

COLUMBUS BASE SUBMARINE VETERANS

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ALL SEAS ARE NAVIGABLE

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COLUMBUS SUB VETS BASE 2005



The ranks of Columbus Sub Vets Base are comprised of submarine veterans, active duty personnel and associate members, one who is a Navy ROTC Cadet attending The Ohio State University. The Base was formed in November 2003 with 12 "bubbleheads" and has added over 100 members since, including some former submarine commanding officers.

The group is involved with charitable projects such as members donating a can of coffee when they attend their monthly meetings. The donation is taken to the Veteran Administration's Chalmers P. Wylie Outpatient Clinic in Columbus where the coffee is consumed by military veterans in the facility's waiting room while awaiting medical attention.



Another community involvement began in the spring of 2005 when the Columbus Base commissioned an Award for Military Excellence to be given to a senior class cadet who has demonstrated military excellence throughout their Navy Junior ROTC military science career at a Columbus high school. The award consists of a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond and an inscribed gold medallion.

Base members participated in all of the traditional holidays honoring veterans and their sacrifices. In May the group marched in the Worthington, Ohio Memorial Day parade. In July, it was Upper Arlington's Independence Day event and in November they participated in the City of Columbus' Veterans Day observation.





Sponsored by the crew of a submarine named after the Ohio State Capital, the USS COLUMBUS, a submarine deployed on the west coast, the Columbus Base members were doubly honored when they were joined by some of the Ship's Company in the 2005 Veterans Day Parade. A day that featured the boat's Commanding Officer, Commander Charles Marquez join Dave Creekmore, in christening the replica of the USS Columbus, a miniature submarine that Dave built especially for its inaugural cruise in celebration of our Veteran's National Day of Honor.

Instead of Champagne, an exotic beer was used for the christening as consideration for the sheet metal hull had to be taken into account. A gentle pouring instead of the traditional swing of the bottle against the bow eliminated any chance of denting the miniature reproduction of the SSN-762.



One of the Central Ohio group's most distinguished members is Ken Sewell, a Columbus resident and author of the recently released book, "*RED STAR ROGUE*", a non fiction account of a cold war adversary's attempt to attack the United States. The Columbus Club's involvement with the distribution of Ken Sewell's novel has gained them recognition worldwide.



Support and assistance was lent to Ken during an "Open House" that he and his wife, Brenda, hosted at the Marriott North in Columbus. Some of the Base Members joined Ken at a local Barnes and Noble Store book signing session shortly after release of his book.

Year 2005 also brought the Columbus submarine veterans recognition through a number of awards they received. Honors included:

- USSVI Central District 2 SHIPMATE of the YEAR
- USSVI Central District 2 BASE of the YEAR
- USSVI Central Region SHIPMATE of the YEAR
- USSVI Central Region BASE of the YEAR - Runner-up
- USSVI National GOLDEN ANCHOR AWARD - Second Runner-up
- USSVI National SILVER ANCHOR AWARD - First Runner-up
- USSVI Class III Base Website of the Year
- USSVI Class III Newsletter of the Year - Fifth Runner-up tie



Jan Creekmore, Editor of The **GREEN BOARD** Newsletter and 50/50 Raffle Winner of \$80.50 at the December Base Dinner.

Jim "Clutch" Koogler accepted "Golden Anchor Award" and "Base Website of the Year" on behalf of the Base during awards ceremony at the USSVI National Convention in Kansas City, MO. while Bernie Kenyon accepted the "Silver Anchor Award" there.



It was a great year in the growth and maturity of the Base and Saturday night was the membership's honor to assist the United States Marine Corp in this year's "TOYS for TOTS" drive. A charitable event combined with a dinner which was a wonderful way to end our second full year.



Many months prior to this December gathering a couple of the base members did what great shipmates often do, they conspired to deservedly honor another shipmate. One of the two, Frank Lloyd, had come across a Hull Technician's Plaque in his travels and brought it to the attention of Clutch Koogler. What resulted was a unique way to honor a crewmember for his talent, extremely hard work and dedication to the Columbus Sub Vets Base. They added an inscribed brass plate which reads

"TO DAVE CREEKMORE
IN GRATITUDE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION AS A
HULL TECHNICIAN OF THE HIGHEST ORDER.
DONATED AND PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF
COLUMBUS BASE, USSVI"



To those who have not seen Dave Creekmore's creation, it is a masterpiece and will undoubtedly bring honor and recognition to the Columbus Base for years to come. In the photo to the left you are looking at Bill McCorkle and John Leers enjoying their ride in the Veterans Day ride down High Street in Columbus.

The photos starting with the one at the very beginning, on the top left, feature NROTC Cadet Bruce Sanderson and his father, George H. Sanderson Jr. Next, on the right, is former USS COLUMBUS Commanding Officer Mike Ryan, Columbus Base of USSVI Member, who is currently serving in Hawaii.

The member at the table with the coffee donations collected for the VA Clinic at one of the group's meetings is Chief of the Boat (or Base) James Williams. To the right are the Club's Worthington Parade marchers followed by the USS COLUMBUS C.O. Commander Charles Marquez marching in the Veterans Day Parade with his COB Glennen Jenne and Lt. Adam Hattersley, the Boat's Engineering Officer. Dave Creekmore and "Chas" Marquez are to the right in a photo following their christening of the mini-sub.

Then, comes Brenda Sewell setting up for the *RED STAR ROGUE* Open House, her display, and then, a photo of Ken Sewell casually addressing the large audience at the Barnes and Noble book signing.

USSVI Central Region Director Art Randle is with Jim Koogler in the photo with the plaque, next, in the center, is Jake Clark with yellow neck-tie, the base Webmaster whose work brought recognition to the base website and to the right is the "Silver Anchor Award" acceptance.

The last photo on the right hand side is Frank Lloyd reading the plaque inscription as he presents the HT Award to Dave Creekmore.

The toys graphic on the left side was featured on the cover sheet of the "TOYS for TOTS" Sailing List which was dispensed at the December 3, 2005 Dinner.

Respectfully submitted by, Bernie Kenyon



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”

The Super-Cavitating Torpedo

A rocket torpedo that swims in an air bubble

Submarines peaked in power and relevance during the Cold War; there has since been a shift in focus to aircraft-based combat, and subs have become budget-cut victims. But subs are still prized for their ability to sneak about global waters undetected and to defend surface ships from attack. Many U.S. subs are being converted from missile launchers into delivery vehicles for special operations troops.

But the supercavitating torpedo—a rocket-propelled weapon that speeds through the water enveloped in a nearly frictionless air bubble—may render obsolete the old submarine strategy of sly maneuvering and silent running to evade the enemy. The super fast torpedo could be outfitted with conventional explosive warheads, nuclear tips or nothing at all—a 5,000-pound, 230-mph missile could do enough damage on its own. The Russians invented the concept during the Cold War, and their version of this underwater killer—dubbed the Shkval (“Squall”)—has recently been made available on the international weapons market; the United States, of course, wants a new, improved version of the original.

The hard part about building a rocket-propelled torpedo isn't so much the propulsion as clearing a path through the ocean. Water creates speed-sapping drag; the best way to overcome that drag is to create a bubble that envelopes the torpedo—a super cavity. A gas ejected uniformly and with enough force through a cavitator in the nose of the torpedo will provide such a bubble, permitting speeds of more than 200 mph and a range of up to 5 miles (traditional torpedoes have slightly longer ranges, but lumber at only 30 to 40 mph).

Though submerged, the torpedo remains essentially dry, with a frictionless surface. “That sounds easy, but doing it is extremely difficult, especially if you're trying to steer,” says Kam Ng, program manager for the torpedo at the Office of Naval Research, which has been developing the weapon since 1997. “If your torpedo moves in a straight line, you just aim and shoot,” says Ng. “That capability already exists with Shkval. But the U.S. vehicle will be more capable—it will turn, identify objects, and hone in on the target.” (Improvements to the torpedo to make it steerable likely froze when the Soviet Union collapsed, says GlobalSecurity.org, s Pike.)

Among the greatest challenges for U.S. torpedo researchers is developing detection and homing technology that will enable the torpedo to distinguish an enemy sub from, say, a rock formation, says Ng. Also tricky is finding a way to control the gas bubble to permit those course changes. “When you turn, the bubble distorts because it is no longer symmetrical,” he says. “So you have to compensate for that by putting more bubble to one side.” This is done, Ng explains, by ejecting more gas toward the outside of the turn.

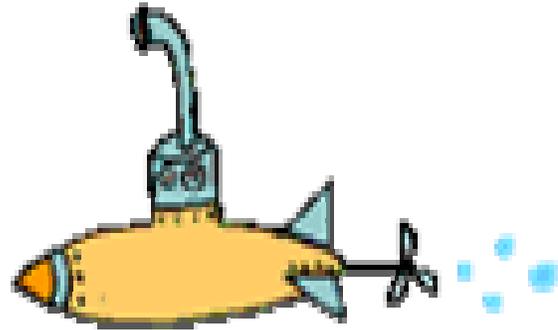
Naval officials say the high-speed torpedo will enable submarines to attack enemy subs and surface ships without giving them time to respond. The U.S. military has tested a prototype, but combat-ready versions are not expected for at least 15 years.

Article from Popular Science June 2004

Lost Boats

December

USS Capelin (SS289)	Dec. 2, 1943
USS Sealion (SS195)	Dec. 10, 1941
USS F-1 (SS220)	Dec. 17, 1917
USS S-4 (SS109)	Dec. 17, 1927



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

My Heart's at Sea Forever
Long ago I was a Sailor.
I sailed the Ocean blue.
I knew the bars in Singapore...
The coastline of Peru.

I knew well the sting of salt spray,
The taste of Spanish wine,
The beauty of the Orient...
Yes, all these things were mine.

But I wear a different hat now,
No tie and jacket too.
My sailing days were long ago...
with that life I am through.

But somewhere deep inside of me...
The sailor lives there still.
He longs to go to sea again,
But knows he never will.

My love, my life, is here at home,
and I will leave here never.
Though mind and body stay ashore...
My heart's at sea forever.

~Author Unknown~

Upcoming events

January 7, 2006 Noon Don Gentile American Legion Hall
Demorest Rd.
Grove City, OH.

Scuttlebutt

The origin of the word “scuttlebutt” which is nautical parlance for a rumor, comes from a combination of “scuttle”, to make a hole in the ship’s side causing her to sink and “butt”, a cask or hogshead used in the days of wooden ships to hold drinking water; thus the term scuttlebutt means a cask with a hole in it. “Scuttle” describes what most rumors accomplish if not to the ship, at least to morale. “Butt” describes the water cask where men naturally congregated, and that’s where most rumors get started. The terms “galley yarn” and “messdeck intelligence” also mean the spreading of rumors and many of course, start on the messdeck.

The Conn

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

New Officers for 2006

The Columbus Base held elections in November for officers for 2006. The results of the voting are:

Jim Koogler — Commander

Dave Creekmore — Vice Commander

Liz Kenyon — Secretary

John Leers—Treasurer

Thanks to all who voted this year. Special “Thank you” to the nominating committee of Bill Anderson, Bill McCorkle and Bill Meyer.

New Members

No new members this month

Vice - Commander's Corner

By Vice Commander Jim "Clutch" Koogler

I've struggled with writing this month's column. It wasn't for lack of things to say, but more because I had a LOT to say. Much has happened over the past couple of months, and prioritizing and identifying the important things and eliminating the trivial have been the issue. But then 3 things happened that made everything else a little less important. Not that Columbus Base issues are unimportant, but these were more in the line of personal issues. And their importance, at least to me, is perhaps magnified by the holiday seasons... the season of Thanksgiving; the seasons of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or whatever religious or heritage holiday you might choose to celebrate; the seasons of family and friends.

First, a 16-year-old student at Worthington Kilbourne High School, Kasey Bureson, died as the result of an auto accident... a really stupid accident that should have never happened. She died just before Thanksgiving. Kasey was a schoolmate and acquaintance of my daughter Katie... so her death was close to home.

Second, a young lady from Columbus, Catherine Woods, was murdered in New York City. Catherine was a 2002 graduate of Worthington Kilbourne High School... again, the high school that my daughter attends. She left Columbus, her home, and her family to pursue her dream of becoming a professional dancer.

The third incident was especially close to home. My son Mike is a firefighter/EMT. I won't take the time or space to go into details here... other than to say that in the course of his duties as an EMT, he was exposed to high levels of carbon monoxide and was briefly hospitalized. Mike was very lucky... it could have been much, much worse.

These incidents have affected me far more than anyone realizes... including my wife, my daughter, and my sons. I'm not an "open" person. I don't readily share my feelings and/or emotions. Instead, I internalize most things. I know it's not "right". I know it's not "fair". But for whatever reason, that's the way I am.

So, you ask, why do I bring all of this up here... in a submarine veterans' base newsletter column? Well, my first response is "because I can". But that's not the real reason. And if you'll bear with me just a bit longer, I think you'll understand.

Several months ago, I came across a poem... a poem that many of you may have already read in one form or another. It was attributed to someone who lost a loved one in the 9/11 World Trade Center disaster... and I would gladly acknowledge the author if I knew who he or she is. The original poem was written very specifically in reference to that incident. But I took the liberty of re-writing and re-wording some parts of it to fit my own personal feelings... with the intention of giving it to my wife and to my daughter. You see, I can write these things far better than I can say them. I carried the poem with me for months. For some reason, I just couldn't bring myself to give it to them. And then, some weeks ago, I finally gave it to my wife... but I still haven't given it to my daughter. I believe it has relevance here, in this season... and, in fact, at all times. With your indulgence, I'd like to share it with you now.

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,
I would videotape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute
To stop and say, "I love you," instead of assuming you would KNOW it.

If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day,
Well I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight,
And we always get a second chance to make everything just right.

There will always be another day to say, "I love you,"
And certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do?"

But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike,
And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?
For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day,

That you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss
And you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today, and whisper in their ear,
Tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear

Take time to say, "I'm sorry," "Please forgive me," "Thank you," or "It's okay."
And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today.

Sometimes, tomorrow never comes. Sometimes, there are no more opportunities. Sometimes, the last “I love you” really is the last “I love you”... regardless of when it was said. Was Kasey aware of her importance to her family and friends? Or Catherine? Did anyone ever tell them? I don’t know. But I do know that I’ve never been able to tell Mike, or my other sons Jeff and Doug, or my daughter Katie, or my 4 grand-daughters, or even my wife Bonnie how important they are in my life and how much I love them. They should already know... right?

Now do you understand? My family, my friends, my shipmates deserve to know how I feel. And if I can’t say it... if I can’t hold back the tears or swallow the lump in my throat that inevitably come when I try... then perhaps you all can at least read it. Some day, maybe I’ll be able to tell you. But until that day comes, I hope you will all understand how important you are to me... admittedly some (like my family) more than others, but all in some way.

Do your family and friends know how important they are to you? Perhaps... but don’t bet on it. Maybe, just maybe, you’re a lot like I am and also have trouble verbally sharing your feelings with loved ones. And maybe, just maybe, in this season, this poem might help you express to them how you feel. If so, please share it with them. Don’t wait until “tomorrow”.

To my family, to my “shipmates” of the Columbus Base and USS Columbus and all of your families, and to the men and women who serve or have served in our nation’s military services... I send you all the warmest of season’s greetings and wish you all the happiest of holidays. May your new year be your best year yet.

And to quote another fat old man: “Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night”.

**December
Birthdays**

George R. “Randy” McWilliams	12-02
Williard E. “Gene” Lee	12-05
Michael “Mike” Petsch	12-18
Marvin H. “Marv” Pastor	12-22

Master-at-Arms

The Master-at-arms rating is by no means a modern innovation. Naval records show that these “sheriffs of the sea” were keeping order as early as the reign of Charles I of England. At that time they were charged with keeping the swords, pistols, carbines and muskets in good working order as well as ensuring that the bandoliers were filled with fresh powder before combat.

Besides being chiefs of police at sea, the sea corporals, as they were called in the British Navy, had to be qualified in close order fighting under arms and able to train seamen in hand-to-hand combat. In the days of sail, the MAAs were truly “masters at arms.” The master-at-arms in the U.S. Navy can trace the beginning of his rate to the Union Navy of the Civil War.

Our first Holland Club profile is John Alexander. He was inducted into the Holland Club in August 2005. He shared some of his experiences and thoughts with Marv Pastor, our Holland Club reporter.



John enlisted in the U.S. Navy in June 1943. Nineteen forty three was a busy year for John. He attended torpedo school in San Diego, California; he also went through sub school in New London, Ct. that same year. In 1944 he reported to Portsmouth, N.H. for new construction aboard the USS Redfish SS 395. He also attended sonar school in Key West, Fla.

Along with the Redfish John also served aboard the USS R-13, on a relief crew and the USS Haddock SS 231. John Qualified on the USS Haddock in Feb. of 1945. Between tours on the USS Redfish and USS R-13 was time aboard the tender USS Proteus. John had three combat patrols, one on the USS Redfish, two aboard USS Haddock, within sixteen months in the Pacific.



John was a TM3, and captain on the 40MM forward mount. He was also qualified on the Browning machine gun.

Asked about submarine duty, John answered he was drawn to submarines because the physical would be such a challenge and it would be quite a select group to be a part of.

Rest camps in Honolulu and duty on the tender was his favorite port and duty stations. Two events that stuck in John's mind occurred in 1945, he saw Mt. Fujiyama through the periscope and saw an island born from a volcanic eruption off the coast of Honshu. While on the USS Redfish John also remembers rescuing a downed pilot from the water south of Honshu. They had to beat two Japanese torpedo boats to the rescue. He also recalls having to restrain a Japanese prisoner while three toes were amputated by the Pharmacist Mate.

John was discharged 1946 and married in 1949. In 1980 his wife of 31 years died. He remarried in 1981. They have two children, by his first wife, a son now deceased and a daughter now teaching in Ft. Myers, Florida. There are four grandchildren.

Thanks John for your time and service.



Columbus Base
United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

November 27, 2005

Camp Hamwi
Attn: Kimberly Advent
Central Ohio Diabetes Association
1580 King Avenue
Columbus, OH 43212-2058

Dear Ms. Advent,

In memory of our departed associate member, Mrs. Cheryl Morton, a diabetic, please accept our \$485 donation from the Columbus Base of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. We the members, desire our donation to be used to help needy children attend Camp Hamwi who would not otherwise have a chance to do so. We realize the importance that Camp Hamwi provides and the support given to diabetic children and are glad to help support Camp Hamwi in its mission.

Sincerely yours,

The Members & Associate Members of the
Columbus Base of USSVI
908 Sherwood Avenue
Marysville, OH 43040-1339

November 5, 2005

Minutes of the Columbus Base of USSVI
Buckeye Lake VFW Post 1388

Commander Morton called the meeting to order at 1310 and led the invocation. Thirty-three members and guests were present. Vice commander Koogler read the November's lost boats. A moment of silence was observed for departed comrade Mark Merriman. The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was recited by those present.

Bernie Kenyon welcomed guests Neil and Sue Vogelmeier and grandson, and Jim, Russ Ferguson's grandson. Neil is a prospective member who served on the USS James Madison, SSBN 627.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the October minutes since they were published in the November's Green Board, the base newsletter. Acting secretary Eric Dreiseidel read correspondence received from the Columbus VA Outpatient Clinic, thanking the Columbus Base for the donation of coffee.

Eric Dreiseidel gave the treasurer's report. It was moved and seconded to accept the treasury report as given.

Old Business

The treasurer reported a total of \$403.00 has been collected to date for Camp Hamwi (an educational camp for children with diabetes) will be donated in Cheryl Morton's memory. A letter and a donation to Camp Hamwi from the COD base was read. Donations are still being accepted.

New Business

After some discussion, Camp Hamwi's donation is now \$450.00

For the Good of the Order

Bill Anderson commented on the Base elections. The ballots are to be postmarked no later than November 22, 2005 and the final tally will be completed on Tuesday, November 29, 2005 at 6pm at Benny's Pizza in Marysville. All candidates were introduced and recognized by the voting members present.

Liz Kenyon stated that "Toys for Tots" will be collected at our next meeting on December 3rd at the Hickory House in Gahanna. The toys are to be unwrapped and any monetary donations will be accepted as well.

Jim Koogler reported that the second survey resulted in 15 surveys received. The survey responses indicated that 18 requested a single location for Base meetings and 6 wanted the meetings to be moved around.

Jim Koogler reported that the crew members of the USS Columbus will be visiting here from November 9-12 gave their brief itinerary, which include marching in the Columbus Veteran's Day Parade that will be held on Thursday, November 10th. Muster for the Parade will be at 10am on Nationwide Blvd. and will step off at noon. Dave Creekmore has the Sub model here today on display in the parking lot and is entered in the Parade. Everyone thanked Dave for his time, effort and his attention to detail in building the model submarine. "A Job Well Done".

Dave Creekmore reported that 252 **Red Star Rouge** books have been sold to date, with hearty thank you to all who have purchased the book. Please see Dave or visit the web site to place your order. The book would make a nice Christmas present.

Dave also reported nine Base jackets with the Base logo on the back have been sold and is taking orders at this time. The base has paid for the digitizing. The basic jacket price is \$85. The dolphins and name are extra. Please see Dave or visit the web site for more information.

Our next meeting, Saturday, December 3rd is set to take place at the Hickory House in Gahanna. Dave Creekmore reported that the price would be \$28 which includes three meat choices of ribs, chicken or roast beef. And more information to follow in upcoming e-mails.

Time and Place chairman, John Leers reported that American Legion, Don Gentile Post 532, 1571 Demorest RD. Columbus, OH (614)539-4748 welcomes the Columbus Base of USSVI for the purposes of holding Base meetings at NO charge. The Time and Place Committee recommended the Don Gentile Post 532 for our Base meetings. Discussion followed. I was moved and seconded to confirm with Post 532 as one of our meeting sites to be held the first Saturday or alternate Saturdays, starting in January 2006. Motion passed.

The 2006 Base Parade participation was discussed with many ideas mentioned. A lengthy discussion followed. It was moved and seconded that the Columbus Base would be marching in the Worthington Memorial Day Parade, Granville 4th of July Parade and the Columbus Veteran's Day Parade with model submarine in tow. Motion passed.

Jim Morton to inquire information concerning the free liability insurance from National USSVI fro the model submarine's participation in parades and the like.

Store keeper Phil Philipps presented Joe Murphy, a Holland Club member, a gift. Joe graciously accepted.

VC Koogler reported the Navy League Luncheon will be held Friday, November 11th at Confluence Park with guest speaker Cmdr. Marquez, Commanding Officer of the USS Columbus SSN 762. the cost is \$18.00. Please call Bill Fennell for more information.

Joe Testa won the 50/50 drawing split of \$68.50 and Jim Morton won a pumpkin pie.

Rick Larson will show a videotape , "Project Jennifer" after today's meeting. The next meeting will be held December 3, 2005 at the Hickory House Restaurant, 550 Office Center Pl. Gahanna. Please bring coffee and a toy for the "Toys for Tots" program.

Commander Jim Morton closed the meeting in due form at approximately 1415.

Respectfully SUBmitted,

Eric V. Dreiseidel

December 3, 2005

Hickory House

Gahanna, Ohio

Thirty-five members and guests invaded the Banquet Room at the Hickory House in Gahanna for the last dinner get together for 2005. The following are highlights of the fun and laughter enjoyed by all.

Dave Creekmore was a special recipient who received the Columbus Base's first ever "Hull Technician" award presented by Frank Lloyd and Vice Commander Jim Koogler. Dave was speechless at first; however, he graciously accepted the coveted award. Those present thanked Dave for his contribution to the Base.

After a very big feast the raffle and awards commenced. Jan Creekmore won the 50/50 slit of \$80.50. Mimi Murphy and Cliff Dodson won the door prizes of Navy scrapbooks that were donated by Mike & Joni Creekmore.

Marcia Dreiseidel, Sharon Lloyd and Barb McCorkle won wooded "Nutcraker" figurines donated by Elaine Williams.

Respectfully SUBmitted,

Eric V. Dreiseidel

USS Columbus (SSN-762)

Call to Quarters



Sailor of the Quarter and Senior Sailor of the Quarter
Third Quarter 2005

Presentation of the USS Columbus (SSN-762) Sailor of the Quarter (SOQ) and Senior Sailor of the Quarter (SSOQ), for the 3rd quarter 2005, was made on Friday, December 2, 2005. In ceremonies held during quarters, Commanding Officer Charles A. Marquez awarded Sailor of the Quarter honors to MM2(SS) Ryan Ezell, and Senior Sailor of the Quarter honors to MM1(SS) Daniel Kloepfer.

MM2(SS) Ryan Ezell was born 8 December 1979 in San Diego, California. At the age of 8, he moved to Frazier Park CA (in the mountains north of LA). Growing up in the mountains he took an active interest in camping, fishing and hiking. He joined the United States Navy in November 2001 and completed basic training in Great Lakes, Illinois. After completing Naval Nuclear Training in Charleston, South Carolina, he reported aboard USS Columbus in July of 2003. He completed a western Pacific deployment in January 2004. He is currently serving as a senior nuclear mechanic in Machinery Division. MM2 Ezell is single.

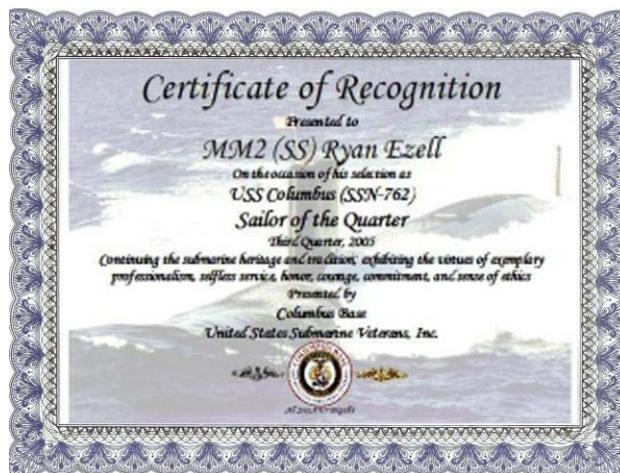
MM1(SS) Daniel Kloepfer was born 8 October 1977 in Portland, Oregon. He was active in sports, mainly basketball and football. At the age of 15, he moved to Bidwell, California...working on a ranch and growing up in the country. Following graduation from high school in June 1996, he chose to enter the United States Navy. He completed basic training in Great Lakes, Illinois. After finishing Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut, he reported aboard his first submarine, USS Columbus (SSN-762). Following his first sea duty tour, he was assigned to shore duty at a maintenance facility in Hawaii. He returned to sea duty in September 2004, reporting for his SECOND tour aboard USS Columbus on Columbus where he serves as the Auxiliary Division LPO.

MM1 Kloepfer and his wife Shawna were married in 1999.

The Columbus Base, USSVI congratulates MM1(SS) Kloepfer and MM2(SS) Ezell on their selections as Senior Sailor of the Quarter and Sailor of the Quarter respectively. Consistent with our sponsorship of the USS Columbus SOQ/SSOQ awards, both were presented with Certificates of Recognition and \$25.00 Navy Exchange gift cards from the Columbus Base.



Above: MM2(SS) Ryan Ezell (left) receives the Columbus Base SOQ Certificate of Recognition from USS Columbus Commanding Officer Charles A. Marquez.



Above: MM1(SS) Daniel Kloepfer (left) receives the USS Columbus SSOQ award from USS Columbus Commanding Officer Charles A. Marquez.

