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ALL SEAS ARE NAVIGABLE



Columbus Base Newsletter

NBC 4 Firefighters 4 Kids Toy Drive & Dinner



Columbus Base Crewmembers who had the good fortune to attend the Saturday - December 2, 2006 gathering at the American Legion Post 532 in Southwest Columbus will long remember their participation in a great cause helping Central Ohio children.



Our Activities Chairperson Joe Testa and his wife, Mary, hosted the dinner event which was remarkable in every respect. From Mary Testa's greeting at the entrance where we could drop off our coffee donations for the Chalmers P. Wylie Veterans Administration Outpatients Clinic we were able to easily move to a large table on the far side of the room where we deposited our presents for the children on a large table and then proceeded to lay our coats and hats away in a room beyond that.



Mary, at the left, had name-tags prepared for everyone and since we'd already laid the coffee on a nearby table the rest our admission was easily accomplished!



As we looked around we noticed the space between the tables and the neat Christmas present decorations on each table... like the present on the table in front of Rick and Kay Larson on the right. Add the decorated Christmas tree that the Post provided and we could really appreciate the Testa's and Post 532's efforts.





These pictures of Bob and Cindy Clark (at left), Martha Brunner and Gene Horton (center) and Geri and John Palmer (right) emphasize the roomiest of the set-up so we could easily get around and mingle!

After dinner it was time to for some important formalities.

It began with Joe Testa making an announcement regarding our transporting the collected toy donations to the NBC Channel 4 drop-zone on Saturday the 16th of December. The Base will be using our parade submarine to haul the gifts to the drop area and all crewmembers are invited to participate in that activity. More details promised by e-mail.

The mentioning of our parade submarine leads to the presentation of a couple of photos involving it being in an accident recently. In the picture on the left is what our boat looked like prior to its restoration. The view on the right is what the job looked like when the hull work was completed by Dave Creekmore and an extraordinary gifted paint finisher by the name of Bill Bybee.



Dave had related previously that he'd had some help in the original fabrication of the 1/16th scale replica of the USS COLUMBUS (SS-762). One of those experts was Bill and as Dave stated during the introduction of Bill Bybee to our assemblage, "he came to our (my) rescue, this time, and for five nights after working 12 hr. shifts at his own job, to help repair the damage and repaint the sub's nose plus the new coupler that was installed on the trailer".



Anderson and Jim Morton.

Following Dave's remarks, our Base Commander, Jim "Clutch" Koogler stepped forth and summoned Bill Bybee to the front of the group and announced that it was with great pride that we induct Bill Bybee into the Columbus Sub Vets Base as an Honorary Member. Bill accepts his Honorary Membership Certificate from Clutch in the picture to the right.

In photo to the left is Vice-Cdr. Dave Creekmore as he presents his next order of business which was to recognize Clutch Koogler for his exemplary work in aiding the base to enhance the success for which it achieved under his predecessor's Bill V.





In this photo at left, our Commander examines the Cameron Mitchell's Steak House gift card presented to him on behalf of the base. Earlier, Clutch's wife Bonnie Koogler (photo to the right) was caught in our camera's lens showing off her everlasting smile. We wish both of them a great evening out at one of Columbus' finest eating establishments.



Following the 50/50 raffle drawing of which Mary Testa took home \$117.50, numerous other items were selected from a table when their lucky number was drawn. Adding up the amounts derived from the thirteen 50/50 raffle drawings we had during the year, \$1053.50 was pocketed by the winners and a like amount went to the Base General Fund.

In the photo on the right, you can see many of the items won by our attendees and if you look toward the far left rear of the table you should see a beautiful quilt that was made by Jan Creekmore who reported that \$500 worth of raffle tickets were turned in for the quilt's drawing. It had been advertised from the start that 50% of the money collected from the "Quilt Raffle" would be put into our Base General Fund and the other 50% will go toward our Base involvement in recognizing outstanding sailors aboard our submarine sponsor, the USS COLUMBUS. You may read all about that outstanding program on pages 14 thru 17 in our March 2006 issue of **THE GREEN BOARD!**



Who was the lucky winner of the quilt? It was a man whose wonderful wife purchased the winning ticket for him. Here is the winner in this picture on the left displaying his prize with the quilt's creator, Jan Creekmore. Both Bernie Kenyon and Jan are cracking up as the photo is being taken because Frank Lloyd has bellowed, "We want to see four hands at the top of that quilt holding it up!"

Rest assured that this is one quilt that is going to be displayed on the wall of the Kenyon's Family Room. The Kenyon's want people who visit them to know that Liz and Bernie Kenyon are very proud to be counted in the ranks of the outstanding people who make up the Columbus Sub Vets Base.

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”

Commander's Corner

By Jim "Clutch" Koogler



This month's column will again be VERY short. With all that's happened in the past month, I'm sure our newsletter editors, Jan and Dave Creekmore, have a LOT for the December issue so I'll help make it a little easier for them. I do, however, want to mention a couple of things.

First... the Gahanna Holiday Lights Festival and Parade. What a great time we had!!! Thanks to Activities Chairman Joe Testa for making the necessary entry arrangements, to Dave Creekmore and his "elves" for preparing the parade sub, and to all the base members and guests who participated. It was a fun time. The organizers even gave us this snow globe in recognition of our participation. Another wonderful addition to the base "archives".



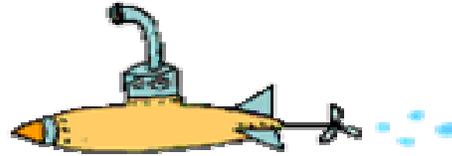
Our 2006 Holiday Dinner and toys collection! Thanks to Joe and Mary Testa, who performed their usual "holiday magic" to plan another in a long list of memorable Columbus Base events. Thanks to all who attended, to all who donated "prizes" for the 50/50, and to all who brought or sent toys and monetary donations. And thanks to the American Legion Don Gentile Post #532 for a wonderful meal.

I'd like to extend a hearty "welcome aboard" to our newest Columbus Base Honorary Member, Bill Bybee. As you know, we reserve honorary membership for only a select few who have made exemplary contributions to Columbus Base. Bill certainly fits the profile, and becomes only the third to have honorary membership conferred. You've all seen his handy-work with our parade sub model. He's donated many, many hours to the creation, maintenance, and damage control of a truly first class model. We all owe Bill a debt of gratitude for his dedication.

Finally... Bonnie and I wish you all the happiest, and safest, of holiday seasons.

Vice Commander's Corner

By Dave Creekmore



I know this is the season and we are to be joyous and giving, but I'm still impressed that once again our members have come forward in strength to our base activities. At two different conversations last week-end two members pointed out what a pleasure it was to be part of a group that is so giving. As we glanced around and looked at the coffee, the 50 / 50 and toys that were brought to the dinner it could only make one proud to be part of this group.

I would like to thank all involved. I would also like to extend a Happy and safe Holiday to all our members, spouses and readers of our newsletter. Here is a quote from one of my favorite Christmas songs.

If you want to arrange it
This world you can change it
If we could somehow make this
Christmas thing last

By helping a neighbor
Or even a stranger
And to know who needs help
You need only just ask

(from "Old City Bar" by Trans Siberian Orchestra)

Lost Boats

December

USS Capelin (SS 289)	Dec. 02, 1943
USS Sealion (SS 195)	Dec. 10, 1941
USS F-1 (SS 20)	Dec. 17, 1917
USS S-4 (SS 109)	Dec. 17, 1927





(Author unknown)

A Different Christmas Poem

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light, I gazed 'round the room and cherished the sight.

My wife was asleep, her head on my chest, my daughter beside me, angelic in rest.

Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white, transforming the yard to a winter delight.

The sparkling lights in the tree, I believe, completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.

My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep, secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.

In perfect contentment, or so it would seem, so I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near, but I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.

Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.

My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear, and I crept to the door just to see who was near.

Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night, a lone figure stood... his face weary and tight.

A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old, perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.

Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled, standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.

"What are you doing?" I asked without fear, "Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!"

Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve, you should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"

For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift, away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts.

To the window that danced with a warm fire's light, then he sighed and he said "It's really all right,

I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night.

It's my duty to stand at the front of the line that separates you from the darkest of times.

No one had to ask or beg or implore me, I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.

My Gramps died at Pearl on a day in December," Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers."

My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam', and now it is my turn and so, here I am.

I've not seen my own son in more than a while, but my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile."

Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag, the red, white, and blue... an American flag.

"I can live through the cold and the being alone, away from my family, my house and my home.

I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet; I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.

I can carry the weight of killing another, or lay down my life with my sister and brother

Who stand at the front against any and all, to ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."

"So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright. Your family is waiting and I'll be all right."

"But isn't there something I can do, at the least? Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?"

It seems all too little for all that you've done, for being away from your wife and your son."

Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret, "Just tell us you love us, and never forget.

To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone, to stand your own watch, no matter how long.

For when we come home, either standing or dead, to know you remember we fought and we bled,

Is payment enough... and with that we will trust, that we mattered to you as you mattered to us."





December Birthdays

Randy McWilliams	12-02
Gene Lee	12-05
Mike Petsch	12-18
Marv Pastor	12-22
Tom Wooten	12-23
Eric Dreiseidel	12-27
Bill Dumbauld	12-30

Spouses

Sharron Lehman	12-04
Florence "Floss" Waldren	12-06
Mary Testa	12-10
Janet Pierson	12-21



Editor's Note

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

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New Members

No new members this month

Trivia Tidbits

A boat is a small craft that can be hoisted aboard a large vessel. **NEVER** call a ship a boat; it is lubberly.

Boats used by the US Navy are divided into two general classes; namely **power boats** (mechanically propelled) and **pulling boats** (propelled by oars).

From the Navy training Seaman 1c
1940 edition
(from Rick Larson's collection)

The Conn

Base commander

Jim Koogler

Vice Commander

Dave Creekmore

Treasurer

John Leers

Secretary

Elizabeth Kenyon

Chaplain

Sharon Lloyd

COB

James Williams

Membership Chairman

Bernie Kenyon

Storekeeper

Frank Lloyd

Editor

Jan Creekmore

Our Holland Club profile this month is Marv Pastor. He was inducted into the Holland Club in August 2005. Here he shares some of his experiences with us.



Marv enlisted in the Navy on June 18th, 1951 at Columbus, Ohio just eleven days after graduating from high school. Actually I had enlisted a couple of months prior to that so on the 18th all I had to do was sign my name and be sworn in. I went through boot camp at Great Lakes, graduated in August 1951. While in boot camp I requested sub school, when I went for my physical I had a rash on my leg and that was the end of sub school. At least temporarily.

After boot camp I reported on board the USS Cadmus AR 14, an auxiliary repair ship in Charleston, S.C. I was assigned to the deck force, that was a different experience, then after about three months I requested and received a transfer to the Electrical Repair shop. Upon arrival there I requested sub school again. The division Officer was an ex submariner and told me I had to wait a year after reporting to the fleet, he said he would approve my transfer then. One year to the date he signed my request and in April 1953 my orders came through.

I attended sub school from April to June of 1953. My first choice out of school was Pearl Harbor, that didn't work but my second choice did and I was assigned to the USS Manta AGSS 299 in Key West, Florida. My first assignment aboard the Manta, the day after I arrived, was watering batteries, the after battery. That was not a bad job. In Sept. of 1953 the Manta was sent to Charleston, S.C. to dry dock and overhaul. While in Charleston I took the test for EM3. Shortly after that the Navy was looking for volunteers to re commission the USS Razorback SS394. In December 1953 I reported aboard the Razorback in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The Razorback was an older fleet boat that was de commissioned in 1952; it was being converted to a Guppy IIA. It was re commissioned in January 1954. My promotion to EM3 came through about that same time. We left Portsmouth in early spring of 1954, final destination to be San Diego. After shake down and stops in New Port, RI, New London, Fort Lauderdale and a couple of weeks of operations in Key West, we proceeded to Havana through the Panama Canal stopped in Mexico and finally arrived in San Diego. We were assigned squadron 3 and tied up along side the sub tender USS Sperry. The Razorback was considered a target boat and in the yards was fitted with an extra thick reinforcement around the forward and after rooms. Anti submarine operations were our primary duties at least for the next year and a half. We were shot at so many times we weren't sure just whose Navy we were in. I qualified aboard the Razorback in July or August of 1954.

My motivation to try submarines dated to the early days of World War II, I was only about nine years old but good friends of the family had a son aboard the USS Batfish and his letters home talked about their sinking of three Japanese Submarines. I just thought some day I want to do that.

Most of my time was spent in San Diego and other than state side I was only in Havana so San Diego and Key West I liked best. Havana was great place for liberty though.

The Razorback was the best duty I had by far. I guess there was a lot to be said for the surface Navy also, because it was that duty that made me appreciate the boats so much more.

A couple of quick things that stand out in mind was, part of our sea trials during our second dive of the day and before our deep dive, the diving officer ordered 150 feet and level off, well it didn't level off until it sat on the bottom at 238 feet. With all tanks dry setting there for about twenty minutes with a starboard list we finally got a slight up angle and finally surfaced. The rest of our operations were canceled for the day, we headed home.

While operating at the torpedo station in Key Port, Washington and listening to the fish flying up one side and down the other all morning we went to early chow so we could relieve the watch in maneuvering we had just sat down in maneuvering and every one had just cleared out when a fish hit one of the screws underneath us. Needless to say it scared the hell out of every one especially us, no one needed to clean there selves though.

I was discharged in June 1955 at San Diego.

I was married August 3rd, 1957 to Joan Albaugh . We have three children, two girls, Laura and Linda and one son, Joseph. Laura is a Respiratory Therapist at Hermann Hospital in Houston, Texas, Linda works for a Pathologist in Texas. Joe served 5 years in the Coast Guard and presently is a Special Investigator for ALL State Insurance in Sherwood, Oregon.

Learning of the USSVI and especially joining the Columbus Base has been a real enjoyment; it brings 50 years ago back to the present for me. Thank you all.

Upcoming events

January 6, 2007	Noon	Don Gentile American Legion Post
February 3, 2007	Noon	Don Gentile American Legion Post
March 3, 2007	Noon	Don Gentile American Legion Post

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.

Reminder

You still have time to donate toys to our toy drive. We are doing this in conjunction with the NBC4 Firefighters 4 Kids. We will be taking the toys over on Dec. 16th. Contact a Base Officer if you have a donation. Or come and join us for the drop off.

Pictures from the Gahanna Holiday Parade



Left to right: Phil Philipps, Joe Testa and John Leers



Left to right: Bill McCorkle, Joe Testa, Dave O'Carroll, backside of Phil Philipps.



Left to right: Joe Testa, Bruce Rinehart, John Leers, Kara Kenyon Hancock and Liz Kenyon.



Left to right: Phil, Dave, Marv, Bruce, John, Kara and Liz . The back belongs to Joe



Left to right: Bill, Joe, and Dave. The face behind the flag belongs to Bruce

USS Columbus (SSN-762)

Call to Quarters



Lieutenant Commander Curtis B. Duncan

Executive Officer USS Columbus (SSN-762)



LCDR Duncan is a native of Cortland, Ohio. He graduated from Case Western Reserve University in December of 1992, Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He entered the Navy through the Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program (NUPOC) in 1991 and reported to Officer Candidate School, Newport, RI. He was commissioned in April 1993. Following Commissioning, he completed schools in Nuclear Propulsion Training in Orlando, FL and Charleston, SC

Upon completion of Submarine Officer Basic Course in September 1994, Lcdr Duncan reported to USS NORFOLK (SSN 714), Norfolk, VA. He served as the Electrical Assistant, Communicator and Damage Control Assistant. The ship completed a Northern Atlantic Deployment and a Mediterranean deployment.

Upon completion of his tour on USS Norfolk, Lcdr Duncan reported to the Bureau of Naval Personnel at the Navy Annex, Arlington, VA. He served in PERS-451 and made the move with the Bureau from Arlington to Millington, TN. He completed his Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Memphis while working for the Bureau.

LCDR Duncan reported as the Strategic Weapons Officer on board USS LOUISIANA in January of 2001 after graduating with distinction from Submarine Officer Advanced Course and serving one patrol as a perspective Strategic Weapons Officer on board the USS RHODE ISLAND (Gold). During this tour he completed qualifications for command at sea and screened for Executive Officer. His tour on the LOUISIANA spanned five patrols.

In February of 2004, he reported to Newport, RI to attend the March class of the Naval Command and Staff course at the Naval War College. He graduated in March of 2005 and received the James D. Forrestal Award for Excellence in Strategy and Force Planning

From April 2005 until June 2006 he worked as a Congressional Liaison with the Naval Office of Legislative Affairs' Programs Branch where he handled all of the Science and Technology programs for the Navy.

He reported to the USS COLUMBUS as the Executive Officer in September of 2006.

USS Columbus (SSN-762)Sailor of the Quarter
First Quarter 2006

MM2 (SS) Ronald J. Bolin, USS Columbus Sailor of the Quarter for the First Quarter 2006, is a BUCKEYE, hailing from Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Petty Officer Bolin joined the Navy two months after graduating from high school in order to be independent, serve his country, and see the world. He is a member of the Machinery division, which deals with the proper operation of all machinery equipment onboard the USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762). His Collateral duties include Quality Assurance Planner, Secondary Maintenance Planner, and Air Condition and Refrigeration Petty Officer. In his spare time Petty Officer Bolin enjoys watching football and reading books. One of his favorites is *Guns and Gears and Steel*. Among his personal and professional accomplishments he lists: graduating high school; having the opportunity to live and enjoy paradise in Hawaii; wrestling varsity in high school; making Second Class Petty Officer; qualifying submarines and earning his “dolphins” through a long and intense learning process followed by an intense submarine knowledge board. Looking back at his naval career thus far there have been many things that have contributed to his success while in the Navy, including the opportunity to step up and perform more advanced maintenance material items. Petty Officer Bolin is a single sailor. His future plan is to continue with his college education at **THE Ohio State University**.

In recognition of his selection as Sailor of the Quarter, Petty Officer Bolin will receive a Certificate of Recognition and \$25.00 cash award from Columbus Base, USSVI.

Senior Sailor of the Quarter
First Quarter 2006

MM1 (SS) Christopher B. Leon, USS Columbus Senior Sailor of the Quarter for the First Quarter 2006, hails from Garfield, Washington. He joined the Navy in order to get a college education and, after his tour on the USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762), would like to transfer to the USS JIMMY CARTER (SSN 23) to be involved with Ocean Engineering and to return to the Washington area. He is a member of the Reactor Laboratory division which deals with the proper operation and correct operation of the reactor onboard the USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762). His collateral duties include being the ship’s Leading Engineering Laboratory Technician (LELT). In his spare time, he enjoys the outdoors, golfing, hiking, reading historical fiction (including *Gettysburg* and *Never Call Retreat* by Newt Gingrich), and building wooden ships. Petty Officer Leon is a single sailor.

In recognition of his selection as Senior Sailor of the Quarter, Petty Officer Leon will receive a Certificate of Recognition and \$25.00 cash award from Columbus Base, USSVI.

USS Columbus (SSN-762)Sailor of the Quarter
Second Quarter 2006

ET3 (SS) Ronald M. Fedrick Jr, USS Columbus Sailor of the Quarter for the Second Quarter 2006, hails from Petaluma, California. Petty Officer Fedrick joined the Navy in order to serve his country and would like to go to a shore command following his tour on the USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762) so that he can use his technical experience to continue to build the future of the United States Navy. He is a member of Navigation division which deals with the proper operation of all Navigation electronic equipment for the USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762). His collateral duties include ship's systems manual coordinator and the ship's entertainment system coordinator. He is also responsible for the proper operation of the ship's telephone system, is one of the two ship's barbers, and is the ship's photographer. In his spare time Petty Officer Fedrick enjoys spending time with his family, taking the kids to the park and helping them to the fullest with their homework. He enjoys reading fictional books and

attending local PTA meetings in the community. Significant events in his life include getting married to his wife, the birth of his children, joining the Navy, buying his first car, making petty officer, going on his first Western Pacific deployment, and being the "go to" guy on the boat. In college he majored in Computer Science, because he enjoyed the idea of working with computer and electronic systems. Although he did not finish college, he has no regrets since the Navy allows him to work toward his degree and complete his major while serving his country. His future plans include expanding his career, with ambitions of one day being able to complete the STA-21(Seaman to Admiral) program and become an officer. Looking back on his career, he believes working with his shipmates to gain knowledge, and sharing the knowledge he has obtained, are the things that have contributed most to his success... and are the major motivating factors in driving him to be the best that he can be. Petty Officer Fedrick is married to Christina and has four children: Lyssa, Keshra, Jayon, and Brennon.

In recognition of his selection as Sailor of the Quarter, Petty Officer Fedrick will receive a Certificate of Recognition and \$25.00 cash award from Columbus Base, USSVI.

Senior Sailor of the Quarter
Second Quarter 2006

ET1 (SS) Christopher K. Geron, USS Columbus Senior Sailor of the Quarter for the Second Quarter 2006, hails from Austin, Texas. Petty Officer Geron joined the Navy just because it seemed like a good idea at the time. He is a member of the Reactor Controls Division which deals with the proper operation of the Reactor onboard the USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762). He is also the Leading Petty Officer of the Reactor Controls Division. He has been selected to become a Limited Duty Officer (LDO). In the future, he would like to be transferred to an aircraft carrier (CVN) home ported in San Diego, California (he likes San Diego and first tour LDOs are typically assigned to aircraft carriers there). In his spare time, Petty Officer Geron enjoys spending time with his family and reading fictional books. Readings of choice include Koontz Sanders, Linux Programming texts, and Tabloid magazines. Significant events in life include marrying his wife, birth of his children, being selected for the Limited

Duty Officer program, riding in his first century ride (100 mile bicycle ride), being selected as Instructor of the year for 2005 at NAVSUBTRACENPAC (Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific), and qualifying EWS (Engineering Watch Supervisor)/EDPO (Engineering Duty Petty Officer) as an ET2 with five years of service. In college, Petty Officer Geron majored in Computer Information Systems... but has not yet completed his college education because he joined the Navy. His career ambitions are to complete at least 20 years in the Navy and then move on to another field as a civilian worker. Looking back over his career, he contributes his success to the mentorship of his two Chiefs and the guidance received from his second and third Executive Officers. Petty Officer Geron is married to Andrea and has two children: Noelle and Alaynna.

In recognition of his selection as Senior Sailor of the Quarter, Petty Officer Geron will receive a Certificate of Recognition and \$25.00 cash award from Columbus Base, USSVI.

USS Columbus (SSN-762)

Sailor of the Quarter

Third Quarter 2006



ET2 (SS) Rayburn N. London, USS Columbus Sailor of the Quarter for the Third Quarter 2006, hails from Brooklyn, New York. After graduating from high school, Petty Officer London joined the Navy with great ambitions to succeed. The Navy's offer of financial assistance to continue his higher education and the opportunity to gain technical and the leadership were benefits that no other company could provide. And the thrill of seeing the world, which the only the Navy could offer, finally enticed him to join. Petty Officer London is a member of the Reactor Controls division, which deals with the proper operation of the Nuclear Reactor onboard the USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762). His collateral duties include Repair Parts Petty Officer (with the responsibility for ensuring his division has the proper parts and material needed to repair any disabled equipment), and as Control Material Petty Officer. In his spare time, Petty Officer London enjoys watching television, the company of good friends, and reading science fiction books and novels. Some of his favorite authors include Harry Turtledove, Neil Gaiman, and Orson Scott Card. He also enjoys a friendly game of bowling. Petty Officer London has enjoyed many personal and career accomplishments... but one that is most meaningful to him is surprising his mother with a new car. Among his professional accomplishments, he list the most important as earning his "dolphins" on the COLUMBUS, and earning the title of "submariner", through a thorough and intense learning process. His experience aboard COLUMBUS during its 24 month shipyard Depot Modernization Period has thought him how to apply his skills and knowledge to get the job done in an arduous environment. This experience and professionalism helped in the safe and efficient start up of the reactor after a two year layover in dry dock a significant milestone for the ship. Upon completion of his tour onboard COLUMBUS, Petty Officer London would like to use the skills, knowledge and experience he obtained while onboard and apply that to a billet at the Intermediate Maintenance Facility (IMF) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He plans to continue with his naval career, gaining the necessary skills to excel. He also hopes that the experience gained while in the Navy will someday be useful to him in the civilian sector... perhaps working in an Electrical Power Plant. Petty Officer London is single and, right now, is happy just to see the world

In recognition of his selection as Sailor of the Quarter, Petty Officer London will receive a Certificate of Recognition and \$25.00 cash award from Columbus Base, USSVI.

Senior Sailor of the Quarter

Third Quarter 2006



MM1 (SS) Daniel S. Kloepfer, USS Columbus Senior Sailor of the Quarter for the Second Quarter 2006, hails from Hillsboro, Oregon. He joined the Navy following high school graduation, motivated by the opportunity to get out of a small ranching community... and the fact that the Navy offered money for college, a solid job, and travel around the world. Petty Officer Kloepfer is currently serving his second tour aboard COLUMBUS... sandwiching a tour at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard/ IMF between the two. He is a member of the Auxiliary division which deals with the proper operation of many systems onboard USS COLUMBUS. In his spare time, he enjoys time with his family, playing games with his children, watching movies, playing outside, and reading (mostly fictional horror and action novels). He also enjoys sitting outside and carrying on conversations with his neighbors, sharing stories, playing darts, and going to the racetrack when possible. He has acquired many skills from electrical and mechanical trades... and using these skills, he enjoys fixing everything for everyone (obviously being very popular with his neighbors who always have something to be fixed) Petty Officer Kloepfer considers his significant accomplishments to include his children, a wonderful relationship with his wife, achieving the rank of First Class Petty Officer by the end of his first six year enlistment, training the bright and intelligent sailors with whom he has had the pleasure and good fortune to work, traveling to see half of the world and making it back, living in Hawaii, and being able to stay out of trouble for the past ten (10) years. Future plans include the desire to lead a division of men as their leading chief petty officer. He would also like to eventually move on to a special projects job. Petty Officer Kloepfer is married to Shawna, and has three children: Zachary, Caleb, and Colin.

You may also remember Petty Officer Kloepfer as the USS Columbus Senior Sailor of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2005.

In recognition of his selection as Senior Sailor of the Quarter, Petty Officer Kloepfer will receive a Certificate of Recognition and \$25.00 cash award from Columbus Base, USSVI.