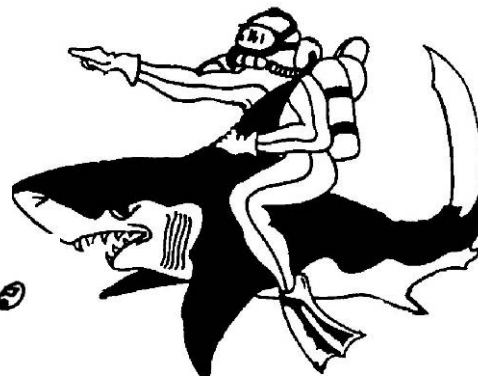


# Buddy Line



---

Newsletter of Fraternal Order of Underwater Swimmers School

---

November 2001

---

## President's Corner by Don Stone

Berny Diggs' publicity campaign is paying off. Many former students and staff are contacting us as a result of these reunion notices. Berny's article in the American Legion magazine has been most productive. We are reaching many guys that didn't know the FO/UWSS existed and are very interested in joining.

A table at Muster wasn't approved by the UDT/SEAL Museum board but Jim Barnes, the association president, offered some space in their newsletter. As a result of that article, I got a couple of interesting emails. One was from Philip J. Koehler, plank owner XO of UWSS with Robert Fay, the first CO, back in 1954. The second was from Bill Baker HMC/DV retired, who worked with me at BUDS Coronado in 1969-70.

The FO has purchased a variety of items with the UWSS logo – T-shirts, polos, caps and coffee mugs. They will be available at the reunion and by mail. These items will be sold at cost plus shipping and handling. We don't want to make money at this, just provide a service to our members.

During Muster, Jim "Patches" Watson and Jim Wallace provided us a place at Little Jim's Bridge, a well known night spot and Seal/UDT "watering hole" in Ft. Pierce, to display and sell our logo items and recruit members. Dee Clark, Luellen Fain and I handed out copies of the Buddy Line and sold T-shirts, caps and mugs to attendees. We sold over half the things we bought and spread the word to a lot of people about FO/UWSS. There was lots of good country cooking, with beverages of your choice, a raffle and good music enjoyed by all.

We must turn in the reunion room reservation lists by Jan 15 for the COQ/BOQ and March 1 for the Navy Lodge. There are still openings, but after the lists are turned in, you are on your own. Send me your name, rank and SSN for a reservation.

See accommodations information on page 3.

## Happy Holidays to All from Don and Art



## Reunion Update

May is only a few months away now and the reunion details are pretty well ironed out. Bob Clark is taking care of many of the details on site and Berny Diggs has gotten reunion notices in numerous service publications.

Membership cards will be available for those members that attend the May 2002 reunion. Those that can't make it will get their cards when they send in their dues payment. Individuals who register for the reunion by March 30 will receive special reunion coffee mugs with their name, UWSS logo and Reunion 2002 Little Creek, Va. Mugs will be available for pick up at the Focsle Club at check in.

Visits to active duty components of special warfare or EOD aren't looking too promising because of their operational commitments and additional security requirements, but time will tell.

See the reunion schedule on page 3.

## UWSS LOGO ITEMS

Over half of the logo items we purchased were sold at Muster. The rest of them are available by mail at cost plus shipping. Prices below include shipping costs.



### **Beefy-T t-shirt without pocket**

*Large logo on back, small logo on front*

White	12.00
Ash gray	14.00

### **Polo shirt, 3 buttons & collar**

*Logo on pocket only*

White	20.00
-------	-------

### **Caps**

Natural	10.00
---------	-------

### **Coffee Mugs**

10.00

Only large and extra large shirts available now. Packaging and shipping costs, included in above prices, are about \$4.00 per item. If you order multiple items, the shipping charges will be reduced. Contact Don Stone for more information, or to order. These items and more will also be available at the reunion. We will have white and ash gray T-shirts with pockets, small sizes, and kids sizes available.



Making chief has its good points and bad points.

## Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Membership 11/15/01

69 paid members

4 paid FO/UWSS Boosters

47 associate members

Dues received	275.00
Buddy Line expense	-110.92
Logo items for resale	-800.00
Logo item sales at Muster	487.00
Account Balance 11/15/01	1,300.18

## FO/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/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/UWSS Officers

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

Buddy Line editors are Don and Art Stone.

e-mail: [stonefish7@cs.com](mailto:stonefish7@cs.com) or [uwssbuddyline@cs.com](mailto:uwssbuddyline@cs.com)

snail mail: 1440 S.W. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Boca Raton, FL 33432

phone: (561) 391-6727 fax: (509) 472-6492

**From the editors:** We are still looking for your stories and pictures. Material will be returned to you if requested.

Doc Riojas has requested that contributions to the FO/UWSS archive be sent to him at 4819 Meadowglen Dr., Pearland, TX 77584. Or e-mail him at [elticitl@mi-vida-loca.com](mailto:elticitl@mi-vida-loca.com)

## Reunion Accommodations On Amphib Base

### Navy Lodge

The new Navy Lodge has beautiful large rooms with kitchenettes for \$64.00 per day. Retired individuals can make reservations one month in advance. Phone numbers are 800-628-3335 and 757-464-6215. They will hold 25 rooms for us. We have to send them a room list for these saved rooms, so if you want to stay there, email or write Don Stone (address on page 2) with name, rank, social security number, and number of guests for each room. We must have this information by March 1, 2002.

### BOQ/CBQ

These are very nice recently renovated accommodations with microwave and refrigerator and are quite inexpensive. They are holding 25 for us. If you want to stay there, email Don Stone ASAP with name, rank, social security number, and number of guests for each room. The early birds get this one.....

### Campground

Wooded sites with full hookup and cable TV. There are restrooms, a playground and laundry facilities. If you want to stay there, contact Don Stone early.

## Reunion Accommodations Elsewhere

### Ft. Story

RV campground and cottages are available but you must reserve early. They take reservations up to a year in advance. Phone 757-422-8818.

### Dam Neck Fleet Combat Center

The Navy Lodge has 50 units, slightly more expensive than Little Creek. Phone 757-437-8100.

### Nearby Hotels

Howard Johnson's (Shore Drive)	800-446-4656
Comfort Inn (Shore Drive)	800-228-5150
Days Inn (Northampton Blvd)	800-325-2525
Roadway Inn (Northampton Blvd)	757-460-3414
Lake Wright Motel (Northampton Blvd)	800-228-5157

## Reunion Schedule

Friday afternoon – Stop by the Focsle Club to check in and have a cool one.

Friday evening – Ice-breaker in the Gallery Room of the Focsle Club with substantial hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, beer and wine. Very casual.

Saturday – Visits to Special Warfare, EOD or diving activities, dependent on operation commitments.

Saturday evening – Banquet with guest speakers.

Sunday morning – Continental breakfast followed by a business meeting.

Note: Saturday and Sunday morning schedules may be switched, dependent on when we can visit active duty components.

Bring all of your class pictures and other photos from UWSS. We will have a scanner and computer to scan them in for future issues of the Buddy Line and they will eventually go to the FO historian.



The class's morning run through Key West was for some guys the only time they saw Duval Street in day light - and in sharp focus. If you look closely at the picture, you will see they are passing a Key West historic site, Sloppy Joe's Bar.

## 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 Gamer St., Nacogdoches, TX. 75961

### The way it was....



Trip to Demo Island April 1958 – sent by Art Dahlgren

### Scuttlebut Corner

Chris Seger has contacted eleven of his former classmates from May 1961. Several have already joined the FO and others are in the process of joining. Two out of this group of young EOD ensigns stayed in the Navy and had very successful careers. Both retired as O6. Joe Kennedy stayed with EOD and was a CO of the EOD school and tech center. Bruce Hulbert, after a tour as an EOD officer, went "Line", serving as a senior advisor to the Vietnam's River Interdiction/Patrol Division. Then XO and CO of two destroyers. After that to the Pentagon as Staff Chief of Naval Operations for Ship Moderation and maintenance and finally financial manager of the fleet modernization program.

Fraternal Order of Underwater Swimmers School  
Buddy Line Newsletter  
1440 S. W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Boca Raton, FL 33432