junior faculty members really did not want to be the chair.

So, the seven of us have been busy over the past month reading through the proposed courses, helping to schedule the 13 that will be offered, and starting to get publicity out to admitted students who will be visiting campus soon.

Next on our agenda is to determine the ways by which we will assess the program, i.e. to figure out whether or not the students taking first-year seminar courses showed measurable improvement compared to students who opt not to take a seminar.

Fortunately, there is a wealth of literature available on this subject and many experts to consult, at least two of whom will come to our campus to run workshops. Unfortunately, there are only so many hours in the day, and the time available to read this abundance of literature is limited by our teaching responsibilities.

I can only hope that we find that this seminar program will benefit our students in the end.

Wouldn't it be great if our students could become better writers, speakers, and critical thinkers in their first semester of college by taking a course on the "Psychology of Near-Death & Out-of-Body Experiences" or on "Menus, Restaurants, Cookbooks, and Diets: What They're Selling and Why We Buy It" (just to name a few)?

Dr. Sue Carney, is the daughter of deceased shipmate LT(jg) John Carney, former LST 1156 Engineering Officer ('68-'71). She is currently an Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Biology & Environmental Biology at Hood College in Frederick, Md.



Brrrrrrrr.....It's Cold Out There

A team of sailors from Misawa Naval Air Facility in Japan battled the cold over three days in February to shape their own homage to sea service. The result is a sharp looking sculpture (below) that honors the Navy's "Lone Sailor" statue.



The "Lone Sailor" sculpture at this year's Sapporo Snow Festival.

Once A Marine

Corps Aims to Minimize Seasickness in Amtrac



The Marine Corps may be a sea-going service, but there's one thing not issued in boot camp: a strong stomach that can endure riding Camp Pendleton, Calif. in amphibious assault vehicles.

The Amphibious Vehicle Test Branch at Pendleton is helping with the studies, which are part of a broader effort to improve future vehicles.

Test branch officials and members of I Marine Expeditionary Force have helped with initial research using AAVs and four prototypes of the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle, the AAV-replacement program defense officials canceled last year.

What's A Hoosier?

By **Don Snyder, YN3**

USS CAMBRIA (APA 36) ('55-'57)

Anderson, Indiana

Ever wonder about why Indiana is known as the Hoosier state?

The origin of the word "Hoosier" came from people who lived in log cabins and were situated often miles apart from each other.....when there was a knock on the door; they would ask "who's there?", hence down thru the years the word turned into "Hoosier" which is now the state's nickname.



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Enterprise's 50th



Submitted by **Ralph "Eddie" Reynolds, FT3, ('68)**



Bedford, Va.

NORFOLK - Veterans from the USS Enterprise's 50 years in service congregated at Pier 13 at the Norfolk Naval Station on Nov. 25, 2011 to celebrate the aircraft carrier's fiftieth birthday.

The scene was slightly different from the normal carrier homecoming as sailors look forward to being back on land. Instead Veterans were waiting to make their way back on the ship.

Among the former crew members who congregated to celebrate the 50th birthday of the Enterprise were many who had been assigned to the ship during its first tour in 1961.

At its commissioning, the USS Enterprise was a technological wonder – the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, which sported mattresses and air conditioning for the crew, but it has also shown the change that the navy has gone through over the years.

One veteran recounted his position as a gunner's mate technician, where he was responsible for maintaining the carrier's nuclear stockpiles. That position was eliminated when the Navy removed the nuclear arsenal from surface ships.

Another Veteran was making his way to his old bunk, when he was stopped and informed that that

area of the ship was now the women's berthing area.

To close out the the festivities, the ship held an evening birthday party in the hangar bay, complete with cake and singing. Dozens of plankholders attended along with hundreds of other current and former Enterprise sailors and officers.

The USS Enterprise has been in every armed conflict since its commissioning, from the Cuban Missile Crisis to launching some of the first sorties into Afghanistan after 9/11.

The ship is expected to be decommissioned in 2015.

SOURCE: Lynchburg NewsAdvance

Shipment Had Stowaway of Black Widow Spiders

By **Ralph "Eddie" Reynolds, FT3, ('68)**

BATH, Maine – The Navy shipbuilder that constructed the USS LST 1156 received a shipment of parts from the West Coast for a ship they were building which contained about two dozen venomous black widow spiders last month.

Bath Iron Works employees discovered them in a crate containing vertical launch system components. The discovery led to the fumigation of several compartments of the USS Michael Murphy, a destroyer that's under construction.

Shipyards officials are confident that exterminators eliminated any spiders that weren't stomped.



Black widows aren't found in Maine but are found in California, where the shipment originated. Black widows are known for their distinctive hourglass markings and their potentially lethal bite.

SOURCE: Roanoke Times



U.S. Navy's ongoing mission:

Maintaining the freedom of the seas.



Health 1

Memory Chargers



By **Beverlee Keels**, CMA (AAMA), Associate Member

Columbus, Ohio

As we age, we begin to notice changes in our ability to remember things. These memory lapses are more worrisome with age because many fear they are signs of dementia, or even Alzheimer's disease.

However there are ways to prevent cognitive decline. Here are some tips from *Harvard Women's Health Watch*:

- **Engage in education.** Higher levels of education are associated with better mental capacity in old age. Keeping your mind active keeps memory loss away.
- **Stay positive.** People who believe they have no control over their own minds are less likely to work at improving their memory skills, spurring cognitive decline. If you understand that there are ways to improve and work from that understanding, your chances of keeping your mind sharp increase.
- **Don't sweat the small stuff.** Use tools, such as calendars, planners, lists and folders to keep ordinary information accessible. The less your brain has to worry about keeping track of all your appointments, the more it can worry about new and important things.
- **Repeat. Repeat.** If you want to remember something you just heard, say it aloud or write it down. This reinforces the memory. If you just meet someone, repeat their name in conversation. Don't hesitate to ask for information to be repeated.

- **Time and again.** Repetition is most effective when spread out over time. The memory progresses more when you repeat something – say, once an hour, then every few hours, then every day, and in longer increments – than repeating something right away – as if cramming for a test.

Although memory loss happens naturally, you can use these tools to keep your memory as sharp as you can.

SOURCE: *CMA Today*

Healthy Eats

Sweet Nothings



Planning to drop some pounds? You can eat right and still indulge guilt-free. Chocolate-dipped strawberries top my list of favorite sweet snacks. The chocolate is combined with the nutritional goodness of vitamin C. Here's another pick: frozen grapes – there's something about that frozen sweetness that feels little self-indulgent – and skinny lattes with a sprinkle of nutmeg and cinnamon.

9th LST 1156 Reunion



May 16 – 19, 2012



LST 1156 ninth reunion split-visor commemorative cap

Celebrations!



Birthdays

By **Terry Rowe, SK2, ('59-'62)**

Dahlonge, Ga.

Here's wishing a **"Gator" Happy Birthday** to the following association members who are celebrating their special day during April, May or June this year:

April

- **Gilbert Beamer, EN3, ('52-'55), April 29**
- **Chester Bentley, Jr., EN2, ('54-'58), April 10**
- **Robert Dean, SGT, USMC, ('57-'58), April 25**
- **Joseph "Shorty" Gallagher, EN3, ('57-'59), April 20**
- **Judy Robinson, Associate Member, April 22**
- **Hank Munnikhuysen, CAPT, (11/59-11/61), USN, (Ret.), April 24**
- **Barry Sutton, RD3, ('59-'61), April 23**

May

- **Dave Bader, JO2, ('54-'56) May 3**
- **William Baumgartner, EN2, ('54-'57), May 16**
- **Mart Black, Associate Member, May 27**
- **Ronnie Cozart, EN2 ('62-'64), May 28**
- **Lewis Fankell, EM3, ('54-'55), May 31**
- **Peter Gionis, LT(jg), ('62-'63), May 15**
- **Edward Goerling, FT3, Plankholder, ('52-'56), May 31**
- **Edward Klinges, LT(jg) ('55-'57), May 13**
- **Terry Norris, RM3, May 28**
- **Fred "Speedy" Langford, EM3 ('54-'56), May 30**
- **Charles Snider, QM3, ('59-'62), May 12**

June

- **Howard Gutman, SGT, USMC, ('57-'58), June 7**
- **Johnny Hinchman, IC2, ('56-'59), June 15**

- **Thomas Humerick, GMG2, ('70-'71), June 13**
- **Beverlee Keels, Associate Member, June 1**
- **Ronald Lewis, RD2, ('59-'62), June 22**
- **John McCartney, LT(jg), ('61-'6), June 8**
- **Patrick "Doc" Monaghan, HM2, ('64), June 24**
- **Michael Morrissey, RM3, ('59-'62), June 1**
- **Jimmy Reece, GM2, ('61-'64), June 2**
- **Leon Stolz, AO3, ('60), June 26**
- **Tony Tedesco, DC3, (53), June 13**
- **Roy Wood, EN3, ('58-'59), June 13**
- **William Stone, EN3, ('58-'62), June 13**

The 'Elephant Walk'



F-16 Fighting Falcons demonstrate an "Elephant Walk" as they taxi down a runway during an exercise at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, last month. The exercise showcased aircrews' capability to quickly and safely prepare an aircraft for a wartime mission.



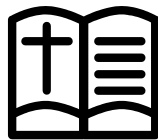


Distance Support

A World of Support at Your Fingertips

The Altar of Incense, Exodus 30

By Rev. **George Fox**, FT3, ('59-'61), Chaplain,
Pastor, North Flushing Assembly of God



Flushing, N.Y.

God Himself is the One who designed this altar. The altar was made like every other piece of furniture in the Tabernacle, made according to God's perfect plan and design. These are the details for its construction:

- ❖ The Altar is made of acacia wood (v. 1). We have already noted the quality of acacia wood and how it peaks of incorruptibility, the incorruption and perfection of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the One who intercedes for us, who stands between God and us and makes us acceptable to God. The intercession of Christ is not corrupt in any way; His intercession is perfect. He makes us acceptable to God.
- ❖ The Altar of Incense was to be square: 18 inches by 18 inches by 3 feet high (v. 2).
- ❖ The Altar of Incense was to have horns on each corner, carved from the same piece of wood (v. 2). Horns are symbolic of God's power and strength, God's salvation, protection, security, sanctuary, and help.
- ❖ The Altar of Incense was to be overlaid with gold and have a gold molding (v.3). Remember, gold is a symbol of deity, a symbol of the most precious possession, God Himself.

The golden Altar of Incense points to the Lord Jesus Christ.

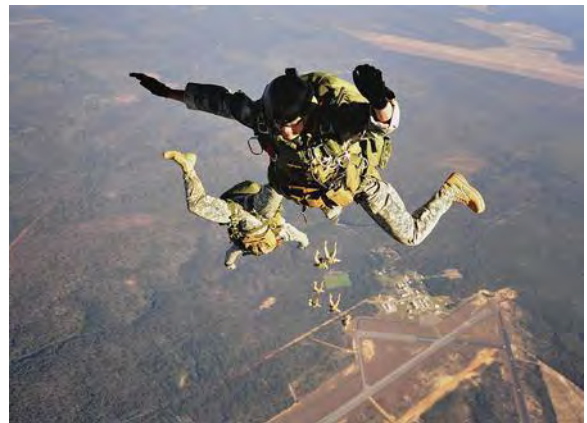
*Rev. **George Fox's** column provides Association members with a single place to learn about spiritual support, or request, distance support services. He can be contacted by e-mail at revgfox77@aol.com, or by phone at 718.762.7895 or Cell: 917 749 7895.*

A 'Like' From John Paul Jones?

The Navy is switching to a re-vamped Facebook format that shows everything important that has ever happened in the service's history.

Gone will be the standard page. Instead, information will be in the "Timeline" format, which allows visitors to see every photo, comment and 'like' ever posted on the Navy's page.

It also allows the Navy to put in old photos and important events, including its "birth." Typically, people put in pictures of themselves as a newborn, but here, clearly, should be a shot of John Paul Jones.



Special Forces soldiers practice jumps out of a Royal Air Force C-130K at Hurlburt Field, Fla., during Emerald Warrior exercises March 15.

Judy's Thought for the Day



"And always remember folks, you don't have to take part in a sport to be a good one."

~ **Harry Carey**, (1914-1998) Radio Hall of Fame MLB broadcaster

- **Judy Robinson**, Associate Member,
Kirkwood, Missouri

FISCALLY FIT

By **Dave Bader**



FY '13 Membership: 102

Columbus, Ohio

Membership renewals for Fiscal Year 2013 (6/1/2012 – 5/31/2013) have begun. To date, we have 89 Regular Members, and 13 Associate Members who have renewed their individual membership dues.

Welcome Aboard to the following individuals whose memberships have been received since our last **Newsletter**:

Regular Members

- **Ronald Bloss**, GM3, *Plankowner*, (8/52-2/55), Mt. Wolf, PA
- **Roy Wood**, EN3, (8/58-9/59), North Jackson, OH
- **Ralph “Eddie” Reynolds**, FT3, (7/68-10/68), Bedford, VA
- **Nestor Bendza, Jr.**, SMSN, (6/61-12/64), Panama City Beach, FL
- **Jim Gilbert**, SM2, (3/66-10/69), Vero Beach, FL
- **Leon Stolz**, AO1, USN, (Ret.), (’60), Victoria, TX
- **James “Ronnie” Cozart**, EN2, (’61-’64), Memphis, TN
- **Richard Kunz**, SN, (8/66-7/67), Parsippany, NJ
- **Edward Klinges**, LT(jg), (8/55-6/57), LT, USNR (Ret.)
- **Joseph Lang**, CDR, USN (Ret.), LT(jg) Operations Officer, (1/61-11/63), Old Town, FL
- **John “Bill” McCartney**, LT(jg), Supply/Disbursing Officer (6/61-6/63), SC, LCDR, USN Ret.), Charleston, SC
- **Larry Van Der Snick, Sr.**, EN3, (8/62-8/66), Baltimore, MD
- **Bob Slovey**, YN3, (10/68-10/71), *Association Secretary*, Macomb, MI
- **Anthony Tedesco**, DC3, (5/53-10/53), *Plankowner*, Fredericksburg, TX
- **Micheal McKinney**, FN, (’66-’67), West Bloomfield, MI (*Deceased Nov. 2011*)
- **Ed Lubin**, LT, SC, USNR, (11/58-5/60), Westlake Village, CA
- **Mark V.V. Nelson**, CDR, USN, (Ret.), CO, (4/70-10/71), Tulsa, OK
- **Robin Horn**, BT3, (12/58-9/61), Naples, FL
- **Gordon Robinson**, YN3, (4/58-1/62), Brunswick, GA
- **Henry Hoggatt**, HT1, (’70-’71), Reading, MI
- **Ron “Lew” Lewis**, RD2, (12/59-6/62), LaGrange, OH
- **Homer “Skip” Moore**, PN3, (2/61-1/63), Shadyside, OH
- **Les Wise**, EN3, (’59-’63), Clayton, NJ
- **Charles Burton**, SF3, (8/70-10/71), Medford, OR
- **Henry “Hank” Munnikhuysen**, CAPT, CO, (11/59-11/61), USN, (Ret.), Virginia Beach, VA
- **Ronald Raymond**, SK3, (9/65-10/67), Orlando, FL
- **Barry Sutton**, RD3, (8/59-8/61), Casey Creek, KY
- **Rick Erisman**, RM3, (1/70-12/71), *Ship’s Historian*, Pittsburgh, PA
- **Jerry Bolmarcich**, BM3, (11/52-6/55), *Plankowner*, West Hampton, NY
- **Jimmy Reece**, GMGC, (4/61-’64), Meridian, MS
- **John Groff**, EN3, (’61-’65) Mountville, PA
- **Mike Brost**, EN2, (9/63-1/67), Pingree Grove, IL
- **William Baumgartner**, EN2, (11/54-6/57), Manistee, MI
- **Clair “Dutch” Hinderliter**, SK3, (11/59-7/62), Willow Grove, PA
- **Howard Gutman**, SGT, USMC (9/57-2/58), 2nd 8th Howitzer Battalion, Glendale, CA
- **Ed Bulluck**, CAPT, SC, USN (Ret.) (’57-’59), Arden, NC
- **James Baker**, BM3, (61-’64), Hanover, PA
- **Gary Crossland**, RM2, (6/57-5/59), Sterling, IL
- **Ron Robinson**, CSSN, (3/58-5/59), Kirkwood, MO
- **Joe Klinger**, BM2, *Plankowner*, (11/52-3/55), Tucson, AZ
- **Johnny Hinchman**, IC2, (’56-’59) Laurel Fork, VA

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- **Carlton Warner**, GMSN, (1/57-10/60), Locke, NY
- **Harold Templet**, PN2, ('70-'71), Thibodaux, LA
- **John Stewart**, CS1, (10/70-10/71), Hayesville, NC
- **James Baker**, BM3, (61-'64), Hanover, PA
- **Jack Delle**, SN, ('68-'71), Colon, MI
- **Fred "Speedy" Langford**, EM3, ('53-'56), Indian Land, SC
- **Alan Schlesinger**, LT(jg), (7/68-7/70), Newton, MA
- **David Henk**, GM3, (9/61-2/64), Medina, OH
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Up, Up & Away: Aerial Reconnaissance During the Civil War

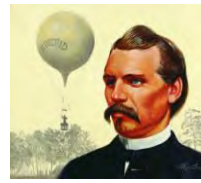


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Many don't realize that aerial reconnaissance was first employed in America during the Civil War. Both the Union and Confederate armies had some type of Balloon Corps from 1861, although due to shortages of materials, it was used infrequently in the south.

Thaddeus Lowe, the best known aeronaut of the time, established a Balloon Corps with the U. S. Army in 1861, under the authority of the Engineer Corps, although it was a civilian organization.



This enabled Lowe to requisition supplies and personnel at the army's expense. President Lincoln was a great supporter.

Seven balloons, in varying sizes, were used by the Union Army between 1861 and 1863. The largest of these, the Union, held five passengers in the envelope and might include telegraphic equipment and an operator.

This enabled immediate information to be wired to the commander on the ground allowing for the repositioning of troops and gun in advance of the approaching enemy.

Balloons typically ascended to about 1000 ft. allowing views of approximately 3 ½ miles in any direction. The balloon was tethered in one place to avoid being shot down over enemy territory where the passengers might be treated as spies. It is odd to note that there are no known photographs taken from the air during this period.

Balloons were initially filled using municipal gas lines and could only be launched in large urban areas such as Washington D.C. or Richmond. Gas generators were later created, which produced hydrogen gas.

To observe farther afield, inflated balloons were often towed by locomotive or by the newly devised "aircraft carrier": a coal barge refitted with a loading platform and a gas generator.

Word reached Europe about the new Balloon Corps. Prussian Army leaders suggested to one of their young officers serving with the Federal Cavalry to get more information about this new invention.

The experience, Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin later stated, began his interest in flight. You may be familiar with the dirigible aircraft bearing his name.



It is believed that the use of aerial reconnaissance led at least in part to several Union victories. Unfortunately, it was not always used to advantage. This and many logistical factors such as Army bureaucracy, supplies and funding, led to the disbanding of the Balloon Corps in August, 1863.

Mullen Honored at SWO School



The Adm. Michael G. Mullen Auditorium was dedicated March 1 at Surface Warfare Officers School in Newport, R.I. Here, Mullen, wife Deborah Mullen and son Lt. Michael Mullen Jr. unveil the auditorium's dedication plaque.

He may have retired in September, but retired Adm. Mike Mullen's legacy lives.

An auditorium was dedicated in his name March 1 before a graduation ceremony at Surface Warfare Officers School in Newport, R.I.

In speaking to Department Head Class 215, Mullen reflected on his own department head graduation and the training he received throughout his career, according to a Navy news release.

Mullen, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs and former Chief of Naval Operations, also had kind words for the school: "Newport has always been a great Navy town and a big part of our family's life. Likewise, SWOS is at the heart and soul of my Navy career. Both Deborah and I were excited to be back home."

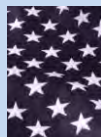
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Twice the Fun at Tybee Island



Reunion attendees will have a unique opportunity to experience the thrill of the Tybee Island Sea Turtle Nesting Project in May.

During turtle nesting season, May to October, Loggerhead Sea Turtles nest on Tybee Island beach. Females dig their nest, lay eggs, and head back to the ocean. In 60 days, the babies hatch and, on their own, make their way across the beach and out to the sea.

Sea Turtle Project volunteers conduct daily dawn patrols to check for turtle nesting activity that occurred during the night. When they find a nest, they evaluate the site and nests below the high tide line are relocated. To protect the nest, the volunteers mark off the site and then monitor it daily. Prior to the hatch date (60 days), the project volunteers start "nest sitting."

When the Ping-Pong ball-sized eggs hatch and the hatchlings emerge from the nest (called a boil), the volunteers watch over them as they make their way across the beach and into the sea.

The Turtle project is sponsored annually by the Ocean Plaza Resort, the HQ hotel site of this year's LST 1156 reunion, and will be starting up during our stay at the hotel.

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