

Remembering Walt Hubbell

At the request of Captain Don Ulmer, the following tribute to Captain Walt Hubbell is forwarded to All Hands. Captain Ulmer qualified on the USS Clamagore as an ET3(SS), was XO on the USS Corporal, and then returned to USS Clamagore as the CO.

Serving as Walt's XO from December '66 to April '67 was indeed a high point. The skipper had much experience to pass on and he did so generously. I went to my own command much better prepared because of Walt's good hand. Many valuable lessons accompanied me there and later. Many of us share this good feeling of having served under Walt.

Crew morale is not a function of how hard the work, how lousy the food, long deployments, paucity of liberty ports, and a host other things all too familiar to us. Crew morale is a function of confidence in the commanding officer; nothing more. During my tenure aboard Corporal crew morale was second to none. This is a great testimony to Walt's leadership. We'd have followed him anywhere.

God must have needed a good submariner. He shall be missed.

Best, Don