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THE GREEN BOARD

ALL SEAS ARE NAVIGABLE



Columbus Base Newsletter

US Navy looking at Swedish Sub

The threat is real. And it has the Navy so concerned that it's turning to Sweden for help. That's because the Swedes have those *silent submarines*. And right now, one of them is stationed at Point Loma. The Pentagon leased the HMS Gotland for one year, but has extended the lease for a second year, as to try so difficult to find under- on a high-tech system sion- or AIP. Not only can to a month, the AIP tech- than other subs and almost This propulsion system and two Kockurms V4- Propulsion (AIP) units. elastic, soundproof mod- to 75kw. The submarine ent propulsion at a speed snorkeling for us U.S. folks.



The sub stay submerged for up to 5 weeks of air independ- of 5kt with out snorting, that's

The AIP uses liquid oxygen and diesel fuel in a controlled inert (helium) environment . The AIP liquid oxygen tanks are located on the deck below the engines. The propulsion system provides a speed of 11kt surfaced and 20kt submerged.



SSK Gotland Class (Type A19) Attack Submarine, Sweden

Sources: Illinois Scope newsletter, www.naval-technology.com



Commander's Corner

By Jim "Clutch" Koogler



First... thanks to all who were able to attend any of the events scheduled for USS Columbus Commanding Officer CDR James Doody and JO LTJG Joe Snyder. We had very respectable representation for the Navy League luncheon (as I recall, there were 5 or 6 Columbus Base sub vets in attendance), and a very nice turnout for the meet and greet. In addition... Bernie Kenyon and John Leers represented Columbus Base at the Franklin Heights NJROTC meetings, and I was able to represent the base by attending talks to the OSU Navy ROTC and at a meeting with Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman, his veterans' affairs liaison Rick Isbell, and NROTC submarine instructor LT Kevin Millslagle. I was hoping to have pictures from the NROTC talks (including the presentation of a framed OSU football jersey signed by the OSU football coaches, which was jointly presented to USS Columbus by OSU NROTC and Columbus Base USSVI) and from the meeting with the mayor... but I haven't yet received them. Perhaps they'll be ready for next month's Green Board. Regardless, I can assure you that CDR Doody and LTJG Snyder thoroughly enjoyed their visit (despite the weather) and the opportunity to meet so many of our Columbus Base sub vets and their wives. All in all, Columbus Base showed tremendous support for their visit.

I'm constantly amazed and pleased at the turnout we have for our base meetings. Despite the weather, we consistently have very good representation at the meetings. We had 31 members and guests at our March meeting and 37 at the February meeting... and with really crappy weather for both. I appreciate your attendance and hope we can continue to have the "fun" you expect when you attend a base meeting.

There won't be a formal base meeting in April. Instead, we'll celebrate the US Navy Submarine Service birthday month with our annual Submarine Birthday Dinner on Saturday April 7th. Joe Testa has done his usual superb job planning the event, so watch for more information to come. I look forward to seeing you there.

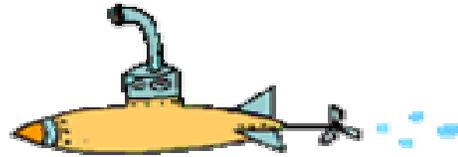
As many of you know, Columbus Base COB James Williams has submitted his resignation. Work (primarily), church, and other outside activities are taking their toll on James and Elaine, and James doesn't feel he's able to devote the time to the position that he would like. I have reluctantly accepted James' resignation. I want to publicly thank James for his service to the base. Both James and Elaine are strong participants (when they were able) and constant supporters of Columbus Base, and I hope their participation and support will continue as they have the time, opportunity, and desire. I sincerely hope we'll see James in an officer position again, when his schedule allows.

Here's another reminder of the Central District 2 convention and Submarine Birthday ball at Illinois Beach Resort April 27-29. Let me know if you're interested and want more information.

Lest I infringe on someone else's subject matter, I'll close for this month. Remember to mark your calendars for the birthday dinner on April 7th, and the tolling ceremony on May 19th.

Vice Commander's Corner

By Dave Creekmore



At our past business meeting I saw what has become most often a common event with this group. That was a sense of pride to be part of it. And this happened not once but twice.

A few weeks back Bill Anderson mentioned a desire he had and a few of us that knew about it took a step forward and got some names, phone numbers and a little question and answers. Then Bill brought his collected information to the membership and explained his quest. When Bill asked for some help, I almost lost count of those who came to his calling.

Bill has a passion to establish a National Veterans Cemetery in central Ohio and knowing Bill as we do, I'm betting he doesn't back down until ground is broken. Thank you Bill from all of us Veterans from all branches of the military.

The second occurrence was with John Leers. John asked about the "Pens for Patients" program and asked if we were going to do this again. John has already started collecting items and has offered to organize this years event with some help!! If any of you are interested please see John and let's give him a helping hand. We had a great effort last year, let's see if we can top it for 2007.

Lost Boats

March

USS Perch (SS-176)	03-03-1942
USS Grampus (SS-207)	03-05-1943
USS Triton (SS-201)	03-15-1943
USS Kete (SS-369)	03-20-1945
USS Tullibee (SS-284)	03-26-1944
USS Trigger (SS-237)	03-26-1945



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 following is my first attempt at a column in the **Green Board**. My hope is to keep everyone informed of what events the base has coming up, far enough in advance to allow for everyone to plan accordingly.

As was mentioned in a recent email broadcast, I had a very good meeting with the new Canteen Manager at the Don Gentile Post. I am confident that the quality of the food will be better, and I hope everyone keeps an open mind. I will do everything in my power to keep the price of meals at the current \$20.

Which brings us to our next event, the Submarine Birthday Dinner on April 7th. We will have a cash bar social hour from 1700-1800, followed by an Italian buffet. We will have a special presentation after dinner to celebrate the 107th anniversary of the Submarine Service.

I know many members are concerned over the location of some of our recent monthly meetings. To make a long story short, the Don Gentile Post has been having some money issues, which in part lead to many personnel changes within the post. The new Canteen Manager is doing everything she can to put paying events in place, and we understand that this will conflict with our meetings. I have asked for notice if the room will be rented so we can make alternate arrangements. Meeting in the bar area of the post is inconvenient because of the smoke, and the fact there are some issues like the Treasurer's report we cannot discuss openly. In the summer we may move out to the park, which might be a nice change if a conflict comes up at the last minute. But, rest assured that unless it is absolutely unavoidable, we will no longer be meeting in the bar area of the post. I will find alternate arrangements for meetings that have a known conflict, so pay attention to my columns and Bernie's monthly emails concerning meeting location.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has showed enough confidence in me to support the creation of this position. It is my intention to make our current list of activities even better, but more importantly to increase our involvement in the community. Any ideas that you may have would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Joe Testa

Activities Chairman

USN Chooses Repair Base For New A-Subs

(United Press International) The U.S. Navy has decided to use Maine's Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as the major base to maintain its new Virginia-class subs. The Navy Times has reported that the planning center for repairs on the new class of nuclear submarines now being built will be located at Kittery, Maine. The report noted that the Virginia class subs will replace the famous Los Angeles class that are now coming to the end of their operational life. The Navy Times noted that Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, welcomed the decision as likely to keep the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open and running for years to come during a time when major military and naval facilities around the United States are being shut down as part of the Department of Defense's Base Re-alignment and Closure, or BRAC, program.



Submarine Birthday Dinner



The Columbus Sub Vets Base will be celebrating the **107th Birthday** of our Submarine Service Saturday 7 April 2007.

Based upon our previous three years, our next meeting should be a great one. It's our annual recognition of the birth of the "Submarine Service".

Some bases call it their Submarine Birthday Ball, or some other special type of name. We call our event an "Annual Submarine Birthday Dinner". Whatever it's called most have a similar format. It's a celebratory gathering featuring a social hour followed by a nice dinner, an invited speaker, no business content and some great camaraderie and the dress code is informal.



Our original Columbus Base dinner, celebrating the **104th Birthday**, was held at the Columbus Maennerchor and was a fabulous success. Shipmate George R. "Randy" McWilliams was our speaker and our crewmembers in attendance represented 43 boats. Plus, there were 16 invaluable companions present. They were the wives and sweethearts who support our involvement in USSVI which makes it all the more worthwhile for us. Collectively, these were remarkable numbers gathered together for this being only the fourth meeting of our young Columbus Base history. Randy is in the gray shirt in photo at the left.

Randy acknowledge our wife's during his address when he stated, "Submarine wives also serve silently supporting their families and husbands with commitment, confidence and self-sacrifice. They also make other lives better; provide leadership and the meaning of commitment to their families, children and when necessary the families of shipmates. Without their moral and emotional support we as submariners would not have been nearly so successful."



CAPT McWilliams, USN Retired, ended his talk with this very poignant finish, "As I close I would like each of you to remember that each and every one of us who wear the Dolphins is a member of a very exclusive military club where only the very best is tolerated. When you move forward in your daily lives and you face the many challenges and difficulties, that we all must endure and overcome, please remember you have already proven through your submarine service that you will always prevail over hardship and adversity. You have passed through many screens, qualifications, challenges and severe test. Hold your head high because you are a United States Submariner, the very best that our beloved country has to offer!"



Shipmate Robert T. "Tim" France, former Commanding Officer of the USS FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (SSBN 657) was our invited speaker at the **105th Birthday** of our Submarine Force Celebration Dinner held at the Aladdin Center.

We learned from Tim's remarks that out of his 27 years of service in the United States Navy more than 16 years were spent aboard submarines and he estimated that over eight years of that time was spent submerged.

What was most significant was his mentioning that of the five nuclear boats that he was attached to, all were in yard over-haul when he was assigned to them and consequently, he was involved in five different post-construction "shakedown cruises". Those who have been there, and done that, know how concerning shakedowns can be. Experiencing just one is something to remember but to do hear CAPT France, USN Retired; talk about doing it multiple times really got our attention. Tim is on the left in the photo to the right with Columbus Base Past CDR Jim Morton shaking his hand.



Last year, our **106th Birthday** speaker was LCDR Philip Philipps, USN Retired. His topic was the story of the nuclear Submarine Seadragon's epic discovery of an underwater Northwest Passage and the thrill of finding a usable passage through Barrow Strait. A tension filled journey in 1960 shared with three other Columbus Base shipmates: Richard A. "Doc" Morin, John E. "Both Ways" Pendleton and Ronald J. "RR" Waldron. In the photo to the left is Phil as he appeared in uniform with Joe Testa.

We wrote following Phil's presentation that, "Phil's dedication to our service didn't end with his separation from active duty. He immersed himself in USSVI and can count as one of his greatest accomplishments the hosting of the 2001 United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. National Convention in Peoria, Illinois." Phil was Base Commander of the Peoria Base of USSVI at that time!



This year we return to the Don Gentile American Legion Post 532 Banquet Room and our Activities Chairperson Joe Testa should have all the particulars covering that evening's agenda in the upcoming days.

Respectfully submitted by Bernie Kenyon



March

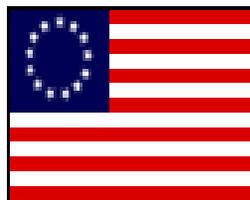
Bill Meyer	03-02
Bill Holly	03-05
Ben "Red" Grimes	03-06
C.O. Smith	03-23
Chuck Martin	03-29

Spouses

Luana Estell	03-27
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Remember to bring your coffee, tea or hot chocolate donations for the VA Hospital to the monthly meetings! We are also accepting copies of the American Submariner that you may be done reading or get two in your household. They do appreciate our members donations for the veterans.

"Q" is the only letter in the alphabet not appearing in the name of any U.S. state.



The Conn

Base commander

Jim Koogler

Vice Commander

Dave Creekmore

Treasurer

John Leers

Secretary

Elizabeth Kenyon

Chaplain

Sharon Lloyd

COB

Membership Chairman

Bernie Kenyon

Storekeeper

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Activities Chairperson

Joe Testa

Editor

Jan Creekmore

Editor's Note

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

Jan Creekmore at e-mail
creek636@earthlink.net

Our Holland Club profile this month is Clarence Smith. He was inducted into the Holland Club in August 2006. Here he shares some of his experiences with us.



Clarence enlisted in the Navy in September 1942 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

After completing electrical school in Detroit, Michigan Clarence attended sub school. His first duty out of school was the USS Nautilus SS 168. It was later in August of 1944, aboard the Nautilus, Clarence qualified to wear his dolphins.

At the end of 1944 or early in 1945 Clarence reported to the USS Corporal SS 346, which at the time was under construction. He was part of the construction crew, Corporal was launched June 10, 1945 and Commissioned November 9, 1945. Clarence was also a member of the Commissioning crew.

His highest rate attained was EM3.

Clarence's motivation to try submarines was pretty easy for him. He said when he graduated from electrical school at the Naval Armory in Detroit they were looking for volunteers for sub school, why not, he said.

Detroit, Michigan was his favorite duty station and Brisbane, Australia his favorite port.

Clarence was discharged in January 1946 at Great Lakes.

In June of the same year he was married. Clarence and his wife had four children two girls Alice and Carol and two boys, Bruce and Jeffrey. None were in the service.

Thank you, Clarence, for your time and service.

How can you be sure that your American Flag was made in the USA???

As a patriotic American wouldn't you be upset if you purchased an American flag to proudly display at your home or to give as a gift, only to find out that you had mistakenly purchased a foreign made version of Old Glory? Here's how to make sure...



This rectangular logo and the oval certification seal are your assurances that this product has been made in the USA of materials that are domestic in origin and that all processes in every step of the US flag's manufacture were completed in USA facilities with USA labor.



FMAA, the Flag Manufacturers Association of America, is an organization made up of several of the country's leading flag makers who have developed a set of specifications that will guarantee and highlight the domestic sourcing and manufacture of US flags.

Spread the word. Tell your friends to look for the FMAA logo and/or seal to ensure that they are purchasing a US made American flag.

Minutes of the Columbus Base of USSVI
March 3, 2007
American Legion, Don Gentile Post 532

A regular meeting of the Columbus Base of USSVI was held March 3 2007 at the American Legion, Don Gentile Post 532. Elected officers present were Commander, James Koogler, Vice-Commander, David Creekmore, Treasurer, John Leers, and Secretary, Elizabeth Kenyon. Commander James Koogler called the meeting to order at 1300. Thirty one (31) members and guests were present. Commander Koogler gave the opening invocation. Vice Commander Dave Creekmore led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Koogler read the lost boats and Dave Creekmore tolled the bell.

Secretary Kenyon noted that the February 3 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 Phil Philipps. The members' present voice voted and the motion was carried. A letter of appreciation pertaining to our coffee donation from the Chalmers P. Wylie Clinic, Columbus, Ohio was read and the Quarterly Newsletter from the Ohio Diabetes was noted as received. Correspondence sent were letters and "On Eternal Patrol Certificates" to the families of Thomas Higgins and Michael Holtz, letters to USSVI Scholarship Fund with checks for the above, a letter to John Wynn, USSVI National Archivist with a CD of the Columbus Base Constitution and By-Laws, and a letter to Capt. Tom Lennon, NJROTC requesting an Honor Guard for the 2007 Tolling of the Bells. The notes from the February 27, 2007 officers' meeting were not read. Minutes, officers' notes, correspondence received and sent are on file with the Secretary.

Treasurer John Leers gave a short treasurer's report. A motion to accept the report was made by Bill McCorkle and seconded by Dave O'Carroll. The members' present voice voted and the motion was carried. The Secretary does not have the report on file.

Webmaster Report: Cliff Dodson short verbal report. A motion to accept the report was made by John Leers and seconded by John Alexander. The members' present voice voted and the motion was carried.

Chaplain's Report: Jim Koogler gave the report since Sharon Lloyd was absence. It was stated that Sam Templeton is doing fine and Sharon visited him on Tuesday, February 27. Ed Ellsworth's wife Mildred fell in their home. She broke her shoulder, has been released from the hospital and is an after care facility. Ben Grimes will have a Stent inserted in a heart artery on Monday, March 5. A motion to accept the report was made by Dave Creekmore and seconded by John Leers. The members' present voice voted and the motion was carried. A copy of the report is on file with the Secretary.

Membership: Bernie Kenyon stated that there were no new members for February 2007. He introduced Paul Vawter a member who cannot attend regularly because of work. A copy of the report is on file with the Secretary.

Committee Reports

Red Star Rogue Book Sales – Bill Anderson, Dave Creekmore and Marv Pastor. Bill Anderson gave a verbal report that there were five (5) Red Star Rogue paperbacks sold. A motion to accept the report was made by John Leers and seconded by Galin Brady. The members' present voice voted and the motion was carried.

Activities Coordinator – Joe Testa had to leave so Jim Koogler gave a verbal Activities report that the Birthday Submarine Dinner will be April 7 at Post 532. Social Hour 1700-1800, an Italian Buffet begins at 1800. The cost of the dinner and speaker will be announced when received. A motion to accept the report was made by Tim Barker and seconded by Woody Woodmansee. The members' present voice voted and the motion was carried. A copy of the Activities schedule for the year is on file with the Secretary

Unfinished Business

The USSVI Scholarship donations have been sent as noted under the Secretary's report.

Jim Koogler has received the check from the Treasurer for the USSVI Boat Sponsorship Program.

There was nothing new to report on the base directory.

WWII Sub Vet interviews - nothing new

New Business

National/State Veterans' Cemetery - Bill Anderson requested authorization to proceed, in the name of the Columbus Base, establishing a National/State Veterans' Cemetery. After positive discussion a motion to give authorization to proceed in the name of the Columbus Base was made by Bernie Kenyon and seconded by John Alexander. The members' present voice voted and the motion was carried. A copy of the Request is on file with the Secretary. Volunteers to serve on this committee are: Bill Anderson, Chairperson, Dave Creekmore, Joe Testa, Tim Barker, John Alexander, Galin Brady, and Marv Pastor.

For the Good of the Order

A short verbal report regarding the USS Columbus visit was given by Commander Koogler.

From the officers' meeting February 27, 2007:

Base Commander Jim Koogler has received a letter of resignation from COB James Williams. James is working two jobs plus other commitments and cannot attend meetings. The resignation has been accepted with regrets. Jim will appoint a new COB as outlined in the Columbus Base By-Laws.

National USSVI Scholarship Fund donations. Dave Creekmore suggested that we increase our donation to the National USSVI Scholarship Fund upon the death of a member or associate member to \$100.00 (increase from the current \$50.00) and \$50.00 be donated for others (non Columbus Base members) i.e. Ashley, Higgins, and Holtz. After discussion a motion was made by Phil Philipps and seconded by Bob Frier so increase the amounts as listed above. The members' present voice voted and the motion was carried.

It was suggested and approved that a receipt for the amount collected on the 50/50 Raffle be given to the Treasurer by the COB for bookkeeping purposes. Also, if the winner donates his/her winnings back to the Columbus Base the Treasurer will give a receipt to that member stating where the money is to be distributed.

John Leers presented a new reimbursement form which was approved for use immediately. The form will be used for members asking for reimbursement for expenses incurred for the Columbus Base. John will have the form available for those who need it.

Jim Koogler received a book *The Baker's Boy Goes To Sea* plus a CD sent to him by the author. Bernie Kenyon read the book and gave a short synopsis.

Bill Anderson suggested and it was approved that the Columbus Base have a lending library for member owned submarine books that could be lent to other members. This would be on an honor system.

Cod Base is recommending a Grunion Day celebration be held on the 3rd or 4th Saturday of June, possibly in Rittman, Ohio (site of the Grunion memorial and one of Ohio's national cemeteries). There are no firm plans yet... Cod Base is merely "interest gathering" from the other Ohio bases. More information to be available as received.

Ron Rossington announced that the Thunderbirds will be in Cleveland Labor Day weekend and perhaps that would be a good time to see the Thunderbirds and visit the COD. Ron also donated a book "Submarines" for auction at the Tolling of the Bells. Liz Kenyon has the book.

There will be an Officers' Meeting, Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at Bernie and Liz Kenyon's home starting at 1800. All interested base members are invited to attend. A RSVP to Bernie or Liz is requested.

In the absence of Frank Lloyd, Phil Philipps stepped forward to auction a Decommissioning of the Dolphin Medallion. Dave Creekmore had the winning bid of \$31.00.

50/50 Drawing

Bill McCorkle's ticket was drawn and his portion of the 50/50 raffle was \$71.00.

Items donated were selected by the following after their ticket was drawn.

Jim Koogler - Navy Frame
Bill Anderson - Tea and Jelly Set
Bill Myers - Maple Syrup
Bob McDaniel - Bottle of Wine
Bonnie Koogler - Navy Frame
Bernie Kenyon - Ball Point Pens
Bonnie Koogler - White Chocolate/Macadamia Nut Cookies

The Base thanks the members who donated the above items.

Jim Koogler gave the closing prayer.

Commander Koogler adjourned the meeting at 1420

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth A. Kenyon
Secretary

Work on the base directory has begun with photos being taken at the January meeting. If you were not present and would like your photo added try and make the April meeting. For our members out of town, you could, if you wish send a photo

to:

Jim Koogler
8417 Seabright
Powell, OH

The Base recently received this in regard to the “Green Board”

Once again, WELL DONE Columbus Base

“It never fails to amaze me how I feel about your presentation and professional display of pertinent base information after reading each issue of your base newsletter. It’s a shame the current method of reporting national news events and items of general interest don’t contain the person appeal you are able to convey with each issue of your publication. Whatever you are doing, keep it up, don’t change a thing. You have developed a method of document preparation that most bases and organizations are searching for. I am writing this memo to let you know that I appreciated and applaud your efforts.”

Respectfully,

Tom Barnes

Central District 2 CMDR

From the editors of the “Green Board”Thanks to all of the base members for your support, whether it’s with articles or comments, you make the newsletter what it is.

Mind your Ps and Qs

There are a few of us who have not at one time or another been admonished to “mind your Ps and Qs,” or in other words, to behave our best. Oddly enough, “mind your Ps and Qs” had nautical beginnings as a method of keeping books on the waterfront.

In the days of sail when sailors were paid a pittance, seamen drank their ale in taverns whose keepers were willing to extend credit until payday. Since many salts were illiterate, keepers kept a tally of pints and quarts consumed by each sailor on a chalkboard behind the bar. Next to each person’s name a mark was made under “P for pint or “Q” for quart whenever a seaman ordered another draught.

On payday, each seaman was liable for each mark next to his name, so he was forced to “mind his Ps and Qs” or get into financial trouble. To ensure an accurate count by unscrupulous keepers, sailors had to keep their wits and remain somewhat sober. Sobriety usually ensured good behavior, hence the meaning of “mind your Ps and Qs.”

Upcoming Events

April 7, 2007	1500 hrs.	Submarine Birthday dinner. Don Gentile American Legion Post
May 5, 2007	1200 hrs	Meeting at the Don Gentile American Legion Post
May 19, 2007	1200 hrs	Tolling of the Bells Battelle Darby Metro Park



Saturday - May 19, 2007

Save the Date

Tolling of the Bells

Battelle Darby Metro Park

1200

More information later