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Columbus Base Newsletter

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The honor was truly for all of us Columbus Base Sub Vets and Associates to have been part of the 33rd Annual Franklin Heights High School NJROTC, Sunset Review and Award Ceremony. To witness this event would make any military person proud of the future before them.

This year we at CBSV presented our first award for Military Excellence and a \$500 savings bond. This was presented to Senior Cadet Laura Gehrich. Laura's plans are sending her to the Navy. Leaving in August for Recruit Basic training at Great Lakes. She then plans to attend Nuclear Power School. Laura also received an award for physical fitness "The Iron Women" there was only one Iron Women and one Iron Man award presented. There were seventeen awards presented that evening in all.

Our congratulations to Laura and her family, for all of her achievements. When Laura becomes Admiral Gehrich we will have to invite her to be our guest speaker.

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"

Treasurer's Time

By

Eric Dreiseidel

The separate savings account for the Junior ROTC Award has been established. A \$500 US Savings Bond has been purchased for the first award and a balance of \$130 remains. A sincere appreciation to all that donated to this worthy cause. Donations are always welcomed. Please send donations to, 908 Sherwood Avenue, Marysville, OH 43040-1330. Thank you.

Russ Goodwin, a visitor at Tolling of the Bells donated his winnings back to the Base. A thank you has been sent to Russ for his kind donation.

Due to the kind donations by everyone to forward the cause, we continue to move the progress forward of the Columbus Base. This could not happen if it weren't the kind and generous donors that have and continually donated. A sincere appreciation to those who have supported the Base in the various ways, both financially and their donation of time. The Base is continually growing due to the efforts of everyone who have volunteered their time and talents. The Base is grateful to have members like you. The Base is accomplishing greatly day by day, thanks to its members.

A challenge to all members, how can you help further the Columbus Base to reach its potential? At the present time, lending your time and talents would greatly advance the Base in its mission. Please step forward to fill the position of Secretary.

Thanks to every member for your contribution large or small. **All contributions count!**

New Members

Mark Merriman
West Liberty, OH
Logan county
Wife, Kim

Dave Weaver
Reynoldsburg, OH
Franklin county
Wife, Karen

Sharon Lloyd
Marengo, OH
Morrow county
Husband, Frank

Nick Singer
Lewis Center, OH
Delaware county

SICK BAY NOTICE

Mark Merriman is in the hospital. No details for now.

The Conn**Base commander**

Jim Morton

Vice Commander

Jim Koogler

Treasurer

Eric Dreiseidel

Secretary**Chaplain**

David Johnson

COB

James Williams

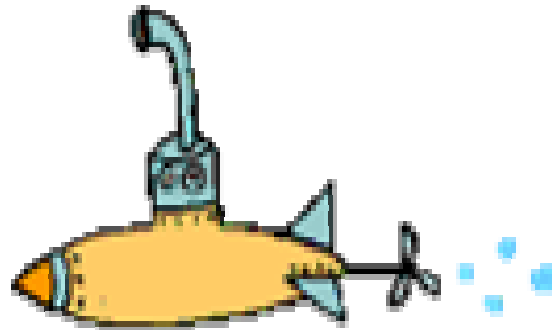
Membership Chairman

Bernie Kenyon

Lost Boats

June

USS Herring (SS233)	June 01, 1944
R-12 (SS89)	June 12, 1943
USS Golet (SS361)	June 14, 1944
USS Bonefish (SS223)	June 18, 1945
S-27 (SS132)	June 19, 1942
O-9 (SS70)	June 20, 1941



Hear Ye, Hear Ye

Attention all Ladies. The Columbus Base is wanting to start a SubVettes for the ladies. If you are interested in joining, please come to the meeting on Saturday, June 4th. We need at least 5 ladies to start. Paige Ogle is heading this up. If you have any questions before the meeting please give her a call or e-mail her. Her e-mail is paigechildrensix@aol.com or her phone is 740-756-7953.

Upcoming events

June meeting: VFW Post 1380
 1131 Sugar Grove Rd.
 Lancaster, OH
 Social hour at Noon, Meeting at 1pm

July meeting to be announced.

June Birthdays

Robert "Gus" Hoehl	06-05
Gary Pelini	06-14
Robert "Bob" Clark	06-20
Edward "Ed" Ellsworth	06-21
Frank Lloyd	06-23
John "Both Ways" Pendleton	06-25
Dennis "Hutch" Hutchison	06-26

Vice-Commander's Corner

By Vice Commander Jim "Clutch" Koogler

Believe it or not, I really don't have much to say this month... or more accurately, not a lot of time to say very much. Credit that to several things... not the least of which involves an emergency "all expenses paid" trip to beautiful downtown Philadelphia, thanks to my employer. However, I do have a few items to cover.

First... our Tolling of the Bells ceremony. The weather was questionable (again) but we had a good turnout. We had a stirring oratory from Chaplain Dave Johnson, great food, great raffle prizes, a welcome visit from Franklin County Commissioner Paula Brooks, and we even made the WCMH-TV (Channel 4) six-o'clock news. My thanks to all who made it possible. And a very BIG "thank you" to Liz Kenyon for planning and coordinating. It would not have been the great success were it not for Liz's diligent efforts and hard work. And I offer another equally big "thank you" to Liz for agreeing to take on the task again for next year.

Thank you to our base members for your support of the NJROTC "Award for Military Excellence". As a result of your generosity, we were able to provide this year's awardee, Senior Cadet Laura Gehrich, with a \$500.00 US Savings Bond. And you donated enough to enable our treasurer to establish a savings account to start funding for future awards... and, by the way, we'll continue to accept your donations at any time. A special thank you to shipmate John Leers for bringing this opportunity to our attention. I believe that this is the type of program that our base members want and expect the base to support.

For those who may not be aware, we're working on plans to sponsor the USS Columbus Sailor of the Quarter, Senior Sailor of the Quarter, Sailor of the Year, and Senior Sailor of the Year programs. This provides the Columbus Base with an opportunity to actively express our support and appreciation to the crew. More details will be available in the near future.

I want to urge our membership to support Chaplain Dave Johnson in his charity and benevolence efforts. He is working very hard to identify a limited number of military-associated charities for base involvement. He needs your support, your suggestions, and, of course, some of your money.

For any of our base members that might be planning to attend the USSVI National Convention in Kansas City... PLEASE be sure to show your support for the Cincinnati Base's bid for the 2010 National Convention. The Cincinnati Base members have worked very hard, and very closely with the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Bureau, to put together a very attractive bid. It's a great opportunity to have the national convention in our area, and a great opportunity for the Columbus Base to be actively involved with a national convention.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to mention that efforts are underway to establish an organization for our female associates and/or spouses. I have no details yet, but you can be sure that they'll be coming in the near future. And, as stated many times before, Columbus Base officers stand ready to assist this effort in any way we can.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

"Tolling of the Bells" Ceremony and Picnic



We held our second annual "Tolling of the Bells" ceremony at Noon on Saturday, May 14th at the Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park in southwestern Franklin County and by some accounts it was one of the greatest rituals ever.

Columbus Base shipmate, Joe Testa, wrote, "I thought it was one of the best I have ever attended, and everyone should be congratulated."

Galin Brady, also forwarded his sentiments, "Thanks Liz and thank you Bernie. Jim K., the Chaplain, and you two made today very special. There's no place that I would rather have been!"

Galin's reference to the Chaplain is our very own Columbus Sub Vets Chaplain, Dave Johnson and Jim K. is "Clutch" Koogler. Their combined address to our membership and guest was most exemplary.

Add a remarkable guest speaker in Franklin County Commissioner Paula Brooks and the result was a magnificent program.

The highlight of Commissioner Brook's remarks was when she alluded to the USSVI member's "creed" and subsequently paid homage to Joseph Allen "Joey" Ashley, an Ohio resident who gave his life while serving aboard the USS SAN FRANCISCO (SSN 711) in January of this year.

The fact that our speakers were slightly emotional while addressing the gathering revealed their genuine feelings for our departed sailors which lent a refreshing element of sensitivity that was shared by many.



Columbus' NBC4 TV did a fabulous job in capturing the essence of the event which they broadcast during their Saturday evening news program that night.

The formal portion of the program was concluded with Vice Commander, Jim Koogler presenting Paula Brooks with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for her participation in honoring our shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

We were delighted when Paula and her husband, Greg stayed around a while afterwards and gave everyone a chance to visit with them.



Left: Phil Phillips and Paula Brooks, Visiting.

Below: Liz Kenyon, Commissioner Brooks and Paige Ogle.



Following some picture taking with our guest, Liz Kenyon, Event Chairperson, and her staff went to work getting everything organized in the Galley for a fabulous, "nobody went home hungry", affair that followed. Great food, great camaraderie!

After Chow, the drawing for prizes was held. Following is list of the Donors and the Prize Winners:

Donor	Prize	Winner
HOME DEPOT (Cleveland Avenue Store)	\$25.00 Gift Card	Benjamin Leonard
James & Elaine Williams	Bath & Body Works Certificate	Betty Carter
Edward Ellsworth	Framed Cut-a-Way Sketch of a WWII Submarine	Bill McCorkle
Jim Koogler (Silver)	Columbus Base Logo	Bill Anderson
Galin Brady	Plaques (2)	Dick Young (Gold)
Bonnie Koogler	Maple Syrup	Debbie Young
	Papa John Pizza	Chuck Carter
	Coupons (4)	Marvin Pastor
Phil Philipps	Etched Glassware	Ben Leonard
Liz Kenyon	Variety Product Packs	Many
50/50 Raffle	\$83.00*	Russ Goodwin
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Sick Bay

In the modern Navy, sick bay is the place a sailor can receive medical attention. In the days of sails there were few such places on shore designated specifically for ill seaman, but on board most ships there were sick berths located in the rounded stern. The contour of the stern suggested the shape of a bay and consequently the sailors began calling the ancient dispensaries sick bays.

* One of our guests, Mr. Russ Goodwin, a retired USN CPO, donated his winning share of the 50/50 raffle back to the Columbus Sub Vets Base. We are most grateful for his generosity and to Commissioner Brooks who mad Chief Goodwin aware of our ceremony though her office which resulted in his attending.

Minutes of Columbus Base
April 30, 2005
Willow Run Golf Course
Pataskala, Ohio

Commander Morton called the meeting to order at 1305 hours, the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance then followed. Three officers and twenty-six members and guests were present. Minutes of the April 2, 2005 meeting were read and approved. Eric Dreiseidel gave a Treasury report, which was accepted. No correspondence was introduced.

Committee Reports: Membership Chairman Bernie Kenyon welcome Guest Terry Trump from the Charleston Base was introduced. Also, welcomed Paul Campbell, Paul and Karen Darland and Gary Dinnell. Commander Morton introduced our new COB, James Williams. Everyone welcomed aboard the new COB. The new COB introduced no new rules at this time.

Old Business: Vice Commander Koogler read Proposed Change to Columbus Base Bylaws; Article VI (Officers), Section 1 BASE OFFICER COMPOSITION, PREQUISITES AND STRUCTURES), second item "A" (so identified in error due to the eccentricities of Microsoft Word). Proposed change attached.

New Business: Member John Leers introduced those present about the possibilities of the Base sponsoring a Junior ROTC award, such as Military Excellence to four-year high school cadets. Leers further explained that he is teaching the JR ROTC as Franklin Heights High School and there are currently eleven high schools in Columbus area the are participating in JR ROTC program. It was further explained that the award could be a Medal for \$16.00. A US Savings Bond was suggested. Discussion followed. It was moved and seconded that we take a collection (pass the hat) to fund a \$500 US Savings Bond that would cost the Base \$250 and any monies left over would be put into an interest bearing account for next year. Motion passed.

Vice Commander Koogler announced the USS Columbus SSN 762 presents Awards to crewmembers for Sailor and Senior Sailor of the Quarter. He requested that those present give some thought about how the Columbus Base could help the USS Columbus out in some way

to help fund these awards. Fund raising ideas were mentioned, no action taken at this time.

V.C. Koogler also announced he had received an U.S. Flag that had been flown by the USS Columbus. Dave Creekmore volunteered to install this flag on the flagpole donated by Bill Anderson.

Announcement of next meeting: Saturday, 14 May at 1200 hours is Tolling of the Bells at Darby Creek Park, Shagbark Shelter House. Picnic to follow. Worthington Memorial Day Parade, Monday, 30 May. Meet at 0900 at the corner of Morning and Dublin-Granville Road (St. Rt.161) in Worthington, minimums of 5 marchers are needed. 4 June meeting scheduled at the Lancaster VFW, need to confer with Galin Brady to firm up details.

For the Good of the Order: Friday, 27 May is Veterans night at the Columbus Clippers. Upcoming Parades include the New Albany Founders Day Parade on 3 July and the Arlington 4th July. It was agreed that only the 4th of July Parade would we march in. Russ Ferguson won the 50/50 drawing and the mat donated by Ken Sewell.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn, the Benediction followed. The meeting was adjourned at 1437.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Eric Dreiseidel

In The Spirit

BY: David Johnson, Base Chaplain

I have been away from the boats for almost twenty years, but to this day I feel very confident I could do all the things I needed to do in radio in the event of, say, a power plant casualty alarm. Or a collision alarm. I can clearly make out every piece of equipment I would use and know who I would contact and what I would say. I would still be an effective Topside Sentry, or Petty Officer of the Deck. I even remember what I would say on the 'squawk box' in the event of "Men working in the sail".

My memories are a little more hazy though on what to do in AMR2 in the event of a security breach forward, for example. I also could not breeze through the procedures for rigging the bow compartment for flooding anymore. I have done both those things, once upon a time. But why is it that the former listed routines I can remember, and the latter ones would give me trouble?

Repetition

The former ones were things that were a constant part of my submarine experience. I sucked so much rubber while trying to talk to NAVCAMSLANT on a satellite secure voice circuit (imagine using a phone that was mounted 6 inches above the deck and only had an 18 inch cord while wearing an EAB) that I think the word GOODYEAR was stamped on my face. I remember everything about it: the smell (oh, the smell), the sounds, and the emotions. Even though there might have been better places to be on the boat at the time (and granted, there were many worse places), it was the only place on board that I wanted to be. Why? Because that is where I was TRAINED to be and I was much more COMFORTABLE there than anyplace else. Repetition.

Repetition breeds comfort. Sometimes, however, comfort can breed complacency. We become so matter-of-fact about issues of life that we begin to take them for granted. Perhaps we don't give them the attention they deserve. The good news is that when a real emergency arises, usually we will properly execute that which we have learned through repetition. The bad news is that if what we learned was in error, we will execute error.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus states that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter Heaven. The disciples were astonished. Who then, they asked, could be saved? To paraphrase the response by the Lord: With God, all things are possible; no matter what man thinks is impossible.

Without getting too doctrinal, let me make this point. The text does not indicate that there is anything wrong with having riches. In fact, it was a blessing from God to have wealth bestowed upon someone. The issue was not with having money, but (in part) being dependant upon that money to solve one's issues and problems. Whatever you become dependant upon becomes your god. Whether it's wealth, drugs, relationships, or any other thing you can think of: if you can turn to it comfortably in times of need, you will become dependant on it. Repetition. A sober, successful business owner who is preoccupied with money and someone who is a routine heroin user have something in common. They are both addicts. Dependant upon something that will only provide a momentary satisfaction, for all things of this world will pass away. It is a proven fact that addiction changes one's perceptions. Addiction changes the way one thinks. Suddenly, priorities change.

A very wise man once told me something interesting regarding behavior: "The only way to change a habit is by substituting it with another habit." Repetition. Change your habits and you change your way of thinking.

Put God first in your day to day activities. Priorities will begin lining up properly. You begin to think about not only what you are doing, but why you are doing it. Is your family actually better off with you working lots of overtime and taking on additional projects for money's sake, or when you work a "normal" schedule and spend the extra time at home? If you are working too much, you are saying that the job is taking care of your family, not you and certainly not God. Develop a prayer life. Repetition. Step out on faith in your life and begin putting God's plan first and make Him take care of your needs. At first it may seem awkward, even a little frightening. But after a while you can do it much easier. And it doesn't leave those annoying EAB lines around your face, either.

USSVI talks often about legacy. Think on this: When you are gone, what will be important to those who remember you: the amount of time you worked, or the impact you made on others? I can promise you which will be remembered if you put God first.

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 Four

Lost Movies and the Silent Era

There always is a time when technology, events, human desire and/or human conflict collide.

In the early days of the creation of movie magic, when the technological impossible was becoming very possible, there were some men who were strong, rugged, fearless, handsome and who let the smoke from their guns speak for them. Those men were on the silver screen and even when one could see their lips moving, no one could hear them. No one needed to hear them in those early days of the American western, when actions spoke louder than words. All the would be viewer needed was to see a name (William S. Hart, Tom Mix or other favorites) and they were psychologically ready to join the visual silver screen action and buy a ticket. They were ready to be fooled at the projection speed of twenty-four individual photographs per second. The motion picture's script wasn't important as long as "old west" action was supposed to be taking place sometime between the ending of the American Civil War and the turn of the century. As the images began appearing, they didn't wonder about the filming of what they were seeing.

Just to prove how irrelevant a realistic script is to an "old west" movie, I am reminded of the 1974 irreverent parody "Blazing Saddles" by Mel Brooks. Within the town of Rockbridge can be heard the echo of U. S. Grant's campaign slogan "Let there be peace" and the pacifistic words "Even though I'm against you and don't want you to do it, you do what you want. It's not my fight." Of course, the town's people are only reacting to the bad guy's already drawn up plans and of course the good guys must draw up their own plans to counteract the bad guy's plans. While it has been said of the silent era of the westerns, the good guys wore white hats and the bad guys wore black hats, in "Blazing Saddles" can be seen caricatures of some of Hollywood's other bad guys. Of course, to many, there really aren't any bad guys. Even human conflict and the old Hollywood Production Code have stated, there must be some saving grace within everyone and all movies should have a happy or redemptive endings.

Over the years, the motion picture industry would provide many happy ending movies which would include storylines about kings, queens, and their regal titled relatives. What young girl doesn't want to be a princess and to watch a movie about a princess? Many of those girls, now older, were enthralled with the real life regal royal weddings of Princess Elizabeth (later Queen of England), Princess Grace of Monaco and Princess Di. I haven't read where many young boys want to be Prince Charming, yet many boys, now much older, did want to be a Prince Valiant or some other swashbuckler sword-fighting hero. At this point, as a redemptive thought, I must exclude the "Prince of Darkness" and leave thoughts of him in Transylvania. The storylines of Hollywood's regal royal fairy tales world would stand out in sharp contrast against the storylines being carried out within the circles of the inter-married European monarchies in the late Victorian era. One of those storylines was Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm's plans to build an empire and a naval fleet to rival his British relatives. The Kaiser knew his plans were an explosive issue and death of Queen Victoria of England on January 22, 1902 wasn't going to resolve the issue. Related monarchies were only going to build up their naval fleets, to include submarines, and to sign treaties of mutual support. The issues were so explosive that all that was needed was a spark.

Within the next few paragraphs, the storylines of those movies which I have not seen or located, but have been able to piece together, I have labeled "*lost*" and will be written in *italic*.

Joining the war worries crowd would be Universal Film with the release of the 1914 film "Submarine Spy." *Our naval ensign, ever bold, brave and true, defeats the plans of a cunning mastermind spy by rescuing the crew of a submarine the spy engineered to sink.* To me, the movie sounds like a Dudley Do-

right and Boris storyline. But, how would the writers include a Nell part. Anyway, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police do not enter this submarine-movie review until a later part.

I don't know the storyline of the 1914 "Mutt and Jeff" animated cartoon short entitled "Submarine Chaser" but I do know about the spark that would advance submarine and anti-submarine warfare. On June 28, 1914 a Serb would assassinate the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir-presumptive to the throne of Austria-Hungary, in Sarajevo, the capital of Austro-Hungarian province of Bosnia. Does the word Bosnia ring a bell with anyone? Europe was going to war and Germany's "Schlieffen" plan, called for a quick thrust through Belgium to the English Channel. Advance southward along the channel coast to cut off British reinforcements and then drive toward Paris. Unfortunately, for the Germans, they made the turn too soon and the German navy wasn't going to risk losing their numerically smaller "High Seas Fleet" so early in the war. Major elements of the British "Grand Fleet" returned to port, while both sides of the conflict were sending their still primitive submarines out on patrol. Even though the words "overdue and presumed lost" would be posted on both sides, from the beginning, the Germans would initially be very successful, while the British were figuring out why their torpedoes were running too deep. Sadly, the storyline of torpedoes running too deep will be repeated.

Early in the four-year war, all of the European warring nations were trying different tactics with their submarines. "Commerce raiding," under the old cruiser regulations, which will be explained in Part Six, would be employed by both sides. Germany would build most of her subs for that purpose. British naval authorities on the other hand would spend a considerable amount of time and resources toward submarines which could cruise with the fleet or be the long range eyes of the fleet. Submarine mine-layers would also be developed. America would try to refrain from antagonizing either side of the conflict and not push for armament development. Of course, being America, there were groups like the Anti-war and Universal Peace Leagues pushing for complete neutrality and other groups trying just as hard for us to be involved on one side or the other. The favorite persuasive tool by all sides of the burning issue was the use of propaganda.

Keystone through Triangle Pictures Corp. would release the 1915 movie "Submarine Pirate." *A flawed man discovers a submarine's mission is to sink a battleship. He is the only one who can stop the mission. After becoming a stow-a-way, he will create havoc and pandemonium aboard the sub before escaping via a torpedo tube. Swimming away, he encounters a voracious shark.* The shark must not have been a small Dogfish shark, if the movie had a redemptive ending. And I thought all Keystone films were comedies. Does anyone remember the Keystone cops?

At the start of the war, Germany allowed a large part of her civilian merchant fleet to be interned in neutral ports around the world, including the United States, to save them from destruction. England could not follow suit and from the beginning of the war Germany would be complaining that England was shipping military related supplies from U.S. ports. As has been said or implied in many movies, "Business is business." Business was business when the world's first merchant submarine, the German "Deutschland" arrived in Baltimore on July 9, 1916. Her cargo and seamen were warmly received. She departed, fully loaded, with some much needed supplies. Her second trip saw her arriving at the brand new State Pier in New London on November 1, 1916. Once again she and her cargo would be received and again she would depart fully loaded. She would survive the war, but not return again.

In the same year, Vitagraph will release, "The Hero of Submarine D-2." *Members of "Ruanian's" naval force, thinking themselves as being clever and cunning, fail trying to obtain U.S. Naval information and decide to lay a minefield to destroy our nation's submarine force. (Presumably aboard a cargo ship.) Our hero, bold and courageous, aboard D-2, sees what they are doing. After ordering the crew to shoot him out of a torpedo tube, he swims through the minefield and warns the other submarines.* The U.S.S. D-2 was based at Newport R.I. at the time.

Unfortunately, for the German's, some of their submarine captains wouldn't use their best judgment and the propaganda war would start to tilt. It all began on May 5, 1915 when the U-20 sank the British passenger ship "Lusitania" without warning. From then on there would be minor incidents, until October 8, 1916. On the 7th the U-56 would dock at Newport R.I with some "mail" for the German embassy. She was

escorted into the harbor by the U.S.S. E-1 and on the 8th would be escorted out of the harbor and into international waters by the torpedo boat destroyers U.S.S. Ericsson, U.S.S. Jenson, U.S.S. Drayton & U.S.S. Benham. A short time later the U-56 would sink five cargo ships bound for England. The crews of the five ships would be rescued by the torpedo boat destroyers and the U.S. was outraged but business was business when the "Deutschland" arrived at New London. The propaganda and diplomatic war would escalate until the U.S. would declare war on Germany April 6, 1917.

One of the war's propaganda films would not be ready in time by the war's ending on November 11, 1918. The next year the Famous Players - Lasky Corp. would release "Behind the Door." *A shored merchant mariner, who is being mistakenly maligned for being pro-German, weds and ships out once more, taking his beautiful bride aboard with him. The ship is overtaken by a German U-boat and after the ship's complement have taken to the lifeboats, the U-boat captain hails the lifeboats toward his submarine. He orders the mariner's bride aboard and sends the lifeboats away. Later, our mariner will learn the U-boat captain had ravaged his wife and then had turned her over to his crew for their amusement until she died. Her lifeless body was shot out of a torpedo tube. Our mariner vows, if he ever catches up with the U-boat captain he will skin him alive. Still later, our mariner, now captain of a (presumably armed) U.S. Merchant Marine ship, will run afoul of the same U-boat and takes the captain prisoner. In the climatic scene, as a hanging figure can be seen in shadow, our mariner emerges with a blood-stained towel and holding a straight razor confronts members of his crew. The dialogue insert read, "I swore I would skin him alive, but he died on me - damn him."*

Factual, alleged and fictional atrocities, by U-boat crews, occurred in both World War I and again in World War Two. Without a lot of imagination I can see an English movie, where the outdoor locations were filmed in Venezuela, being filmed as a silent movie, since there is minimal film dialogue. That movie from 1971 is "Murphy War." and was released by Paramount Pictures. After the crew of a U-boat machine guns the survivors of a ship our lone survivor hero, played by Peter O'Toole, vows revenge on the U-boat and learns to fly a scouting floatplane to accomplish that end. The ex-U.S.S. Tilefish (SS-307), which played the role of the U-boat, could still have been used. All that would be needed would be a replica of a Sopworth scouting float-plane of the type used by the British during World War I. Another Sopworth aircraft, a "Camel" was fantasized by Charlie Brown's Snoopy. Rats! Our hero in the film isn't seen in a bar, so there was no quaffing of root beers.

The reported U-boat torpedoing of ships during World War I, would later be attributed to mines laid by German U-boat mine-layers. However it would be the torpedoes fired by German U-boats that would really create havoc along our eastern and gulf coast during World War II. In both wars, the U.S. Navy neither had plans prior to the war nor the resources during the early stages of the war to combat the U-boat threat. What the U.S. Navy needed was a man like our hero from the 1964 movie "The Incredible Mr. Limpet." In the live action and animation movie Mister Limpet, a flawed man, clearly militarily unqualified, played by our favorite Mayberry deputy sheriff, Don Knotts, becomes a fish and defeats the U-boat menace.

The last of the silent era World War I submarine related movies I have run across is the 1925 movie "Convoy". I haven't found a storyline but the found written comments read like two 1943 related movies. In the Warner Bros. release "Action in the North Atlantic" starring Humphrey Bogart and Raymond Massey, we follow some of the same crew from the time they were torpedoed on one U.S. Merchant Marine ship to the completion of their first, submarine infested, Atlantic crossing aboard a newer U. S. Merchant Marine ship. If the name Massey sounds familiar to some of you "farm boys" it should. Raymond's father, for a time, was head of the family owned Massey farm implement company. The second movie is the Universal released "Corvette K-225." In the movie we follow an ocean escort ship of the Royal Canadian Navy and her crew from her building to the completion of her first, submarine infested, Atlantic crossing. The hero and star of the movie is Randolph Scott, our flawed hero from Part Two's "Western Union" and who is prominently mentioned in the movie "Blazing Saddles."

The wagons have been circled and it's time to watch a good rerun.

Editors Note

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USS Columbus (SSN-762)

Call to Quarters



CMDCM(SS) Glennon K. Jenne
Chief of the Boat, USS COLUMBUS (SSN-762)



Command Master Chief Jenne entered the Navy November 17th 1980 after graduating high school in Effingham, Illinois. Following basic training in San Diego, California, he attended QM "A" School in Orlando, Florida and then Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut.

In 1981, he reported to his first submarine assignment aboard USS THOMAS EDISON (SSN-610). During this tour he qualified in submarines and completed a western pacific deployment while serving in the Quartermaster division. Following the decommissioning of EDISON, he was transferred to USS OHIO (SSBN-726) and completed four strategic deterrent patrols.

For his follow on shore assignment, Master Chief Jenne reported to Commander Submarine Group Nine in Bangor, Washington working in the operations department. During this tour, he was promoted to Petty Officer First Class.

In 1987, Chief Jenne reported aboard USS SEAHORSE (SSN-669) as Assistant Navigator. While assigned, SEAHORSE completed an inner fleet transfer from Bremerton, Washington to Charleston, South Carolina. In 1988, he was sent TAD to the USS BARB (SSN-596) due to the unexpected loss of their Assistant Navigator. While on BARB, he completed a western pacific deployment. Following his promotion the Chief Quartermaster in September 1989, he was transferred to USS GURNARD (SSN-662) in San Diego, California. During this tour, GURNARD completed a western pacific deployment, a North Pole deployment, and circum-navigated North America.

In 1992, Chief Jenne reported to Deep Submergence Unit in San Diego, California as the Operations Officer.

In 1994, he transferred to the USS NEVADA (SSBN-733) as the Assistant Navigator. While assigned, NEVADA completed seven strategic deterrent patrols. He was promoted to Senior Chief Quartermaster in 1998. Following this promotion, he attended the Senior Enlisted Academy in Newport, Rhode Island and went on to serve as the Chief of the Boat aboard USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN-730). During this tour, he was promoted to Master Chief Electronics Technician.

In 2000, Master Chief Jenne applied for, and was selected to, the Command Master Chief program. He was then selected to become the Command Master Chief of Submarine Base Bangor in Silverdale, Washington in 2001. During this tour, Submarine Base Bangor was selected as the first "Best Base in the Navy" by *Navy Times* magazine.

In 2004, Master Chief Jenne reported aboard USS COLUMBUS (SSN-762) as Chief of the Boat.

Command Master Chief Jenne is authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy Achievement Medal (seven awards), and several unit and service awards.