

Cold War Memorial

A great gathering again! Reunions are wonderful experiences as we recall the past and tell of our current activities after leaving the Canopus. There is nothing like good old sea stories. Personally, I never get tired of them.

This is a unique reunion because we are honored and have the privilege of meeting our shipmates from the old USS Canopus, their wives and family members. The stories that they can tell bring sadness to our minds as we try to focus on the hardships they endured. They bear witness that we, too, can be a survivor in all our experiences of life. They would say - enjoy each day to its fullness.

Our visit to the Cold War Submarine Memorial indicates once again the dedication of service members to carry out their mission assignments, which at times many crew members did not fully understand.

It was these mission assignment accomplishments that allowed President Ronald Reagan to stand at the Berlin Wall and say "tear down these walls".

These Cold War submarine assignments assisted our nation to bring an end to the Cold War between two great powers at that time in our history.

In the Book of Worship for the U. S. Armed Forces there is a song entitled: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save". One of the verses is dedicated to submariners. It says:

Lord God, our power evermore,
Whose arm doth reach the ocean floor,
Dive with our men beneath the sea,
Traverse the depths protectively.
O hear us when we pray, and keep
Them safe from peril in the deep".

Let us take a minute to silently remember those shipmates that we shared our lives with and have passed away.

[bow head and wait 1 minute]

Enjoy the reunion and remember our service members who are actively securing peace in our world.