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THE GREEN BOARD



ALL SEAS ARE NAVIGABLE

Columbus Base Newsletter



Come see the completed (pictures not shown) Columbus Base Parade Sub on Saturday November 5th at the base meeting being held at the Buckeye Lake VFW. Be part of her first deployment on Thursday November 10th as she sets sail in the Columbus Veterans Day Parade.



Commander's Corner



Let me start with a Thank All of You for the help you gave me this past month with the passing of my wife Cheryl. She started coughing and our Doctor had an x-ray taken and saw spots on her lung. We then went to a Lung Doctor and he wanted to do a test but was unable to do it and he kept her in the hospital and in two weeks she was gone. Guys get a hold of your wife for you don't know what tomorrow will bring.

Our Thanksgiving month will again be a very busy month starting with our regular business meeting on the first Saturday of November. Then, it will be our Veterans Day march in the City of Columbus Parade on the Thursday 10 November followed by planned visitations with members of the USS COLUMBUS SSN-762 the next day.

We are most appreciative for Lt. Kevin Millslagle at OSU ROTC for arranging time for us to meet with the USS COLUMBUS Commanding Officer Charles Marquez and some members of his Ship's Company. We have been talking with Capt. Lennon of the JNROTC at Franklin Heights High School, 1001 Demorest Rd. in southwest Columbus and have been invited to their meeting with the SSN-762 representatives on Friday 11 November 2005. There are two periods 0800 - 0900 and 0900 - 1000 and if you plan to attend either of those times we are asking that you let me know because I need to give the school a count of how many will be there. At 1130 that day, the Navy League will be hosting a luncheon honoring Commander Marquez and the USS COLUMBUS at the Confluence Restaurant which is located at 679 W. Spring Street on Columbus' near West Side.

At our last officer's meeting we talked about the forthcoming Columbus Base Officer's election and adopted the handling procedure of the ballot which you will be receiving in the mail. A) Along with the ballot that you receive will be candidate biographies and a postage paid envelope containing your return address and the "mail-to address". Both address labels are already affixed for your convenience. B) All you have to do is select your candidate choice for each office on the ballot and place the ballot in the envelope and mail it back to the Nominating Committee Chairman, Bill Anderson.

Upon receipt of your mail, the committee will check it as "received mail only" against the membership roster. The voting procedure is a "secret ballot" format and your return envelope will not be opened by any member of the committee until the designated time when it can be done in full view of any Columbus Base Member who wishes to attend and witness the process. In accordance with Columbus Base by-laws, returned ballots must be "post marked" no later than Tuesday 22 November. Any ballots post-marked after that date are delinquent and will not be counted.

Please vote and we hope to see you at our next meeting on November 5th.
Jim Morton

Christmas Toys for Tots

Liz Kenyon is heading up the Toys for Tots collection from our base this year. We will be working with the U.S. Marines, Lima Company at Rickenbacher for this project.

They would like new, unwrapped toys for all ages or monetary donations. They distribute the toys to the needy children in Franklin county and probably surrounding counties.

The toys and or money will be collected at the December Christmas Party, however if you cannot attend you may contribute by making a check payable to Toys for Tots, and either give it to Liz Kenyon at the November 5th meeting or send to Liz Kenyon, 1835 Brimfield Rd. Columbus, Oh. 43229-3701.

If you need more information, please call Liz at 614-395-4591

In the Spirit

By David Johnson Base Chaplain

“He was the world to me.” those few words have left a lasting impression upon my soul. They were given to me by the father of our most recent member to go on eternal patrol, Mark Merriman. As we talked he relayed some memories of his son, and most of those consisted of what we might term “little things.” Memories of fishing, of hobbies, of times together enjoying life.

Ofentimes when one close to us departs we have a traditional way of honoring them. When it is a shipmate, quite often bells are tolled, moments of silence engaged, flags presented and other such ceremonies performed. Usually great and unusual accomplishments are mentioned. But to those closest to the individual, it is the “little things” that are rehearsed over and over again in their minds.

It is not the size of our accomplishments, but the quality of our relationships that defines our character and make an indelible impression upon those who are left to carry on once we depart this existence. It is not our careers, hobbies, or accomplishments that are truly important. It is our relationships that define our legacy.

We must prioritize our life with this simple truth in mind. When we do, we will realize that the “little things” are the largest things of all, and we always will make time for them.

Thank you Mark for the “little things.” Sailor, rest your oars.

Rick Larson will be providing films for our viewing during our social hour before the base meeting on Saturday, November 5th at the VFW hall at Buckeye Lake. Be sure to be on time to catch the whole film.

November Birthdays

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| Jennifer Clark | 11-03 |
| John Lehman | 11-03 |
| Sharon Lloyd | 11-06 |
| Joe Murphy | 11-11 |
| Nick Singer | 11-11 |
| Lloyd Berger | 11-28 |
| Bob Page | 11-29 |

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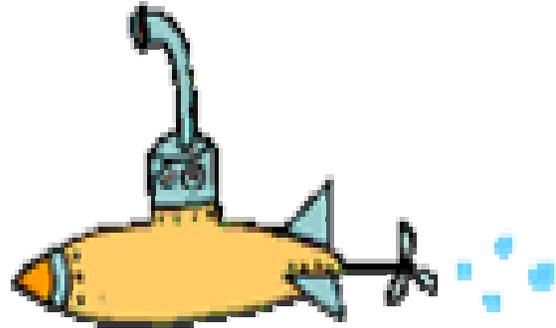
“ To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments.

Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States Government”

Lost Boats

November

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| USS Albacore (SS218) | Nov 7 1944 |
| USS Growler (SS215) | Nov 8 1944 |
| USS Scamp (SS217) | Nov 9 1944 |
| USS Corvina (SS226) | Nov 16 1943 |
| USS Sculpin (SS191) | Nov 19 1943 |
| USS Capelin (SS289) | Nov 23 1943 |



The Newsletter editors are pleased to announce that Marv Pastor will be doing future articles on the Holland Club members for the Green Board. Thanks Marv for being our reporter.

Don't forget to bring your donations of coffee, tea or hot cocoa for the Veterans Hospital to the meeting on Saturday. We are also collecting "Pens for Patients". You can bring those to the meeting too.

Editor's Note

If you have comments or articles, please contact the base newsletter editors.

Dave and Jan Creekmore at e-mail
creek636@earthlink.net

Upcoming events

Columbus Base meeting schedule for the remainder of 2005

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| November | Saturday | NOON | Buckeye Lake VFW Post #1388 |
| | 5 Nov. 2005 | | 3430 North Bank Rd. |
| | | | Millersport, OH 43046 |
| December | Saturday | 1700 | Hickory House Restaurant (Gahanna) |
| Holiday Dinner | 3 Dec. 2005 | | 550 Officenter Place |
| Bring a Toy for TOYS FOR TOTS | | | Gahanna, OH 43230 |

New Members

No new members this month

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| <u>The Conn</u> |
| Base commander |
| Jim Morton |
| Vice Commander |
| Jim Koogler |
| Treasurer |
| Eric Dreiseidel |
| Secretary |
| Chaplain |
| David Johnson |
| COB |
| James Williams |
| Membership Chairman |
| Bernie Kenyon |
| Storekeeper |
| Phil Philipps |
| Editor |
| Jan Creekmore |

Portholes

Sometimes, novice seamen will ask “ how comes holes on the star-board side are called portholes instead of starboardholes?” Many old salts are ready with explanations, but actually the name “porthole” has nothing to do with its location. The word originated during the reign of Henry VI of England (1485). It seems the good king insisted on mounting guns too large for his ships and therefore the conventional methods of securing the weapons on the forecstle and aftcastle could not be used.

A French shipbuilder named James Baker was commissioned to solve the problem. And solve it he did by piercing the ships sides so the cannon could be mounted inside the fore and after castles. Cover, gun ports, were fitted for heavy weather and when the cannon were not in use.

The French work “porte” meaning door, was used to designate the revolutionary invention. “Porte” was Anglicized to “Port” and later corrupted to porthole. Eventually, it came to mean any opening in a ship’s side whether for cannon or not.

Source: Rick Larson

Columbus Base Meeting Minutes

8th October 2005

Columbus Base Commander Jim Morton called the meeting to order at 1210 hours with 3 officers and 23 regular and associate members in attendance. Chaplain David Johnson offered the Invocation. The tolling of the bell for lost boats for the months of September and October was followed by a moment of silence for lost shipmates. Commander Morton led the base in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eric Dreiseidel made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from last month's meeting because they were printed in the October issue of "The Green Board". John Leers seconded the motion and motion carried.

Eric Dreiseidel introduced the subject of filling the canvas bags from the Kansas City Convention and donating them to the approximately 300 residents of the Chillicothe VA Hospital. Basically, any personal items of toiletries, clothing, etc., are acceptable. No alcohol. Bernie Kenyon suggested that Valentine's Day would be more appropriate time because the veterans at the hospital get many donations during the upcoming holidays.

Eric Dreiseidel read the Treasurer's report. Dave Creekmore made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Liz Kenyon recommended keeping the income expenditures associated with major items, be kept from the general Funds. This recommendation followed Eric's announcement that the taxes on the "Red Star Rogue" book sales would become due in January 2006.

OLD BUSINESS:

Paige Ogle reported on Ladies Subvettes. She commented that there don't seem to be enough interested persons at this time.

Commander Jim Morton commented that he did not believe that the proposed changes to the Columbus Base Bylaws were not properly submitted, and moved to invoke ARTICLE X-SUSPENSION OF A BYLAW SECTION I, TEMPORARY BYLAW SUSPENSION to suspend the requirement for submission of proposals for bylaw changes. Dave Creekmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commander Jim Morton then asked for clarifications of the proposed Columbus Base By-Laws changes that involved elections, specifically if the dates in Article IV, Section 5, and Article VII section 10, had been changed. Answer was "yes".

Dave Creekmore made a motion to suspend reading of the proposed changes since the proposed changes had been emailed to all base members and hardcopies were provided to all members in attendance. Eric Dreiseidel seconded. Motion carried.

Commander Jim Morton called for a voice vote to accept the proposed changes to the Columbus Base bylaws. The proposed changes were unanimously accepted.

John Leers and John Alexander gave a committee report on their efforts to find a single location for future meetings. After contacting several locations, there were 2 that would be happy to host our base meetings: the VFW on Hamilton Road and the Don Gentile American Legion post on Demorest Road. Jim Koogler reported that the survey sent to all base members asking for opinions regarding a single meeting place had only a 15% response. John Leers made a motion to email surveys again. Liz Kenyon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jim Koogler will send a second survey to all base members, asking for feedback from those who did not respond to the first survey.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Koogler made a suggestion that the Columbus Base should make a donation to Camp Hamwi in memory of Columbus Base Associate Member Cheryl Morton. Bill Anderson made a motion to take \$50.00 out of the base Benevolence Fund, and that all donations collected during the meeting be used to supplement that amount. Frank Lloyd seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jim Morton then explained the purpose of Camp Hamwi and what a wonderful organization it is. Members in attendance were reminded that they can make a donation as part of the Columbus Base's effort, and an envelope was passed for any who cared to contribute. A suggestion was then made to extend, until the November base meeting,

the opportunity for base members to contribute as part of the base donation effort. All agreed. \$288.00 was donated during the base meeting.

Liz Kenyon made a motion to acquire (by purchase or donation) a tape recorder. The purpose would be to record base meetings to aid the Base Secretary in the creation of the meeting minutes. John Leers seconded the motion. Motion carried. Frank Lloyd then offered to donate a tape recorder and would bring it to the next meeting.

Bill Anderson requested that anyone interested in running for an elected office to please submit a biography to him no later than the 5:00 PM on Saturday 15 October 2005. This timeframe is necessary in order to meet the obligations of the newly accepted by-laws changes requiring that candidates' names and biographies be submitted to the base secretary by October 15 of the election year.

Dave Creekmore reported on the sales of the book RED STAR ROGUE. To date, we have sold 231 books. 24 books will be taken to the Ken Sewell's reception and book signing at the Marriott Hotel North on Sunday October 9, 2005.

Dave Creekmore announced the sale of jackets with the Columbus Base logo embroidered on the back and (optionally) dolphins and name embroidered on the front. Jacket with base logo only is \$85.00. Dolphins and name are an additional \$7.50 each. Anyone interested in purchasing a jacket should contact Dave.

Dave Creekmore provided an update on the Christmas Dinner at the Hickory House. More information will follow.

Chaplain David Johnson updated the membership on the Charities and Benevolence Fund. Concern was raised as to how we can replenish the Benevolence Fund. More discussion is needed on this subject. However, in the interim, Galin Brady made a motion to use the base half of the current meeting's 50/50 raffle to help replenish the Benevolence Fund. John Leers seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was \$67.50 collected today for the Benevolence Fund. A reminder was made that the Benevolence Fund needs to be considered in the 2006 base budget.

Members were reminded that the base plans to march in the Columbus Veterans' Day parade, which will be on Thursday, November 10, 2005. Step-off is reported to be at 10:00 AM. Dave Creekmore reported that the USS Columbus submarine model should be ready for the parade. Jim Koogler advised that the visiting crew from the USS Columbus is also hoping to march with us. Eric Dreiseidel volunteered to verify times, locations, and requirements for the parade.

Jim Koogler reminded the members of the planned visit by members of the USS Columbus crew. Current plans are that they will be in Columbus from Wednesday Nov 9th until Sunday Nov 13th. A "meet and greet" reception is tentatively planned at the Aladdin Watering Hole on Saturday evening Nov 12th, tentatively scheduled to start at 6:30 PM, to give Columbus Base members the opportunity to meet and talk with the visiting USS Columbus crew. More information will be provided when available.

Bill McCorkle commented on a WW II (PIG BOAT) movie will be showed on Turner Classic Channel, October 13, 1:45 AM, if anyone is interested.

Joan Pastor provided the cookies for the membership to enjoy during the meeting.

50/50 drawing:

Total pot was \$135.00. Also included as secondary prizes for the 50/50 drawing: 2 loaves of homemade bread donated by Sharon Lloyd; 2 dolphin travel mugs donated by Jim Koogler, a set of candle holders shaped like birds donated by Frank and Sharon Lloyd (I think).

Bonnie Koogler won 50/50 drawing in the amount of 67.50.

Winners of the other gifts were Galin Brady, Don Crinkey, Russ Ferguson, John Alexander, and Bob Frier.

Base Storekeeper Phil Philips auctioned a few items, and also had numerous items available for sale. Anyone wanting a Zippo lighter with engraved dolphins can contact Phil... but you have to listen to his story.

Jim Koogler announced next month's meeting: Buckeye Lake Post 1388, Saturday November 5, 2005 1200 hours. Directions and map will be provided before the next meeting.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Columbus Base Commander Jim Morton provided some personal comments. He then called for Chaplain David Johnson to give the benediction.

The meeting was then adjourned at 1400 hours.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Paige Ogle

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)

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Part Six

Confirmation of Identity

What is it, Sir?

That is the Mystery

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

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

Easy Identification

Given the number of submarine incidents during the 1920's, including those listed in Part Five, it is no mystery that various writers would have published magazine articles and books about submarines. Two of the better known writers were Commander Edward Ellsberg U.S.N. and a well known personality, from the late nineteen teens through the nineteen seventies, Lowell Thomas.

Edward Ellsberg wrote his books about submarines with an insider's knowledge of the subject. Although not a submariner, he would gain his knowledge of submarines and the men who served aboard them, as a Lieutenant Commander, when he was becoming the U.S. Navy's leading salvage expert with the salvage of the S-51 and the attempted rescue and salvage of the S-4.

Lowell Thomas came into national prominence as a war correspondent covering the Middle East. In December 1917 he would meet Thomas Edward Lawrence, an obscure eccentric British officer, and begin writing about Lawrence's exploits. Lowell Thomas's fascination, writings and later book *With Lawrence in Arabia* created a legend. In 1962 British film director David Lean would bring to the screen his version of the legend in *Lawrence of Arabia* starring Peter O'Toole and Alec Guinness. Within the film the roles of Lowell Thomas and his cameraman Harry Chase would be combined into one role. In 1928 Lowell Thomas's submarine book *Raiders of the Deep*, based on his interviews with World War One German U-boat captains, would be published. From 1935 until 1952, he would do the voice over for the silver screen's *Movietone News*.

Unanticipated Identifications

At the outbreak of the Great War in 1914, later to be called World War One, German U-boat officers anticipated the laying of submarine minefields, netting and to be wary of the speed and guns of destroyers. Many young officers of the U-boats wouldn't live because they did not anticipate the advancements and variety of anti-submarine tactics the British would employ during the four year war.

Being an island nation the British could anticipate Germany converting civilian merchant or other ships into commerce raiders. They could anticipate those raiders to follow all of the international laws covering commerce raiding called the cruiser rules. Sailing masters could fully anticipate those commerce raiders would identify their ship as belonging to the belligerent nation and harmless gunfire would be directed toward them. They could anticipate their sailing manifest to be checked and if their ship was hauling contraband cargo their ship could be sunk after the crew was taken aboard the raider or a prize crew would be put on board and the ship would be taken to a port where the ship and crew would be interned. The least the masters could expect was the crew being allowed to take to the lifeboats with enough water and provisions to make it to the nearest friendly landfall. No one anticipated the small primitive submarines to be used as commerce raiders. No one anticipated the submarines becoming large enough to mount topside deck guns.

With newer and larger submarines which could mount topside deck guns, the German Admiralty decided they could use their U-boats as commerce raiders even though they would be forced to bend the cruiser rules almost to the breaking point. The British would retaliate with a very public propaganda campaign against the U-boats and quietly began arming their civilian commercial fleet with deck guns. While strengthening and lowering their anti-submarine netting, they were installing primitive underwater listening devices and racks to drop depth bombs on the fantail of their destroyers. We Americans would later call the depth bombs, depth charges and ash cans. The British also began equipping innocent looking civilian fishing trawlers for an anti-submarine role. With the foregoing being surface ships, the mysterious sinking of U-boats was a mystery no longer when lucky damaged U-boats began limping back into port. Very secretly the British began converting a small number of sailing ships and tramp steamers as to make them as unsinkable as possible and to arm them with concealed deck guns. A couple of them would even tow small obsolete submarines behind them. Everyone could anticipate the attempted ruse being a very lonely and hazardous mission. No one could anticipate what the U-boat crews would do if the ruse didn't work. Those converted ships would become known as Q-ships or mystery ships. All of the foregoing would cause the German Admiralty to rule in favor of sinking on sight without following the cruiser rules or as it would become known as unrestricted submarine warfare. The use of unrestricted submarine warfare by the Germans would draw the United States into the Great War for the last year of it's duration. War movies were sure to follow.

Identified as a British film and story

While Frank Capra's 1928 movie *Submarine*, from Part Five, was being shown in New York City, a British "lost silent film" entitled Q-ships was widely anticipated. Many of those waiting to see the film had already read British Admiral Gordon Campbell's book *My Mystery Ships*. The film's storyline was written by Captain Harold Auten, Royal Naval Reserve, about the exploits of his ship, the Q-ship Stockforce, from the beginning until the end and about the British Navy's attempt to stem the tide against the German U-boats. Captain Auten and some of his former crew would have leading roles in the film. An unknown British submarine played the role of a German U-boat. An interesting side note to the film is the fact that three times the film company tried to destroy the schooner Amy which was being used as the Stockforce and failed. They were able to derive enough usable footage, since there wasn't another attempt. Each subsequent Q-ship movie would be judged by this one.

Identified as an American Film with an English storyline

From all indications, John Ford's, Fox Film release, *Seas Beneath* starring George O'Brien and Marion Lessing, which would have it's opening in New York City in late January 1931, would not be the Q-ship movie he first envisioned when he wrote the original storyline. From watching the film, it is very clear from the beginning John Ford borrowed his ideas from Admiral Campbell's book. In the *Seas Beneath*, John Ford will have a sailing ship tow a submarine behind to attack German U-boats. In the case of the British, they used the small obsolete coastal defense submarines C-24 & C-27. John Ford had to settle for the usage of a much larger and newer submarine of the same class as the S-44 - an Electric Boat built S-41 through S-47.

From the beginning of the film it is clear John Ford had to eliminate the advance training and secrecy a Q-ship undertaking would require. Can you believe a fully adapted, manned and supplied sailing ship could get underway, presumably heading for the Azores, towing a submarine, without the crew knowing anything about their mission? The cast and crew would only travel as far as Santa Catalina Island for filming.. Another mistake John Ford would make was when the script called for the ship's commanding officer to ask a crew member to volunteer to play a cross dressing role. According to the non-elected non-governmental National Board of Review males cross dressing as females could only be shown in comical, farcical or situations of ridicule. It didn't matter to the board that John Ford had historical precedent to support his writing, the board had their own agenda. The board did allow some cross dressing by a male actor when John Ford changed the film's romantic sub-plot redemptive ending. The romantic sub-plot has the sailing ship's commanding officer, played by George O'Brien, falling in love with a female German spy role, played by Marion Lessing. The change in the romantic sub-plot ending would forever set this film apart from all of John Ford's romantic interest sub-plots in his military theme movies from the 1930 *Men Without Women* to the 1960 *Sergeant Rutledge* starring Jeffery Hunter and Woody Strode.

Short segments in two later John Ford-directed movies are very insightful as to the *Seas Beneath* time frame. Those movies are the 1945 *They Were Expendable* starring Robert Montgomery, John Wayne and Ward Bond and the 1957 *The Wings of Eagles* starring John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Dan Dailey and Ward Bond.

One of those segments is in the middle of *The Wings of Eagles* when naval aviator turned writer “Sprig” Wead, played by John Wayne, is becoming a Hollywood insider with a Hollywood type director, played by Ward Bond. In the segment the Hays office of the National Board of Review is directly mentioned, along with a reference to the 1933 movie *Hell Divers*, a naval aviation film, starring Wallace Berry and Clark Gable. The short black and white segment is from the same MGM release for which “Sprig” Wead wrote the screenplay.

Toward the end of *They Were Expendable*, with location filming at Key Biscayne, Florida and screenplay by “Sprig” Wead, there is a segment full of misinformation which was meant to misdirect someone away from the true message. In the segment the commanding officer of MTB (PT) squadron, played by Robert Montgomery, is talking to the skipper of the submarine S-29 about having and using some of the S-29's torpedoes. The real S-29 never served in Asiatic waters and would be loaned to the British early in World War Two. As for the torpedoes, even though the torpedoes carried aboard both submarines and surface ships were 21 inches in diameter, there was a difference. Submarines of the R and S classes carried Mark 10 torpedoes which were shorter than the Mark 8 torpedoes carried by destroyers and early MTBs (PT). Also submarines of the S-29 class only carried a maximum of 12 torpedoes not the 16 mentioned in the film. The segment is all about who played the cross dressing role of Tess at the U.S. Naval Academy in 1932 an indirect reference to John Ford's censorship problems with the National Board of Review between 1929 and 1932.

Despite all of John Ford's problems with the film the true star of the film, with the American public, would be the usage of the U.S.S. Argonaut (V-4) (SM-1) (SS-166).

Identified as American Hollywood Fiction

Even though director Albert Rogell's RKO production of the Q-ship movie *Suicide Fleet*, starring Bill Boyd, Robert Armstrong, James Gleason and 20 year old Ginger Rogers, is listed as being released in the same year as *Seas Beneath*, there was an eleven month difference. Those eleven months allowed Albert Rogell to keep his film in the mystery ship category by the use of deception, and open it up to be more of a destroyer movie than a true Q-ship movie. In fact deception is the key word for this film. The film even opens with the deceptive technique of rear screen projection whereby the film is directing thoughts of the New York City area as the movie's location. The characters are quickly introduced as having a connection to Coney Island, as well as the love interest sub-plot between the three leading male actors and Sally, the salt water taffy girl, prior to the U.S. entry into World War One. Separately the three men join the U.S. Navy and discover the role played by Bill Boyd has had prior naval experience and has been advanced to chief petty officer. All three men are assigned to a destroyer, a role played by the U.S. S. Preble (DD-345) which was the next to the last of the World War One authorized destroyers built and already a veteran of the Asiatic Fleet.

The destroyer and the rest of her squadron are heading toward the submarine zone where they encounter a sailing ship flying a false flag being used by the Germans as a supply and communication ship. Prior to the encounter the sailing ship had already been visited by a U-boat, a natural role for the U.S. S. Argonaut. During the encounter, the sailing ship catches fire and everyone learns the role played Robert Armstrong speaks German. Even though the sailing ship sinks, deception will be used again since an identical sailing ship is located in Havana, Cuba.

Havana being a good place for quaffing, even though none is shown, turns out to be a great location for the roles played by Armstrong and Gleason to continue their deception of trying to keep the true love of Sally for the Bill Boyd role away from him. The “new” sailing ship, as a Q-ship, sails for the submarine zone (commanded by the Bill Boyd role) escorted by the destroyers which will lay back until the Q-ship encounters a German U-boat. The Q-ship encounters not one but two U-boats, roles played by two of the three “new” B-class U.S. submarines, U.S.S. Barracuda (V-1) (SS-163), U.S.S. Bass (V-2) (SS-164) or U.S.S. Bonita (V-3) (SS-165). The plot warms up when the U.S.S. Argonaut surfaces. The third German captain suspects deception but goes aboard the sailing ship anyway and a running gun battle follows very quickly. For the special effects crew the unknown schooner will be very co-operative in her destruction. Additional footage would need to be completed on a sound stage and using Fox's large back lot water tank.

In the films *Seas Beneath* and *Suicide Fleet* the U.S.S. Argonaut is still young, beautiful and fully operational.

Lowell Thomas' sign off signature, from his fifteen minute radio news commentary show from 1932 until 1976, was “So long until tomorrow.” For me it must be “So long until the next part when we once again visit World War One submarine action - Hollywood style.

New veterans' clinic culminates years of work

WASHINGTON - Just about anyone who works for years getting a specific project off the ground feels a great sense of accomplishment when that project finally comes to fruition. That's exactly what I experienced last week when I joined with others in our community to break ground for the new Department of Veteran's Affairs health care facility at the Defense Supply Center in Whitehall.

The need for the new facility has been apparent for years. The existing Chalmers P. Wylie Outpatient Clinic just doesn't have the capacity to offer the wide variety of services that the growing number of veterans in Central Ohio requires. When it opened 10 years ago, it was designed to handle about 135,000 patient visits annually, but more than 240,000 visits are anticipated in 2005. Along with others in the area, I've been working for more than a decade--going back to the time I served as an aide to former Congressman John Kasich--on trying to develop something better.



We saw the solution start coming to life last Monday when we broke ground for a new \$95 million ambulatory surgery center and clinic (also to be named after former Congressman Wylie) that will be 2.5 times the size of the existing center. More important, hundreds of vets in our area who now must travel to Dayton, Cleveland or elsewhere for routine health care will be able to receive it right here in their own community.



Exterior View

Landscape Plot

Interior View

I can't tell you how many stories I've heard over the years from veterans who have literally had to travel to all corners of the state for routine doctor's appointments, tests, or outpatient treatment. It disrupts their lives, the lives of family members, and the transportation costs eat right through their wallets.

That being said, other areas have similar needs. Although Columbus is the largest area in the nation without a VA inpatient hospital, competition for federal dollars to construct new facilities is incredibly tough. As Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim



Nicholson pointed out at the groundbreaking, the teamwork of our congressional delegation helped make the difference. Reps. Dave Hobson and Deborah Pryce, and Senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich all did yeoman's work in convincing the department to make the health care needs of veterans in Central Ohio a priority.

Our work isn't over. Even with this new facility, veterans whose treatment requires an overnight stay generally must still travel to VA hospitals elsewhere in the state. There are some exceptions that currently allow for treatment at local health care facilities. Nonetheless, we need a permanent solution, involving either formal contracts for care with local hospitals or the eventual addition of inpatient facilities at the new medical center that will allow longer term care to

be given locally.

For now, though, our veterans can look forward to great improvement in health care and quality of life when the new clinic opens in early 2008.

The preceding text was taken from Congressman Patrick J. Tiberi's writing which I copied from his website:

<http://www.house.gov/tiberi/>



I have added the photos which I took while representing the Columbus Sub Vets Base at this long awaited event which was held on September 12, 2005. The above photo on the lower left is an Ohio Military Veteran with Senator George Voinovich. In his address to the attendees, the senator praised Congressman Tiberi for his perseverance in arriving at this point which spans nearly 20 years.

The bottom photo on the left is Mark Bell, Veteran's Affairs Aide to Congressman Tiberi, and the Congressman himself visiting with the Honorable Michael Coleman, Mayor of the City of Columbus, Ohio.

Mayor Coleman, in his short poignant address welcomed the upcoming construction of the new facility as being, "the best for the very best".

The opportunity to speak with each of these officials and to compliment them on behalf of all of "us" veterans for their unity in bringing life to this project was my pleasure!

Respectfully submitted by Bernie Kenyon