The Piper Report

USS Piper (SS409) 1944 - 1967

March 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 en-Guppy with gines) (snorkel) conversion 1951. Design Compleofficers, 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

26 February 2007

Dear Mike,

- MEMORIES -

A long haul from voluntarily requesting Submarine duty to serving aboard the Piper.

My early years as a "Tin Can" sailor created some difficulties in this transition, such as when I received notification that my request was approved. At this time the Destroyer Livermore (DD429) and I were departing the Brooklyn Naval Yard and were en route to the Mediterranean. A long trip back to the Sub Base in Groton Connecticut.

After several weeks of transit through Africa, Brazil, Panama, Bermuda and finally New York, all via aircraft. At Oran North Africa, a flight in a paratrooper plane to Port Lyautey along the African coast. The remainder of this trip was in a Pan Am flying boat.

Being several weeks late in reporting in at the Sub Base caused some concern by the Duty Officer who at first indicated that perhaps I should be doing Brig time for being AWOL. However all was forgiven once it was verified that my delay was all in transit.

Now comes the difficult phase of becoming a Submarine Sailor of WWII.

- Spritz's Navy -

Chief Charley Spritz alone did more than any other person in deciding and preparing one to become a Submarine Sailor regardless of Rank or Rate. God bless Spritz who, love him or hate him, made us competent and capable Submariners.

Of course the complete training program at the Sub Base involved a session with a "Shrink", who could determine your mental status, etc., daily

by John I. Clarkin

physical drilling, one's ability to withstand air pressure, escape procedures in the diving tank, and most important, claustrophobic reaction.

After all this arduous training came the "Coup-de-Grace"

- The "O" Boats -

The "O" Boats were of WWI vintage of which 9 were re-commissioned from "Moth Ball" status and used as training boats at the Groton Sub Base. Several days were spent aboard one of the "O" Boats. Out to sea in the morning and return to base in the late afternoon. Every aspect of submarine operation was included in hands-on training.

Words cannot describe the feeling when first boarding the "O" Boat, especially on the first dive. Each dive was in itself, exciting to say the least.

Life aboard a "O" Boat was rough duty and I commend the crews who daily operated these boats under adverse conditions compounded by inexperienced trainees.

One cannot forget that this was war time and Nazi U-Boats prowled the eastern coastal waters.

My friend and former shipmate, Chet Skrocki, while in advanced torpedoman training, served on one of the "O" Boats.

Respectfully, John Clarkin

P.S. I'm happy to report that Chet is doing fine after a long period of "re-fit".

P.P.S. "O" 9 is on eternal patrol.

Commander's Column

12 March 2007

Dear Shipmates:

It's getting to the point where I need to get a rough count on the number of you and your guests that may be attending the August reunion. You'll see a list in this newsletter of those we've heard from so far. I just got Beetle Bailey's form and payment and forwarded it to Mike Hubbard. If you aren't on the list and are pretty sure you are coming, please let us know. Mike Hubbard is now the prime point-of-contact for all registration info and payments.

The Lallys were in St. Thomas last week. I told Pat to have Mike go by where we used to tie up see if the "Submarine Base" sign was still there. If so, I told him to steal it. Probably gone by now. I have a picture of Piper and five other boats tied outboard of one another on both sides of that pier. Quite a memory. But not as vivid as the time we left San Juan because the Puerto Rican nationalists were causing all sorts of hate and discontent. We rigged Med lights and were on alert even when we pulled into Charlotte Amalie. So, I'm on topside watch, late in the 3 to 11. I look back aft, and see a dark figure struggling to get up over the fantail. I hit the collision alarm, jack a .45 into the chamber, run back aft, and just as I'm ready to squeeze one off, the figure drops through the after room hatch. They traced the water trail into Hogan's Alley. Some unnamed shipmate, shit faced, had decided he needed a swim rather than that long hike up the pier from that Gin Mill that was there. Dumb bastard, I almost shot his sorry ass.

I hope that you will all consider attending the reunion. The next one won't be until 2010, and none of us is getting any younger.

Regards,

Frank Whitty
President in Search of a Replacement

USS Piper (SS409) Reunion

August 17-19, 2007 List of those planning to attend		
Shipmate Chuck Halbing	<u>Guest</u>	
Obie Hill		
Mike Bray	Bernadette	
Terry Welsh	Ann	
Jerry Holland		
Noah Monsour	Dolores	
Mike Hubbard	Fran	
Richard Collins		
William Bailey		
James King	Mary	



Smith, Auxiliaryman Mike Bray, EMFN and Charlie Patch, ICFN

Photo by Jim King



Radiomen—1957 Bobby Baker and Jerry Rodgers Photo courtesy of Jerry Rodgers



Red Lead Seamanship—1957 Joe Pow and Al Dube Photo courtesy of Jerry Rodgers



2007 Piper Reunion

Groton, CT 17-19 August 2007

Name:			
Address:			
City, State, Z	ip:		
Phone:Email address:			
Guest Name(s	s):		
Registration fee: (#)@10= \$			
Schedule and Pricing:			
Friday:	Welcome Aboard Party	(#) @ <u>15</u> = \$	
Saturday:	Breakfast	(#)@ <u>10</u> = \$	
	Lobster Bake Steak	(#)@ <u>48</u> _=\$	
	Lobster	(#)@ <u>48</u> = \$	
Banquet:	Buffet & Live Entertainment	(#)@ <u>22</u> _=\$	
Sunday:	Breakfast/Brunch	(#)@ <u>12</u> = \$	
Raffles:	50/50 Cash Saturday Night	(#)@ <u>5</u> =\$	
	Door Prize Friday Night	(#)@ <u>5</u> =\$	
Prizes:	Saturday Night	(#) @ <u>10</u> = \$	
		Total Payment Enclosed = \$	
	Early Registration Bonus Prize E If received by 1 May 2007	Entry 1 Free Ticket	
	check payable to Piper Association	1.	

Send this form and payment to:

Michael Hubbard 271 Elm Street New London, CT 06320

Ailing Shipmates

USS PIPER (SS409) SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL

			We have received name that the		
Name	Rate/Rank	Aboard Piper	On Eternal Patrol	We have received news that the following members are not feeling	
Harry "Greek" Alevras	CS2	1952 - 1956		up to par. Why not take the time	
Paul Baker		1944 - 1945	11 October 2006	to lift their spirits by sending them	
Wallace Barr	EN2	1957 - 1959		a card? They would love to hear	
M.G. "Duke" Bayne	LCDR (CO)	1955	2005	from an old shipmate!	
Edward L. Beach	LCDR (CO)	1945	2002	Robert Marble	
Hugh Bennett	ICC	1950 -	Deceased age 65	5345 Ashford Place	
Robert Bobowicz	IC3	1955 -	Deceased age 33	Sarasota, FL 34233-5379	
Gary Booth	SN	1954 - 1956	3 July 2006	(Knee replacement surgery)	
Lehman Bridges	RMSN	1953 -	Deceased age 65	Chester Skrocki	
	SDC		C	721 Evergreen Court	
Eugene Burt Jr		1956 -	Deceased age 54	Whiting, NJ 08759	
Joseph Butler	ICFN DM2	1955 -	Deceased age 62		
Billy H. Campbell	RM3	1954 -	Deceased age 57	Jim "Mother" Burke	
Charles Campbell	EN1	1952 -	Deceased age 77	78 Eagle Drive Whiting, NJ 08759	
William Carson	EN1	1953 -	Deceased age 71	Willing, 140 007 55	
Weldon Caudill	GM1	1952 -	Deceased age 84	News has been received of the	
Richard Cava	SN	1956 -	Deceased age 56	passing of the following ship-	
John J. Cichon Jr	ENC	1955 -	Deceased age 69	mates:	
Keith Cisewski	TM1	1958 - 1963		Irving Voyer passed away on	
Frank Clifford	HM1	1952 -	Deceased age 63	December 26, 2006	
George Connor	EN3	1956 -	Deceased age 59		
Robert Conradson	EN2	1951 -	Deceased age 74	J. Howard Plimpton passed away	
Edward Conwell	CS1	1956 -	Deceased age 85	on February 22, 2007	
Arthur Cooley			_	Sincere condolences go to family	
Quinton "Frenchy" Cormies	EM2	1963 - 1966		and friends.	
Herb Crane	LCDR (XO)	1964 - 1966	27 December 2004		
Arnold "Satch" Cross	QM2	1961 - 1966		Please notify us of the sickness	
Sheldon Davis	EN2	1955 -	Deceased age 82	or death of any association mem-	
Webster Davis	EN3	1955 -	Deceased age 66	ber.	
Robert Demming	EN1	1954 -	Deceased age 70		
Norman Dodge	ENC	1951 -	Deceased age 72	2 February 2007	
Stuart Duckstein	MM2	1955 -	Deceased age 52		
Jim "Crash" Evans	111112	1733	Deceased age 32	Dear Mike,	
Edward E. Everett	TM1	1963 - 1965		Chet Skrocki reporting in-	
Edward French	QM1	1955 -	Deceased age 75	отто отторить дать	
Thomas Frey	SO3	1953 -	Deceased age 50	Thank you for having my name in	
Ira Goldenberg	303	1933 -	Deceased age 50	The Piper Report on the sick list.	
_	ENI	1052	Deceased age 75	Had shoulder surgery and hip replacement in a 7 month period	
Raymond Grenier	FN	1953 -	Deceased age 75	and am feeling much better.	
Clyde Gray	SN	1956 -	Deceased age 81	and an estimate the second	
Donald Grimm	EN3	1953 -	Deceased age 66	I see where my old shipmate John	
Billy Groff	ETC	1956 -	Deceased age 74	Clarkin sent in a lot of stuff for the	
Paul Hamman	QM1	1951 -	Deceased age 77	report. I've met with him several times in A.C. lately and hope to	
Victor Hannan	ENC	1953 -	Deceased age 81	see him again soon.	
Ralph Harris	FN	1953 -	Deceased age 64	3	
Bob Harwood				Also see "Mother" Burke now and	
Raymond Hughes				then as he lives in the same town.	
Ed Hurley				Still write like a chicken because	
Raymond Jackson	FT3	1954 -	Deceased age 76	of my shoulder!	
Hugh Jamieson	CS2	1956 -	Deceased age 64	,	
Alexander Johnson	SN	1953 -	Deceased age 65	"Take Her Down"	
Jady Judy	QM1	1950 -	1995, age 68	Chat Clara alsi	
James Kane	EMFN	1952 -	Deceased age 78	Chet Skrocki	
Richard Kendall	TM2	1953 -	Deceased age 70	P.S. You may be getting a letter	
Robert Kerr	QM2	1953 -	Deceased age 72	from John Clarkin about an egg	
Elliot LaRose	EMC	1951 -	Deceased age 70	which he forgot about and I re-	
Floyd Laughrun	CS2	1950 -	Deceased age 70	minded him	
- J B w					

22 January 2007

Dear Mike,

In a phone conversation (20 January) with shipmate Chet Skrocki, I was grateful to hear that he is doing well after a lengthy period of surgery, etc.

As always we discuss our days aboard Piper during WWII. Chet inquired if I remembered the "egg incident", which of course I did. So for the record, the following data is from the Declassified Piper Patrol Report of Commander B.F. McMahon.

"2nd war patrol of U.S.S. Piper was conducted in the Kurile Island—Sea of Okhotsk area, 26 April to 13 June 1945."

"Departed Midway 26 April 1945, wolf pack known as Mac's Moppers en route to Polar Circuit, Commander B.F. McMahon in U.S.S. Piper, wolf pack commander."

"April 29, Lat 30-51N, Lon 173-22E, dived to 250 feet, settling once and for all the argument as to whether or not an egg can stand the pressure at this depth without breaking. Egg undamaged."

This amazing scientific experiment probably did little in contributing to the war's effort, but it certainly was beneficial to the crew's morale.

Commander McMahon was a great submarine skipper and we owe him our gratitude for allowing us to participate in this eggxemplary event.

Sincerely, John Clarkin

Grandma Faith's Tidbits of Life

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.

A good exercise for the heart is to bend down and help another up.

Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is a Mystery, Today is a Gift. That's why it's called: The Present.

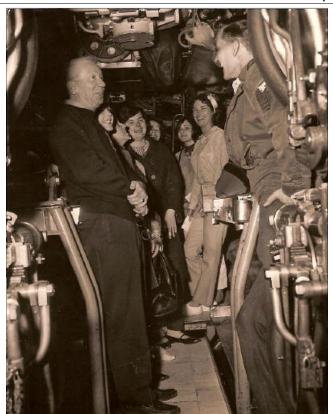
Life is what you make of it ... Kinda like Play-Doh

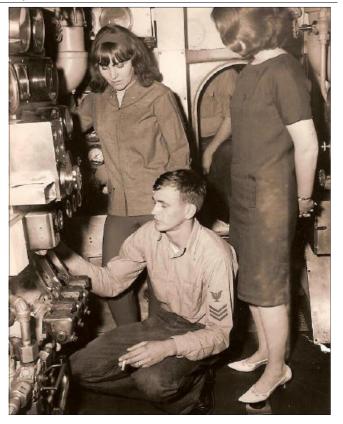
Pain and Suffering is inevitable, but Misery is optional.

The bubbling brook would lose its song if you removed the rocks.

USS PIPER (SS409) SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL

<u>Name</u>	Rate/Rank	Aboard Piper	On Eternal Patrol
Lester Lewis	ETC	1952 -	Deceased age 79
William A. Lindblad		1944	8 August 1995
Karl Lindquist	TM1	1953 -	Deceased age 75
John Lynch			· ·
Frank Mayo	EM1	1959 - 1963	27 December 2006
Frank Mazzuchi	QM1	1954 -	Lost with Scorpion
George McCabe	EM2	1956 -	Deceased age 62
Marvin McCamis	EM1	1953 -	Deceased age 80
Robert McClung	EN2	1951 -	Deceased age 68
James McCombs	TM1	1952 -	Deceased age 78
John McDonald	RM3	1954 -	
Lester "Shorty" McEwen		1953 -	Deceased age 77
John McLaughlin		1,00	2004
Stanley Mead	EM1	1955 -	Deceased age 62
William Metz	ENC	1952 -	Deceased age 72
John Mikolay	EN1	1953 -	Deceased age 67
Robert Monks	EM3	1951 -	Deceased age 07
Ed Moore	LIVIS	1931	
Oscar Moore	TM1	1955 -	Deceased age 69
Robert Moore	11/11	1933 -	3 October 2005
Hugh Moran	EN3	1956 - 1957	April 2006
	TMC (COB)	1930 - 1937	April 2000
Domminic "Joe" Negri Edward Packwood	EN1	1952 -	Daggard aga 90
	ENI	1932 -	Deceased age 80
Eugene Palladino	ENC	1060 1062	
Manuel "Manny" Paris	ENC	1960 - 1963	D
Glen Paxton	QMC	1955 -	Deceased age 76
John Pfusch	SO1	1956 -	Deceased age 66
Robert Cleve Pipe Jr	SN	1954 -	Deceased age 69
J. Howard Plimpton	ET3	1952 - 1953	22 February 2007
Melvin Ponton	F.T.2	1050	2005
Gerald Rescorla	ET2	1953 -	Deceased age 23
Edward Ritzhaupt	EN1	1955 -	Deceased age 74
Richard Rodgers	SN	1954 -	Deceased age 65
Donald Rogers	(88)		
Jim Rogers	(CO)		
Herbert Scheuing			
Gerald Sherman	SN	1952 -	Deceased age 66
Manuel Siso	CS2	1953 -	Deceased age 61
Franklin Snelgrove	HM1	1953 -	Deceased age 65
Robert "Brew" Taylor	TM1	1954 -	
Oneal Thaxton	SD1	1954 -	Deceased age 63
William Twiss	SA	1953 -	Deceased age 69
Irving Voyer	LTjg	1956 - 1957	26 December 2006
Kenneth Walker	SO2	1953 -	Deceased age 61
Ken "Sid" Westall		1961 -	
Edward Wilcox	QM1	1955 -	Deceased age 75
Lamar Williams	EN2	1956 -	
Barney Wixom	RMC	1953 - 1958	Deceased age 74
Jerome "Shorty" Wolters	TMC (COB)	1951 - 1957	
Leslie Wood	SN	1966 - 1967	4 December 2004
Donald Wright	ET1	1957 - 1958	December 2005
Jim Youtsey	CTM (COB)	1944 - 1945	
Donald Zechman	TM3	1956 -	Deceased age 65
Henry Zeigler	EN	1956 -	Deceased age 77
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USS PIPER Petticoat Cruise—Ca 1965-66

Here are some photos taken of a Dependents' Cruise during the 1965-66 timeframe. The photos were contributed by Mrs. Herbert Crane who's husband was XO of Piper at that time. Mr. Crane can be seen in the lower photo entertaining guests.

Piper Website Guest Book Entries

9 November, 2005

Robert F. Marble TMCS(SS) USS PIPER 1954 to 1960 redcon1sq@verizon.net

Came aboard in '54, "Shorty" Wolters TMC was COB and "Shorty" McEwen TM2 and Bill Medinger TM1 were forward and Robert "Brew" Taylor aft. CDR "Duke" Bayne was CO.

Rode her for almost 6 years, made Chief and later COB for two years. Ate many of "Mother" Burke's great meals. She was my first boat and the best of 'em all.

Got some sea stories to tell, too.

Donald Sullivan 213 Old Main St. South Yarmouth, MA 02664 508-394-7141 sullymcneil@verizon.net EM1 1956-58

13 December, 2005

5 January, 2006

Charlie Patch USS Piper 1960-61 lcpatch@charter.net

Mike - Kudos to you for your efforts in restructuring the Piper website as well as publishing "The Piper Report" newsletter.

15 January, 2006

Joe Brown USS Piper 1944-47 brownss125@aol.com

I served on Piper from 1944 to 1947, made 3rd war patrol. Nice website, you force me to pay my dues. Hope to see more in your guest book.

Joe Brown

18 January, 2006

Mike,

BZ for the beautiful job on the new web page. Piper and her crew were the best in the fleet as far as I am concerned!! Had a wonderful tour from '63 to '66. There were one or two bad times (I still don't like San Juan....) I'll dig around and see if I have anything worthy of posting.

Ralph (Zoomie) Norman ralph.norman@snet.net

19 January, 2006

Mike,

Recently received a copy of 'The Piper Report'. Great job. I had

forgotten that you were my Jr. Controllerman...thanks for the reminder. Several of our shipmates live within a couple hours from me. Bill Brann lives in Morgantown, PA about 45 minutes from me. Stash lives in Taylor (near Scranton), PA. Jim Burke lives in NJ about two hours from me. Recently visited with Charlie & Linda Patch in their new home located in Topsail, NC. Linda has done a great job with Charlie. Keep up the good work. John

John W. Donkus 1299 Asper Dr Boiling Springs, PA 17007 (717) 258-3102 john@donkus.com

5 February, 2006

William R. Hutterman EN1(SS) 1953-1954 georgiabill1@comcast.net

9 March, 2006

Larry Boutelle IC2(SS) USSPIPER 1953 to 1956 larryis70@aol.com

I went to my first Piper reunion at Groton in 2004. Wish I had known about the "Piper Association" sooner. My wife Barbara enjoyed the reunion very much and we plan on going to the one coming up in 2007. I didn't expect to know anyone there but I was surprised to see Al Dube, Rich Collins, Jim Delaney, Charlie Jones, Clyde Derricott, Bob Marble & Howard Clark. All these guys were aboard during my tour and it was a pleasure to see them again.

Since the last reunion, I've been busy tracking down other shipmates that had served aboard during the years 1952 thru 1956. So far I have found the following guys: Ross Morrison, Robert Batscher, Norbert Rolnicki, Richard Hartfeilder, Noah Monsour, Gary Booth, John Draghe, Harold Ebright, Jack Drennan, William Hutterman, Glendon Laningham, Leo Masterson, George McQuillan & Jimmy Mohon. I have been sending these guys info about the "Piper Association" and some pictures of the ship's parties from 1954, 56 & 57 along with muster logs, hoping they can I.D. some of the folks in the pictures.

I am trying to talk these guys into joining the "Piper Association" and coming to future reunions. If anyone wants more info on the people mentioned above, contact me at my E-mail shown above.

Keep up the good work "Webmaster", I'm sure we all enjoy and appreciate your efforts.

> Signing off for now, Larry Boutelle

Piper Stuff

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Name: Address City, Sta Email A Phone:	ite, Zip:			
<u>QTY</u>	ITEM Piper Pin (\$1.00 postage) 60th Anniversary Mug Piper Cap 1999 Reno T-Shirt Size: M, XL	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>@</u> \$5.00 \$18.00 \$15.00 \$15.00	<u>TOTAL</u>
	Long Sleeve Denim Shirt Size: M(1), L(10), XL(3)		\$32.00	
	Short Sleeve Cotton Golf Shirt Red: L, XL White: L, XL Navy Blue: L, XL Forest Green: L, XL		\$25.00 \$25.00 \$25.00 \$25.00	
	PATCHES 13,724 Dives WWII Jap Flag White Hat Design		\$6.00 \$6.00 \$6.00	
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Total En	closed:			
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http://webpages.charter.net/usspiper/index.html















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 moneys go 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 <u>paid</u> member of the Piper Association.

USS Piper (SS409) Veteran's Association Membership/Renewal Form

Send form and payment to:

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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
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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.

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 pages 4 and 5 of this edition of The Piper Report. Larry did research on the crew members that were on board Piper during his tour of duty.

An updated list will be included in The Piper Report from time to time. The list can also be accessed by a link on the menu bar of the USS Piper Veteran's Association website. http://webpages.charter.net/usspiper/index.html

Obituaries, where available, are included in Newspaper Clippings which can be accessed by a link on the News page of the website.

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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Or via email to: mikebray@chartermi.net

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The Piper Report

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USS Piper (SS409) Great boat, great crew!



The Piper Report

Material for The Piper Report

We are always looking for photos, sea stories and memorabilia to print in the newsletter and put in our albums. If you have anything, please send it to me, Mike Bray, W3821 Waucedah Road, Vulcan, MI 49892-8483 or mikebray@chartermi.net

Email attachments are welcome, you can send scanned photos and material formatted with software in the Microsoft Office suite.

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

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

Jim "Crash" Evans' website is no longer on the internet. We are in the process of building a new site, but need your help. Please send photos, sea stories, news, etc., to: mikebray@chartermi.net Please provide as much information about the photos as you can.

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