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Hi Richard,

Enclosed is my application for membership, please note I have not listed Any events for the reunion. I intend to attend the Banquet Dinner, but must contact my son so see if he will attend with me. On a side note, I see that you have scheduled a visit to the Submarine Cold War Memorial at Patriots Point. If you are not aware of it, its comprised of the Sail, Sail Planes and Rudder of the USS Lewis and Clark (SSBN-644). On a cold day in 1995 I believe that is the correct year. I was on the pier at the SC Ports Authority Columbus Street Terminal when I observed the pieces being off loaded from a container ship. Being the curious type I went over and inspected them. To my surprise I recognized them as the former USS Lewis and Clark a submarine I was very familiar with, as I was its ships superintendent when the USS Canopus was in Rota. I inquired to its destination and was informed it going to go to Patriots Point as part of a memorial, but they had no were to store it till funds were available. I contacted my employer Loy Steward of Detyens Ship Yard and he offer to store them. Little did we know that it would be a long storage. Every day for years I was asked by my fellow superintendents when that pile of scrap metal was going to be removed from the shipyard. It became known as Meisburger's Folly. Oh what a happy day it was, when it was cleaned up and reassemble at Patriots Point as the beautiful Memorial it became. I am looking forward to the reunion, I spent many happy days on her. I was sadden to leave her. I served on four more ships after her. Retiring from the last active Sub tender in the Fleet The USS Frank Cable AS 40. I'm looking forward to meeting you, I will send in my reservation count as possible.

Regards,
Bill Meisburger

