

# The Piper Report

USS Piper (SS409) 1944 - 1967



February 2008



## USS Piper (SS409)

Keel laid by Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery Maine, 15 March 1944; launched 26 June 1944; commissioned 23 August 1944; decommissioned 16 June 1967.

Balao class; Length 311' 8"; Beam 27' 3"; Speed 20.25 knots surface, 8.75 knots submerged; Test depth 400 feet; Displacement 1526 tons (surface); 2401 tons (submerged); 21 inch torpedo tubes: 6 fwd, 4 aft; Propulsion: twin screw, diesel electric drive (Fairbanks Morse engines) with Guppy (snorkel) conversion in 1951. Design Complement: 6 officers, 60 enlisted men.

Although built late in World War II, Piper completed 3 successful war patrols in the Pacific, winning four battle stars before the end of hostilities. She was responsible for sinking more than 6000 tons of Japanese shipping.

After the war, Piper operated out of the U.S. Naval Submarine Base in Groton Connecticut until her decommissioning in 1967.

## Razor Blades and Ivory Soap

by Bob "Dex" Armstrong

There was a point in time... All you lads who rode submersible iron will recognize the point... A point where you could tell exactly how long you had been out by the diameter of the salt stain in the armpits of your last clean dungaree shirt. The point where all of your fellow inmates smelled like the inside of Olga Korbut's gym shorts.

At this point in the interest of human preservation and fear that his ship was taking on the internal atmosphere of the monkey house at the Chicago zoo... The Old Man would lift water restriction and allow 'white light' in the berthing compartments.

Men, who had lived and interacted in the dim glow of night vision-preserving red light, got a good look at each other for the first time in weeks. It wasn't a pretty sight...

"Jeezus, have I been living with these animals?"

The after battery looked like a garbage dump. Shredded ration boxes, stray socks... Magazines, loaded butt kits... Sour towels and a collection of dirty laundry that had matured to the point it was turning into limburger cheese.

It was a point far past the day we had wrapped ourselves around the last of the potatoes stored in the showers. The only visual evidence of their previous existence were the wadded up gunny sacks carpeting the deck of the after battery head and whatever GDU-delivered peels the fish off Nova Scotia were dining on... The 'Idaho's Best' rug in the sonar shack was the residual product of some previous deployment.

For those of you who never rode Uncle Sam's underseas technological treats, a smoke boat shower was an aluminum box the size of a coffin designed for Mickey Rooney. It had a shower head that delivered semi-hot water at the rate of five peeing humming birds and a shelf for soap

that could leave a very distinctive purple mark on your upper biceps if the boat took a roll during occupancy... And a deck drain... A hole through which amazing things could appear if anyone put a pressure in number two sanitary tank without shutting the required gate valve and quick throw.

Even though you had to Crisco your ass to turn around in the damn thing, it was the closest thing to heaven a diesel boat sailor came in contact with at sea.

Everyone shucked his dungarees down to his skivvies... Grabbed a towel and his 'douche bag' (subsailor for shaving kit) and got in line. While guys rooted through sidelockers for their shower gear, towel fights broke out... Not Cub Scout towel flipping, serious heavy-duty towel popping. The kind that can take little chunks of hiney if you couldn't move and fend off the shot. Grown men laughing and popping each other with towels... Underseas recreation at its finest.

After a two-minute soapdown, scrub and a rinse, men would lather up and scrape off weeks of beard accumulation. Lifers who never shelled out for razor blades would say,

"Hey kid... How about seconds on that blade?"

Cheap bastards... Same guys that ran out of sea stores smokes after two weeks... Same guys who would wander around Bells filling their glass from any available pitcher. They are probably millionaires now and live by tax loopholes.

Bottles of Vitalis, Lucky Tiger, Mennens, Old Spice, Aqua Velva, and God knows what else, appeared from side lockers. In thirty minutes, the entire boat smelled like the parlor of the best whorehouse in New Orleans.

Adrian Stukey would break into a Ray Charles  
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## Commander's Column

10 February 2008

Dear Shipmates:

My efforts to get interest in a Piper Reunion at the 2008 Fort Worth USSVI National Convention haven't drawn a lot of response. In fact, none at all. That means our next get together will be August of 2009 at Groton. If I do end up going, I'll post a contact notice at the registration area and encourage any shipmates who attend the convention to contact me so that we can get together informally.

One issue that has been on my mind for some time is establishing an archives/depository for our artifacts. We are ultimately a last-man-standing outfit, and being proud of our history and service, we hate to see it forgotten. We as your officers hold some scrapbooks and memorabilia. Some of you, myself included, have expressed a wish to have at a site where they will be preserved. I know of a few of you, who like myself, would welcome the opportunity to turn over or arrange with our survivors to turn over our personal Piper materials. There is no room at the Groton Clubhouse, and the Nautilus Museum has no space or desire to add another display. I can't blame them because every boat would want to exhibit their memories and that is obviously not feasible. One idea was the Navy Museum at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. When I was spearheading the Thresher Memorial event, they had very little space available, and that was back in 1990 or thereabouts. Wow, where do the years go! And ownership and rights of disposition of materials is another issue. I can share one horror story. Some years ago I invested USSVI funds to acquire a rare collection of submarine books, which were on deposit in Portsmouth at the shipyard museum. Years later, new leadership decided it would be good to get rid of many of these books by auctioning them off as a fund raiser. No one bothered to contact me for the history of the acquisition or the details thereof. So much for security of archival materials.

So, any ideas? I ask for feedback and never get it, so consider sharing your thoughts on this one. I know of important USSVI archival materials that were hoarded by past officers and were trashed by families after the shipmate passed away. Do you want our proud history to end up in a landfill, a garage, or a wet cellar to eventually share that same fate? I hope that you agree this is important.

Mike Bray continues to do a great job maintaining the website, so I hope all of you will visit it on occasion and consider making contributions of photos, stories, and any other Piper related input.

Another off-the-wall idea. I was thinking of ways to reach other Piper Veterans. Would any of you in and around bigger population areas be willing to write letter to the editor or contact the veterans editor to see if we can locate some of the guys we served with? How about seeing if we can get a discount for an ad in USA today? It has both an East coast and West coast edition. Other ideas will be welcomed.

Stay well, shipmates.

Regards,  
Frank Whitty, President

## THE DAY (New London, CT)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2007

### Barney Delwin Wixom



Kent, Wash. - Barney Delwin Wixom, 83, of Kent, Wash., passed away on Oct. 10, 2007, at the Washington Soldiers Home in Orting, Wash.

He was born on Jan. 27, 1924, in Columbus, N.D., the son of Robert J. and Alma (Reeter) Wixom.

Barney had a long career in the Navy serving as a radioman and retired at the rank of lieutenant. He was a crew member of the USS Nautilus from 1958 to 1961 and served as Chief of the Boat. During World War II, he served on the Battleship North Carolina which participated in every major naval offensive in the Pacific and was struck by a Japanese torpedo in September 1942. He also served on the USS Quillback during and following the war and was Last Plank Owner and also served on the USS Piper.

Barney was a member of the Submarine Veterans of World War II and the American Legion. He enjoyed gardening and painting and had served as editor of the Charles A. Lockwood Jr. Chapter of Subvets newsletter, "Blow and Vent".

Local survivors include his daughter, Barbara Ford and her husband, Jerry, of Waterford; a grandson, Anthony Ford of New London, and granddaughter, Sarah Ford of Waterford; stepson, Fred Davis and stepdaughter, Carol Davies, both of Waterford. He is also survived by his wife, Sylvia Wixom of Kent, Wash.; son, Robert Wixom; daughter, Lori Holmes; and many grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Kent, Wash., with interment at Tahoma National Cemetery.

Donations in Barney's memory may be made to the Washington Soldiers Home, 1301 Orting-Kapowsin Hwy., Orting WA 98360.



**Ship's Party at Portsmouth, New Hampshire (presumably the Fall of 1944)**

First row, third from right, is Lieutenant USNR Orren A. Holt. Directly behind him is his wife, Dorothy Holland Holt.  
Photo courtesy of David Kelly, son of shipmate Robert B. Kelly who served from 1943 to 1945

Hi Mike,

15 January 2008

of memorabilia (pictures, etc.) from the days of WW II and the USS Piper.

My mother's name is Dorothy Ruth Holt. She told me that the pictures of the crew and their wives were taken when they were stationed in Portsmouth, New Hampshire before the Piper left for war. My father never mentioned the war to me except that he was originally on a surface ship (USS New Orleans) and the bow was blown off by a Japanese torpedo, killing many of his shipmates during a Naval battle in the Pacific. They were able to save the ship and went in reverse to Perth, Australia for temporary repairs before returning to the US for repair. It was then that he said he decided to become a submariner and get the Japs back for what they did to his mates. I asked him many times to tell me about the war but he would not, or perhaps, could not, I don't know.

The photo above the one with my Mother in it you are correct about where my Father is sitting...at the very far right. His face is a little fuzzy but his hair style knocks him off right away. In the one with both of them my Father and Mother are located the third from the right on the row that is kneeling. I do have a copy of his obituary and will send it to you. Let me know what it is you are most interested in and I'll ask my Mother. She has a lot

Thanks for putting my Dad's name on the "Eternal Patrol". Just as a FYI, my father graduated from Rice University in Houston (not sure of the year but believe it was 1941) and then went to the US Naval Academy graduating in 3 months as a "90 day wonder" I believe is what they called themselves back then. I have learned more about what my father experienced from re-searching the internet about the Piper and I appreciate you and the others for your work. I assume you were a submariner as well and did you serve aboard the Piper, too?

Again, thanks so much for this web site honoring the heroes, all of them, who served aboard the Piper.

Best Regards,

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### USS Piper Veteran's Association Website Guest Book Entries

19 December 2006

Timothy Piper  
Marine Machinist  
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard  
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This Website looks Great, a lot of great info about the USS Piper.

15 January 2007

Hola from San Diego

I am Arnie Miliefsky's nephew. EN2(SS) 58-61, and just wanted to say he is my favorite uncle and glad he had so much fun under water.

Barry S. Miliefsky & Family Einav & Jordan

18 January 2007

I just finished printing off the last pages of the story of the USS Piper from the Naval Historical Center. As a result of that contact I found your website and wrote an email to Mr. Mike Bray.

Although I am not a sailor (Air Force vet), I love military history. Additionally, I share the same last name as your beloved submarine. Mr. Bray was kind enough to send me a photograph of the fleet version of the Piper and also one of the crew from the 3rd war patrol from Pearl in 1945. I am having them professionally printed and they will be displayed, along with the three patches I purchased from your website, in our boathouse in Pentwater, Michigan.

As I said before I am an Air Force veteran (Vietnam era) and my father, Bob Piper Sr. was with the Army in WWII and my Uncle Bill Piper was with the Navy in WWII. As I told Mr. Bray our cottage is located in Pentwater where Memorial Day is a big deal. My wife, children and I celebrate this holiday each and every year.

Your sub has such a rich history and you should all be proud of the service to your country. To all of the men (living and deceased) who served on the USS Piper, we the Piper family salute you.

Sincerely,  
Bob Piper Jr.  
Chris Piper  
Becky Piper  
Justin Piper

23 January 2007

I regret to inform you that Irving Voyer, Jr. of Oshkosh Wisconsin died on Dec 26, 2006. He had been battling various cancers for the past several years, but was diagnosed on Dec. 12 with brain cancer. When I "googled" his name to see the obituary (which was not there) the site for USS Piper came up.

Irv was active in many civic organizations in the Fox River Valley & Oshkosh, Wisconsin. I was fortunate to have him "On Board" as Treasurer of the Camp 5 Museum Foundation, Inc. in Laona, Wisconsin for many years. He resigned from our board of directors in November, 2006, saying that he was no longer able to give his 'all' to his job as Treasurer. He had joined our board because of his ties to the original family that started the "Lumberjack Steam Train" and the Museum complex at an original Logging Camp Farm in Laona, but his roots went back with that

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#### Ailing Shipmates

We have received news that the following members are not feeling up to par. Why not take the time to lift their spirits by sending them a card? They would love to hear from an old shipmate!

Jim "Mother" Burke  
78 Eagle Drive  
Whiting, NJ 08759

Ed Cushman  
30 Golden Arrow Drive  
Millsboro, DE 19966

#### Eternal Patrol

Barney D. Wixom - 10 Oct 2007

Sincere condolences go to family and friends.

Please notify us of the sickness or death of any association member.

5 October 2007

Mike,

Received the Oct newsletter—it was another great job! Sorry I missed the reunion, I do like to gather with the crew especially in our home port.

I'm 7 weeks out from my jaw replacement surgery and the doctor is satisfied with my progress, my wife Darlene certainly had a lot to do with nursing me back to good health. The Doc said I should be back to "normal?" in six months—looking forward to 2009 and catching up on old times.

I'll make it a point to shake the trees and try to get some of the guys that were on Piper when I was (63-65) to attend.

I have some pictures somewhere of the Med run (Rota, Karachi, Malta, Monaco) - great times. Ill try and locate them and forward to you.

FYI my address is now: 26223 Golden Arrow Ct—they changed the house number for 911 ID. I noticed my phone number is not listed, it is (302) 947-0145.

Thanks again for all your hard work.

Ed "Cush" Cushman RM3/2(SS)  
USS Piper 1963—1965  
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### I Would Like to Get In Touch With

To David B. Kelly,

In regard to wanting to know about your father when he was on the USS Piper. I think I am the one.

I knew your father Robert Burton Kelly. He was my friend. He was also one of my Gunners Mates. He was best man at my wedding in July 1946. I don't have internet, but I would like to hear from you.

Hoping to hear from you,

Joseph Styer, Jr.  
419 Prospect Street  
Wellington, OH 44090-9202

Phone: 440-647-2365

### Greetings from John Clarkin

I received a call from shipmate John Clarkin a few days ago. John was our only 1940s era member to attend the 2007 Piper reunion in Groton, CT. He told me how proud he was to be associated with such a great group of guys and wanted me to pass his best regards to all.

John has been a very prolific writer for our newsletter and I want to publicly thank him for that. John said that he is sorry, but he has run out of "Piper Memories". I told him I have one or two that he has given me that haven't been published yet. They will appear in future newsletters, but once they're used, I will need your news, stories and memories to keep our newsletter going.

Here is a quote from a letter John recently sent to me: "I thank you for accepting and publishing my memories and photos in our Piper newsletter and website. I believe that anyone who served aboard a submarine, be it during WWII or peace time find that as they grow older, there will always be memories of being a submariner. As evident by your work in the Piper newsletter and website, these memories submitted to you bring life to experiences that can be shared by our shipmates. Submarine "Sea Stories" can only be understood by other submariners. I would like my epitaph to read 'He was a proud submariner'."

So, shipmates, please consider writing something for the newsletter. As John said, it is what keeps our group together. It could be a short note, telling your shipmates what you're up to, or a recollection of your time aboard Piper. I would appreciate anything you can send to me.

Mike Bray



Linda Patch, Pat Brann and Kathy Donkus



Bill Brann, John Donkus and Charlie Patch

### **October 2007**

Mike, Thought I'd send along a few photos of my special Saturday guests. Charlie and Linda Patch were on their way from NY state to their home in NC and decided to stop for a visit. Bill and Pat Brann live not too far from me so I had called them to let them know that Charlie and Linda were stopping overnight and ask that they come in for a visit as well...sort of Mini Piper reunion. We had a great time swapping sea stories...strange how we remember the same story but in a different way. John

Photo courtesy of John Donkus



USS Piper Reunion—Groton Connecticut, August 2007



Richard Sporbert and Charlie Jones



Richard Collins, Howard Clark and Al Dube



John "Stosh" Polovitch, Mike Bray, John Hendry, Mike Hubbard and Mike Lally



Todd Miller, Leo Miller and John Clarkin



Jerry Holland and George Sanderson



Janice and Phil Lecky



Jerry Harring and Frank Whitty

## Razor Blades and Ivory Soap

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and do his aboriginal dance... He employed footwork only known to Stukey and three Congolese witch doctors. The man had moves Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly never thought of... Sort of reminiscent of an electrocuted orangutan, mixed with the mating dance of the Australian Dingo eaters.

By some miracle, clean white skivvy shirts appeared. Some with the names of guys, who rode the boat five or six years previously, stenciled across the back.

"Who in the hell is Garabaldi, D. L.?"

"How'n the hell do I know?"

"Musta been some boat sailor."

"Yeh, I guess... What's it to you... You writing a gahdam book?"

"Maybe someday... Who knows?"

Nah... Who'd give a damn about reading stuff about this jacked up bunch of idiots? Who'd believe it? Once upon a time, I lived among people who volunteered to live like primates in an iron septic tank with lousy air, shared sleeping arrangements, had at least four leaks (air, oil, water, and security), made weird sounds, and agitated like a warped washing machine, for less money than you could fit into a gahdam gumball machine... Who'd read crap like that?

When the Goddess of Personal Hygiene looked down and blessed the residents of the roaming hotel SS-481... It was good.

It was also good to live among men who were right where they wanted to be... Nobody chloroformed them and hauled them off to New London. Nobody ever called their number at the Selective Service Board. They volunteered... Every gahdam one. Most of the world didn't even know they were there... Boats... Little primitive communities of the finest men I've ever known that lived in metal containers and took them to sea. There has to be a story in there somewhere.

The next time you see a Texaco tank truck rolling down the highway, just for a moment visualize it a couple of hundred feet underwater... Then picture thirty or forty happy-go-lucky half-naked men singing, doing silly dancing and towel fighting inside... And willing to do whatever it took to keep nasty folks with weird political agendas from crawling through your bedroom window. Those lads were my shipmates.

Author's note: In the ensuing years, service under the sea has changed for the better. Lads today are not known as 'pig boat sailors'. Today's modern submersibles are more conducive to proper personal hygiene, grooming and gentlemanly attire. After a hard day of fission monitoring, switch flipping and

gauge dickering, our present day subsurface bluejacket may attend a lecture on molecular configuration of high-density hydrocarbons emanating from the planet Mongo. He and soon to be, she, can opt for a live concert... Polo... Fencing or a little commingling in a hot tub... Mint Juleps followed by a shrimp cocktail precedes the evening meal after which those not engaged in ship's work or on watch are free to attend a visiting Broadway stage production or enjoy a Swedish massage in the crew comfort compartment.

Before retiring, he or she fills out his or her 'What I like about Naval Service' questionnaire which is handed to the first or second class bedtime story petty officer... Then after a telling of the 'Three Bears and the Call Girl' story, they say their 'God bless Hyman Rickover' prayer, drink their hot cocoa and turn in to their Martha Stewart approved poopy sacks to dream of super computers in accordance with current prescribed force policy.

It's a helluva lot better these days.

### Credits

*Dex Armstrong has given permission to publish his material in The Piper Report. Thanks Dex!*

*Article contributed by shipmate Charlie Patch.*

## USS Piper Website Guest Book Entries

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family to Wakefield, Michigan where his father was the head bookkeeper for the Connor Lumber & Land Co. and where Irv grew up and went to school before he went to the Academy.

Irv had a wicked sense of humor and could find the humor in most any situation. His observations were keen and 'dead-on'. His advice was invaluable. I am grateful for the opportunity that I had to work with him and laugh with him. I knew his father when I was a very young child . He would come to our house to make sure that we were all fine when my parents were away and traveling. As a child, I did not know Irv, as he was already away at school . It was not until my older sister suggested that he would be a great addition to our board of directors that I met him. At that time he was a widower with 3 adult daughters who all lived away from Oshkosh. He was so actively involved in so many projects and not-forprofit organizations in the Oshkosh area, like EAA, Rotary, Symphony Board, etc. that I felt fortunate he would even consider coming onto our Board. Not only did he serve as Treasurer, but he took hundreds of photos of events at Camp 5 and of the train and of visitors and staff. He gave generously of his time and energy, and committed himself to improving not only our foundation, but improving his community at large.

I am sure Heaven is a lot more fun, now that he is there!

Cate Dellin, President  
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### Piper Stuff

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<u>QTY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>@</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
_____	Piper Pin (\$1.00 postage)		\$5.00	_____
_____	2007 Groton Reunion Button (Shipping Included)		\$2.00	_____
_____	Key Chain—One Sided		\$6.00	_____
_____	Key Chain—Two Sided		\$10.00	_____
_____	Soft Ball Cap		\$15.00	_____
_____	Traditional Hard Ball Cap		\$15.00	_____
_____	2007 Groton Reunion T-Shirt (Shipping Included)	_____	\$20.00	_____
_____	Long Sleeve Denim Shirt	_____	\$32.00	_____
	Size: M(1), L(10), XL(3)			
	Short Sleeve Cotton Golf Shirt			
_____	Red: L, XL	_____	\$25.00	_____
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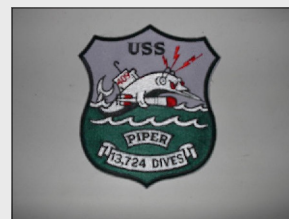
Shipping: \_\_\_\_\_  
Up to 4 items (a bit more for big items) - \$5.  
Golf shirt - \$2.00 per shirt  
Piper pin - \$1.00

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Piper Association  
Mail to Mike Hubbard at the address above

Items may also be seen in the Piper Stuff Catalog, which can be accessed from  
a link on the "Piper Store" page of the Piper Association website:

<http://webpages.charter.net/usspiper/index.html>





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**Note from Mike & Pat Lally,**  
Membership Chairpersons,  
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So that we can all be in touch with each other as friends and old shipmates, a Piper Association was formed some years ago by Frank Whitty (old Piper guy). We have reunions and publish an occasional newsletter called the Piper Report. In order for the Association to exist we need to have paying members.

The dues money goes for paper, ink, postage, etc. This is a considerable expense. A newsletter, The Piper Report, is published once or twice a year (depending on health and work) to bring you up to date on what's happening about future reunions, picnics, etc. It isn't much for \$10.00, but think of how sweet it is.

It sure would be nice to see 100% signed up for the Association. To receive a copy of the newsletter or other correspondence (reunion news, etc. you must be a paid member of the Piper Association.

## USS Piper (SS409) Veteran's Association Membership/Renewal Form

### Send form and payment to:

Michael J. Lally  
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Coram, NY 11727  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Year reported aboard Piper: \_\_\_\_\_ Year departed Piper: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest rank/rating while aboard Piper: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my \$10.00 for the year beginning July \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Here's another \$10.00 for next year

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my \$100.00 for Life Membership!

Make check payable to Piper Association

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The dues are \$10.00 each year. A year is between 1 July to 30 June or any part of it. Sorry it has to be that way, as we are unable to take care of the books for "parts of a year".

**Please consider a Life Membership payment. This would eliminate paying each year and result in less paperwork for us. **DUES FOR 2007-2008 WERE DUE JULY 1st****

## Shipmates on Eternal Patrol

Thanks to the work of shipmate Larry Boutelle, IC2(SS) who was aboard Piper from 1953 to 1956, we have a more complete listing of Shipmates on Eternal Patrol on our web site. Larry did research on the crew members that were on board Piper during his tour of duty.

Obituaries, where available, are included in Newspaper Clippings which can be accessed by a link on the News page of the website.

See <http://webpages.charter.net/usspiper/index.html>

An updated list will be included in The Piper Report from time to time.

If you have information of the death of a shipmate that is not on the Eternal Patrol list, please send it to:

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Bob Baker

Paul Barlow

Robert Batscher

Tom Black

Michael Bray

Jim Burdett

Jim Burke

Thomas Calabrese

Richard Caldwell

Aldo Cecchi

Howard Clark

Ralph Clark

Willis Clifford

Richard Collins

William Cotter

Edward Cushman

James Delaney

Don Del Core

John Donkus

Joseph Dooley

Al Dube

William Fuchs

Chester Fuller

Chic Gilgore

Gerald Harring

Wm Ripley Harrison

John Hendry

Jerry Holland

George Holst

Clarence Hoover

Michael Hubbard

Charles Jones

Edmund Lee Joyner

Ernie Kertzscher

James King

Thomas Kucharski

Michael Lally

Robert Lloyd

Joseph Marmaud

Noah Monsour

James Morris

Ross Morrison

Morris Newkirk

Ralph Norman

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R Calvin Sutliff

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USS PIPER VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION  
c/o Michael F. Bray  
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**USS Piper (SS409)**  
Great boat, great crew!



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## The Piper Report

### Material for The Piper Report & Piper Veteran's Assoc. Website

We are always looking for photos, [sea stories](#) and memorabilia to print in the newsletter and put on our website.

Email attachments are welcome, you can send scanned photos and material formatted with software in the Microsoft Office suite. Please provide as much information about the photos as you can.

If you have anything, please send it to me:

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