

The Piper Report

USS Piper (SS409) 1944 - 1967



October 2007



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.

MEMORIES

by John I. Clarkin

PIPER'S FIRST WAR PATROL

Some fond memories of Piper's 1st war patrol. Also noted in shipmate B. Ebaugh's diary.

February 10, 1945 Friday. As our bomber aircraft raided Tokyo, we were on life guard duty and did approach within 4 miles of Tokyo Bay entrance, on the surface. We had 2 fighter planes for escort. At 1215 our escort radios, "zero coming in at 090." The captain was on the bridge and after receiving this message replied, "No he isn't anymore, our escort has shot him down."

February 25, Sunday. "Riding submerged during daylight on life guard duty, I had a look at Mt. Fuji through the periscope. It was quite a sight with its snowcap."

0430, battle stations, 2 small ships sighted, we fired a spread of 6 torpedoes. We get a hit, one target sinks, the other Jap drops 3 depth charges and then leaves.

March 15, Thursday at 0800 a Jap submarine fires a torpedo at us and misses. Thank God!

March 18, Sunday 0200 a Jap plane came over us at 150 feet and dropped 2 bombs alongside before we could dive (too close for comfort). What happened was a Jap plane stayed 25 miles away so we did not dive. But he vectored another Jap plane in on us that was not using Radar. Wartime procedure was to dive whenever any plane is 10 miles out and continues to close in.

This was a long 65 day patrol, a 3 day extension was ordered to provide protection to our Carrier, Franklin, which suffered severe damage from Jap bombing.

March 30, Friday we arrived at Midway for 2 weeks of R&R with the Gooney Birds.

SUBMARINE "MOTHERS"

We should all be grateful to our Moms who brought us up to become good submarine sailors. Through their love and guidance they instilled in us the qualities required to become a good submariner.

Submarine "Mothers" in themselves are exceptional not only in the performance of their respective duties, they make life aboard a submarine more tolerable often under adverse conditions.

Piper was very fortunate in having two "Mothers" that I am aware of. Edward W. Bragg, BKR2 and Jim Burke, CS1(SS).

- Case in point -

Piper's 2nd war patrol to the Polar Circuit and the Sea of Okhotsk was terrible, 33 days on station encountering strong winds, heavy seas, bitter cold, dense fog and periods of snow. Coming down below from lookout duty, drying off and relaxing in the chow hall, "Mother" Bragg offered up hot coffee, fresh baked donuts, bread and other delicacies.

Let me quote from our skipper, Commander B.F. McMahon's official report of Piper's 2nd war patrol, section under personnel. "Special credit should be given to the lookouts, who are far above average. Our Baker also has contributed in no small measure to a happy patrol."

I did not know Jim "Mother" Burke, but he too deserves thanks and praise for being a Piper "Mother".

I believe all submarines, be it war or peace time, should be blessed with a "Mother" like Piper had.

Would all this somehow suggest that "Mother" Bragg would now be a "Grand Mother"?

Commander's Column

24 September 2007

Dear Shipmates:

As I am sure you will see in words and pictures elsewhere in this Piper Report, our third triennial lobster bake and reunion was another great success. We had a number of shipmates who were with us in 2001 and 2004, and an equally great turnout of first-timers. See the list of attendees. As before, U.S. Subvets Groton Base, their members and staff, were extremely supportive and once again contributed to a very successful weekend.

At the Saturday night dinner, the membership decided to hold our next Groton reunion in 2009 rather than waiting the three years. We can do it, but we'll need your help again, and that also means a commitment by you members to attend.

In years past, we have also held Piper reunions in conjunction with the US Subvets conventions, and that has always been fun. Portsmouth, Reno, Honolulu, Norfolk, Atlantic City, Hagerstown, and Mobile, all come to mind. Those events give members who can't come to a Groton lobster bake weekend a chance to get together. One recent reunion, albeit quite small, was a few years ago in Saratoga Springs, but we haven't been west of the Mississippi in years.

Well, the convention next year, 2008, is in Fort Worth, Texas from 1 September through 8 September. I plan to be there since this will be a critical election that will have great impact on the future of the organization, and as past National Commander, I feel it my duty to attend.

I've decided to host a Piper Reunion sometime during that week, most likely on Thursday or Friday. I am wondering if we have any members out that way who could help me with the logistics. If so, please contact me. I need a few things looked into that are difficult to do from up here in New England. I hope that this will encourage additional members from the Central and Western regions to join us. I'll be publishing more information in the next couple of Piper Reports.

In closing, I want to commend the Hubbards, Lallys, Brays, and other individual members and wives who attended, accepted assignments, helped with desserts, coordinated transportation, did clean up, and pitched right in with other chores to make the reunion a huge success. Your contributions were noticed and sincerely appreciated. And ...oh yes...lest I forget and get skewered again by the entire contingent of Piper wives as I did in Groton, my wife Dolores. Without her help stuffing envelopes, sorting event and raffle tickets, and manning the registration table, Piper Reunions would be impossible for me to manage.

Regards,
Frank Whitty

Highly Decorated WWII Ex-Admiral Dies at 93

Eugene Bennett Fluckey, a legendary World War II submariner and one of the most highly decorated living American servicemen, died Thursday night (June 28, 2007) at a hospital in Annapolis, Maryland, a hospital spokeswoman said. He was 93.

In five war patrols as the skipper of the submarine Barb, Fluckey sank dozens upon dozens of Japanese ships and destroyed many more small craft and shore installations, according to the Naval Historical Center. Fluckey's total decorations included the Medal of Honor, four Navy Crosses, and Presidential Unit Citations and Navy Unit Commendations for him and his crew.

Born Oct. 5, 1913, in Washington, D.C., Fluckey graduated from the Naval Academy and accepted his ensign's commission in 1935. He served aboard the battleship Nevada and the destroyer McCormick before attending Submarine School in 1938 in Groton, Conn. After several years serving aboard submarines, then-Lt. Cmdr. Fluckey took command of the Barb in late 1943, and went on to sink more enemy tonnage than any other U.S. sub skipper, according to a recent biography, "The Galloping Ghost," by Carl Lavo. In action against the Japanese in 1944 and 1945, Fluckey and the Barb sank 85 enemy ships, including an aircraft carrier, a destroyer and a cruiser.

His Medal of Honor recognized his "conspicuous gallantry" during a war patrol along the east coast of China from December 1944 to February 1945. According to the official citation, Fluckey and his crew sank a large enemy ammunition ship and damaged additional ships during a "running 2-hour night battle" on Jan. 8, 1945. Later that month, "in an exceptional feat of brilliant deduction and bold tracking," Fluckey and the Barb located more than 30 enemy ships. In the battle that followed, the Americans slipped through enemy defenses, scoring direct hits on six of the main targets and blowing up a large ammunition ship, causing "inestimable damage by the resultant flying shells and other pyrotechnics."

In August 1945, Fluckey was selected to command the new submarine Dogfish, then under construction, although that assignment ended after only a few months when Fluckey was reassigned to Washington. He first served in the office of the Secretary of the Navy before becoming personal aide to the Chief of Naval Operations, Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

From June 1947 until he retired in August 1972, Fluckey served in a variety of increasingly important positions, including Commander of Submarine Division 52; Commander of Amphibious Group 4; and Commander of Submarine Force Pacific. He also served as Director of Naval Intelligence before he retired.

*From New Jersey Base South, USSVI
Contributed to The Piper Report by Gene Jenkins*

Front and Center—James C. Burke

Commissaryman 1st Class—US Navy, Korean War, Vietnam War

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

Jim's experience began in Memphis Tennessee, where he was born, the second child of seven. His father's work led the family to Fresno California where Jim grew up. Unfortunately, his father died young and his mother was left to rear a large family. Jim worked hard to help support the family. He has awards for outstanding newspaper boy to prove it. He was close to his siblings, but as one of the oldest he worked so hard he no longer had much time for fun with them.

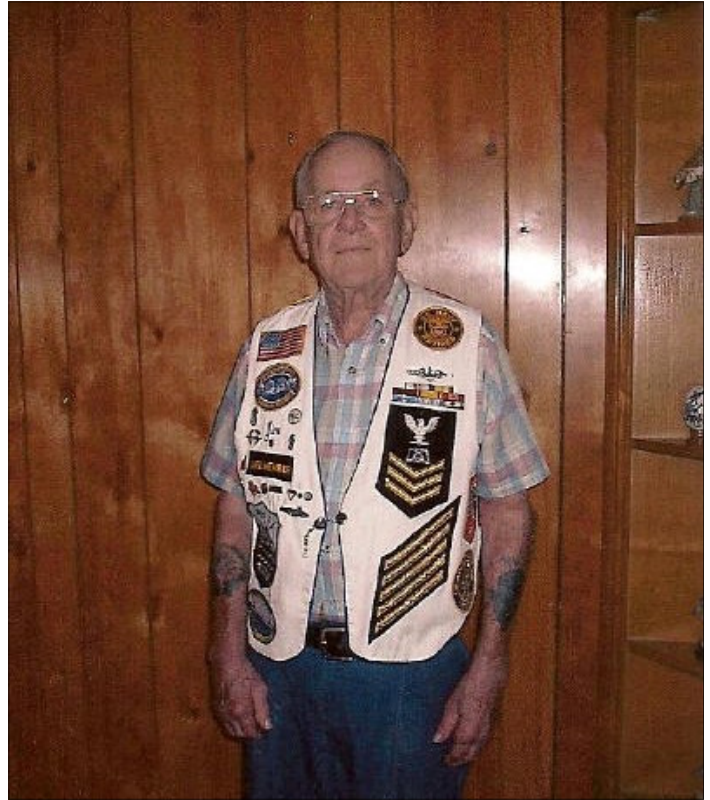
In 1948, upon turning seventeen he withdrew from school to join the navy. Basic training in San Diego California was followed by eighteen months in Kodiak Alaska engaged in ship repairs and food service. 1950 brought assignment to the cruiser USS Manchester for two years in Korea. The USS Manchester has a most illustrious history during those two years. Inchon, Wonsan, Taiwan Straits, Songjin, Hungnam were all part of it. A break in California and the Manchester was back for another tour of duty. 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 cooking and baking followed by a tour of shore duty for three years in Yorktown Virginia. Jim does not have a fondness for Yorktown because in those days there was nothing there of interest, a time before it became a tourist destination.

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 baker, Jim fed 150 men.

In 1958, Jim volunteered for Submarine School. He trained and worked out of New London Connecticut. He learned all systems, hydraulics, electric and torpedoes. 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 enough bunks, forcing sailors to sleep on top of torpedoes. He spent eight years on the USS Piper SS-409. This submarine operated out of New London except for deployments to the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, Pakistan and Atlantic Fleet exercises. Jim sought after and was able to work his final two years as a recruiter in Camden New Jersey.

After retirement in 1968, he worked for Freedman's Bakery until he became Director of Food Services for the Bayville School system. This was a responsible job entailing every



aspect of feeding the children from all three schools. Life was good in that he met Pat, who worked for the system. They recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. 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 where they had already purchased a home. 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. Jim still gets letters from some of the many sailors he fed so long ago. They remember his fine food.

This veteran keeps busy with: DAV, 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.

Dot Ryan

From The Whiting Sun, Whiting New Jersey

USS Piper Veteran's Association Website Guest Book Entries

23 November, 2006

Mark Duckstein (son of Stuart Duckstein)
USS Piper (Navy service 1952-1956; length of Piper service unknown)
MarkD24@aol.com

My name is Mark Duckstein and my father was Stuart Duckstein, who served on the USS Piper (I know from the website that he was on the ship in 1956, and perhaps earlier). Unfortunately, my father passed away unexpectedly in 1987 and didn't tell me much about his service in the Navy or his experiences on the Piper.

Yesterday I was searching on the internet and I found the Piper website. There were two pictures that included my father, both in 1956. One was the group photo from the crew's party, and the other was a picture of my father with a group of other guys standing on the top deck of the submarine somewhere in the Caribbean. Those pictures mean a lot to me, since the only other picture I have of him during his Navy service is his formal portrait.

If anyone is able to provide me with any other pictures of my father, or can let me know who else I might contact to see if they have any, I would really appreciate it. Also, if you knew my Dad, and could share any memories you have of him, it would mean a lot to me to be able to speak with you. If not, perhaps you can give me the names of some of the other crew members who were friendly with my father so that I can contact them.

Thank you for your service to our country, and thanks for whatever information you can provide on my father.

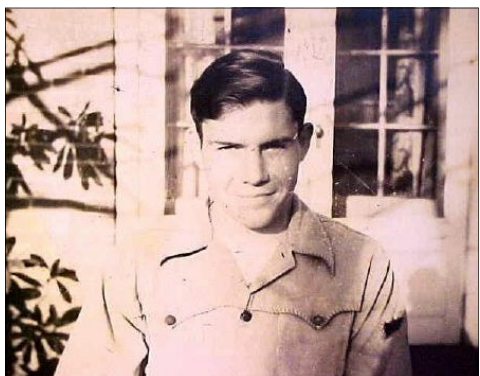
Regards,
Mark

25 November, 2006

Hello,

My father Robert B. Kelly, served on USS Piper during WW II. He has passed on and will be dearly missed. I have been going through his things and looking into a past that he talked about on rare occasion. I found old photos and Navy photos that he has kept hidden for all these years. I even have his Navy Jacket and even though it's very old it's still in one piece. I would like to know more about the submarine that he was on and where to find information.

Sincerely, David B. Kelly
DKelly8077@aol.com



Then



Christmas 2005

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

Burt Ebaugh - December 2, 2006

Paul Haley - March 16, 2007

Joseph P. Dooley - June 12, 2007

John M. Nazarchyk- July 19, 2007

Joseph Marraud - Aug 10, 2007

Sincere condolences go to family and friends.

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

12 June 2007

Hi Mike:

Well I'm off the binnacle list.....

On 2/2/07, I underwent right knee replacement at Tampa General Hospital.

It wasn't easy this time, and I had a hard time. I'm back on my feet, however, and driving myself around in my 2005 Dodge "Magnum."

The newsletter is great and I enjoyed reading my sea stories again.....

The news about Voyer surprised me. When he had first come aboard PIPER, the control room drove him batty. He was weight conscious and always talking about his diet and losing weight. The culprits would get his web belt and cut off about a quarter inch every week. Then they would lay off for a while and then start again. The only way he caught on was when he had to change belts and noticed the different lengths.

Keep your eye on the bubble,

BUBBLEHEAD BOB

USS Piper 2007 Reunion Attendees

Bailey, William "Beetle"
Batscher, Bob
Boutelle, Larry and Barbara
Bray, Mike and Bernadette
Clark, Howard and Mitze
Clarkin, John, Anita and Lisa (daughter)
Collins, Richard
Cotter, William
Delaney, James and Catherine (sister)
Donkus, John and Kathy
Dube, Al
Fuchs, William and Ronnie
Halbing, Chuck
Harring, Jerry
Hendry, John and Aurelie
Hill, Obie
Holland, Jerry and Marlene
Hubbard, Mike and Fran
Jones, Charlie
Kertzscher, Ernie
King, Jim and Mary
Lally, Mike and Pat
Lecky, Philip and Janice
Miliefsky, Arnie and Sandra
Miller, Leo and Todd (son)
Monsour, Noah and Dolores
Morrison, Ross
Patch, Charlie and Linda
Plimpton, Gail (Harold), Kenneth
Plimpton, Flora, Allan Plimpton,
Barbara, Carol Plimpton
Polovitch, John "Stosh"
Sanderson, George
Spencer, Clarence and Georgianna
Sprobert, Richard and Kaye
Ward, Doug and Pamala
Welsh, Terry and Ann
Whitty, Frank, Dolores and Patrick (son)

Reunion Photos

Frank Whitty arranged with Jody Gagnon, of PricePerfect Photos, to photograph the Lobster Bake and the Saturday night banquet. A few of their 169 photos can be seen on the following pages and others will appear in later issues of The Piper Report.

Photos may be ordered from their website:
<http://www.priceperfectphotos.com/>

PricePerfect Photos
Jody Gagnon
1 Papa's Hollow
Plymouth, MA 02360

2007 Piper Lobster Bake

Shipmates:

You missed a great time. I so wish that time, money, and geography would allow more of you to attend.

On arrival late morning Friday, I found Beetle Bailey at the bar (where else?) bitching that I wasn't there sooner to check him in. "We'll get to it, Beetle." My wife, Dolores, encouraged him to have another one while we got ready. Not a good idea!

Linda and Charlie Patch had come aboard and helped us bring all the archives, raffle prizes, and assorted other stuff in from the SUV, which I had packed as solid as a sea bag.

Dolores set up the registration table, and Sandy Sanderson, who had arrived early as well, was my Sergeant at Arms and helped keep Beetle and a few other undesirables out of the meeting hall until we had it all squared away. Sandy is one of those shipmates who always is finding a way to help out and make things run smoothly.

Mike Hubbard was next to arrive, and he brought in the small stores for the weekend. Soon we were handing out ticket packages, and sea stories could be heard as each new shipmate arrived.

Before too long, the afternoon was history and the caterer arrived to set up the welcome aboard buffet, a nice selection of barbeque meats and side dishes. The keg that we'd arranged for was tapped, and the free beer was flowing. Now don't jump too far back into the past. We're a little bit more under control now, so it wasn't a horror show like it would have been if we were back in our twenties. I forget who won them, but the door prizes were drawn and appreciated. A few of the hard hitters retired below decks to the bar, and the rest of us headed for our motel rooms.

Saturday morning was another great weather day. Breakfast was on our own, as the FRA wasn't able to accommodate us. So we refunded the monies in the registration packets, and no one appeared malnourished when they arrived at Fife Park for the Lobster Bake. Mike Hubbard was once again the man of the hour as he transported the ice, soda, and water and had that all set for us when we arrived.

As we pulled onto the site, we noticed that there was a bounce castle set up and far too many cars in the parking lot. Does the Navy think that we've all gone senile? Seems they double booked, and a Navy contractor staff with their families were also scheduled for the day. So we grabbed one end of the pavilion and set up an area for Piper. The "outsiders" were having hot dogs and hamburgers. Piper was eating lobster and sirloin steak. Always was a feeder. Before long, Chuck Halbing arrived with the Piper brow banner, and as you'll see in the pictures, we were able to tie it off to some trees.

The meal was excellent as always, and the beer, wines, and softer beverages were prodigiously consumed. Larry and Barbara Boutelle brought along a picnic game that was looked at with critical eye at first by us horseshoe players. But before long, a bunch of us were lined up in teams to see if we could loop these golf-ball bolos around a rack of PVC pipe. Better than a bounce castle!

Saturday night was a great time as well. We had another great meal, followed by opening introductions and memorial service. Leo Miller led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Obie Hill offered the Submariners' Prayer. Stosh Polovitch read the list of shipmates who had departed on Eternal Patrol since our last get together in 2004, and John Hendry recited "Sailor Rest Your Oar."

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USS Piper Reunion—2007



The Crew



The Ladies



Piper Crew of the 1940s—John Clarkin, was aboard during all 3 WWII war patrols.



Piper Crew of the 1950s—Larry Boutelle, Richard Sporbett, Richard Collins, Al Dube, Noah Monsour, Howard Clark, Charlie Jones, Ross Morrison, Bob Batscher and James Delaney.



Piper Crew of the 1960s

Front Row—Jerry Haring, Bill Fuchs, Ernie Kertzsch, John “Stosh” Polovitch, John Hendry, Mike Lally, Chuck Halbing, Jim King, Bill Cotter, Arnie Miliefsky and William “Beetle” Bailey.

Back Row—Jerry Holland, George Sanderson, Clarence Spencer, Mike Bray, Mike Hubbard, Terry Welsh, and Frank Whitty.

2007 Piper Lobster Bake

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Acknowledgements were followed by raffles and prizes. Then, Mike Lally passed out an outstanding key chain memento to the shipmates in attendance. After this, Mike dialed up Mother Burke, and a bunch of us spoke with him by phone. He was unable to attend due to medical issues, as was shipmate Ed Cushman. They are both in our thoughts and prayers.

Then we were treated to three hours of outstanding Jazz provided by the Chris Poudria Trio, three top rate professional musicians. It was a perfect evening to top off a spectacular weekend.

Frank Whitty



2007 Piper Lobster Bake

John and Anita Clarkin, their daughter Lisa Rawson, and Bill Cotter.

Note from Mike & Pat Lally,
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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
 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 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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Life Members

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| William Bailey | William Fuchs | Ralph Norman |
| Bob Baker | Chester Fuller | Charles Patch |
| Paul Barlow | Chic Gilgore | John Polovitch |
| Robert Batscher | Gerald Haring | Frank Reinhold |
| Tom Black | Wm Ripley Harrison | Michael Remington |
| Michael Bray | John Hendry | Benjamin Rollonston |
| Jim Burdett | Jerry Holland | Ralph Schmidt |
| Jim Burke | George Holst | Charles Schwartz |
| Thomas Calabrese | Clarence Hoover | Robert Smith |
| Richard Caldwell | Michael Hubbard | Clarence Spencer |
| Aldo Cecchi | Charles Jones | Thomas J Stanton |
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| Al Dube | Morris Newkirk | |

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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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