

Dear former Nitro crewmembers,

The short video Bob Peiffer has placed on the Nitro web site (<http://www.ussnitro.org/ae23.htm>)was just something that I did to get the news footage of Nitro being towed from JRRF out to our members. This video is going to be part of a larger historical project I am putting together, which will contain still and videotape from Nitro's launching through the journey to Brownsville.

I have a collection of still pictures of Nitro from various periods during her service to the United States and many more from our archives but would like to review others. I already have a videotape and still pictures of the decommissioning ceremony; the 1999 Philadelphia reunion and visit to Nitro at NISMF; Philly and the 2003 trip to video and take still pictures of Nitro at JRRF, so please do not submit any of these items.

I am also looking for videotape crewmembers might have taken while on board. This could include any 8mm film that has been transferred to videotape, but it must already be on videotape. Pictures and video I am specifically looking for is of Nitro underway, taken in port or while at anchor. UNREP video or pictures of crew at work would be ideal. I don't have many items from the 1959 - 63 period or from the time she was in Vietnam.

If you have some pictures you would like to submit for review and possible inclusion in the video, please put them on a CD and send to me - **DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL PICTURES OR PICTURES AS ATTACHMENTS TO AN EMAIL.** I can handle them better if they are on a CD. I would appreciate it if you could keep the file size of the still pictures to under 500KB. Also, please include notes as to when and where the pictures or video were taken.

I will make every attempt to keep items I receive separate and return them to their owner as soon as possible. Anyone supplying either video or still pictures will have their names listed in the credits of the videotape, whether or not the video or pictures are used. Please make your submissions by September 15, 2008.

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At this time I am not sure how long the historical video will be or when it will be completed. Hopefully, it will be done by the end of the year. When I have completed it, I will send a copy of the video to a couple members of the Nitro Assn. board for their review and comment before it is released. Once it is approved, the USS Nitro historical video will be available for purchase at a nominal price through the Association's ship store.

If anyone has any questions about this project, please feel free to **CONTACT ME DIRECTLY** at navy65-69@sbcglobal.net.

Regards,

Jim Timmons
President