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Dear Clamagore 343,

My name is Ryan Todesco. I grew up hearing stories about all of the great friends and families of the Clamagore 343 - as my grandparents, Hal and Kris Tattow, have attended every year since I can remember.

When I was 7, I had the pleasure of attending the 2005 Clamagore Reunion in Charleston, SC. This was an amazing experience. Not only did I get to tour the Clamagore, but my grandfather had carved Dolphin pins out of wood and Mr. Ulmer (who was the Captain when my grandfather served), presented those pins to my brother and I in a short pinning ceremony on the deck of the Clamagore. This was an incredible and unforgettable experience - especially seeing how Captain Ulmer literally pinned the dolphins to my chest - fortunately, being so young I just assumed a little blood was part of the ritual and kept smiling!

Although the cramped and confined space of the Clamagore did not intrigue me to join the Navy, I am following in my grandfathers footsteps and studying to become a firefighter. I am a life member of the Clamagore 343 and was one of the first to receive a Clamagore Scholarship. I just wanted to send this small token of my appreciation for your generosity and to let you know how meaningful and appreciated your scholarship has been to me - and I am sure to everyone who has received one. Please put this book fold in this years reunion auction in the hopes of helping to raise a little money towards the Clamagore Scholarship Fund. The book is not quite as good a read as an Ulmer original, however, it is a good story about the finding and investigation of an unidentified sunken WWII German U-Boat found off of the coast of New Jersey.

Thank You very much for your service and also for your continued support.



 Ryan Todesco