

**USS NAUTILUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.
NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER**

From The NAAI President

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and myself, I wish to thank you for your support during the past election.

This is a difficult time to conduct NAAI business and meet our objectives to our organization and the endowment. It is our wish that all members feel that we are all together in meeting the challenges ahead. We have an excellent Board of Directors and have already met the goal of updating the Bylaws for the NAAI.

Those elected to the 2020-2022 Board of Directors for the Nautilus Alumni Association are:

President, Robert Childs, robertdchilds@gmail.com, 865-384-6106

Vice President, Robert Boyce, rwbsenior42@aol.com

Secretary, Wanda Sells, wandasells@gmail.com, 303-888-7864

Treasurer, Doug Turner, doug101010@gmail.com, 615-499-0170

We welcome contributions, ideas, etc. from the membership. Please feel free to contact us at any time. It is your contributions to the NAAI that will make it a success.

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Childs, II MM2(SS) '66-69'
NAAI President

Board of Directors Biographies

Robert D. Childs, President, 1966-1969, MM2

Reported to USS Nautilus (SSN-571) in July 1966

Served three (3) years on Nautilus.

Qualified in submarines November 1967.

Served as NAAI Treasurer for four years.

Served as Reunion Co-Chairman 2010 and Reunion Chairman 2012.

Naval career seven (7) years active duty.

Nineteen years active Reserve.

Retired as MMC(SS)

Robert Boyce, Vice President, 1966-1969 LT/Asst. Elec. & Eng

My three years on Nautilus including Submarine qualification, engineer qualification, at sea collision, fires while North of the Arctic Circle, a 100 day refueling that lasted 17 months, fresh lobster from beneath the ship, and many more opportunities on how to be a good engineer and ultimately a good CO.

Wanda Sells, Secretary, Married to James E. Sells, 1965-1969 MM1 SS

Jim was assigned to the Nautilus January, 1965 right after we were married. I met him while he was going to Nuclear Power School in Idaho. Our adventures on the Nautilus were amazing but at the time just doing “life” not realizing what an historical adventure we were on. I went to sea on the Nautilus on a wife’s crew. The biggest event was when the boat went to Bermuda a few wives and I also went and met the guys there and had a great few days. Right after our return from Bermuda was when the boat had her collision with the Essex. My father in Idaho and Jim’s mother in Indiana were notified the ship was gone. I had no idea. The pictures tell an amazing story. During Jim’s tenure on the Nautilus I worked in the accounting department for EBASCO building Millstone Nuclear Power Station #1. I was there from ground up starting work in an old wooden house that had a “shady lady” history!! Jim was discharged from the Nautilus May, 1969 where we started civilian life. We have two boys and family life was full of skiing, golf, hiking, camping, soccer, baseball, basketball, lacrosse and wrestling and riding our Harleys!. I got involved in the real estate industry and ended up retiring from Wells Fargo as a mortgage lender after 23 years. I retired 7 years ago and fill my days with golf, bridge and family. In 2004 we got a call from Jeff Roberts, MMI, 1966-1970 and Bob Holst, 1C1, 1965-1969 telling us the 50th Anniversary of the Nautilus was that summer and we had to start attending. Our lives have never been the same. Reconnecting with people we knew back then, meeting new people and just getting involved changed our lives forever. I had the pleasure and distinction of being chairperson of the 2018 PANOPO reunion. We were able to bring our children and grandchildren. They knew about Nautilus but never realized the historical impact on our family. I am honored to be the Secretary of this amazing organization. She is truly the First and the Finest.

Doug Turner, Treasurer, Decommissioning Crew . 1978-1980, QM3

Doug was part of the team that had the privilege of ending a career of a great boat. I’m sure he has many stories to tell. Doug has been the treasurer of the NAAI for the past two years and we are thankful that he has agreed to continue for the next two year term. It takes a lot of time and commitment to serve on the board but it is also very rewarding.

Pat Anderson, Scholarship Chairperson, Widow of Commander William R. Anderson, PANOPO, 1957-1959

Pandemics have occurred throughout history but until covid-19, no living person in the year 2020, had actually experienced a rapid world-wide spreading of a devastating, seemingly uncontrollable virus like covid-19. My heart goes out to the Nautilus Alumni who have experienced the loss of a loved one, sickness, or otherwise greatly affected negatively by this disease. Thankfully, the hopeful signs of our return to normalcy are evident and no more so than the start of the traditional Fall to Spring Nautilus scholarship season (October 15 through March 15) and the coming out of spouses and descendants of Nautilus alumni seeking higher education and occupational training applying for Nautilus Educational Assistance Fund (“NEAF”) scholarships.

To date, two students have begun the on-line application process for the 2020-2021 season and we hope that grows to about fifteen process. The Dolphin Scholarship Foundation (“DSF”) controls the entire process for the NAAI, from collection of application information to selection of awardees. Yours truly stands by to assist and encourage students when requested. Just send an email to patanderson@nautilustrilogy.com.

Belated congratulations to scholarship winners of the past two scholarship seasons. In Spring 2019, Kelsey D’Amico, the great-granddaughter of Lyle “Doggie” Rayl, received a \$3400 scholarship. Kelsey was the valedictorian of her high school class and now attends Purdue University where she is on the dean’s list and serves as the quartermaster on the Purdue crew club. Sean Elliott, great-grandson of ADM Steve White, also received a \$3400 scholarship. Sean placed second in Mathematics at the Texas Science Fair, qualified for the USA Mathematics Olympiad, and participates in research while attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

NEAF awarded only one \$3400 scholarship in Spring 2020 and that went to the great-granddaughter of RADM Paul Early, Ms. Chloe Castro. Chloe graduated high school with honors and plans to study psychology and pre-law.

I encourage the 2020-2021 scholars to peruse the website dolphinscholarship.org and follow the Scholarship links to the Nautilus link to register. DSF will confirm with NAAI eligibility of student’s sponsor and subsequently provide instructions to the student on how to proceed.

The NEAF is fully funded to support at least one scholarship a year, but if we are to expand the program, additional donations, regardless of size, are welcome. Please send your NEAF contribution to Doug Turner, NAAI treasurer, 127 Natchez Drive, Hendersonville, TN 37075 and join the list of NEAF supporters.

DOLPHIN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION



CHLOE M. CASTRO

Selected: 2020

Sponsor: RADM Paul J. Early, USN (Ret.)

High School: The Woodlands High School

College: Trinity University

Major: Psychology and Pre-Law

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Graduate with Honors
- Community Volunteer



Quote:

"The people who served aboard the Nautilus did so, so I can have a better life. This scholarship allows me to continue that legacy, so I can apply the skills I learn in college to better my country and world."

Scholarship:

NAUTILUS SCHOLARSHIP



DOLPHIN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Kelsey D'Amico

Selected: 2019

Sponsor: Great-Grandfather, Lyle Rayl

High School: Haddam-Killingworth

College: Purdue University

Year: Sophomore

Major: Animal Sciences, Pre-Veterinary
Medicine

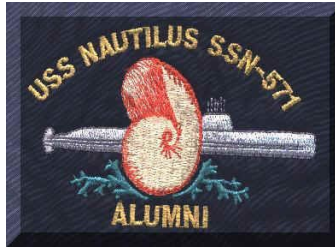


Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Valedictorian of Haddam-Killingworth High School Class of 2018
- Quartermaster of Purdue Crew Club
- Volunteer at Purdue University's Large Animal Veterinary Hospital
- Dean's List
- Veterinary Scholar at Purdue University

Quote: Being a Nautilus Scholar represents a meaningful connection between two important parts of my life—my family and service to others. I'm so appreciative of my Great-Grandfather, Lyle "Doggy" Rayl, and I feel fortunate to be able to honor his legacy.

USS Nautilus Scholar



NAUTILUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED SCHOLAR

Sean Elliott

Selected: 2019

Sponsor: ADM Steven A. White, USN (Ret.)

High School: Magnolia Academy

College: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Year: Freshman

Major: Mathematics

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Received 2nd Place in Mathematics at the Texas Science Fair
- Qualified for the USA Mathematics Olympiad
- 2019 Graduate of Magnolia Academy
- Will Participate in Research While Attending MIT

Quote: “I am truly honored to be selected for the Nautilus Scholarship. This award will help me greatly in continuing my education. I see it as a recognition of my academic achievements so far, and I hope to live up to the reputation of past scholarship winners.”



USS NAUTILUS SSN 571 FACEBOOK PAGE

Right after the 2018 Nautilus Reunion Theresa Murphy Hall, daughter-in-law of Roger Hall, PANOPO, 58-60 CS3, started a Facebook Page for all Nautilus Crew Members and their families to share their stories and memorabilia . This page is remarkable. If you have yet to join please notify me so you can see what you are missing. Those that want to join our page are researched by Bret Strode, 77-80, STS3. Bret, Theresa and I are the only administrators on the page. We have very strict guidelines only allowing USS Nautilus information. No jokes, politics, religion, etc. are allowed. I really hope you join us. It is pretty special. Email me if you want to join and I will send you a request.

USS NAUTILUS REUNION

Because of the pandemic we have to wait until the Governor of Connecticut allows large public gatherings again.

As Bob Childs said in the beginning, we are happy to be back on board and looking forward to communicating with you on a regular basis. We also want to hear from you. Please consider becoming an active member of the NAAI Board. Right now I need a Membership Chairperson. Someone to help find those crew members and members that have not joined the NAAI. There are a lot of "missing" members that we would like to research and find.

We need a Communications Director. Someone that can communicate NAAI news and events to the membership.

We also need a techie that can put up a Website for the Nautilus. So please consider getting involved. It is an amazing and rewarding way to reconnect.

Stay safe and please stay in touch.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

Wanda Sells
NAAI Secretary

