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WELCOME TO YOUR NEWSLETTER!



A Note from the Editor

Hello, I'm so thankful to be serving my shipmates again! I joined the Lafayette Association a couple months ago and noticed that the association needed someone to write the newsletter, so as in, the Submarine Force, I volunteered! The USS Lafayette was my first boat I qualified on. I was a member of the Blue crew from January 1976 through September 1978. Assigned to the Navigation ET's, I qualified ships on my first patrol, my Senior Watch Stations, and Below Decks during my tour. I also served as Recreation Committee President, and the Lafayette's Blue crew newspaper Editor. I retired from the Navy in 1994.

I'm now living in Boise Idaho, working for MICRON as a facilities manager. Wishing you the BEST IN 2009! Please contact me <mailto:montywynn55@gmail.com> if you have comments, or items to submit. Monty Wynn

HELLO FROM YOUR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



President's Message.

Don McBride

Association President

USS Lafayette SSBN 616 Association

I want to express my thanks to Monty for putting together this newsletter. Hopefully this will give us another way to communicate with you and keep you informed.

The reunion planning is progressing very well and details are available on the website. (ssbn616.homestead.com). I am looking forward to a good attendance. I have had to reduce the number of rooms we had blocked out due to the change in the economy and the uncertainty of attendance. We are liable for unsold rooms we reserve and the association cannot afford to pay for unsold rooms, forcing the decision to reduce our liability. I recommend you reserve early, if you are planning to attend. There is no penalty to cancel later. The toll free number for the Silverdale Beach Resort is 800-544-9799. Please tell them you are booking for the USS Lafayette reunion. We will be monitoring the number of rooms reserved, and if it starts to fill up we will renegotiate with the hotel to expand the number of blocked out rooms.

The business meeting, at the reunion, will include the election of new officers; propose changes to the bylaws, and selection of the next reunion site. Now is the time to start thinking about these items so you can be prepared to present your choices. Don, (904) 745-0741

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Yeah, I Had A

Subprime Mortgage ...



But I can afford at least a New Ball CAP!

We know times are hard, money tight but purchasing an item from the Ship's Store will make it a better day, a better look for you, and help defray some of the costs of the Lafayette Association's expenses, next September in Silverdale WA.! Just think sporting a new Ball Cap, Ship's Tee-Shirt, or tote. It will remind you of your First few days reporting on board the Lafayette, orders in hand taking on the new challenge! As a Non-Quall, seasoned Submariner!

If you need Ship's items such as caps, Tees, Tote Bags or other items. Please contact John Dixon, <mailto:SubSir16@aol.com>. Remember, just as on the Boat, storage is a big problem; it must also be the same with John. He does not keep a lot of items on hand, but assures it can be ordered in approximately one week. Instead of ordering items from other supplier's help out our association "BUY LAFAYETTE!"

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The Commander, United States Submarine Group Nine invited a small, high-level delegation of BENS members to embark aboard one of their nuclear submarines. This was a rare opportunity to get a first-hand look at life aboard one of our nation's elite fighting vessels. While on board we had the opportunity to tour the various operational departments, eat in the submarine's dining facilities with the sailors, and experience life aboard a nuclear submarine while out at sea. Most importantly, we witnessed the pride and professionalism of the outstanding young men and women who serve our country.

It was a memorable and enjoyable experience.

You can find your old Sub School Class Pictures! Go to the Lafayette Association website!

Find the link to this and many other links! Visit Navy Links on our Association Website!

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Visit A Boomer! No Need to back a Sea Bag, Crew's Box, or load stores when you get on board. You can visit a Boomer without leaving your home or computer. 53 pages of memorable photos. Go to ssbn616.homestead.com/navylinks.html click [_USS Nebraska SSBN339](http://USS Nebraska SSBN339)

I Remember

Here' to us, one and all
Who heard the message and answered the call
To break away from the old mainstream and live our lives on a submarine.

Sub School gave us the chance to pass the test
To declare that we were The Best of the Best
When we left New London with orders in hand
We all headed out on different courses for distant, faraway lands.
Some were East coast and some went West
But no matter where you ended up, your first boat's the best.
You reported on board not knowing what to think
But now you're known to all as a nub and a dink.



You learn about Tradition and learn about Pride,
You learn about Honor and the men, who have died,
You learn about the heritage that's been passed on to you
Because now you're considered one of the crew.



You study the boat from bow to stern
From the conning tower to the bilges, it's your duty to learn
Where and what makes that boat go, how it operates and in what direction.

How to charge those batteries and keep them alive or how to rig the boat for dive.

Draw those systems fore and aft, blow the shitters, check the draft
These are the duties that you must glean when you live your life on a submarine.

When you've learned all there is to know about your boat
You show then you know it by your walk through vote.
You go before the Quall Board, card in hand
Where they question and grill you to beat the band.
And when you think you can't take no more.
They tell you to wait just outside the door.



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For what seems like eons, time stands still
And when they call you in, you feel quite ill!
But they congratulate you for doing so good
And welcome you into their Brotherhood. (Editor's note "A few lookups")
Rite of passage declares that you must drink your "fish"
And the tacking on process is not something you wish
But you wear those dolphins on your chest with pride
Because down deep in your heart, you know you're Qualified.



It seem like yesterday, it seems like a dream
That I truly lived on a submarine
Most Boats are gone, a memory of time
I wondered what happened to that crew of mine?
The Old Boats that are left are all museums
And even if you rode 'em, you have to pay admission to see'em
So here's to us, those that remember
Who rode the boats out in all kinds of weather?
To those past, present and even in the future
To those young, hardy lads who still love adventure
So let's lift our glasses and have a toast
To the memory of those daring young sailors and their undersea boats.



Dick Murphy IC3-(SS)
USS TIRU (SS-414)

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L A F F - A - L O T !

WHY, WHY, WHY?

WHY DO WE PRESS HARDER ON A REMOTE CONTROL WHEN WE KNOW THE BATTERIES ARE ALMOST DEAD?

IS THERE EVER A DAY THAT MATTRESSES ARE NOT FOR SALE?

HOW DO THOSE DEAD BUGS GET INTO THOSE ENCLOSED LIGHT FIXTURES?

WHY DO PEOPLE KEEP RUNNING OVER A STRING A DOZEN TIMES WITH THEIR VACUUM CLEANER, THEN REACH DOWN, PICK IT DOWN TO GIVE THE VACUUM ONE MORE CHANCE?

WHY DO BANKS CHARGE A FEE ON "INSUFFICIENT FUNDS" WHEN THEY ALREADY KNOW THERE IS NOT ENOUGH MONEY?

WHY DOES SUPERMAN STOP BULLETS WITH HIS CHEST, BUT DUCKS WHEN YOU THROW A REVOLVER AT HIM?

WHY DO KAMIKAZE PILOTS WEAR HELMETS?

THE STATISTICS ON SANITY IS ONE OUT OF FOUR PERSONS IS SUFFERING FROM SORT OF MENTAL ILLNES. THINK OF YOUR THREE BEST FRIENDS-IF THEY'RE OKAY.....THEN IT'S YOU!

Puzzle for you!

You have only 10 apple trees to plant, but limited space, you must plant 5 rows with 4 trees in each in each row. Your wife wants it that way! How do you do it, without making her mad?

Answer in the Gold issue!

A JOKE FOR YOU!

MAYBE THEY MIGHT BE MARINES!

TWO PARK'S AND RECREATION GUYS ARE IN A PARK IN BOISE. ONE IS DIGGING A HOLE, THE OTHER IS FILLING IT UP
A PASSER BY ASKS WHY?
THE ONE DIGGING THE HOLE REPLIES "THE JACKASS WHO PLANTS THE TREES CALLED IN SICK TODAY!"

HAVE A JOKE TO SUBMIT PLEASE SEND. <mailto:montywynn55@gmail.com>

MORE FUN! IF YOU LIKE COMEDY, OR WANT TO JUST EXPLORE WHAT THE SKIMMERS OR SUBMARINERS ARE DOING WITH THEIR FREE TIME "GO TO YOU TUBE" SEARCH FOR VIDEOS AND MORE! MY YOU TUBE SITE IS SUBMANBOISE. OR LOOK UP YOUR OWN.
WARNING! SOME CLIPS ARE NOT FOR THOSE WHO ARE SKIMMERS, UNDER 18, OR MAY NOT LIKE THE FRENCH! MY SUGESTIONS: 'GO NAVY', 'SUBMARINE HALF WAY NIGHT' OR "SUBMARINE SASTIFACTION' AND NOT FORGOTTEN "THE SUBMARINE SONG". JUST TYPE THE TITLE AND ENJOY! MONTY

SILVERDALE WASHINGTON A BRIEF TOUR OF THE AREA AND PLACES TO VISIT.

Part one.

My last Boat I served on was the USS Nevada SSBN 733 (Gold). I was Stationed at Naval Submarine Base, Bangor WA. I lived in the Silverdale Area, and during off crews visited many beautiful and unique sites and places. If you plan to attend the 2009 Reunion, plan some extra time before or after the weekend of September 19th through September 22nd, To discover these areas. Most areas are within 30 minutes to an hour From the Silverdale Beach Resort/Hotel. Naval Base Bangor is only six Miles away and Naval Shipyard Bremerton twelve. The Hotel is on Silverdale Beach, an inlet of the Puget Sound. Silverdale is located on Kitsap peninsula between the Puget Sound and the Hood Canal. Dabob Bay in the Hood Canal is where the Tridents do their shakedowns before going out on patrol. Kitsap mall is the regional Shopping Mall and similar to any large malls, many box stores and National Chain eateries are located near. In this article I will attempt to describe places which make this region so unique.

Poulsbo Washington is located about 15 miles North of Silverdale, it's a Small town which has Norwegian ties. The town looks similar to villages In Norway. With great shops and nice waterfront and marina. From Poulsbo follow the signs to Port Gamble.

Port Gamble, was once a lumber town, which was owned by the local Lumber company the shops, and homes are restored to what the town Appeared as at the turn of the century. A stop at the General Store is a Must!

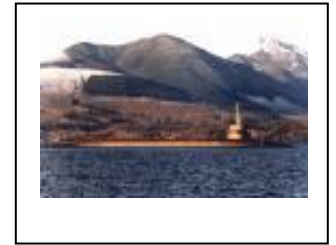
Other small villages to visit are Kingston; you can take a Ferry from here To Edmonds WA a city just North of Seattle. If you want to stay on the Peninsula follow the sign for Hansville Rd. Hansville is at the tip of the Peninsula, called Point No Point and a small working Light House. This Was my little berg, I resided during off crews.

Silverdale Beach Resort/Hotel. To make reservations for the upcoming Reunion you can reach them Toll Free at 1-800-544-9799 or visit their Web Site Silverdalebeachhotel.com mailing address 3073 Bucklin Hill, Silverdale WA. 98383. Remember when booking your room to state you are attending The Lafayette Reunion. I have already booked mine! See You in September! Monty.

This is a two part article; Part 2 will be in the Gold issue.

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Part two. Seattle, Bainbridge Island, Port Townsend, Olympic National Park, Tacoma WA, Mount Rainer, and Sequim.



THIS ISSUE'S PHOTO GALLERY

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Monty Wynn peering out the #2 scope SSBN 616 (Blue) 1978

ONE OF THE BILLYS'!



The Marquis De Lafayette from Internet image



Ships's Patch



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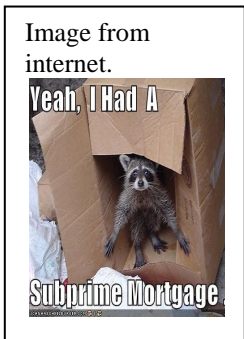


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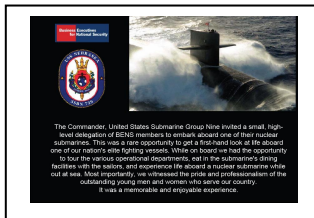
SSBN 616 in Holy Loch 1977



John Dixon from our Web site



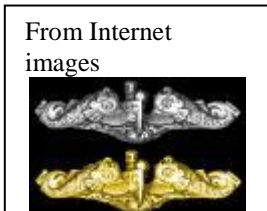
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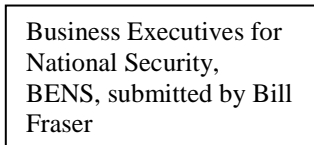
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SSBN 616 in Dry Dock Holy Loch 1978



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USS Nevada SSBN 733



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Monty Wynn Navigation ET's USS Von Stueben SSBN 632 B 1986



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