

The Piper Report

USS Piper (SS409) 1944 - 1967



March 2014



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.

Ever A Submariner

By Jody Wayne Durham, MM2/SS USS Los Angeles (SSN-688), '85 - '88

I liked popping the hatch at the top of the sail (submarine's bridge) at sunrise and being the first to savor the scent of fresh air for the first time in 8 weeks... watching dolphins race in the bow wave on the way back home to Pearl... the tear-drop hull of the boat beneath me silently slicing through the sea.

I liked the sounds of the submarine service (sounds that we alone could hear, as we were the Silent Service where others were concerned) – the ascending whine of the dive alarm sounding, and the haunting echos of “Cayooogah, cayooogah... Dive! Dive!” from the boats yesteryear, the gruff voice of a Chief headed aft... “Down ladder; Make a Hole!”, the indescribable creaking sound of hull-steel compressing at depths that remain classified to this day.

I was impressed with Navy vessels – bracketed in the aperture of Periscope #2, the crosshairs gently rising and falling across their silhouette on the horizon, while obtaining range, bearing and angle off the bow.

I liked the names of proud boats of every class, from the “pig boats” of WWI to the sea creatures of WWII, like Barbel, Dorado, Shark and Seawolf, and the Cold War boats that bore with honor the names of these and 48 others that are “Still on Patrol.” Boats honoring national heroes, statesmen and presidents: Washington, Madison, Franklin and more. Whole classes of boats honoring cities and states: Los Angeles, Ohio and Virginia.

I liked the tempo of opposed piston diesels and the “pop” in your ears when equalizing to atmospheric when the head valve first opens to ventilate and snorkel. I miss the “thrill” of riding an emergency blow from test depth to the top at a nice steep bubble.

I enjoyed seeing places I'd only dreamed of, and

some of which I'd heard from my grandfather who had seen them under very different circumstances and conditions... places like Pearl Harbor, Guam, Truk Island and Subic and Tokyo Bays.

I admired the teamwork of loading ships stores, the “brow-brigade” from pier to boat, and lowering them vertically through a 24” hatch to the galley below. I relished the competition of seeing who could correctly guess how many days underway before the fresh eggs and milk ran out and powder prevailed upon us henceforth.

I loved my “brothers,” each and every one, whether their dolphins were gold or silver and regardless of rate or rank. We shared experiences that bonded us evermore, and knew each other's joys, pains, strengths and weaknesses. We listened to and looked out for each other. We shared precious little space in which to live and move and work, and we breathed, quite literally, the same recycled air.

After weeks in cramped quarters, my heart leapt at the command, “Close All Main Vents; Commence Low Pressure Blow; Prepare to Surface; Set the Maneuvering Watch.” When safely secured along the pier, the scent of my sweetheart's hair evaporated the staleness emanating from my dungarees.

Exhausting though it was, I even liked the adrenaline rush of endless drills, and the comfort in the knowledge that any dolphin-wearing brother had cross-trained just like I had... not only on basic damage control, but to the point of having a basic working knowledge of every system on the boat, such that when real emergencies inevitably arose, the response was so automatic and efficient they were almost anti-climactic.

I liked the eerie sounds of “biologics” through the sonar headphones, the strange songs of the sea in the eternal night below the surface of the deep blue

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Commander's Column

17 March 2014

Dear Shipmates:

I took a pal of mine down to the Groton Base HQ on Super Bowl Sunday. He was pretty impressed with the Joe Negri display and all the plaques and the memorabilia and artifacts topside.

There were no Piper sailors on board that day, but one of our shipmates got lucky: Howard Clark buys all four corners every year, and he finally hit--twice! Twice is nice, considering he hasn't won in years from what I'm told.

I finally took that trip out to Ithaca, NY this past fall to hunt down the Piper anchor. Apparently the gift shop owner's family sold it to a guy from Ohio named John Deraway. I tried finding him on Face Book, and I sent a message to the only one I could locate, but got no response. I just hope it didn't end up razor blades or get shipped to the Far East. Wouldn't that be ironic?

We received the sad news that Shipmate Ross Morrison, our host at the 2013 Piper Reunion and Grandfather Mountain Games passed away 5 October 2013, just a few months after the events. He served on Piper during the Korean War. Ross was a true gentleman and a pleasure to be around. He will be missed.

And yet another shipmate has gone on Eternal Patrol. The obituary of shipmate Floyd Windle is posted on our website in "Newspaper Clippings," which can be accessed by a link on the News page.

2015 Piper Reunion

On a lighter, more positive note, as I wrote about last time, we will be holding a Piper Reunion in Cleveland, OH in 2015. For those of you who don't know, the USS Cod (SS 224) www.usscod.org/ is moored there, and I toured her with Kucharski a couple of years ago. Wow! You will feel like you're stepping onboard a functioning diesel boat...**because you will be.** The engines run and this boat is so well kept that it could get underway tomorrow. This is a boat you have to visit. Ski will be working with Mike Hubbard and me to arrange a truly memorable reunion.

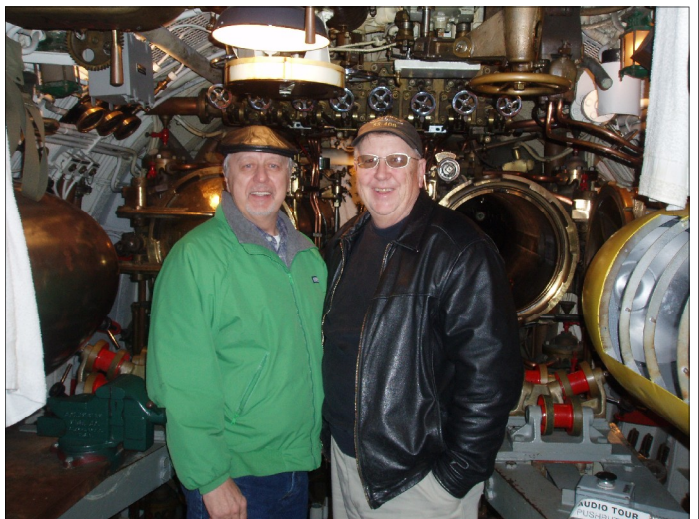
This may seem really early to ask, but event planning like this needs to get started well in advance to allow us to schedule special events. I'm not saying we will, but an Indians game or even a Browns game could be possible.

It would be really helpful to get a general consensus of what month(s) work best for you. Here are the choices: June-July-August-September-October. If any of you want to share a preference, please send me a quick e-mail to Whitty409@aol.com or text me at 508-479-1661.



The *USS COD Submarine Memorial* is a National Historic Landmark and is located on Lake Erie in downtown Cleveland, Ohio at the western edge of Burke Lakefront Airport and about one block east of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

See: <http://www.usscod.org/>



Tom Kucharski and Frank Whitty aboard the USS Cod in December of 2011

I received the following recently, so decided to answer this shipmate's request.

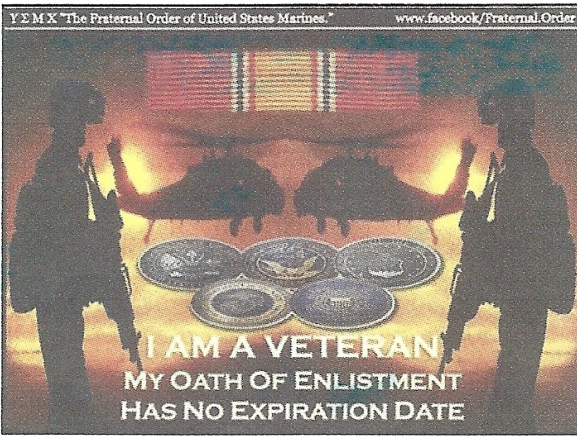
Hi Frank,

I'm Rick Campbell, a submarine officer who retired last year after thirty-two years in the Navy. As I approached retirement, I decided to try my hand at writing novels and ended up with a book deal with Macmillan / St. Martin's Press, one of the biggest publishers in the country.

*My first book, a submarine thriller titled *The Trident Deception*, is getting fantastic reviews. Booklist has even hailed it as – **the***

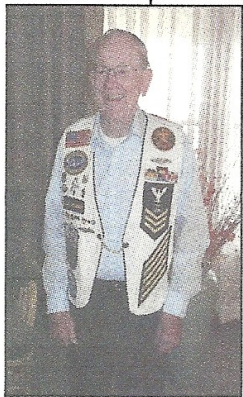
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Pine Ridge Press Article Features Our Own Jim (Mother) Burke



Jim Burke

Jim Burke had a CAREER! Twenty years of active service with the United States Navy was a true lifetime of experience.



Front and Center
James C. Burke
Commissaryman 1st Class
US Navy, Korean War, Viet-
nam War, Cold War
Jim's experience began
in Memphis, TN where he
was born, the second child
of seven. In 1948, upon turning
seventeen he withdrew from
school to join the navy. Basic
training in San Diego, CA was
followed by eighteen months

in Kodiak, Alaska engaged in ship repairs and food service. 1950 brought assignment to the cruiser USS Manchester for two years in Korea.

The USS Manchester has a most illustrious history during those two years.

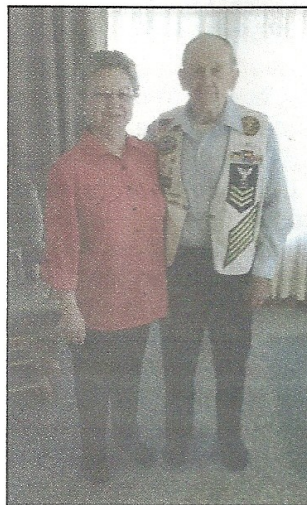
Inchon, Wonsan, Taiwan Straits, Songjin, Hungnam. Patrolling the Korean peninsula revisiting old military targets and adding some new ones in addition to enhancing a reputation for rescuing downed pilots at sea and behind enemy lines made the Manchester a remarkable ship.

When the Manchester sailed to San Francisco Jim went to the Marshall Islands for a year of cook-



ing and baking followed by a tour of shore duty for three years in Yorktown, V A.. Now after serving a great deal of time in food service the navy sent Jim to Rhode Island for Cooks and Bakers School. He was then assigned to a radar picket, the USS Locator. For the next two years along with another cook and a baker Jim fed 150 men.

In 1958 Jim volunteered for submarine school. He trained and worked out of New London, CN. He learned all systems, hydraulics, electric and torpe-



does. Life on a submarine is very confining. Every inch of space is valuable and the men realize they are very dependent on each other. Sometimes there were not even enough bunks, forcing sailors to sleep on top of torpedoes. He spent eight years on the Piper SS-409. This submarine operated out of New London except for deployments to the Mediterranean, the Car-

ibbean, Pakistan and Atlantic Fleet exercises. Jim sought after and was able to work his final two years of service as a recruiter in Camden, NJ.

After retirement in 1968 he worked for Freedman's Bakery until he became the Director of Food Services for the Bayville School system. Life was good in that he met Pat who worked for the system. They each brought two daughters to the marriage; the girls have now gifted them with four grandchildren and five great grandchildren whom they enjoy immensely. After twenty-three years in the school system Pat and Jim retired to Crestwood. They have enjoyed travel in the continental United States and attending reunions. There was a fine one in Atlantic City celebrating the 100th anniversary of submarines in 2000.

This veteran keeps busy with: DA V, VFW, Fleet Reserve, US Submarine Vets Inc. and US Submarine Vets Jersey Shore Base. We admire his energy and thank him for his long service .

Ever A Submariner

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seas.

I liked the darkness – control room rigged for red or black, the only illumination that of the back-lights compass and gauges of the helm and myriad of buttons and indicator lights across the BCP. I liked the gentle green glow of the station screens in the Sonar Shack and Fire Control. I grew to like coffee, the only way to stay awake in the numbing darkness of the Control Room with the constant rocking of the boat during countless hours at periscope depth.

I liked “sliders” and “lumpia” and pizza at “Mid-rats” at the relieving of the watch. I liked the secure and cozy feeling of my rack, my humble little “den,” even when it was still warm from the body-heat of the guy who just relieved me of the watch.

I liked the controlled chaos of the Control Room, with the Officer of the Deck, Diving Officer and Chief of the Watch receiving and repeating orders; the sound of Sonar reporting: “Con-Sonar: New Contact, submerged, designated: Sierra 1, bearing: 0-1-0, range: 1-0-0-0 yards, heading 3-5-0, speed: 1-5 knots, depth: 4-0-0’.”

I liked the rush of “Man Battlestations; Rig for Quiet” announced over the IMC, and the “outside of my rate” role I played as CEP plotter during war games, and later... SpecOps – the window to another world that I was allowed to peer through... the tactics, stealth and tenacity of our Captain making prompt and purposeful decisions to see us safely and successfully through the mission.

I appreciated the fact that I was a 19 year old kid, entrusted with operating some of the most sophisticated equipment in the entire world, and the challenge of doing those tasks in a 33’ x 360’ steel tube, several hundred feet below the surface, in potentially hostile waters.

I admired the traditions of the Silent Service, of Men of Iron in Boats of Steel, where you were just a NUB until you were “Qualified” and had EARNED the respect of the Officers and crew. I revered past heroes like inventor John Philip Holland and innovator Hyman G. Rickover. Such men and those that followed, both Officer and Enlisted, set precedents to follow, standards to uphold, and examples of bravery and self-sacrifice like the world has seldom seen. We were taught to honor these traditions. Somewhere far below the ocean’s surface, I became a man... and not just any man. I became... a Submariner.

Decades now have come and gone since last I went to sea. The years have a way of dimming things, like looking at the past through a smoky mirror. I went, as many others, my separate way... raised a family, and moved on... but a part of me, my Sailor’s Soul, will always be underway... somewhere... in the darkness, in the deep, making turns for twenty knots and pushing a hole through the water. *Contributed by Charlie Patch*

Chuckles

A little boy went up to his father and asked: 'Dad, where did my intelligence come from?'

The father replied. 'Well, son, you must have got it from your mother, cause I still have mine.'

'Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully,' the divorce Court Judge said, 'And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week.'

'That's very fair, your honor,' the husband said. 'And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself.'

After examining a woman who had been rushed to the ER, the doctor took the husband aside, and said, 'I don't like the looks of your wife at all.'

'Me neither, doc,' said the husband. 'But she's a great cook and really good with the kids.'

Two Reasons Why It's So Hard To Solve A Redneck Murder:

1. The DNA all matches.
 2. There are no dental records.
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A blonde calls Delta Airlines and asks, 'Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from San Francisco to New York City?'

The agent replies, 'Just a minute.'

'Thank you,' the blonde says, and hangs up.

While shopping for vacation clothes, my husband and I passed a display of bathing suits. It had been at least ten years and twenty pounds since I had even considered buying a bathing suit, so I sought my husband's advice.

'What do you think?' I asked. 'Should I get a bikini or an all-in-one?'

'Better get a bikini,' he replied. 'You'd never get it all in one.'

He's still in intensive care.

Contributed by Shipmate Charlie Patch

Commander's Column

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best submarine novel written in the last 30 years – since Tom Clancy's classic *The Hunt For Red October!* (I've pasted the early reviews below.) My publisher is very excited about the book and is heavily promoting it. My publisher is doing everything they can via traditional means, and I'm doing my best to help, reaching out to those I think would enjoy reading it. I think former Piper crew members are the perfect audience and would enjoy reading *The Trident Deception*. I was wondering if it were possible for you to forward this email to former crew members. I'd really appreciate it!

So that's my pitch. Can you help me? I would really appreciate it if you would spread the word to former Piper crew members. You can find out more about *The Trident Deception* at: Amazon.com

Here are the reviews!

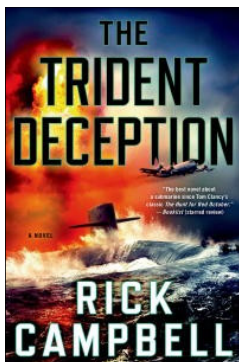
"Fans of submarine thrillers who are saddened by the demise of Tom Clancy will welcome Campbell's debut." — Publishers Weekly

"A terrific thriller debut. Campbell does an amazing job, balancing character interaction with high-octane action, all the while keeping the technical jargon to a level understandable by nonmilitary readers. This is the best novel about a submarine since Tom Clancy's classic *The Hunt For Red October* (1984)." — Jeff Ayers, Booklist (starred review)

"No one puts the reader inside a submarine like Rick Campbell does in *The Trident Deception*. I couldn't put it down. Compelling and thrilling, this novel is a must read." — Jack Coughlin, New York Times bestselling author of *Shooter* and *Time to Kill*

"*The Trident Deception* is a fistfight of a thriller. A masterpiece." — Dalton Fury, former Delta Force, and New York Times bestselling author of *Kill Bin Laden* and *Tier One Wild*

Sincerely, Rick Campbell rickcampbellauthor.com



We also received the following request:

I was wondering if you could look into the sailing records and see what years and rate Floyd Laughrun served on her. It looks like he was on (*Piper*) around 1950. I am trying to put together the history of my father's submarine career and any stories of him. I spent time in the Sub fleet also.

My son is now following our footsteps. I would like to have an accurate history for my son to see his history. By the way, He is on eternal patrol now.

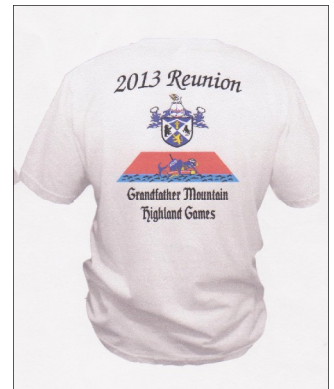
Thank you very much for the help. Kevin Laughrun TM2/SS (970) 581-1302 Cell

Well, that's about all for now. Please stay in touch with Mike Bray and submit material for the Piper Report. It's your newsletter, so please feel free to contribute.

Spring has got to break sometime soon, so stay well Shipmates.

Regards,

Frank



2013 Reunion T-Shirts and sweatshirts are available from USS Piper Small Stores. T-Shirts are \$20. Sweatshirts (both regular and hooded) are \$35. Contact Mike Hubbard for available sizes:

Michael Hubbard
271 Elm Street

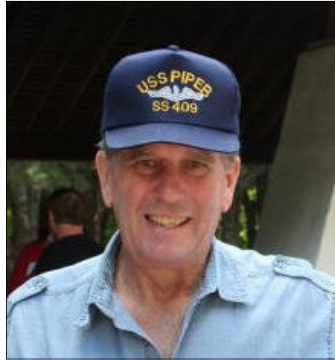
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Obituaries

Ross McKinnon Morrison, Jr.

HARRISBURG Ross Morrison Jr., 81, of Harrisburg, passed away Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013, at University Hospital CMC, following several years of declining health. Ross was born May 7, 1932, in Charlotte, the son of the late Ross M. Morrison Sr. and Beatrice Blackwelder Morrison. He retired as the owner and operator of Ross Morrison Machinery Company. Ross served as President of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, for sixteen years. In recognition of his many years of service to the Grandfather Games, he was awarded the North Carolina Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the Agnes MacRae Morton Award and the Founders Award. In addition to his contributions to the Grandfather Mountain Games, Ross judged Scottish Athletics at Highland Games, throughout the southeast. In recognition of his service, he was awarded the title of Kentucky Colonel from the Glasgow Highland Games in Kentucky, the Order of Merit from the Alabama Highland Games in Montgomery, an Athletic Judge Award from the Jacksonville Highland Games in Florida and the Loch Norman Highland Games "Hairy Coo" Award, for ten years of service, as Scottish Heavy Athletics Director. Ross was a member and elder of Rocky River Presbyterian Church. In recognition of his dedication to the church, he was awarded the Faithful Servant Commendation. He was an active member of the Charlotte Chapter of the Robert Burns Society and the Kingdom of Raknar. He was an Eagle Scout and a Korean War Veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Polaris AF-11 and the U.S.S. Piper SS-409. His wife of 49 years, Ruth Angelovich Morrison; and sister, Reba Florence Morrison, preceded him in death. Survivors include his three children and their spouses, Ross "Kinny" McKinnon Morrison III (Deatry Bost) of Harrisburg, Johnna Ritchie (Dale) and Krista Eason (Malcolm) of Concord. His grandchildren are Melissa Morrison of Walnut Creek, Calif., Mark Morrison of Harrisburg, Ethan Ritchie of Cary and Kendal Ritchie, Joseph Eason and Micheal Eason of Concord. Survivors also include his sister-in-law, Gianna d'Angelo of Mint Hill. The family will receive friends Friday, Oct. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Wilkinson Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., at Rocky River Presbyterian Church, Saturday, Oct. 12, with the Rev. Dr. Kyle Hite officiating. The burial will follow in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, P.O. Box 1095, Linville, NC 28646 or Rocky River Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund, 7940 Rocky River Rd., Concord, NC 28025.



Floyd A. Windle, Jr.



GROTON - Floyd A. Windle Jr., 70, of 13 Liberty Drive, Groton, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013, at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital. He was born April 15, 1943, in Philadelphia, Pa., the son of Frances (Gray) Windle and Floyd A. Windle Sr. He is married to Young Sun Lee Windle.

Mr. Windle served in the U.S. Navy and retired in 1985 as a Senior Chief Torpedoman. He is a veteran of Vietnam, Lebanon Peace Keeping, and the Invasion of Grenada. Following his military service, he worked at Walmart in

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Eternal Patrol

Ross Morrison, Jr. passed away on October 5, 2013. He served on Piper as an Engineman from 1953 to 1955 and was a life member of the USS Piper Veterans Association.

Floyd A. Windle, Jr. passed away on November 19, 2013. He served on Piper as a Torpedoman from 1965 to 1966.

Joseph LeTourneau, passed away on November 27, 2013. He served on the Piper as an ET2 from 1949-1951.

Sincere condolences go to family and friends.

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

Newsletter Articles Needed

I would like to hear about experiences you've had while you served aboard Piper. Whether a long story, "Sea Story" or a short paragraph, anything that you'd think would bring a smile to a shipmate's face would be great.

Have you recently visited a shipmate? Do you have a photo of the visit? Send a paragraph or more about the visit, or just send a caption for the photo.

What sort of things do you like to read about in the newsletter? Chances are your shipmates enjoy the same thing and they'd like to hear about it from you. So, take a little time to jot something down and send it to me:

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mikebray@chartermi.net

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Groton. He is a member of the Pawcatuck VFW.

In addition to his wife, Young, he is survived by a daughter, Amy Windle of Pawcatuck; a son, Floyd A. Windle III of Sebastian, Fla.; and a granddaughter, Elizabeth A. Windle.

A Memorial Service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 27 Chase Hill Road, Ashaway, R.I. Burial is private.

Byles-Groton Memorial Home, 310 Thames St., Groton, is assisting with the arrangements. Please visit www.Byles.com to sign the guestbook or to share a memory.

Published in The Day on Nov. 24, 2013

December 7, 2013

Hi Mike,

I found your site after coming across a card in my Dad's wallet for the USS Piper Veterans Assoc. My Dad, Joseph LeTourneau, passed away on November 27th. He served on the Piper from 1949-1951.

The site is great - I loved the photos and the links to other sites helped me find some of the other boats that Dad served on. I am hoping to try and build a time-line and having sites like this is a big help.

Thank you for taking on this duty. It's great to be able to see these parts of my Dad's life.

Martha Ryan
St. Albans, VT

Brain Study

Good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this OUT LOUD, you have a strong mind.

Better than that.....Alzheimer's is a long long, way down the road before it ever gets anywhere near you.

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To my 'selected' strange-minded friends: If you can read the following paragraph, forward it on to your friends with 'yes' in the subject line. Only great minds can read this. This is weird, but interesting! If you can read this, you have a strange mind, too.

Can you read this? Only 55 people out of 100 can.

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Contributed by Shipmate Charlie Patch

Breakthrough Announced in Airport Security

TEL AVIV, Israel

The Israelis are developing an airport security device that eliminates the privacy concerns that come with full-body scanners. It's an armored booth you step into that will not X-ray you.

Instead, it will detonate any explosive device you may have on your person.

Israel sees this as a win-win situation for everyone, with none of this crap about racial profiling.

It will also eliminate the costs of long and expensive trials.

You're in the airport terminal and you hear a muffled explosion.

Shortly thereafter, an announcement:

"Attention to all standby passengers, El Al is proud to announce a seat available on flight 670 to London.

Shalom !"

Contributed by Shipmate Charlie Patch

Piper Stuff

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_____	Short Sleeve Cotton Golf Shirt			
_____	Red: L, XL	_____	\$25.00	_____
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	<u>PATCHES</u>			
_____	13,724 Dives		\$6.00	_____
_____	WWII Jap Flag		\$6.00	_____
_____	White Hat Design		\$6.00	_____

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://usspiper.com>



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A Note About Membership

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. 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:

William Fuchs
2533 Motor Pkwy
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
billsg282@gmail.com

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 _____
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Please consider a Life Membership payment. This would eliminate paying each year and result in less paperwork for us. DUES FOR 2014-2015 ARE 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://usspiper.com>

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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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.

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