

Buddy Line



Newsletter of Fraternal Order of Underwater Swimmers School

November 2000

President's Corner by Don Stone

Season's Greetings



We are growing! Since the last Buddy Line our membership has doubled. This is great! There are still former students and instructors out there who don't know about us. Spread the word, and invite someone you know to join.

This Christmas card collage was put together in 1958 or 1959 by Chief Lewis, our school photographer, for staff and instructors to send to friends.

Some old friends returned it to me years later.

In the same spirit that it was originally sent out in the 50's, Art and I would like to wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season and health and happiness in the New Year.

UWSS Reunion 2002

Information on possible sites for our 2002 reunion is starting to come in from members John Hobbs, Bob Clark, Andy Anderson and A. Dee Clark. However the information is still too incomplete to ask the members to make any kind of decision. Here's a summary of the information we have received to date on the proposed sites:

Roosevelt Roads, PR – Info from Andy Anderson

Airfare to Puerto Rico would run about \$500 from Miami. Cars would have to be rented to take the participants from San Juan to Roosevelt Roads, a 1½-hour drive. Hotels in Fajardo start at \$100 per night for not so nice to \$200-300 for very nice. There is a base Navy Lodge that takes reservations. Guest quarters on base would be space available. The NSW unit there would support us with a tour.

Las Vegas, NV – Info from John Hobbs

John contacted the Circus Circus Casino and they e-mailed me 30 pages of menus and other food service information. Banquet costs depend on the number of people and the lavishness of the meal, ranging from \$24.75 to \$43.45 per person (including tax and gratuity). Room rates are \$84.00 per night. There are several retired SEALS in the area who would help us set up a reunion. Recreation in the area would basically be the casinos or the desert. As for tours, I don't know of any government special warfare units close by.

Little Creek, VA – Info from Bob Clark

Lots of retired UWSS, UDT and SEALS in the area to help with setting up a reunion. Base billeting and banquet rooms would be available to handle between 80-100 people. There is also a Days Inn near the gate. Many recreation facilities are available including Seal Park for picnics, beach pavilions, Gator Water Park, campground, and golf course. We can get a tour of either a SEAL Team or the Diving unit. No prices yet, but Bob is working on it.

Coronado, CA –

No information yet on this site.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report**Membership 11/04/00****52 regular members (6 unpaid)****33 associate members (4 paid)**

Account Balance 7/24/00	\$ 528.13
Dues received	650.00
Interest received 9/30/00	4.90
August Buddy Line expense	-60.56
Office Supplies expense	-6.75
Account Balance 11/4/00	1,115.72

FO of UWSS Mission

The Fraternal Order of Underwater Swimmers School was formed in order to keep lines of communication open between personnel of the armed forces who were staff or students at the Navy Underwater Swimmers School Key West, Florida. Associate membership is open to family, friends, and associates of UWSS students and staff who share an interest in the goals and activities of the FO of UWSS. Associate members will not have voting privileges.

One of the most important reasons for our existence as an organized group is to plan for and participate in biannual reunions which will be held at various locations to be selected by members' votes.

FO of UWSS Officers

President Don Stone
Vice President..... Andy Anderson
Secretary/Treasurer A. Dee Clark

From the editors: We have received lots of positive comments about the first issue of the Buddy Line. We need your stories, pictures and feedback to continue getting out an interesting newsletter. You guys have had fantastic, funny, and scary experiences in your naval careers. How about sharing them with us.

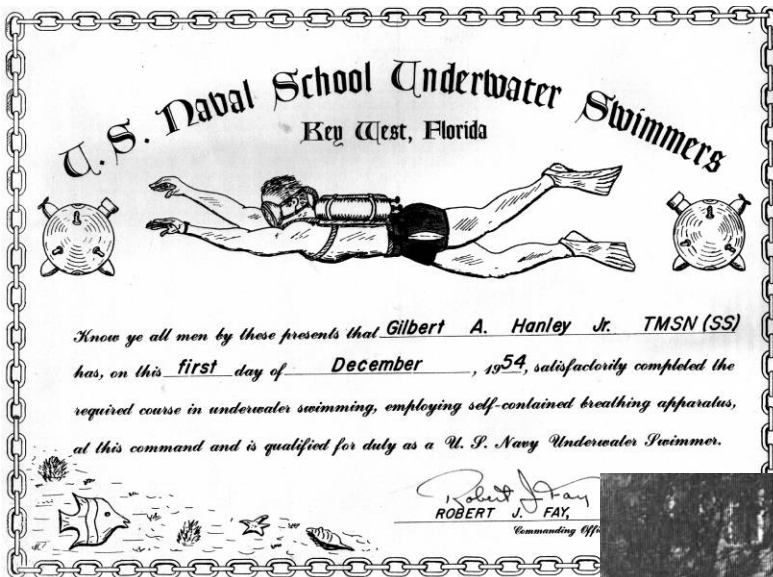
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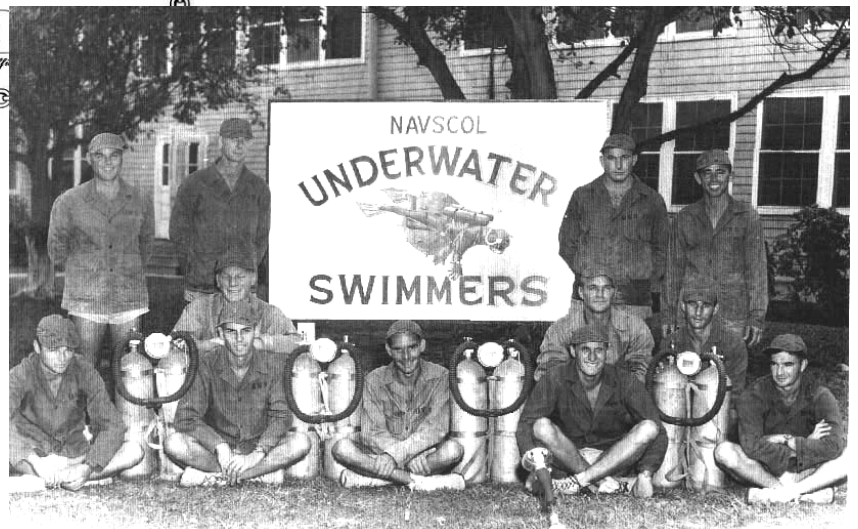
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The gang at the first reunion of Underwater Swimmers School in 1998



These pictures are from Gilbert Hanley, who graduated from UWSS in December 1954. He wrote, "I rec'd the Buddy Line, its great. Sorry I couldn't make Panama City. I plan on attending the rest. Just a couple of items from the past; I'm the one on the bottom right. What a difference 46 years makes."

Put your pictures here in the next issue!



Membership Application

Fraternal Order of Underwater Swimmers School

Full Name: _____

Wife's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Branch of Service: _____ Dates of Service: _____

Dates & Class # at UWSS: _____ or Associate Membership: _____

Send copy of class picture if you have one. 2 Year Membership \$25.00

Make check to A. Dee Clark, Treasurer and mail to 1315 Garner St., Nacogdoches, TX. 75961

The way it was....



Scuttlebutt Corner

Last issue we asked you to finish the story about Peewee Nealy and the missing bicycle. Dick Pence wrote in with the rest of the story.

When Peewee found his bike missing at the Acey Ducey Club, he took off running up US1 to his home on Big Coppit Key. The Highway Patrol pulled him over and were going to give him a ticket for drunken running. However they relented and took him home. Perhaps they were laughing too hard to write the ticket.

Can you identify the guys in the picture to the left or the ones in the Christmas collage on page 1? Let's hear from you. We'll print your answers next time.

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