

USS ALBACORE (AGSS-569)  
NEWSLETTER # 15  
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Dear Shipmate,

At the end of March, we had received 84 responses to the Steve Cuff challenge and have exceeded our \$10K goal. The final tally stands at \$10,455. Our thanks to those listed on the back of this letter who made contributions and helped us to separate Steve from his money. And special thanks to Steve for offering to let us pick his pocket!

The Friends Committee has several new members. Ken Herrick retired from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and is also a member of the Port of Portsmouth Maritime Museum Association (PPMMA) board. Howie Russell was the David Taylor Model Basin rep on many Albacore trials. Howie has been attending our meetings for some time and has recently become a PPMMA board member, also. Welcome aboard!

As mentioned in the February newsletter, PPMMA/Friends of Albacore was invited by the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. to provide a photo of Albacore as she sits today to for possible inclusion in the USSVI 2009 calendar. The calendar would feature US submarine museums. Butch Jordan took his trusty camera and shot a series of photos of the boat after our March Friends meeting.... toward the end of a snowstorm! We sent two of the bunch in for approval. USSVI liked one of the pictures, so stand by. The picture has been posted in our photo gallery on our website "ussalbacore.org".

Letters have been mailed out to six former 218-boat crewmembers inviting them to the Memorial Day ceremony when, among other things, we are dedicating a monument to the first Albacore and also a bench in memory of Joe Sawtelle who was instrumental in getting Albacore back to Portsmouth..

Frank Lyon, Jerry Sliss and Jack Snodgrass, the 2010 reunion committee, have provided the Friends with a draft of their plans for the proposed reunion. The Friends committee reviewed their proposal and has send back our comments/suggestions. We will work toward having a joint get together late spring/early summer to begin hashing out details.

Several shipmates have new email addresses. Specifically, David Grossnickle can now be reached at [drg368@att.net](mailto:drg368@att.net). Lawrence Wagner's email address is [nespojon@aol.com](mailto:nespojon@aol.com). Forrest Cramer has an e-mail address of [fcramer@snet.net](mailto:fcramer@snet.net) and Bob Abbott has a new e-mail address of [creativekitchens@comcast.net](mailto:creativekitchens@comcast.net). Alan Neel's new email is [aljo@centurytel.net](mailto:aljo@centurytel.net). Robert Lyon has an email "bobl91@peoplepc.com".

The USS New Hampshire (SSN 778) will be commissioned in Portsmouth, NH on 18 October.  
Details when available.

If you are receiving this newsletter via Uncle Sam's postal service, it is because we do not have an e-mail address for you. We would prefer to deliver the newsletters electronically to save on paper and stamps. So, if you have recently gotten on-line, or had a change of address, telephone number, e-mail provider or if you have something you would like to submit for posting on the website, please pass that information along to Jack Hunter at one of the addresses below.

Thanks shipmate.

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