

Buddy Line



Fraternal Order of Underwater Swimmers School, Key West, Florida

DON STONE



May 30, 1930 to July 17, 2019

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School Officers**



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**DONALD STONE HMCS**

SEAL Team 2 Plank Owner

FO/UWSS Plank Owner

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Don Stone passed away at home in Boca Raton, Florida at age 89, after a month-long fight with a MRSA infection. Born in Philadelphia, PA to Edward and Elizabeth Stone, Don preferred to escape the city to fish and hunt in the woods, becoming a lifelong nature lover. His passion for the ocean started at age 17 with a fourteen day Naval Reserve training cruise from Philadelphia to Puerto Rico.

The Korean War sparked his switch to the regular Navy where he served as medic with the Marine Corps. His next tour, at the Naval Hospital in Key West, introduced him to diving, and he was hooked. After Deep Sea Diving School and a tour on the USS Marietta, he served as instructor at the Navy Underwater Swimmer School Key West. While in Key West, he met the love of his life, Ardyth Dodson; they married in 1960.

Transferred to the newly-created SEAL Team 2 in Little Creek, Virginia, Don enjoyed the challenges and the excitement of the training and operations. Called back to desk duty in New Orleans, he kept up his diving qualifications with dives in the muddy Mississippi River. After his last tour as an instructor at the West Coast SEAL training facility in California, Don retired from the Navy in 1970, and the family moved to Boca Raton with a five-year-old son and five-month-old daughter.

Switching from Navy divers to middle school students, Don taught science at A.D. Henderson University School for 23 years. He shared his love of nature with his students, and encouraged them to appreciate and protect the environment. Year after year, his students voted him their favorite teacher. In 1993, the Palm Beach County School District agreed, naming him "Teacher of the Year." Additionally, he was active in civic life, serving as chairman of Boca Raton's Environmental Advisory board, which selected

DON STONE:



environmentally-sensitive properties within the city to be acquired or preserved. He was also a long-time member of the city's Marine Advisory Board where he facilitated the installation of mooring buoys to protect the reefs.

Don was often aboard his boat fishing, or diving in the waters off Boca Raton. He and his wife travelled the globe, making friends wherever they went. Don helped establish the Fraternal Order of Underwater Swimmers School, Key West, an organization of Navy divers who trained or taught at the school. He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Ardyth, his son Donald Gregg and grandchildren Adam and Carlie of Boca Raton, his daughter Susan Elizabeth of Berlin, Germany, and his brother Robert of Media, PA.



What do you remember about Don Stone at UWSS or at Reunions?

Send them to buddyline@uwss.org

To honor Don Stone and his contribution to the UWSS, other memories from the UWSS that were sent for this issue, will be saved for the November issue of the BuddyLine.



DON STONE:





I deeply regret hearing of the passing of Don Stone. I had the honor of being one of his many students at UWSS.

As I think back about my experiences at UWSS and later at EOD school; then on to the 6th and 7th fleet deployments, Don was one of my greatest instructors. His contributions whether as a trainer of young men to become divers, and after his naval service to head the Communications with the BuddyLine newsletter – which he and Art started after the UWSS closing at Key West FL in 1973 – Don demonstrated outstanding dedication to his students and to UWSS.

We need more instructors like DON if we are to be the leaders of the Free World.

DICK PETERSON
UWSS 5-61



DON STONE:





CLARENCE ELLSWORTH PROVAZNIK:

Born December 29, 1929 and died May 27, 2019. Buried and last city is Virginia Beach, VA. Princess Ann Memorial Park on Great Neck Road.

He left behind his wife of 64 years, Barbara Provaznik. Two children Marianne Provaznik and Denis Provaznik. 1 grandchild, Jacqueline Juliano and 2 great grandchildren Giovanni and Gia Juliano.

Retired from the Navy and the City of Norfolk (housing inspector).

Loved working with stained glass, growing vegetables, making all kinds of things with his hands. He loved his dog, Fred, a basset hound. Season ticket holder to Norfolk Admirals Hockey team for 30 years. Devoted husband.

MIKE PREBULA:

Passed away on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at his home. He was born to Josephine Peele Prebula and Andrew P. Prebula, Jr. on November 3, 1951 at Fort Bragg, NC, and raised in Montrose, PA and Goldsboro, NC.

Master Sergeant (retired) Prebula was a decorated and patriotic soldier. He served 8 years in the U.S. Navy where he was a Navy Diver, Navy Seal Team 2 UDT 21, and memorably served as a plank member on the USS Hewitt out of San Diego, CA. Prebula then served his country with the Kansas Army National Guard as a

recruiter until retirement. He was awarded a Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3rd Award), Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (3rd Award), Navy Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 3, Navy Combat Action Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Award, Scuba Diver Badge, United States Navy Parachute Insignia, US Army Gold Recruiter Badge, and Career Counselor Badge.

Michael served 17 years as a boilermaker between and after military stints and was a retired Union Boilermaker out of Local 83, Kansas City, MO.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Janet Moore Prebula, and second wife, Sheila Perkins Prebula. He is survived by his son, Nicholas Prebula and his wife Vickie, and his grandsons Douglas and Mikey Prebula of Mulvane, KS; and his siblings, Mary Prebula of Atlanta, GA; and George Prebula and his wife Pamela of Hillsborough, NC; and many extended family.

FROM THE MAIL BAG:



EMPTY REPORT
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ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS See Part B, Chapter 2, BuPers Manual
U.S.S. CADMUS (AR-14)

26 MAY 60: Advanced to 1913 effective 16 MAY 60. For advancement eligibility service in pay grade computed from 16 MAY 60. AUTH: 110C 1tr 1-60 of 1 APR 60. Authority received 15 APR 60.

M. H. Mc Donald
M. H. MC DONALD, LTJG, USNR
ASST PERS OFF, RT DIR OF THE C.O.

NOV 18 1960 Qualified SCUBA DIVER this date and assigned enlisted (DV) designator and NEC 5343 Maximum depth to which qualified: 130 feet.

R. A. Enders
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Lieutenant, U. S. Naval Reserve
Executive Officer

RECORD OF TRANSFER

DATE TRANSFERRED: 14 OCT 1960 ACTIVITY TO WHICH TRANSFERRED: C. O., U.S. NAVAL SCHOOL 1, UNDERWATER SWIMMERS, U.S. NAVAL BASE KEY WEST, FLORIDA

PURPOSE OF TRANSFER (OUT, INSTRUCT, ENG): SCUBA DIVER SCHOOL

PRIMARY OR CODE: 5313

REASON FOR SPECIAL PROGRAM AIR CODE: 0000

FOR USE OF INTERESTED AGENCIES REPORTING STATIONS (If appropriate):

U.S. NAVAL SCHOOL UNDERWATER SWIMMERS
U.S. NAVAL BASE KEY WEST, FLORIDA

REPORTED: 21 OCT 4 1960

DEPARTED: 19 NOV 18 1960

NAME (Last, First, Middle): MULLENEX
DAVID

DATE REPORTED: 14 OCT 1960

REPORTED BY: R. A. ENDERS
Lieutenant, U. S. Naval Reserve

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS: 1913

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BRANCH AND CLASS: USN

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from new member David Mullenex class of November 1960



by Ken Recoy

MEMBERSHIP JULY 31, 2019

Members in database = 281

Members in good standing = 228

We have had 4 new members join us in the last Quarter:

- Hunter Kennedy, US Navy 1958-81, staff at UWSS
- Mike Swafford, USAF Pararescue, Class of October 1965
- David K. Mullenex, Class of November 1960, went on to 2nd Class diving school
- James Sanders, Class of May 1969

TREASURER'S REPORT

Account Balance:

May 1, 2019 \$17,474.92

Dues Income	+ \$457.39
Label Fees Income	+ \$15.00
Logo Gear Sales Income	+ \$867.80
Other (Donations) Income	+ \$0.00

Reunion Expenses	- \$0.00
Logo Gear Expenses	- \$1,093.99
BuddyLine Expenses	- \$63.89
Business Expenses	- \$188.10

Account Balance:

July 31, 2019 \$17,469.13

Wonder if you are up to date on your dues? Contact Ken at kenrecoy@aol.com or 620-305-9900 and he will let you know.

1. We are in need of a volunteer to be our FO UWSS Chaplain. If you are able to serve, please let us know.

2. Our FO UWSS 2020 Reunion Committee is working hard. Dave Gholson is our Reunion Chair. We should know something soon.

3. Don't forget about our FO UWSS Logo Wear Program. Jim Houle is our Logo Wear Chair and he is doing a great job! You can order by going to the UWSS Website or by sending an email to me at kenrecoy@aol.com And you can pay by check, PayPal or cash. My address is in this Buddyline and on the Website.

4. Please be sure to kindly pay your "Label fees" if you want to continue to receive the Buddyline by regular mail. Label Fees are \$5.00 per year.

5. UWSS Graduating Class pictures. If you do not see your Class picture on the UWSS Website, please send in a copy for the FO UWSS Archives. I am currently in the process of copying our Archives into the electronic file.

6. Please be sure to reach out to your UWSS buddies and check on each other from time to time. None of us are getting any younger and it is always good to hear from a brother.

If I can help with a question about FO UWSS give me a call anytime. Stay in touch. HooYah! Ken Recoy 620-305-9900

UWSS Graduation Class March 1972
Submariner and US Navy Diver.



Beefy-T t-shirt
\$25.00 each

white or ash gray, large logo back, small logo pocket
Sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL*

Long sleeved t-shirt
\$28.00 each

white or ash gray, large logo on back,
small logo on front (no pocket)
Sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL*

Polo shirt 50/50 cotton/poly
\$28.00 each

white or ash gray, small logo on pocket.
Sizes M, L, XL, XXL*

Pique polo all cotton
\$29.00 each

birch gray, embroidered logo left front (no pocket)
Sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL*

Blue denim shirt, short sleeves
\$38.00 each

embroidered logo above pocket
Sizes M, L, XL, XXL*

**All shirts size XXL add \$2.00 ea*

Cap – natural with logo
\$20.00 each

Baseball cap – blue, embroidered logo
\$30.00 each

Cap \$3.00 less if ordered with shirt

Embroidered Patch
\$12.00 each

UWSS logo decal – transparent or white
\$3.00 each

UWSS commemorative coin
\$12.00 each

enameled brass, raised design,
1 5/8 inch diameter

UWSS all-service commemorative coin
\$15.00 each

enameled brass, raised design, 2 inch diameter

Key Chain with enameled logo medallion
\$10.00 each

Make check to FO/UWSS

Send with order to Ken Recoy, Treasurer
25810 East 330 Road.
Chelsea, OK 74016-5262

Questions? e-mail: jhoule@me.com
or phone (352) 249-9140

*All logo items are pictured on the web site
www.uwss.org/LogoGear.html*



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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 U.S. Naval Underwater Swimmers School Key West, Florida from 1954 to 1973.

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

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