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Columbus Base Newsletter

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Happy Birthday!

United States Submarine Service, 105 years old!

Awesome!

We all remember sub school and talking about David Bushnell's 1776, egg-shaped, 7' tall submarine called the "Turtle". And of course we have heard of the Hunley, built in 1863. But the US Submarine Force was officially born in April 1900 with the purchase of the Holland, with funds provided under an 1896 authorization., and placed into commission as the USS Holland SS1 on October 12th 1900. The Holland was constructed as a private venture of the John P. Holland Torpedo Boat Company at Elizabethport New Jersey. At 64 feet long, she displaced 64 tons, she had one 45 hp (Otto) gasoline engine and carried 1050 gallons of gasoline.



She had a crew of 6 men, one officer, the CO and one chief. The USS Holland was the first boat to have a COB. She was based initially at Annapolis and in mid 1905 at Norfolk, VA. The Holland was always an experimental vessel. Though the Navy's first reasonably satisfactory submarine and a great achievement in underwater warfare, by 1910 she was obsolete and stricken from the register in November of that year, then sold for scrap in June 1913. She was a prototype for the "A" Adder Class boats.

But a new twist in submarine history is that the first US Navy submarine was actually the Alligator, a forgotten chapter in US Naval history, an omission which is now being rectified by historians. The Alligator was designed by a Frenchman, Brutus de Vileroi, built and launched in 1862 in Philadelphia. The Navy paid \$14,000 for it. The boat was 47' long propelled by 16 oars but later converted to a single propeller. The Alligator was lost off Cape Hatteras in 1863, while being towed to Charleston for a mission. An effort is underway by undersea archeologists to find the Alligator.

Navy history is full of submarine history, we all can take pride and celebrate our birthday.

Dave Creekmore

OUR CREED

" To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States Government"

Commander's Corner



Hello Shipmates,

Your Base is very busy. We are doing things now that we thought we would be doing in five or ten years. For those of you that were not at our 5 March 2005 meeting it is with very deep regrets that we received and accepted the resignation of our Secretary Russ Moody. His work takes him to Japan and other parts. Also his family takes a lot of time leaving little time for anything. He has 3 children and the 2 youngest are twins that are I think a year old now. Thank you Russ for what you have done for the Columbus Sub Base and you will be missed.

USS Dolphin Model, Cliff Dodson tells us "Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is giving us the Dolphin model". He also gave us an update at our meeting which is in the minutes and in this newsletter.

USS Parche (SSN 683), Dale Loney was not at our meeting to give us an update. I do want to tell you that coming back from Orlando, FL we stopped at the Submarine Museum St. Mary, Ga. also Kings Bay Ga. They have the sail of USS GEORGE BANCROFT SSBN-643. You can see her sail at <http://stmaryssubmuseum.com/bancroftsail.html> if you want to go to the web site of the Submarine Museum it is <http://stmaryssubmuseum.com/> enjoy. While in the town of St. Marys it looks like the town from the movie of "Jaws".

Please don't forget about the field day at the USS COD in Cleveland, Ohio on Saturday, April 23 at 1000.

With the resignation of our Secretary we are coming to you the members if you would like to become an officer of our Base please tell one of the officers. We need you.

C U L Jim Morton

New Members

Marvin H. Pastor
Gahanna, Ohio
Franklin County
Wife Joan

Timothy K. Rich
Cincinnati, Ohio

Wife Debbie

Gary M. Pelini
Saint Paris, Ohio
Champaign
Wife, Debbie

April Birthdays

Marcia Dreiseidel	4-2
John T. Leers, Jr.	4-4
Dave Creekmore	4-5
Paige E. Ogle	4-19
Jeffrey S. Hall	4-22
Bernie Kenyon	4-28
Rick A. Smiley	4-28

SICK BAY NOTICE

Good news is there is no news!

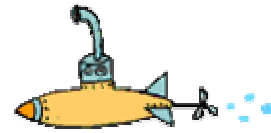
Lost Boats

April

USS Pickerel (SS177) April 3, 1943
 USS Snook (SS279) April 8, 1945
 USS Thresher (SSN593) April 10, 1963
 USS Grenadier (SS210) April 22, 1943

Leave it to a Sailor

This retired sailor from Michigan, Les Katschor, saw a unused 250 gal. propane tank as a submarine. He re-engineered the tank into a personal sub that can fully submerge and navigate the local lakes. The sub has a pair of trolling motors that operate twin propellers, one on each side of the hull, several SCUBA tanks, and 900 lb of lead for ballast to help the vessel submerge.



In The Spirit

BY: David Johnson, Base

Look for the Chaplain's column next month.



He installed four windows to see where he's going. To surface, he sends pressurized air from the tanks within the hull through hoses that terminate in tanks mounted on the hull's exterior. He has been as deep as 17 ft. and the longest he has remained submerged is about 90 minutes. This sub, which is for sale, calls Diamond Lake near White Cloud, Mich. Its home port.

Information from the Butane-Propane News, January 2005 issue.

Vice-Commander's Corner

By Vice Commander Jim "Clutch" Koogler

Several weeks ago, a base member suggested that perhaps the base officers, specifically the Commander and Vice-Commander, might each consider providing a "mission statement" to the base membership... similar to that provided by the National Commander and Vice-Commander upon assuming their positions. A "mission statement", it was reasoned, would provide a method of letting the membership know our personal views... where we stand, our leadership intentions, our ideas of focus and direction for the base. So, the subject of this month's column is the Vice-Commander's "mission statement". Or, to put it more accurately, "statement of mission"... because you all know that I can't say anything in just a few words!! And just so there are no misunderstandings... these are *my* opinions, *my* views, *my* beliefs. It is not my intention to speak for, or reflect on the actions or beliefs of, any other member of the base.

Before I continue to the "mission", I want to state a few of my core "beliefs" regarding participation in base affairs. I think every base member has a right to know where I stand on these issues. And, in my opinion, these apply to every member of the base, including base officers.

First... I do *not* believe that the Columbus Base of USSVI should be the most important thing in anyone's life. I believe that **family** must be the top priority. I believe that the things that "feed" you, that give your life purpose... your faith, your job, the things you do for charity and humanity... should take precedence. If you remember the story from the March edition of "The Green Board", I think all of these are your "golf balls". After you have satisfied your life's priorities, and if you still have the time, energy, and inclination to be involved in the Columbus Base in **any** way (whether by serving as a base officer, volunteering, attending meetings and dinners, or in whatever way you choose), I welcome your participation and thank you for your interest and efforts. It's a personal decision... and I respect your decision, whatever it may be.

I believe that *effective* communication is absolutely crucial... between base members, between base officers, with the "outside world". It can eliminate (or at least resolve) misunderstandings, keep everyone informed, serve to promote the base and it's members. We *must* communicate with each other if we, as a base and as individuals, are to be successful. I also believe that not all communication is effective. There's a fine line that separates effective from ineffective. I'm sure we'll cross that line from time to time. But even ineffective communication is better than no communication at all!

"Mission Statement"

"Lead, follow, or get out of the way!" That's it... my *personal* "mission statement"... in 8 words. I will help lead... if selected by the membership to do so, or in some other capacity as the request, opportunity, or need arises. Otherwise, I will follow... as long as I believe that the base is being led in a direction that I choose to go. I didn't join the Columbus Base to "get out of the way"... but in the absence of the first 2 options, I would have no other choice than to pack my sea bag and move on. I can be part of the problem... or I can be part of the solution. At this point, I choose to be a part of the solution.

"Statement of Mission"

My primary "mission" is actually quite simple and is in parallel with the Columbus Base Constitution, Article III, Section 2, "Other Purposes and Goals": "... **provide a way for all Submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie.**" This is really why I joined the base: to spend some time with fellow submariners... those who had been where I had been, experienced what I had experienced, understood what being a "submariner" was all about. But let me take this "primary mission" a step further. I want to "*provide a way for ALL base members to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment*". This is directed specifically to our female associate members. I believe that they too are entitled to all of the "benefits and enjoyment" the base can provide. After all... don't they tolerate us submariners? Haven't they had to listen to the same sea stories over and over? Haven't many of them had to endure the life of an active duty submariner's wife... with all the problems and pitfalls associated with that? I believe they **deserve** more. However... being a "Martian" (a reference to the book "*Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus*", for those who may not have caught it), I'm not sure what I can do. I'm certainly open to suggestions, and I pledge my support to any reasonable option, idea, or program that can create, improve, and/or enhance the opportunities for our female associates.

At this point, I suppose I should also note that although I believe the primary purpose of the base (“*To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country.*”) to be necessary and important, my greater interest and focus is in addressing the needs and wishes of our base membership... all of our base membership.

In addition to the above, I want to help the base to be involved in charitable and community works, to the extent that the membership wishes to do so. You can call that a “secondary mission” if you wish. I believe there’s a lot of good that the base can help to accomplish, and I hope I can do some small part in providing the means and opportunities for all who wish to participate.

“Leadership”

My “leadership intentions”, as regards the Columbus Base, are very much attuned to my “mission”, both primary and secondary. And, frankly, it doesn’t matter whether or not I hold a post as a base officer... my intentions would be the same regardless. I want to help provide each base member with exactly, or as much as I possibly can, what they want from the base. If they want a place to meet, share experiences, tell sea stories, and enjoy the camaraderie, then I want to help provide that opportunity and environment. If they want to be involved... with the base, with charitable projects, with community projects, or whatever... then I want to help make sure they have that opportunity as well. And speaking of leadership... I suppose I should also give you my opinions on what I think “leadership” is... and isn’t. My basic views on leadership are simple, but probably quite different from those of most other people. The short version is “it’s not about me, it’s about *you*”. *Some believe that leadership* is directing or dictating: telling others what to do, or, more accurately, what YOU want them to do. In my opinion, that mind-set does not lend itself to success... for anyone. I believe that leadership is less a matter of “leading” and more a matter of “enabling”. You “enable” people to successfully achieve that which they wish to achieve: by helping to provide a reason for achievement; by helping to provide the means, opportunity, resources, and environment they need to succeed; by helping to instill a “passion for success”; by rewarding and recognizing their achievements; by ensuring they understand that their achievement belongs to THEM, not to you. I further believe that being a *good* leader, or enabler, is extremely difficult. Egos often get in the way. Do I consider myself to be a good leader? No way! I try... but probably fail more often than I succeed.

“Focus and Direction”

It has been said, and I was one of those who said it, that the base officers need to determine the focus and direction for the base. In retrospect, I now re-cant and disagree... and if you re-read my views on leadership you’ll understand why. The membership must be involved in base decisions... their input and opinions are crucial to the success of the base. It is the right, if not the responsibility, of every base member to be involved in those decisions... to suggest, to question, to disagree, to express opinions, to be heard, and to be respected. You know as well as I that the success of the base is not solely dependent on any single member or small faction, but on the group as a whole. For you Star Trek buffs, to quote Mr. Spock in *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*: “*The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few.*”

I do, however, believe that once focus and direction have been determined, by input from all interested and concerned base members, it takes a core group, the base officers, to help guide the base in the direction desired by the members. And I believe that every base officer, whether elected or appointed, is charged with providing base leadership... right or wrong, good or bad. As human beings, we will not always agree on issues. But, by virtue of our acceptance of an office, we owe it to every base member to follow the chosen direction. We need to ensure that we don’t get bogged down in too much too fast. And we need to remember why we exist. It’s impossible to be all things to all people, but we owe it to every base member to try.

I believe that, as a base, we have a lot of potential. But we need to determine our direction and then follow it.

We need to have a mission, a focus, a direction, a cause. We all need to provide input regarding the causes, charities, and projects that we think the base should be considering. Don’t wait for someone to ask. If you have an opinion or idea, speak up and share it! We need to use all of the resources available to us... and the most important and valuable resources we have are “us”... you, and me, and every member of the base.

Upcoming events

April Meeting: (Remember your coffee donations!)

April 2nd, Submarine Birthday Dinner Ball, Aladdin Shrine Hall, Columbus, Ohio
Dinner \$20 per person at the door. Reservations e-mailed to Bernie Kenyon

April 23, Field Day at the USS Cod

April 30th will be the May business meeting.

Willow Run Golf Course Banquet/meeting room. 12:00 noon.

May Picnic:

May 14th. Tolling of the Bells picnic. Will be at the Shagbark Sheltered Area of the Battelle-Darby Creek Metro Park located in Galloway, Ohio. Starts at 11am. Ceremony at 12 noon.

SUBMARINES and the MOVIES

Your history on film

by Bill McCorkle - former CS3 (SS) U.S.S. Dogfish (SS-350) & U.S.S. Sablefish (SS-303)

Part Two

A step back in time

There always is a time when technology, events and desire collide.

While technology and events are constantly changing, human desire and conflict in all of its forms remains unchanging.

For awhile, I must return to the days of the American Civil War, since there must be submarines, motion pictures and the human elements before there can be submarine movies.

Steam power, telegraphy and photography were still young technologies at the beginning of the American Civil War and known to both sides. The wet cell battery powered telegraphic technology of that time can be clearly seen in the 1941 movie "Western Union" starring Randolph Scott and Robert Young. Submarine development would continue with dependable and reliable human power technology, as seen in the 1999 movie "The Hunley" starring Donald Sutherland and Armand Assante.

One hundred and forty years ago, on April 9, 1865, when Generals Grant and Lee met at Appomattox Court House, both Grant and Lee must have understood that the Union's technological achievements during the previous four years had doomed the Confederacy. Even though both sides of the conflict had been innovative during the war, the Union had simply out-produced the Confederacy. Those innovations began just prior to and during the war and the human desire by others to improve upon the technologies would soon transform not only land and sea warfare, but our entire way of life. From this point in time, I don't know what Grant or Lee thought about certain on-the-water battles. First came those converted steam powered riverboats, with their sides reinforced with wood and covered with iron sheathing, called ironclads. Then there was the naval battle between the ironclad C.S.S. Virginia, still called Merrimac by the Union press, and the U.S.S. Congress and U.S.S. Cumberland on March 8, 1862 and the next day's battle between John Ericsson's innovative U.S.S. Monitor and the C.S.S. Virginia. There also was the submarine attack upon the U.S.S. Housatonic by the innovative C.S.S. Hunley on Feb. 17, 1864. Grant and Lee may have taken little note of those events but others here and overseas would. Naval warfare worldwide was going to quickly change. Wooden hulled ships like the U.S.S. Constitution, now at the old Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston, and the U.S.S. Constellation, now at Baltimore, would be quickly assigned to the back waters as barracks or administrative ships.

Three years after Grant and Lee met at Appomattox Court House, in 1868, while civilian U. S. Grant was U. S. Secretary of War, Alfred Whitehead of England, would announce his invention of the self-propelled torpedo, thus eliminating the inherent problems of the spar torpedo. A race was on, by other navies and men, to design ships which could use his invention. Our navy would open a torpedo station at Newport, Rhode Island. In the same year, Grant would be nominated and be running for President under the slogan "Let there be Peace." There would be no peace dividend following his election. Even though the United States was connected from coast to coast at Promontory Point, Utah on May 10, 1869, the country was sharply divided. During his presidency, Grant would have as many problems with friends and former Army colleagues as he would have with the problems of the nation. In the second year of his first term, Jules Verne of France would have his novel "Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea" published and France would soon take the lead in submarine development. Robert E. Lee would receive his final orders to join the eternal Army encampment. Grant and Lee had been U. S. Army officers while they had been in the combat area near Mexico City during the Mexican War (1846 - 48). Submarines, Army life and Army life in the encampments wasn't soon to be forgotten.

There were many who were saying that the United States was becoming a safe haven for various anarchist groups and potential anarchist groups. In the first year of Grant's second term as President, a school teacher dreamer named John Holland would emigrate into the United States from Ireland with dreams of building a submarine designed to destroy the wooden hulled British fleet. There were already other dreamers here who were working to use and control the unseen force of electrical energy and convert the steam engine's piston from external combustion to internal combustion. As usual, there were many who were relishing the evolution of the new technologies, while others wanted nothing to do with them. Two of the groups that would quietly back away from many of the newer technologies would be the Anabaptist groups the Mennonites and the Amish. Even today, they do things their way. Hopefully we can continue to allow them to do things their way. However, there are those who are very vocal in telling others how they should be enjoying life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Even prior to the American Civil War laws were being passed to restrict the freedom of others. Many other laws would be passed. Some of those laws or the threat of other laws would govern what we would be seeing when we would watch a movie.

In many ways the United States had already begun a moralistic binge prior to the American Civil War. Beside the Southern problems, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont had already passed prohibition laws against the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors. Throughout the American Civil War there would be many articles, written by dry-state newsmen, about the excessive alcoholic consumption in or near the Army encampments. Many of the later articles would mention the Union general U. S. Grant. From then on, some writers feel that it is a requirement to include excessive alcoholic consumption into their Army and Navy novels, screenplays and onto the film of motion pictures. During the American prohibition era that "requirement" would mean changing the story line to someplace outside of the United States.

On the pages of many books about the American Civil War era, there are many reproduced photographs of the soldiers of the era. Where the photographs were taken doesn't matter today. Some of the photographs were of the "older" Daguerre process, commonly called tintypes, while others were taken with the "newer" wet glass plate negative process from which multiple paper prints could be made. For many of the soldiers, the photographs would be the last reminder of them. Too many of them would receive their final orders as a result of disease, infections, accidents, or in combat. They were American boys filled with the same hopes, desires and conflicts as other unknown American boys past and present and there were then, as now, many who were willing to fulfill some of their desires. The surviving books, pamphlets, and magazines the boys read during the American Civil War era, along with photographs they saw, are now in the hands of private collectors. As an illustration: I am reminded of French director Louis Malle's very controversial movie from 1978 "Pretty Baby." The movie's setting is in a red light district of New Orleans, La. beginning in the World War One era. In the movie, a photographer, a role played by Keith Carradine, is clearly using the "even newer" dry glass plate negative process. However, by the World War One era glass plate photographic technology was becoming as obsolete as the Daguerre process. During U.S. Grant's first year in office, the Hyatt brothers of Newark, N. J. had produced celluloid, the first plastic, and by 1889 George Eastman had used the same basic material to produce a flexible film backing which could be used in view, box and motion picture cameras.

The photographer's model role played by Susan Sarandon as a lady of the night, a member of the world's oldest profession, also has American Civil War connections. One of the common terms for those ladies will forever be linked to Union Army Major General Joseph Hooker, who also saw combat near Mexico City in 1847. He like others in the Civil War, whose stars would take a sharp decline retired in 1868. One of the fast rising soldiers of the Union Army, Anthony Comstock, who would become one of the "boy generals", would see what the other soldiers were reading, seeing, and doing and such behavior would disgust him. Following the war, he and like-minded individuals began lobbying for the passages of laws to eliminate such behavior. In the same year John Holland would emigrate to the U. S., 1873, the U. S. Congress would circumvent the first amendment to the U. S. Constitution by passing what would be known as the "Comstock Laws." The laws prohibited anyone from distributing anything Anthony Comstock and like-minded individuals considered morally objectionable via the U. S. Mail. The laws also gave Comstock powers for prosecution. Since the technology did not exist for the creation of motion pictures, they were not included. Technology and events would change and there would be moral objections from even the earliest of the motion pictures. Films would be banned or edited without studio approval and with the threat of inclusion the motion picture distributors, which used the U. S. Mail, gave in and allowed others to create the National Board of Review and the Motion Picture Production Code. No motion picture was allowed to be made, including the vast majority of submarine and anti-submarine I am reviewing, without following the production code and no film, foreign or domestic, would be distributed without the National Board of Review stamp of approval.

Knowing that technology can change events or the other way around, it should be noted that two years after U. S. Grant left office Thomas Edison announced the creation of a workable electric light bulb. The race was on to create a modern electric distribution system to use the light bulb and Thomas Edison was in the lead. George Westinghouse and others had other ideas. New and improved would be the key words over the next few years with anything electrical and those key words wouldn't by-pass the ears of John Holland. Battery powered "horseless carriages" were the most dependable and reliable form of road transportation when John Holland was ready to launch his new and improved "Holland VI" on May, 17, 1897. While people would continue with their daily lives, which for many would include a stop at the local "kinetoscope parlor" to watch the motion pictures, they would also be reading in the newspapers about the United States' deteriorating relations with Spain. When the U. S. S. Maine blew up in the harbor at Havana, Cuba on Feb. 15, 1898, people couldn't believe the news and those along the American coastline became fearful of what the Spanish Navy could do. The U. S. Navy was fearful of Spain's swift steam powered torpedo boats. We had a few and knew what they could do. The fear would last longer than the war which formally ended on December 10, 1898. Holland submarines would be bought for harbor defense and torpedo boat destroyers would be built to take care of the pesky torpedo boats. America would forget about the development of torpedo boats for the next forty years. It could not be foreseen that the torpedo boat destroyers would become the submarine's natural enemy in less than twenty years.

It is time to dim the lights and watch a good movie.

Sub Vest Price List

The basic vest is made of high quality navy polyester. The front is fully lined and edged with gold cording around the front edges. The vest will include the large Sub Vets Patch on the back with your boat name and number. Your name (usually your first or nickname will be on the right front)

The basic vest is:	\$60.00	Eclipse Design Studio
Additional boat names:	\$ 7.00	4982 Miller Paul Rd.
Additional patched sewn on:	\$ 2.00	Westerville, OH 43082
Additional charge for 4X & up	\$ 5.00	740-965-6001
Please include shirt size and forward order to:		740-965-6092 FAX

Treasurer's Time

by Eric Dreiseidel

Greetings to all members and prospective members, it's a pleasure to greet so many in such a short time. I heartily smile with ninety plus members and counting! Thanks to everyone who has come on board and those who have helped along the way to build the Columbus Base to where we are today. It seems only yesterday that we had our goal of just fifty in our first year. Yes, ninety plus members and counting in just a few short months! Will we surpass the century mark in membership in 2005?

I believe we will on or before June. With this amount of growth, many, many volunteers' hours have been donated and many applications have been processed. Some of my prayers have been answered, and then came Chaplain Dave Johnson. I'm still waiting to hear on my other requests, why did HE send a Radioman? What a special connection, a communicator talking to a communicator (HE works in mysterious ways). Chaplain Dave's presence has been a welcome addition and a great contribution to our Base. The Chaplain is also establishing a Base Benevolence Fund and other items of interest.

WE now have a base web site and a base newsletter, which are getting better day-by-day. Hopefully, other volunteers will step forward to serve as Secretary and on committees such as Holland Club, Speaker and Program and Ways and Means just to name a few. This will help Our base become stronger and better. With that in mind, please allow me to share my mission and vision with you.

My "Mission Statement" is in harmony with the Base Constitution, Article III-Purpose; **"That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments."** This says it all, "Toward greater accomplishments". How far and what accomplishments does the Columbus of USSVI desire to do? What **Values** do the members consider important and desire to place into action?

The base questionnaire is a great measuring tool and a sincere appreciation to those who have helped it become reality and those who have responded. I challenge each and every member of the base to please take the time to answer the questionnaire.

Because of great growth of the Columbus Base, other articles and issues have received secondary priority and are currently awaiting additional volunteers. I have tried very hard to stay current with both the membership and the duties of treasurer. I have to admit, I have my work cut out for me. My former computer could not keep up with OUR growth rate and "thanks" to my brother, I now have one that has increased capacity. I still have some catching up to do. I am motivated "Toward greater accomplishments."

Focus and Direction: It is my vision to have members (regular or associate) volunteer to help share in the responsibilities of building the foundation and future of the Columbus Base. Our base is comprised of many members with a variety of talents and this is Our greatest asset. Let us **all** get together and apply **all** our talents "Toward Greater Accomplishments" by placing our Values into action.

Starting the Columbus Base of the USSVI, there are many challenges; membership, meeting places, communication about meeting places and times and to let the community know we exist. All of the challenges we face are just opportunities to help the base grow stronger. We will meet those challenges with direction and input from all members, regular and associate.

A sincere appreciation to Bernie Kenyon, Dave and Jan Creekmore and Jake Clark for their work and support "Toward Greater Accomplishments". We salute YOU! Also, please keep the Base Officers informed of your Values for our Base. We have a relentless dedication and commitment to keep the Base moving forward "Toward Greater Accomplishments". Slow, but steady speed, we will all proceed, come get onboard!

Pick up the latest issue of CFV!

The Columbus Federal Voice reports that they have accepted a news release featuring the existence of our base from our Membership Chairman. The article will likely appear in the April 6 issue of the Voice. There are Voice news-racks at the Chalmers Wylie VA clinic and the federal credit union on Broad Street outside the main DSCC gate.

The Voice editor continues with, "One question I'm curious about? Do you know if any members of your group are current or former DSCC associates?"

Bernie Kenyon in conjunction with Dale Loney reported that Dale and Associate member, Linda Dodson, were employed there, so we may see their names mentioned in the published version.

NOTICE

The May Columbus Base meeting will be held on April 30 at Willow Run Golf Course (banquet/meeting room) at 12:00 noon. The reason for the shift in dates is the first Saturday of May is only one week before the "Tolling of the Bells" picnic. Bernie will supply directions at a later date.

Editor's Note

If you have comments and/or articles, please contact the Base newsletter editors,

Dave or Jan Creekmore at e-mail
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Ships stores

Base Store Keeper, Bill Anderson has some items in stock, Base Patches, American Flag Patches, American Flag Pins ETC. He can order many items from various sources. Boat Patches, Patrol Pins ETC. If there are items you would like, contact Bill via E-Mail at z71toy@aol.com or see him at the next meeting.



CHALMERS P. WYLIE OUTPATIENT CLINIC
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In Reply Refer To: 757/00V

February 7, 2005

Mr. Eric Dreiseidel
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Dear Mr. Dreiseidel:

On behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic, Columbus, Ohio, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your organization for the donation on February 1, 2005.

Your donation of 20 large cans of coffee and 5 boxes of tea is greatly appreciated by our nations veterans. These items will be used at our coffee and snack area to enhance the quality of care during our veterans visit at the Outpatient Clinic.

Once again, I would like to thank you and your organization for your generous donation. Your continued support for our veterans is greatly appreciated. Thank you for remembering our veterans. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Voluntary Service at (614) 257-5469.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony M. Stevens
Voluntary Service Officer



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Dear Mr. Dreiseidel:

On behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic, Columbus, Ohio, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your organization for the donation on February 11, 2005.

Your donation of 10 large cans and 1 box of coffee is greatly appreciated by our nations veterans. These items will be used at our coffee and snack area to enhance the quality of care during our veterans visit at the Outpatient Clinic.

Once again, I would like to thank you and your organization for your generous donation. Your continued support for our veterans is greatly appreciated. Thank you for remembering our veterans. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Voluntary Service at (614) 257-5469.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony M. Stevens
Voluntary Service Officer

**Coffee, tea
Or
Hot coco**

Each month's meeting, our attending members bring donations of coffee, hot coco and teas for distribution to the, Chalmers P. Wylie Outpatient Clinic .

for all our Veterans no mater what branch they served with.

Here are a few copies of the letters of appreciation.

If we would all take two minutes of our time, one when shopping pick up an extra can of coffee or a box of hot coco or teas and bring that item to the meetings each month. And the second minute, stop Eric Dreiseidel the next meeting you see him at and thank him for collecting the containers each meeting and taking them to the Veterans Clinic for us.

After Thresher

Why did you choose to ride submarines? Was it because of a recruiting poster or perhaps a movie you once saw? Was it because you sought the adventure; were you a daredevil? What would cause you to turn in your dolphins and walk away? Could anything cause you to quit? These questions and many more like them were of great concern to the Navy following the loss of Thresher. Submarines were a major player in the country's defense strategy. Would the loss of Thresher produce an exodus from this vitally important branch of the service? To find out, the Navy commissioned Dr. Joyce Brothers to study the bubblehead. The following is her report:

The tragic loss of the submarine Thresher and 129 men had a special kind of an impact on our nation, a special kind of sadness, mixed with universal admiration for the men who choose this type of work. One could not mention the Thresher without observing, in the same breath how utterly final and alone the end is when a ship dies at the bottom of the sea and what a remarkable specimen of man it must be who accepts such a risk. Most of us might be moved to conclude, too, that a tragedy of this kind would have a damaging effect on the morale of the other men in the submarine service and tend to discourage future enlistment. Actually, there is no evidence that this is so. What is it then, that lures men to careers in which they spend so much of their time in cramped quarters, under great psychological stress, with danger lurking all about them?

Togetherness is an overworked term, but in no other branch of our military service is it given such full meaning as in the "silent service". In an undersea craft, each man is totally dependent upon the skill of every other man in the crew, not only for top performance, but for actual survival. Each knows that his very life depends on the others and because this is so, there is a bond among them that both challenges and comforts them. All of this gives the submariner a special feeling of pride, because he is indeed a member of an elite corps. The risks, then, are an inspiration rather than a deterrent. The challenge of masculinity is another factor which attracts men to serve on submarines. It certainly is a test of a man's prowess and power to know he can qualify for this highly selective service. However, it should be emphasized that this desire to prove masculinity is not pathological, as it may be in certain daredevil pursuits, such as driving a motorcycle through a flaming hoop. There is nothing dare devilish about motivations of the man who decides to dedicate his life to the submarine service. He does, indeed, take pride in demonstrating that he is quite a man, but he does not do so to practice a form of foolhardy brinkmanship, to see how close he can get to failure and still snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. On the contrary, the aim of the submarine service is to battle danger, to minimize the risk, to take every measure to make certain that safety, rather than danger, is maintained at all times. Are the men in the submarine service braver than those in other pursuits where the possibility of a sudden tragedy is constant? The glib answer would be to say they are. It is more accurate, from a psychological point of view, to say they are not necessarily braver, but that they are men who have a little more insight into themselves and their capabilities. They know themselves a little better than the next man. This has to be so with men who have a healthy reason to volunteer for a risk. They are generally cut healthier emotionally than others of the similar age and background because of their willingness to push themselves a little bit farther and not settle for an easier kind of existence. We all have tremendous capabilities but are rarely straining at the upper level of what we can do, these men are. This country can be proud and grateful that so many of its sound, young, eager men care enough about their own stature in life and the welfare of their country to pool their skills and match them collectively against the power of the sea.