

COLUMBUS BASE SUBMARINE VETERANS

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THE GREEN BOARD



ALL SEAS ARE NAVIGABLE

Columbus Base Newsletter

Second Annual Awards Dinner

Every picture tells a story, so let the story begin!



Henry Leffin receiving his Holland Club award from Frances Strickland

2006
Holland



Bill McCorkle receiving his Holland Club award from Frances Strickland



Sam Templeton receiving his Holland Club award from Frances Strickland

Club
Inductees



John Woodmansee receiving his Holland Club award from Frances Strickland



Bill, John, Henry and Sam ready to cut the cake.

John receiving his WWII Sub Vets plaque from Mrs. Strickland



Galin receives Shipmate of the year runner up from Mrs. Strickland

Joe Testa receives award for his support of the base from Mrs. Strickland



Sharon Lloyd receives award from Mrs. Strickland for her support to the base.

Cliff Dodson receives award from Mrs. Strickland for his support of the base web site.



Guest speaker Mike Noll gave a timely speech on our dependence on oil and his development of bio-diesel fuel.

Ken Sewell accepting his award from Mrs Strickland for his support to the base.



Also receiving Holland Club plaques were Ron Rossington and Denver Smith. Denver Smith also received the WWII Sub Vets Appreciation plaque. We're sorry they weren't able to attend the awards dinner. Congratulations gentlemen.

Commander's Corner

By Jim "Clutch" Koogler



The second annual Columbus Base Awards and Recognitions dinner and ceremony is now history. If you missed it, you missed a great time. We had 66 (+/-) people there, rivaling the attendance at last year's event. Good friends, good food, interesting speakers... just a great time for everyone.

First, I want to congratulate our newest Holland Club members:

Henry "Butch" Leffin, who traveled all the way from Ft. Myers, Florida to be with us. This was the first opportunity for most of us to meet Butch and Anita and I hope they have a chance to come back again. It's only 1,000 miles of so!

William "Bill" McCorkle, who wore a neck brace... the result of recent surgery.. We were happy to Bill and Barbara, and look forward to seeing him without the brace.

John "Woody" Woodmansee. Woody and Sandi shared the moment with nearly enough relatives to rival the Ferguson clan from last year. We enjoyed meeting them all and are happy they were able to attend Woody's induction.

Sam Templeton, our newest "Primary" member. Sam and Dorothy drive all the way from Woodsfield to be with us. Sam just switched his primary base from Cod to Columbus four days before the ceremony. I was very happy to have Sam inducted by Columbus Base, and my thanks to Cod Base Commander Angelo Naso for sending Sam's Holland Club packet to me.

I certainly want to express my gratitude to those who made it possible.

Thanks to Galin Brady and Paige Ogle for coordinating the event. It's a lot of work to put our events together (just ask Liz about the Tolling), and they did a wonderful job of planning and executing.

Thanks to the American Legion Don Gentile Post. The post has been very good to Columbus Base, and our dinner/ceremony is no exception. They provided us with a convenient location, a delicious dinner, a courteous and efficient staff, and a great cash bar.

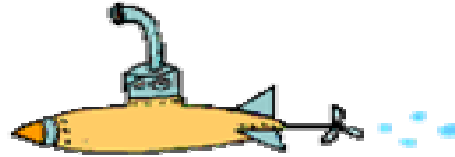
Thanks to our keynote speaker, Mike Noll. For those who missed it, Mike gave a very interesting (and well timed) talk about his work with "alternative liquid fuels"...bio-diesel. Personally, I hadn't thought too much about the subject, but Mike certainly piqued my interest. Thanks also to Vonnie Noll, Mike's wife for attending. It was a pleasure to meet and talk with her.

It was a pleasure to welcome Frances Strickland. I truly appreciate her attendance, and thank her for helping to make our awards ceremony and Holland Club inductions special. She provided the "class" that you all know I couldn't. And thanks to Russell Galeti, the Veterans Outreach Director in Congressman Ted Strickland's office, for attending with her. I enjoyed meeting and talking with him and look forward to the opportunity to do so again.

And thanks to all the base members who helped with the various tasks necessary to make an event successful. I'm sure I'll leave someone out (and I apologize for that), but thanks to : Dave Creekmore for bringing the parade sub; Jan Creekmore and Bernie Kenyon for sharing the photographer duties; John Leers for his help at the registration table; James and Elaine Williams for coordinating the 50/50 drawing; to all who donated items to our 50/50 raffle (we had a LOT of raffle items!). You all helped make the event enjoyable and successful. It couldn't have been done without your assistance.

Vice Commander's Corner

By Dave Creekmore



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that supported the selection of my self as Base Shipmate of the Year. It truly is an honor to be chosen and to follow the footsteps of last years recipient, Bernie Kenyon. And what a special honor to have had Frances Strickland and Russell Galeti assist in presenting the awards for the evening. It was very obvious their support for our veterans was from the heart and a very sincere gesture.

I'd like to personally thank Mrs. Strickland for taking time from her life and being there for our group.

But the whole night wasn't about me! We were there to honor the Holland Club inductees and our WWII veterans as well. Hats off to these men. We shared a few certificates of appreciation from the Base to a few above and beyond efforts to our base members.

Marv Pastor—For his support to the Green Board and assisting with the Holland Club articles.

Cliff Dodson—For stepping up and taking on the Webmaster role.

Ken Sewell—For supporting the Base with the **Red Star Rogue** book sales.

Sharon Lloyd—For her support in raising funds for the Base.

Joe Testa—For his support of the Base.

The evening was perfect, Paige and Galin did so much work to achieve the event's success. They deserve a standing ovation.

And speaking of Galin Brady, it was my privilege to be named along with you as the Base Shipmate of the Year.

For those who were not able to attend this year, please plan now to attend next years event.



Dave

Lost Boats

August

USS Bullhead (SS 332)	08-06-1945
USS Flier (SS 250)	08-13-1944
USS S-39 (SS 144)	08-14-1942
USS Harder (SS 257)	08-24-1944
USS Cochino (SS 345)	08-26-1949



Awards Dinner 50/50 Raffle Winners

50/50 winner Dave O'Carroll \$152.00

The \$50.00 Discover Card donated by Discover Card was won by Linda Dodson.

2 Envelopes holding 2 Movies Passes, and a \$10.00 Gas Card donated by Discover Card were won by Bonnie Koogler and Sherry Igelman.

Maple Syrup donated by Galin Brady won by Tim Barker

Silver Serving Tracy donated by Paige II, won by Jayne Anderson

Purple Flower Cards donated by Dorothy Templeton won by Bill McCorkle

Salem Candles donated by Dorothy Templeton won by Russell Galeti.

Straight Line Laser donated by Home Depot won by Linda Dodson

Three Scented Candles donated by Bonnie Koogler were won by Mamie Murphy, (French Vanilla) and the Marble Cake and Lavender Vanilla were won by Brenda Sewell

Let's Make Fudge donated by Bonnie Koogler was won by Joe Testa.

2 bags of Carmel Corn donated by Sharon Lloyd were won by Tim Baker and Jan Creekmore.

The Flower Picture donated by Marv Pastor was won by Bonnie Noll.

A Navy Plaque donated by Barbara McCorkle was won by Sharon Lloyd.

Hazelnut Coffee and Crème Brule Coffee were donated by Sharon Lloyd and won by Joe Testa and Shannon Creekmore

2 loaves of wheat bread donated by Sharon Lloyd was won by Jane Creekmore and Galin Brady.

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”

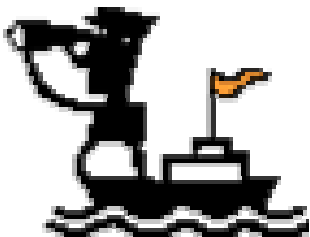


August Birthdays

Michael Wilson	08-02
Richard Young	08-02
Woody Cook	08-04
Ken Sewell	08-08
Phil Philipps	08-09
Dale Loney	08-09
David Johnson	08-11
George Sanderson, Jr.	08-14
John Probst	08-24
Galin Brady	08-26

Spouses

Wyn Ferguson	08-18
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Editor's Note

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Keelhaul

To be keelhailed today is merely to be given a severe reprimand for some infraction of the rules. As late as the 19th century, however, it meant the extreme. It was a dire and often fatal torture employed to punish offenders of certain naval laws.

An offender was securely bound both hand and foot and had heavy weights attached to his body. He was then lowered over the ship's side and slowly dragged along under the ship's hull. If he didn't drown—which was rare—barnacles usually ripped him, causing him to bleed to death.

All navies stopped this cruel and unusual punishment many years ago and today any such punishment is forbidden.

Reminder

The September meeting will be held on August 26th at the Buckeye Lake VFW. The meeting is being held early because of the national convention being held in September.

Our Holland Club profile this month is John Pendleton. 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 on November 13th, 1952 in Portland, Maine. He did boot camp at Great Lakes for 13 weeks, Nov.1952-Feb.1953. John accepted responsibility early as Battalion Master at Arms.

After boot camp, in Nov. 1953, he was an IC striker, ICFN, in the surface Navy aboard the USS Greene DDR 711.

It doesn't sound like John stayed on the surface long because in Feb. 1954-April 1954 he attended 8 weeks of sub school in Groton Ct.

After sub school John was assigned to the USS Toro SS 422. Nov. 1954 must have been a busy month for him, after assignment to Toro he was promoted to EM3 and also earned his silver dolphins. Some of his responsibilities were Aux. and IC power.

Toro was just the first of a long list of boats for John. After Toro came the USS Sea Wolf Proto Type Oct. 1955-April 1957, Nautilus SSN 571, April 1957- Sept. 1958, Sea Dragon SSN 584, Sept. 1958-Sept. 1961, Tinoso SSN 606, Oct. 1961- Dec. 1961 (TAD), Pollack SSN 603, Dec. 1961- Oct. 1963. John then surfaced again aboard two sub tenders, USS Sperry AS 12, March 1964- June 1966 and the USS Orion AS 18, June 1966-Dec. 1967, back under water with the USS Sea Cat SS 399,Jan. 1968-Sept.1968, Quillback SS424, Sept 1968- May 1970. John then spent June 1970 to May 1971 at Sub Sqd 4, Div 42, USS Sky Lark ASR 20,June 71- June1973. Last on the list was USS Tringa ASR 16 July 1973- Sept. 1974.

John attended Nuclear Power Training. In Nov. 1955 he was promoted to EM2 SS and to EM1 SS in Nov. 1956 all aboard the Sea Wolf Proto Type.

He converted to IC1SSP1, Dec. 1959 SinsTech, EPOW. USS Sea Dragon SSN 584.

In Sept. 1963, through the LDO Program, John was commissioned an Ensign, promoted ICC Sept. 1963 aboard the Pollack.

In March of 1965 as a Lt. JG aboard the Sperry he was Damage Control Officer, Electrical Repair, Nuc Shift Sup, Ship Sup.

Aboard the Orion as a full Lt. In Sept. 1966, Electrical Repair, Production Officer, Mess Caterer, Ships Sup and Battle Station OOD.

John was Weapons Officer aboard both the Sea Cat and Quillback, also Engineer on Quillback.

In September 1972 as a Lt. Commander aboard the Skylark he was Exec. and Navigator.

June 1973 PCO Hard Hat Diving School, July 1973 was CO of the USS Tringa.

In November of 1968 aboard the USS Quillback John earned his Gold Dolphins. Add these to his Silver from 1954 that is something to be proud of.

On September 11th, 1954 while stationed aboard Toro John married Angela Thebault. Together they raised six children, four girls and two boys. They have 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. All kids are grown and doing well.

After 22 years of service, 11 as a white hat and 11 as an officer, John retired on Sept. 11th 1974 at New London.

John's motivation to try the boats came mostly from his father. He was a Gyro (compass) mechanic at the Portsmouth Naval Ship Yards. He used to talk to John about the many sea trials he went on. After he joined the navy and went aboard a sub, well that's all he needed.

As for sea ports he said he liked them all. San Diego seems to stand out for duty stations. Sea Dragon by far was the best boat he served on, starting with the crew all the way up to the CO.

In John's words, I have made two Med trips and 1 west pack two Pre Commissioning Details I have been at six shipyards for 4 overhauls and 3 new construction. No shore duty, many special ops.

Schools: sub school, movie school, Aux. Pwr and lights, nuclear training, S1G, S2W, and S5W at Bettis., Sins, OCS (LDO), Damage Control Officer, OOD, Data Analysis. Mk 14 Torpedo, PCO Hard Hat Diving

Adventures: "North Pole crossing west to east on the USS Nautilus, North Pole crossing east to west on Sea Dragon.

Special ops: Lost plane indicators on Toro going full submerged. A few scary minutes but didn't lose control. Nautilus always dove in a spiral at 30 degrees down angle all ahead full until the CO tripped the new gyro off line. We tried to tell him that the gyro had a 30 degree limit but he wouldn't listen. Needless to say the limit was increased to 32 degrees. When the Nautilus came back from the pole crossing we went to Portland, England. There was a train waiting loaded with booze to take the crew less the duty section to London. A gala of a time at the Times Life Building. The Follies Bergeres girls were there also.

We made a speed run for New York, broke all records for a ticker tape parade. NBC paid for my wife and two kids along with four other wives and their kids. Angie was on the Battery in New York with the Dave Carroway show as we passed up the river. Then we came back to New London for another parade and a Nautilus day at Ocean Park.

After the Sea Dragon North Pole crossing I was dubbed "two way red" for being the only sailor to have crossed the pole both ways. Another exciting time was when I was getting signed off on a torpedo shoot for my gold dolphins, I was given the conn, I made the approach on the target, got the firing solution and shot the torpedo. I got a hit. Hallelujah !!

I was proud to have served. I gave it my all and was rewarded with good and challenging duty. I had a career that was short by many but obtained by few. The submarine force paved the way and I am proud to have been part of it."

John, we also are proud, thank you for all your time and service.

Upcoming events

Aug. 26,2006	12:00	Buckeye Lake VFW Post 1388 3430 N. Bank Rd. Buckeye Lake, OH
Sept. 4-10, 2006		National Convention in Little Rock, AR
Oct. 7, 2006	12:00	American Legion Don Gentile Post

He who knows not and knows not he knows not, is a fool—shun him.

He who knows not and knows he knows not, is simple—teach him.

He who knows and knows not he knows, is asleep—awaken him.

He who knows and knows he knows, is wise—follow him.

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Quilt Raffle

To be held at the December Christmas Dinner
Proceeds to benefit the Base general fund and the Sailor
of the Quarter and Sailor of the Year from the
USS Columbus SSN 762



Tickets are \$2.00 each.

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What the Flag Draped Coffin Means

Understand what the flag draped coffin really means. Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon it and is surrendered to so many survivors.

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stand for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attentions to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day.

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nations motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for the right, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today. There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

Submitted by Bob Holt