

The Piper Report

USS Piper (SS409) 1944 - 1967



September 2009



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.

Robert W. Byther, USS Piper - August 1944 to November 1945 as told by his daughter, Cynthia Kutasy

August 18, 2009

Hey Mike....

I found a little service record diary that my dad partially kept during World War II.

My dad was born in Milo, Maine on June 27, 1926. He entered the US Navy on November 22, 1943. He was 17 years old and had to get written permission to enlist. He took his basic training at Newport, R.I. He told me once that a lot of the guys got sick during basic training because whoever the quartermaster was in charge of buying the food, bought cheap sub-standard stuff and pocketed the difference. Most of guys lived off of the "Gedunk" (sorry, about the spelling) trucks.

Dad took his submarine training at New London, Conn. starting on January 28, 1944. He wrote next to the word organization "practically none" and next to word officer "hellish!".

Dad held the ranks of Seaman 1st Class and Seaman 2nd Class. In his diary, he has the date November 15, 1944 written next to S-2/C and January 8, 1944 written next to S-1/C, but he has arrows pointing to both - like the dates may have been reversed. Not being familiar with naval military rank maybe you can tell which date belongs with which rank.

Dad wrote that he reported onboard the USS Piper on August 24, 1944 at the U.S. Navy Yard in Portsmouth, NH. His diary follows with the following embarkment and port arrivals:

The Piper departed Portsmouth, NH on October 3, 1944 and arrived at Newport, RI on October 5, 1944.

On October 17, 1944 the Piper embarked from Newport, RI and arrived at New London, Conn. The Piper embarked from New London,



Robert W. Byther

Conn. on November 1, 1944 and arrived at Key West, FL. In dad's remarks he states that "we saw a lot of water." NOTE: I remember dad telling me that the only time he felt sea sick was in a storm off of Cape Hatteras. He said a lot of the crew were pretty green. This must have occurred when they were moving down the coast to Key West.

The Piper embarked from Key West on November 22, 1944 and arrived at Balboa, Panama. The Piper embarked from Balboa, Panama on December 12, 1944 and arrived at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

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Commander's Column

Shipmates:

I'll start with the sour grapes. The reunion was excellent, but not well attended. We only had thirty-eight people, including guests, and that was despite the membership's assurance in 2007 when over 70 were at the business meeting that if we held another in two years (2009) and not three (2010), it would be a big hit. Not!

So now for the good stuff. The weather was great again, hot but tolerable. The Friday night Welcome Aboard party was a great icebreaker, especially for some of the family members and guests, who, I'm sure, didn't know what to expect. It was held below decks at the club this year, and that made it nice socially. We put on a ¼ keg of Bud, but even though it was free, the drinking has slowed down over the years, and there was enough left over for Saturday night topside. Joe Negri kept his eye on us as the pictures Mike Bray has posted will show. The lesser door prizes were a success and then Gerry Harring won a \$40 gift certificate to the Cracker Barrel and Beetle Bailey won the \$100+ travel luggage first prize.

At noon on Saturday, we were at Adm. Fyfe Park, and by the time the chowder was being served, the only no-show was my Senior Controllerman, Tom Kucharski. As the lobster bake wound down, a car pulled in and it was he—on time as usual? He had driven all night to make it. Anyhow, there was a single lobster left, so we didn't have to give him a refund—not that Mike Hubbard would have.

Mike by the way deserves the utmost of gratitude from all of us. He works very hard setting these events up with me, does all the local running around, and his handling of our organization's funds and small stores are not easy assignments.

Larry and Barbara Boutelle brought their "Throw Your Balls Around the PVC Pipes" game, and it was fun as usual. A lot of bottled beer and wine was consumed, sea stories told and re-told, and everyone had their fill of clams, mussels, lobster, bbq-chicken, sirloin steak, and more served by Flander's Fish excellent cooks and staff.

The Saturday night get together included a Prime Rib buffet, and it was cooked to perfection. However, everyone was stuffed from the afternoon and there were too many leftovers, so next time, we're keeping the Saturday night food fare a little lower key and lower calorie.

Our Memorial Service started with two sounds of the diving alarm--which is used in Groton Base meetings and services--honoring our departed shipmates. This service began with Rich Collins leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Scotty Hendry, Obie Hill, and Tom Kucharski doing the

readings. Joe Marmaud, Jr. stopped by both evenings to chat with his Dad's shipmates, myself included. Noah Mansour's lovely daughter, Rita Scott, commented on how wonderful it was for her to have a glimpse into a part of her Dad's life that she was unfamiliar with and to realize that he was a young, hard-charger like the rest of us once upon a time. Jim Morris and Larry Boutelle's sons also paid visits over the weekend and, as it was for me last reunion when my son Patrick attended, it was a joy to see these Piper sailors proudly share their military adventures with their now adult "kids."

A souvenir laminated postal cache of the Piper launching was this year's memento, and a couple of 2009 reunion pins were also given to all attendees. We had a DJ playing music from the Big Band Era and the Fifties, and he did a great job. Sea Stories were the order of the evening, and all the Piper history and photo albums were big hits as usual. Miles Schmidt, who was in the wardroom during my time on Piper and who shared a beer or two with me in Charlotte Amalie, sent along one of the last remaining Piper oak plaques and resin moulds that he got when the boat was decommissioned. We've decided to look into the cost of using this as a master to make up copies. He also sent along some slides of one of the Spring Boards to St. Thomas, which I showed during the get together. Fran Hubbard won the 50/50 raffle. And Barbara Boutelle and Pat Lally won the door prizes worth over \$300, all funded by advance ticket sales.

I also want to acknowledge a very-very generous donation that was made to the Piper Association by Al Dube, which allowed us to end up in the black for the event. Al was at the first informal Piper Reunion in Portsmouth, NH in 1990, and he has been at almost every one since. Thank you, Al.

Thanks are also due to Groton base Commander, John Carcioppolo and his wife Dee for once again helping to facilitate our event.

Sunday morning the Groton Base House Committee, with the able assistance of sub school student volunteers served up their excellent breakfast buffet, and we bid one another farewell until the next time. Which is a perfect segue for me.

As would be expected, the question was asked by more than one: When are we doing this again? Here's my answer—2012.

But...next year Mike and Pat Lally and Bill and Ronny Fuchs are planning an informal Piper Reunion down in New Jersey, and you'll be hearing more on that later.

And in 2011, the USSVI National Convention is being hosted by the Ozark/Runner Base and the City of Springfield, MO. <http://www.ussvi.org/Conventions.asp> and the host hotel is the University Plaza. <http://www.upspringfield.com/home.aspx> I will host a Piper Reunion get together at that convention for any shipmates in attendance. This site is only 45 miles north of Branson, and offers a whole lot more to do in addition to the convention and reunion. I would love to get feedback from you on whether

this is of interest and you think that there is a possibility you may attend.

Also, for those of you who do not belong to US SubVets—please join. As Past National Commander, I urge all of you to become members of Groton Base—First and Finest. I'll see about getting an application included in the Piper Report. Use my name as sponsor.

And then, if I'm still sniffing air and not dirt, we'll go back to Groton for a Lobster Bake in 2012.

Shipmates--stay well, and enjoy the fall and the approaching holidays. We'll be in touch about New Jersey as soon as we get feedback from the "committee." And how about some of you we never hear from sending a note or e-mail to Mike Bray so we can pass along any news or messages in the Piper Reports we publish every now and then.

Regards,
Frank

Note:

An application form for membership to USSVI Groton base is on page 7 and 8 of this newsletter. Be advised that Groton Base dues will go from \$10 to \$15 after October 1st.



Founder of USSVI, Joe Negri (photo in upper left), watches over the 2009 Piper reunion at the Groton Base Clubhouse in Groton Connecticut. Pictured are Richard Collins and Dee Whitty at the Friday night Welcome Aboard Party.

More photos on page 6 of this issue.

Chester A. Berryman

DURHAM - Mr. Chester Allen Berryman, 78, of Durham, died on Saturday, August 8, 2009.

Chester was a native of Alexandria, Virginia, the son of the late Lambert G. and Ruth Copeland Berryman. Serving in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict he received a Purple Heart and continued his military career and later retired from the U. S. Navy. After retirement he worked as a Durham County Magistrate and at Avis Car Rental at RDU for 23 years. Chester was a member of Bethesda Baptist Church where he was a member of the Discipleship Sunday School Class, a former Deacon and a member of the Primetimers. He was a former Captain on the Bethesda Volunteer Fire Department and also helped form the Redwood Volunteer Fire Department. He was preceded in death by a son, William Edward Berryman, brothers, Leroy Berryman and Monroe Dixon and a sister, Florence Bolton.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia J. Berryman; one son, Richard Allen and wife, Kimberly, of Clayton; three daughters, Robin B. Elliott and husband, Marvin, of Oxford, Cindy B. Hutch, of Durham and Marjorie B. Tye and husband, Michael, of Columbia, S.C.; one brother, Bobby Berryman; four sisters, Evelyn Treger, Mary Skillman, Peggy Barden and Frances White and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Bethesda Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Jacob Green and Rev. Hugh O'Shields. Interment with military rites will be in Raleigh Memorial Park. Honorary pallbearers will be the members of the Discipleship Sunday School Class.

The family will receive friends on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hudson Funeral Home and other times at the home. Flowers are acceptable or memorial gifts may be made to Bethesda Baptist Church, 1914 S. Miami Blvd, Durham, N.C. 27703. Arrangements are being handled by Hudson Funeral Home.



Torpedo Gang, 1960—Chester is at the far right in the 3rd row.

The Piper Report

The Officers and Crew of the U.S.S. Piper
cordially invite

to their Commissioning Party
Saturday Evening, August 19, 1944
at Simpson's Grove, Dover Point, N. H.

Guest of.....

Please present this card at the door.

Chartered Bus Service Leaving Portsmouth Square
at 7:45 and 8:15 p. m.
Busses leaving Simpson's Grove at 12:00 - 12:30 - 1:00

OFFICERS

Commander B. F. McMahon, U. S. N.
Lieutenant Commander C. F. McGovern, U. S. N.
Lieutenant J. H. Dolan, U. S. N. R.
Lieutenant G. M. Reeves, U. S. N.
Lieutenant W. A. Bowman, U. S. N. R.
Lieutenant O. A. Holt, U. S. N. R.
Ensign J. K. Appledorn, U. S. N. R.
Ensign H. P. Giouard, U. S. N.
Ensign E. W. Byrne, U. S. N.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

W. G. Robinson, CGM, U. S. N., Chief of Boat
Koerner, D. E., CEM
Lager, C. A., CMoMM
Mayer, R. C., CMoMM
Smith, D. T., CMoMM
Youtsey, J. D., CTM

CREW

Ast, E. R.	F1c	Kelly, R. B.	S2c
Atkins, C. L.	StM2c	Lord, H. D.	TM2c
Baker, P. J.	F1c	Luck, T. E.	SC3c
Birli, A. S.	SC3c	McNeary, D. W.	EM1c
Blaha, J. R.	QM3c	Melvin, D. P.	TM3c
Blanc, G. A.	RM2c	Meyers, L. R.	MoMM1c
Blevins, R. P.	S1c	Meyers, R. D.	MoMM1c
Broad, J. W.	EM3c	Montray, P. K.	S1c
Byther, R. W.	S2c	Morford, R. R.	RM1c
Coleman, L. J.	S2c	Muhovich, W. H.	TM3c
Cooley, A. W.	F1c	Mustaleski, E. J.	F1c
Doering, W. C.	MoMM2c	Newton, C. R.	EM3c
Ebaugh, H. B.	MoMM3c	Pearson, C. Y.	MoMM1c
Evans, W. G.	PhM1c	Pierce, W. M.	EM2c
Farison, R. F.	MoMM3c	Rainwater, J. E.	S2c
Flaim, L. L.	SM2c	Spencer, F. D.	EM1c
Foglia, J.	FC2c	Scanlin, R. F.	MoMM1c
Fontana, A.	EM3c	Scharff, P. J.	MoMM2c
Forbes, J. B.	S1c	Schiltz, G. J.	EM1c
Germano, P. C.	S2c	Shaver, P. P.	F1c
Goldenberg, I.	F1c	Simons, H. L.	StM1c
Gebhart, L. J.	MoMM2c	Spinks, A. D.	MoMM2c
Hamilton, A. H.	MoMM2c	Starkey, G. A.	EM3c
Hurd, F.	TM2c	Styer, J.	GM3c
Halloway, L. W.	MoMM2c	Sullivan, J. R.	SC2c
Hampson, H. V.	TM3c	Tarazewich, J.	S1c
Harwood, R. F.	RM3c	Thomas, D. E.	S1c
Healey, J. E.	TM2c	Tubbs, D. W.	QM2c
Hinton, J. E.	TM2c	Waters, B. L.	S2c
Hughes, R.	RT2c	Weiger, J.	F1c
Jensen, P. J.	TM3c	Wenburg, F. C.	RM1c
Johnson, C. E.	EM2c	Wisn, B. J.	S1c
		Zimmer, M.	TM1c

USS Piper (SS409) Commissioning Party Invitation



Robert W. Byther (center) and Friends



Robert W. Byther (standing) and Friends - Hawaii

Robert W. Byther

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On January 25, 1945, the Piper embarked from Pearl Harbor. At this point my dad comments that there's "not enough space to continue embarking and making ports."

My dad wrote that the Piper first came under fire on February 25, 1945 "bout 10 miles from Tokyo." Under remarks he wrote "Scared!!". He goes on to state "Sank one Tanker. Fired two torpedoes at 5:00am - explosion at 5:01am."

He writes in his diary that on "March 30, 1945 he "received the Submarine Combat Insignia in lieu of first successful patrol run." On June 15, 1945, he writes "received gold star in lieu of second successful patrol run."

Dad wrote in his diary that the commanding officer of the USS Piper was Commander McMahan, USN. In notes he wrote "swell guy!".

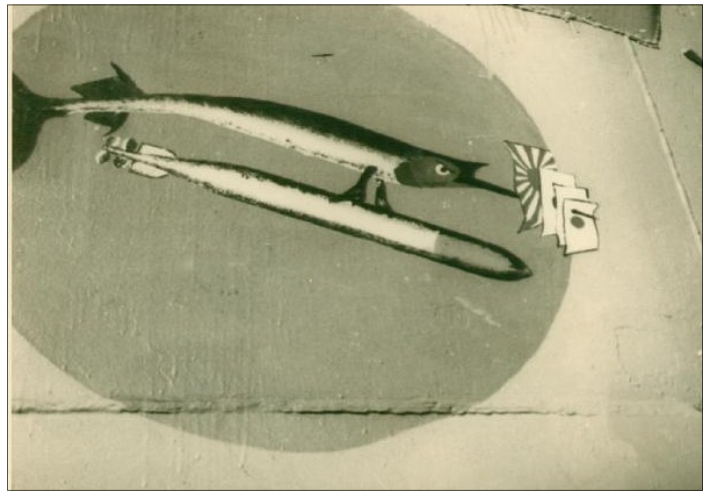
On November 11, 1945, my dad transferred to the USS Widgeon in Pearl Harbor. He was discharged from the Navy on April 19, 1946. This ends his diary notes.

My mom believes that dad may have been a "Aft Torpedoman" on the Piper, but she's not sure. I don't recall him ever telling me exactly what he did. He used to just say that on a submarine everyone is trained to do just about every job. However, he used to tell me stories about standing watch in his "skivvy shorts" because it was so hot. He also told me about the realities of going through a real depth charge attack versus the Hollywood version. He used to get a kick out watching the WWII movies about submarines. He also said the chow was first class and he could get practically anything he wanted to eat whenever he wanted it.

Dad told me funny stories about the "gooney birds" on Midway Island and what a menace they were to the pilots. He also told me that while at Saipan, he thought he might go ashore for liberty but changed his mind when one sailor coming back to whatever boat he was on just fell into the water. When they fished him out, he had a bullet in his head. Evidently the Marines missed a few Japanese snipers in the hills.

Dad also proudly told me the story of how an officer at the crowded Royal Hawaiian Hotel bar actually got up and gave him his seat when he saw his submarine insignia. My dad couldn't believe that an officer would give up a seat to an 18 year old kid - and a Seaman at that!

Dad told me that he created the Piper's insignia on the hull. I have a small picture of it. It looks like a Piper fish with a torpedo underneath. On the sharp bill protruding from the Piper's mouth, there are 4 Japanese flags skewered; they represented Japanese ships sunk by the Piper.



USS Piper Insignia, created by Robert Byther
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I have studied the picture of the Piper crew taken in April 1945 on your website (I have a much smaller version hanging on the wall in my den). I can't be sure but I believe my father is standing in the back row and is either on the extreme left end or sixth from the left. He always hated the way sailors had to wear their hats for pictures - he liked to wear his at an angle. He said the only time Hollywood got the hat right was the way Steve McQueen wore it in the movie Sand Pebbles.

My dad died in Fullerton, CA after heart surgery on June 25, 1990 - just two days before his 64th birthday. He was extremely patriotic and took great pride in his service to his country. I would really appreciate it if my dad's name could be added to the "On Eternal Patrol" list. I am sure that that would make him very happy.

I would very much like to speak to anyone who might have known my father during this time. Please feel free to give them my name, phone number and e:mail address.

I am not sure whether the picture I mentioned to you was taken while my dad was still on the Piper or it may have been taken with sailors stationed aboard the USS Widgeon. I will still see if my niece can scan the picture and will forward it to you separately. In the picture, my dad is standing alone behind three sailors. The photo was taken in Hawaii.

Finally to all those brave men who served with my father during World War II I extend my sincere and heartfelt gratitude. I recognize daily that the freedoms I have enjoyed throughout my lifetime were obtained by way of your sacrifice. You were, and are, the BEST OF THE BEST! God Bless you all.

Cynthia Byther Kutasy
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Phone: 951-789-4668

2009 Piper Reunion—August 14, 15 & 16



Lobster bake at Admiral Fyfe Park in Stonington, CT

Janice and Phil Lecky,
John Hendry and Mike
Lally at Admiral Fyfe
Park



Breakfast at the USSVI Groton
Base Clubhouse in Groton, CT

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

Eternal Patrol

James M. Stone passed away on 31 March 2007. LT Stone served aboard Piper from 6/1960—12/1961.

Chester A. Berryman passed away on 8 August 2009. He served aboard Piper in the 1960s.

Robert W. Byther passed away on 25 June 1990. He served aboard Piper from 24 August 1944 to 11 November 1945.

Sincere condolences go to family and friends.

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

New Address?

To ensure that you continue to receive this newsletter and information about upcoming reunions, etc., please notify Mike Lally of any change of mailing address, email address, or telephone number.

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95 Pineview Lane
Coram, NY 11727
usspiper@aol.com
Phone: 631-828-2657

UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC. (USSVI) - GROTON BASE

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Regular **Life** ***Dual Membership** **Associate** **Associate Life**

*If applying for Dual Membership please provide in the REMARKS section at the end of this application your Primary Base Name, Type of Membership, and Life Number if applicable.

OUR CREED:

"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution."

I subscribe to the Creed of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., and agree to abide by the Constitution, all Bylaws, Regulations and Procedures governing the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., so long as they do not conflict with my military or civil obligations. I will furnish further proof of my eligibility for Regular or Life membership, including an Honorable Discharge and U.S. Navy (SS) Designation, if required by proper authority.

Name (First MI Last): _____

Today's Date (MM/DD/YY): _____

Address (Street/PO Box): _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip+4** (#####-####): _____

Note: Applicants serving on active duty are requested to provide a permanent address through which they may receive personnel mail from the U.S. POSTAL SERVICE.

Home Phone: _____

Enclose Proof of Qualification (or list Sponsor): _____

E-Mail Address: I would like to receive my newsletter by E-Mail: Yes No

Associate applicants only please answer the following veteran status query.

Associate applicant is a (Check one):

Veteran; Spouse of a Veteran; Other (specify): _____

USSVI MEMBERSHIP DUES

Regular & Associate Members:

1 Year = \$30.00 3 Years = \$85.00 5 Years = \$140.00

Life & Associate Life Members:

Age 76 + = \$100.00 (Add \$10 for Groton Base Dues)

66 to 75 = \$200.00 (Add \$10 for Groton Base Dues)

56 to 65 = \$300.00 (Add \$10 for Groton Base Dues)

46 to 55 = \$400.00 (Add \$10 for Groton Base Dues)

45 and Under = \$500.00 (Add \$10 for Groton Base Dues)

Annual Groton Base Dues & Dual Members \$10.00 / Year

Note: Please complete remainder of form on the following page

USSVI—GROTON BASE (New Member Application Continued)

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA (New Members/Updates/Changes)

Please provide information requested below. This information will be retained in the National and/or Base Database

Individual Bases may request additional data for their specific use only.

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): _____ **Spouse Name:** _____

Next of Kin (if other than Spouse): _____ **Relationship (optional):** _____

NOK Address (Street/PO Box): _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip+4 (#####-####):** _____

QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

ORIGINAL QUALIFICATION:

Qualification Year (YYYY): _____ **Qualification Rate (MM3/LTJG):** _____

Boat Name: _____ **Hull Number:** _____ **From:** _____ **To:** _____

Active Duty (Y/N): _____ **Retired (Y/N):** _____ **Highest Rate/Rank Attained (MM3/LT):** _____

OTHER BOATS SERVED ON

Boat	Hull Number	From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)

Make Checks Payable to: SUBVETS

REMARKS: _____

Mail Application and Check to:

USSVI—GROTON BASE
Attn: Membership Committee
40 School Street
Groton, CT 06340-3940

Note from Mike & Pat Lally,
 Membership Chairpersons,
usspiper@aol.com
patlally13@aol.com

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
 95 Pineview Lane
 Coram, NY 11727
usspiper@aol.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 _____
 _____ 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 2009-2010 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:

Mike Bray
 W3821 Waucedah Road
 Vulcan, MI 49892-8483
 Or via email to: mikebray@chartermi.net

Life Members

- | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| William Bailey | Richard Fohn | Charles Patch |
| Bob Baker | William Fuchs | Joe Pow |
| Paul Barlow | Chester Fuller | Frank Reinhold |
| Robert Batscher | Chic Gilgore | Michael Remington |
| Tom Black | Gerald Haring | Benjamin Rollonston |
| Michael Bray | Wm Ripley Harrison | George Sanderson |
| Jim Burdett | John Hendry | Ralph Schmidt |
| Jim Burke | Jerry Holland | Charles Schwartz |
| Thomas Calabrese | George Holst | David Shoaff |
| Richard Caldwell | Michael Hubbard | Robert Smith |
| Aldo Cecchi | Charles Jones | Clarence Spencer |
| Howard Clark | Edmund Lee Joyner | Thomas J Stanton |
| Ralph Clark | Ernie Kertzscher | Bob Staufenberg |
| Willis Clifford | James King | Gilles St. George |
| Richard Collins | Thomas Kucharski | R Calvin Sutliff |
| William Cotter | Michael Lally | Joseph Vanderbosch |
| Edward Cushman | Robert Lloyd | Douglas Ward |
| James Delaney | Noah Monsour | Terry Welsh |
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| Al Dube | Ralph Norman | |

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USS Piper (SS409)
Great boat, great crew!



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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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The URL for the USS Piper Veteran's Association website is:

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

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