

# COLUMBUS BASE SUBMARINE VETERANS

Volume 2, Issue 10

November 2006



## THE GREEN BOARD

ALL SEAS ARE NAVIGABLE



### Columbus Base Newsletter

## Veterans Day Parade 2006

The City of Columbus and local military partners invited all of Central Ohio to bring their families, friends and flags to downtown Columbus on November 9th to honor Ohio's veterans and officially welcome home the Green Berets of Company B, 2nd Battalion 19th Special Forces Group.

By all accounts the invitation was wholeheartedly accepted and the weather cooperated wonderfully. It was a great day for a parade with a larger number of parade participants entered this year and we had a wonderful group of Columbus Sub Vets Base crewmembers to share in the assemblage



It was a good day to meet new people and see many acquaintances as well. While we were waiting in the staging area we captured our parade sub builder, Dave Creekmore, visiting with Columbus Radio Station QFM96's Mark "Daddy Wags" Wagner. Mark seized the opportunity to proudly introduce his military veteran father to us. We learned that Wags' father (on the right in this photo with Dave on the left) is an company retiree who knows a couple of submarine veterans from their involvement in their company's alumni gatherings, Jim Morton and Cyril Hemmelgarn!

Next it was a group picture of our representatives prior to the call for movement (Left to Right in the photo: **Joe Testa, Bill Anderson, Dave Creekmore, Clutch Koogler, Bill McCorkle, Dave O'Carroll, Joe Murphy, Mamie Murphy, Dorothy Templeton, Sam Templeton.** Not shown is Marv Pastor).



Our Holland Club Reporter **Marv Pastor** is shown in this photon the left with our Activities Chairperson, **Joe Testa** who arranged for us to be in the parade.



The first thing one would notice if they have seen our parade sub previously is the addition of magnetic signage on the hull which really broadcast who we are and how to contact us. In photo at right **Dorothy Templeton** and **Mamie Murphy** make room for you to see the new sign.



Our contingent stepped off in fine fashion and we were able to get a number of shots from an elevated area as they passed. At the right is **Mamie Murphy** being greeted when the movement was stopped.



During the short lull in the marching we took to the opportunity to greet



and visited with **Rich Cordray**, our newly elected State of Ohio Treasurer. Just a few days ago I had sent Rich information regarding the death of one of his relatives, another Richard Cordray who had graduated from Columbus Academy and was a former Commanding Officer of the USS HARDHEAD SS-365.

Rich's riding partner was **John O'Grady**, our Franklin County Clerk of Courts. A man we've known from times past when I had the pleasure of working with his sister, Rita and got to know him and his family quite well.

Eventually one of the key players in making the parade the success that it was came past, **Richard Isbell**, City of Columbus Mayor Coleman's Veteran's Affairs Coordinator. You know Rick as the man who is keeping us abreast of all the veteran's activities going on in our area. The man who made sure all veterans groups were notified to enter this year's parade. Rick is wearing the flag patterned neck tie!



We would be remiss if we did not include a picture of our City of Columbus Fire Department units, the organization that we will be working with in their **Firefighters 4 Kids Toy Drive**. You can read more about that in another area of this newsletter.



The **Milvets** are one of the major players in our having a Veterans Day Parade and each year it has become bigger and better. Thus, I was fortunate as the end of the parade came past that I was to catch a ride with **William "Bill" Miller** a member of the **Milvets Board of Trustees**.

As we proceeded down High Street, Bill informed me of the annual Armed Forces Day Luncheon to honor service men and women currently serving, as well as those who have served in the military that the **MilVets** sponsors. During their event, members of the military are honored for their outstanding service and **MilVets** presents scholarships to students for their future education. The **MilVets** welcomes the attendance of all those who share our respect and admiration for the Armed Forces. I assured Bill that he would see representation from the Columbus Sub Vets at next year's luncheon.



Bill's golf cart was the last vehicle to past the reviewing stand in single file where **Mayor Michael Coleman** recognized each of the Parade Marshals and complimented them for the great job they had performed in bringing the best parade ever to a very successful conclusion.

The last thing heard over the public address system, as we drove on down toward Main Street was Mayor Coleman offering his compliments to **NBC4 TV's Jym Ganahl** for the outstanding job that **Jym** did in emceeing the event (In photo at the left Jym is at the left and the Mayor is in the dark ball cap).

Respectfully submitted by Bernie Kenyon

## Lost Boats

### November

USS Albacore (SS218)	Nov. 07, 1944
USS Growler (SS215)	Nov. 08, 1944
USS Scamp (SS217)	Nov. 09, 1944
USS Corvina (SS226)	Nov. 16, 1943
USS Sculpin (SS191)	Nov. 19, 1943
USS Caplin (SS289)	Nov. 23, 1943



### OUR CREED

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

## Commander's Corner

By Jim "Clutch" Koogler



This will be a short column... even though I'm often accused of NOT being a "man of few words". But frankly, I really don't have a lot to say that you haven't already heard.

I want to start by saying "thank you" to Phil Philipps. For the past year or so, Phil has served admirably as Columbus Base storekeeper... but has asked to be relieved. I too served as base storekeeper and I know how much work can be involved with the position. Phil did a far better job than I could have ever hoped to do, and I truly appreciate his service and dedication to the base.

That said... I also want to say "thank you" to Frank Lloyd for relieving Phil and accepting the appointment as Columbus Base storekeeper. I know that Frank will do an equally admirable job. Those who attended the November base meeting saw that Frank will likely continue in somewhat the same vein as Phil... provide the membership with items they want, make money for the base treasury, and have fun doing it.

While reviewing past columns, it became glaringly apparent that I've not lived up to my responsibilities as I should. Not once have I ever welcomed new members. I sincerely apologize to you all, and will rectify starting now. Welcome aboard to our new base members for 2006 (and I hope I don't leave anyone out): Lew Kennedy, Brian Pierson, John Palmer, Yancey Downey, Dick Martin, Bob Holt, Ron Rossington, Denver Smith, Joe Combs, Tony Konecny, Jim Tolson, "CO" Smith, Tim Barker, Dick Estell, Charlie Martin, and Tom Wooten. I'm honored to have you with us and hope we can meet whatever expectations you may have. If we don't, please let me know.

I'll close with a commercial. As you all probably know by now, this year Columbus Base will be collecting toys and donations for the "Firefighters 4 Kids Toy Drive" program. If it hasn't already been sent by the time you read this, Activities Chairman Joe Testa will be getting the word out soon... with all the details. Please consider contributing to this worthy project, to provide gifts for those children less fortunate.

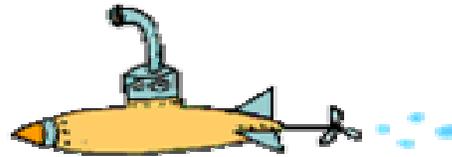
See? I told you it would be short.

### Upcoming events

Nov. 25, 2006	1700	Gahanna Lights Holiday Parade
Dec. 2, 2006	1700	Holiday Dinner and Toy Collection for NBC4 and the Columbus Firefighters

## Vice Commander's Corner

By Dave Creekmore



My apologies for missing last month's meeting, I had some family moving that day. I know I'm her favorite brother-in-law because I had a truck and trailer to move her, but she is also my favorite sister-in-law because she was moving farther away. So all worked out well.

As I read the Commander's article (one of my perks of knowing the editor) before I wrote mine I was first in agreement with his statements on our storekeepers, both present and future. And I was also impressed by the list of new membership growth. Well done and welcome aboard to all.

As this year winds down, Thanksgiving is less than two weeks away and then our end of the year Christmas dinner shortly after that I tended to look past all the Holiday events and started thinking about 2007. We've already have some events marked on the calendars, but also have some undecided ones. I'd like to ask or challenge someone to step up and help with the "Pens for Patients" drive. Last years was a very good effort for the VA Hospital and I'm hoping we can do this again. We need a contact person ? Organizer to head up this effort. It's not only a great cause, it helps bring our membership together on a common goal. Last year this event wrapped up around Valentines Day, so it's time to get started working on this for next year. Any takers???

The December dinner toy drive is also coming up. If we need, I'll bring my trailer to fill it up with toys! So pack your car trunks and back seats. Hope to see you there.

### LAST CHANCE

#### 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.

Contact Jan Creekmore for information

[creek636@earthlink.net](mailto:creek636@earthlink.net)



**November Birthdays**

John Lehman	11-03
Sharon Lloyd	11-06
Joe Murphy	11-11
John Palmer	11-14
Ron Waldren	11-28
Bob Page	11-29

**Spouses**

Sandy Woodmansee	11-10
Geri Palmer	11-11



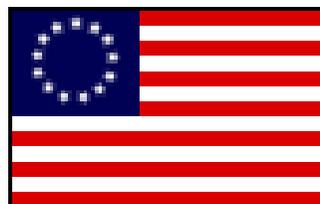
**Editor's Note**

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

Jan Creekmore at e-mail  
[creek636@earthlink.net](mailto:creek636@earthlink.net)

**New Members**

No new members this month



**The Conn**

**Base commander**

Jim Koogler

**Vice Commander**

Dave Creekmore

**Treasurer**

John Leers

**Secretary**

Elizabeth Kenyon

**Chaplain**

David Johnson/ Sharon  
 Lloyd

**COB**

James Williams

**Membership Chairman**

Bernie Kenyon

**Storekeeper**

Frank Lloyd

**Editor**

Jan Creekmore

Our Holland Club profile this month is John Leers.. 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 Navy on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1945 in New York City and served boot camp at the USNTC in Sampson, N.Y.

After boot camp John reported to the United States Naval Training Station at New Port R.I. John became part of the Pre Com for the Cruiser USS Huntington (CL107), he was a member of the Commissioning Crew and a Plank Owner.

John was aboard for the shakedown and a Med cruise in 1946. He returned CONUS and was discharged on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1947. John enlisted in the Naval Reserve on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 1947. He must have missed Navy life, and again enlisted in the Navy on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1950.

He attended Basic Class A Yeoman School from March to June of 1951. John also attended Basic Submarine School during Feb. and March of 1953

After sub school John reported aboard the USS Sea Owl SS 405 in April of 1953. John qualified on Sea Owl in Sept. 1954 and there he stayed until July of 1957. John also served on the USS Lafayette (SSBN 616) from Sept. to Dec. of 1965 and the USS Alexander Hamilton (SSBN 614) from Oct. 1970 until the end of March 1972.

After Sea Owl and before The Lafayette John was part of the Commissioning crew and a plank owner of the destroyer escort Joseph K. Taussig (DE 1030) from August 1957 to October 1958.

Some of his other duty stations are,

USMSTS Office, in Bremerhaven, Germany 11-58 to 11-61, COMEASTSEAFRON in New York, 1-62 to 7-66, USS James Monroe 8-66 to 9-66, USS Lafayette 9-66 to 11-66, COMSUBFLOT Six, 12-66 to 12-68, NAVPHIBSCOL, LCREEK, NORVA 1-69 to 2-69, COMUSMACV ( Vietnam ) 2-69 to 9-70, USS Alexander Hamilton 10-70 to 4-72, COMNAVCRUITFOUR Columbus ,Ohio 5-72 to 9-74.

John was released from active duty and transferred to fleet reserve in Oct. 1974.

John retired from the Navy on June 30<sup>th</sup> 1975 with 28 ½ years service as a Yeoman Chief, YNCS SS.

As for motivation for sub duty, John said it must have something to do with patriotic fever.

John is married and has three children, a son and two daughters. His son Michael enlisted in the Navy in 1974 and was discharged in 1978. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve on drill status as a BT3 and rose to the rate of BTC. He was discharged in 1990.

He said his favorite ports were Groton, CT, and Charleston, South Carolina. His favorite duty station was, Bremerhaven in Germany from Oct. 1958 to 1961.

John also said his time on the Sea Owl was by far the most rewarding and best tour of sea duty in his Naval career. He found a home on the Sea Owl and a family of men he will never forget and will always remember. Diesel Boats Forever.

It appears John has had a diverse selection of duty stations during his career in the Navy, we would like to thank him for all 28 ½ years. Thank John, for your time and service.

A guy took his blonde girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench.  
After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience  
"Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents."  
Dumbfounded, her date asked, "What do you mean?"  
"Well they flipped a coin, one team got it and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was: 'Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!'  
"I'm like...Hellooooooo? It's only 25 cents!!!!"

**Go Bucks**



Beat



**Michigan**

Minutes of the Columbus Base of USSVI  
November 4, 2006  
American Legion, Don Gentile Post 532

A regular meeting of the Columbus Base of USSVI was held November 4, 2006 at the American Legion, Don Gentile Post 532. Elected officers present were Commander, James Koogler, Treasurer, John Leers, and Secretary, Elizabeth Kenyon. Commander James Koogler called the meeting to order at 1300. Thirty four (34) members and guests were present. Sharon Lloyd gave the opening invocation. Jim Koogler led the Pledge of Allegiance, read the lost boats and tolled the bell.

Secretary Kenyon noted that the October meeting minutes were published in "The Green Board". Hearing no request for a reading, a motion by Rick Larson to accept the minutes as published was seconded by Woody Woodmansee. The members' present voice voted and the motion was carried. Correspondence from the Chalmers P. Wylie Clinic, Columbus, Ohio and Ohio Diabetes Association was read. Notes from the October 19, 2006 Officers' Meeting were read.

John Leers gave the treasurer's report. There were questions and discussion. Dave O'Carroll made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Frank Lloyd seconded. The members' present voice voted and the motion was carried.

Chaplain's Report: Sharon Lloyd reported no one in sickbay and asked that if someone is ill they notify Bernie by email.

Membership: Bernie Kenyon reported we now have 100 members. Bernie recognized Bruce Rinehart who drove in from Lima, OH, introduced new member Dick Estelle, a WWII veteran with 5 war patrols on the USS SCABBARDFISH SS-397, recognized absentee new member Tom Wooten who had joined at our last meeting, introduced new member Jim Tolson accompanied by Jim's wife Karla and introduced Chuck Martin who had driven in from his home in West Virginia.

Committee Reports

Red Star Rogue Book Sales – No report, except we are still taking orders for Ken Sewell's best seller.

Activities – Joe Testa gave the following report. The Veteran's Day Parade is Thursday, November 9 with step off at noon. The Gahanna Holiday Parade is November 25 with step off at 1800. The Holiday Dinner is December 2, cocktail hour 1700-1800, sit down dinner at 1800. Be sure to bring an unwrapped toy or a check payable to the Columbus Base USSVI. If you cannot attend send your check payable to Columbus Base of USSVI, John Leers, Treasurer, 1453 Marty Dr., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-2425 with a notation on check for Firefighters 4 Kids Toy Drive. The Base will then issue a check to Firefighters 4 Kids Toy Drive for the total amount collected.

Unfinished Business

The business meetings, time, day will remain at the Don Gentile Base as members requested in response to the questionnaire.

A base directory will be compiled with pictures in the near future. No member's information will be published without his or her consent.

New Business

George Sanderson has volunteered to make a Flag Case for the Flag and Certificate of Authenticity presented by Jason Mc Cloud, representing Deborah Pryce.

### For the Good of the Order

There will be no Officers' Meeting November and December.

Phil Phillips introduced Frank Lloyd as the new storekeeper.

A Certificate of Appreciation for the Lost Boats Board was presented to Rich Larson.

Jim Koogler reported that Tom Denton, of the Arlington Base might like to have the Lost Boats Board at the Arlington National Cemetery Tolling of the Bells.

The next meeting of the Columbus Base will be the Holiday Dinner, December 2 at 1700. The Quilt drawing will be held at the dinner.

Phil conducted two auctions at different times during the meeting. The first was for the Dolphin Medal and Certificate of Authenticity. Frank Lloyd had the winning bid of \$46.00.

The second auction was for two Gold and Silver Dolphin Coins. The high bid was \$35.00 by Tim Barker and Jim Koogler.

### 50/50 Drawing

Tim Barker's ticket was drawn and his portion of the 50/50 raffle was 85.00.

Chuck Martin and Denver Smith each won a loaf of bread made by Sharon Lloyd.

John Leers won a bottle of wine donated by Denver Smith.

Bill Anderson won the pocketknife donated by Frank Lloyd.

Liz Kenyon won a bottle of wine donated by Marv Pastor.

Ron Rossington won the Navy Hat donated by Frank Lloyd.

Bruce Sanderson won 2 bottles of Bath & Body Hand Soap donated by Liz Kenyon.

Rick Larson won the deck of Navy cards donated by Bill Anderson.

John Leers won a coffee mug donated by Frank Lloyd.

Jim Koogler won the Cracker Barrel Cookbook donated by Liz Kenyon

George Leonard won the Flag stationary donated by Bill Anderson.

Bruce Sanderson won the Cake Doctor donated by Liz Kenyon.

Sharon Lloyd won Flag border stationary donated by Bill Anderson.

Chuck Martin won a coffee mug donated by Rick Larson.

Marv Pastor won the Columbus Koozie donated by the Columbus Base.

Sharon Lloyd gave the closing prayer.

Commander Koogler adjourned the meeting at 1415 on a motion by John Leers

Respectfully submitted by

Elizabeth Kenyon

Secretary

**Remember to bring  
your coffee, tea or hot  
chocolate donations for  
the VA Hospital to the  
monthly meetings!  
They do appreciate our  
members donations for  
the veterans.**

## 2006 BSOY RUNNER UP

We are pleased to introduce you to Galin Brady our 2006 Columbus Base Shipmate of the Year Runner Up. In the picture at the right, Frances Strickland, wife of this year's State of Ohio's Democratic gubernatorial candidate presents Galin his BSOY Award Plaque.

Shipmate Brady was one of the founding members of the Columbus Base of USSVI on Nov. 1, 2003. He joined as a Dual Member, assisted in the launching of the Columbus Chapter and as such is one of the Base Plank Owners. His involvement in another base allowed him to gain very valuable experience in base operations, which he generously shared with fellow "plank owners" in their formulation of the Columbus Base. Ever since, his knowledge and ideas have been very well received and most often adopted.

His devotion to, and his generosity in, USSVI affairs has been a mixture of "brains, brawn and benevolence" and that is what makes him so uniquely deserving of Base Shipmate of the Year recognition.

His devotion to, and his generosity in, USSVI affairs has been a mixture of "brains, brawn and benevolence" and that is what makes him so uniquely deserving of Base Shipmate of the Year recognition.

Galín's brawn can be best described as "sweat equity" which is a most valuable commodity in charitable organizations and he has contributed a lot of it to both his primary and secondary organizations - the Cincinnati and Columbus Chapters of USSVI.

During the past year leading up to his nomination for BSOY, Galin utilized a combination of brains and brawn to produce incalculable benefits for the two Sub Vet Bases that he is so passionately involved in.



One of his projects was refurbishing and painting a mini-submarine that was a featured attraction in the lobby of the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the 2005 USSVI Kansas City Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.



Another project involving the convention was the major part that he played in the construction and operation of a massive “Christmas Tree” panel that captured the attention of the submarine veterans watching and listening to the Cincinnati Base representatives’ bid to hold the 2010 USSVI Convention in the Northern Kentucky Area. Galin appears with his creation in the photo to the left.

As the National Convention was ending, Galin volunteered to transport 3 large cartons of imprinted canvas tote bags back to Central Ohio for the Columbus Base “Pens for Patients” project.

A project that involved the collection of necessities that would improve the lives of approximately 300 veterans hospitalized in south central Ohio.

Canvassing for needed essentials was only part of that project. Getting the items to the vets was where Shipmate Brady played a major role. First, he was one of the crew that inserted the collected items into the canvas bags. Then, he volunteered his vehicle, his time and his garage to store the collection until the appointed day when the hospital was ready to receive the tote bags filled with socks, calendars, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, mouth rinse, bath soap, facial tissue, playing cards, postage stamps, notepads, ball point pens (exceeding 1500 in all) and 50 pairs of sweat pants for the hospital's clothes closet.

The “Pens for Patients” drive was successfully culminated on February 13, 2006 when Galin Brady transported the donated items to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Chillicothe, Ohio where he was assisted by Base Vice-Cdr. Dave Creekmore, Base Chaplain David Johnson and wife Tracey Johnson. They helped members of the VA Activities Staff with the transfer to their facility.



All of the aforementioned would be enough to deservedly honor Galin Brady as BSOY in both the USSVI Bases that he serves, but this recommendation would be remiss if it did not include the mentioning of Galin’s frequent donation of a jar, or two, of his homemade maple syrup, which is produced from his farm's “sugar bush” and raffled off during Columbus Base meetings. The recipients are promised, “Bring the jar back next year for a FREE refill”! Galin’s gesture is, without a doubt, a very positive step in building membership retention and we at the Columbus Base were very pleased to show Galin Brady how much he is appreciated within our chapter by selecting him as one of our nominees for BSOY!

Respectfully submitted by, Bernie Kenyon



## **Firefighters 4 KIDS TOY DRIVE**

**WHEN: DECEMBER 2, 2006**

**WHERE: HOLIDAY DINNER**

**DON GENTILE AMERICAN LEGION BASE 532**

**TIME: 1700- ?**

**BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY (AGE NEWBORN TO 16 YRS.)  
OR BRING A CHECK PAYABLE TO COLUMBUS BASE USSVI.  
IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND SEND A CHECK PAYABLE TO CO-  
LUMBUS BASE USSVI C/O JOHN LEERS, TREASURER, 1453  
MARTY DRIVE, REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068 WITH A NO-  
TION ON CHECK IT IS FOR "FIREFIGHTS 4 KIDS TOY  
DRIVE". GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE**