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THE GREEN BOARD

ALL SEAS ARE NAVIGABLE



Columbus Base Newsletter

Veterans Day Parade 2007



Honored Guests from the
USS Columbus
Left to right
LTJG (SS) Suh
CO (SS) Commander Doody
COB MMCS (SS) Caldwell

Columbus base members with the crew from the USS Columbus pictured with the parade sub.

Back row left to right: Dave Creekmore, Jim Tolson, LTJG Suh, Jim Koogler and Joe Testa

Front Row: Marv Pastor, Bill McCorkle, Cmdr. Doody, Dave O'Carroll, Galin Brady, COB Caldwell and Bill Anderson.

Photographer: Marine guest Dan Fuller



Meet and Greet with the USS Columbus Crew and the Columbus Base USSVI members at Dave & Busters



Barb & Bill McCorkle, Cmdr. Doody, COB Caldwell and Dave O'Carroll



LTJG Suh and Galin Brady



Tim Barker, Jim Tolson and Barb



Jim Koogler, Jim Tolson, Tim Barker, Karla Tolson, Barb McCorkle



Galin, Dave, Bill McCorkle and Bill Anderson



COB Caldwell, Jan Creekmore and Marv Pastor

THE DBF PIN

By Patrick Meagher TMC(SS) USN RET.

Probably none of today's submariners know the origin or the significance of the Diesel Boats Forever (DBF) pin. Most former Diesel boat sailors are also ignorant of its origins even though it is worn with pride on many SubVets vests.

The last diesel attack boat built for the US Navy was commissioned in October 1959 (1). At that time there were five classes of nuke boats along with two "one off" designs in various stages of construction and pre commissioning trials along with USS Nautilus SSN-571, and the four Skate class boats in operational status (2). The diesel boat force made up predominantly of modernized fleet boats (Fleet Snorkels, Guppy 1A's, Guppy 2's, Guppy 2A's, Radar picket, Regulus missile, troop carrier, and hunter-killer conversions), six Tang's plus Darter, Growler, Greyback, the two Salmon's and the three "B" girls had become the source of pre-commissioning crews for the nuke boats. There was a steady stream of 9901's passing through the diesel boat force, spending seven months onboard learning the boat and earning their dolphins before departing for nuke school. A smaller number of career enlisted electricians, machinist mates, enginemen, and electronic technicians also volunteered for the nuke program. Admiral Hyman Rickover personally interviewed all officers applying for the nuclear power program as well as many of the senior enlisted submariners. Tales of Rickover's interviews consistently reported on his efforts to intimidate and discredit the accomplishments of the officer interviewee's, alienating many who interviewed with him. Disturbing reports from senior enlisted veterans of the nuke boat navy in favorite submarine "watering holes" ashore indicated Rickover's new operating philosophy was at work in the engineering spaces. "Don't trust enlisted engineers." Nuke trained officers consistently checked, double checked, and triple checked the work and system lineups of the enlisted engineers, a major change to the long standing professional relationship between enlisted and officer submariners. In addition, "front-enders" the non-nukes, were reporting excessive wardroom focus on the engineering plant at the expense of the historic mission of the submarine. They were also describing the "no-touch" rule from the reactor compartment aft. If you were not a nuke, you couldn't touch any part of the engineering plant-period. You could learn it in theory, identify major components, valves and panels, but that was it. Gone was the traditional submarine qualification program that demanded standing all watches under instruction as well as rigging all compartments for all evolutions. Lost on most submariners was the reason Rickover imposed the new operational Philosophy which is best summarized by Gary E. Weir (3)

The potential for major disaster in the nuclear propulsion program caused him (Rickover) to elevate professional competence, discipline, and responsibility to the rank of absolute virtues required of every naval and private participant.....Unfortunately for a great many people, Rickover's personal and professional manner made the lesson difficult to learn." (pg. 168)

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"**

“By early 1967 total nuclear submarine crews numbered in excess of one hundred counting blue and gold SSBN crews with sixty four nuke boats (forty one of which were SSBN’s) in commission. The thirty seven Sturgeon class nuke boats would start to commission with the lead ship in March of that year. The Diesel boat fleet in contrast numbered slightly over one hundred in commission with most of the modernized fleet type boats nearing the end of their useful lives. Former SSR’s, SSK’s, and Fleet Snorkels would start to decommission within eighteen months to be followed shortly by the guppy conversions.

More and more Rickover trained officers were appearing on squadron and force staffs bringing with them Rickover’s operational philosophy. It was apparent to all that the diesel boat navy were dinosaurs soon to be extinct along with their officer community who were either unwilling to become nukes or passed over by Rickover as unfit to become nuke boat engineers in order to ascend to command of a nuke boat (4). Diesel boats were still conducting most of the non-deterrent submarine operations including “special missions.” Nuke attack boats were “wowing” many with their performance and potential along with occasional contributions such as “a mission of great value to the government of the United States of America.” The nukes were not without their teething problems however. It was not uncommon for a nuke boat to be unable to get underway as scheduled due to an “engineering problem.” A refueling every three to four years also required a shipyard stay of from eighteen months to two years again reducing the number of nuke boats available for operations. So it was left to the diesel boats to pick up the slack.

‘Dex’ Armstrong (5) describes the thinking of the enlisted smokeboat sailor during these years.

“We were it...One crew. Nobody took over our boats when we came in. When the old girl went to sea, we were there. The same names, same faces, same officers forward. If someone failed to maintain a system or piece of equipment, the Chief of the Boat knew precisely what butt to put his boot into when ass-kicking time rolled around. Those were great days... Didn’t know it then, that came later...much later. We knew nuclear boats represented progress but we didn’t think much about it.....We could see the future of submarining floating in the after nest. The big, fat, black monsters getting all the attention. High speed, deep-diving ugliness rapidly sending our smokeboat fleet up the river to the scrapyards. To us nuke boats were like elephants... They were big as hell, uglier than sin and none of us had any idea what went on inside of the damn things. They were just there.” (pg.5)

This brings us to the DBF pin. In 1969 USS Barbel SS-580, the lead ship of the last class of diesel boats built for the US Navy was deployed to WesPac. While on a “special mission” in early 1970 the control room gannet got into one of those nuke boat vs. diesel boat discussions.

It was pointed out during the discussion that on a number of occasions a diesel boat would have to get underway for a “broke-down” nuke boat again proving the superiority of smokeboats over unreliable nuke boats. Someone suggested there ought to be a pin for smokeboat sailors, something like the new Polaris Deterrent Patrol Pin for “boomer” sailors, for the times you had to take a nuke boat commitment because they were broke- down. A contest was commissioned to design the pin. ETR3(SS) Leon Figurido’s winning design was a broadside view of a guppy boat with SS superimposed on the North Atlantic sail. There were two bare breasted mermaids, one on the bow and one on the stern facing in with arms extended. Completing the design was a ribbon underneath the boat with holes for stars, and centered on the ribbon the letters “DBF”. ETR3(SS) Figurido received appropriate recognition for his winning design along with a prize of some sort, now long forgotten.

Upon Barbel's return to Yokosuka the design of the DBF pin was hand carried to a local manufacturer of nautical gewgaws where a batch were cast and brought back to the ship and sold at cost to Barbel crewmembers that began to wear them ashore. As the DBF pin grew in popularity within the diesel boat community it continued to be cast and sold in shops around Yokosuka eventually making its way to Pearl Harbor, San Diego, and on to the east coast. Most "smokeboat" sailors assumed a gold star would be placed in the ribbon for each diesel boat served on. However, it was confirmed to the author years later by Capt. John Renard, USN RET. Skipper of Barbel at that time, a star was to be placed on the ribbon for each time a diesel boat you served on had to get underway for a broke-down nuke.

The DBF pin continued to gain in popularity among current and former smokeboat sailors who wore them with pride as either a pin or on a belt buckle, all the while collecting the ire of the senior nuke officer community. As the wholesale decommissioning of the fleet type boats occurred during the early 70's scores of career electricians and enginemen were forced to "surface" as there was no room for them on Rickover's boats. Their designation was changed by BUPERS from "SS" to "SQ" indicating they were excess to submarine force manning requirements although they were still allowed to wear their dolphins. Soon they too would be gone along with their collective histories. In 1973 Rickover issued an edict that Midshipmen would no longer go on summer cruises on diesel boats. Rumor had it that too many were showing up at his interviews with "bad attitudes" about nuke boats picked up on their summer cruise on the smokeboats. It was reported in favorite submarine hangouts ashore that on more than one occasion nuke boat skippers banned the wearing of DBF pins by their crew members, typically "front enders" the non-nukes, implying that to do so would indicate disloyalty to the nuke submarine force. In the mid 70's the DBF pin went into the display of submarine insignia maintained at the Pacific Submarine Museum then located at the Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor. The caption alluded to an "unofficial" insignia worn by a disappearing breed of submariner nostalgic for the days of diesel boats.

In July 1975 the last guppy submarine in US service, USS Tiru SS-416, decommissioned in Charleston SC. A handful of the guppies sailed on in foreign service into the late 90's with two, ex-USS Cutlass SS-478, and ex-USS Tusk SS-426 continuing to serve today in the Republic of China (Taiwan) navy as training boats. The last diesel attack boats in US service were USS Darter SS-576, USS Barbel SS-580, USS Blueback SS-581, and USS Bonefish SS-582. They decommissioned between 1988 and 1990. Two Tang class boats, ex-USS Tang SS-563, and ex-USS Gudgeon SS-567, recently decommissioned in the Turkish Navy with ex-Gudgeon slated to be Turkey's museum submarine. The Turkish skipper of ex-Tang when asked about the difference between the German designed and built replacement boats for their retiring ex-US boats is reported to have said, "American submarines are built for war, German submarines are built for export." (6)

It's ironic that 15 years after decommissioning of USS Blueback SS-581 at the Submarine Base in San Diego, a Swedish Navy Type A-19 Gotland Class Air Independent Diesel Boat is conducting weekly ops there to "familiarize" US Navy ASW forces with the operating characteristics of advanced non-nuclear submarines. When the Swedish crew comes ashore on Friday after a week at sea they still look and smell like the smokeboat sailors of old. Our current crop of submariners avoids them.

The DBF pin, originally designed by a USS Barbel SS-580 crewmember as an unofficial insignia to recognize the diesel boats ability to fill-in on very short notice for broke-down nuke boats, now resides with pride on the blue vests of Submarine Veterans who qualified and served on smokeboats. Today the DBF pin is the unique symbol of the professionalism, discipline, and camaraderie of American smokeboat sailors who sailed on, unloved, unwashed, and underpaid as their era was coming to a close. DBF!

Notes:

1. USS Dolphin AGSS-555 was completed and commissioned after the Barbel class were operational. Dolphin, a deep submergence research submarine, is diesel-electric. She continues her research projects out of San Diego.
2. USS Seawolf SSN-575 was in the yard at EB having her liquid sodium reactor replaced with a pressurized water reactor similar to Nautilus. Seawolf would not rejoin the fleet until late 1960.
3. Wier, Gary E., FORGED IN WAR, The Naval-Industrial Complex and American Submarine Construction 1940-1961, Brassey's, Herndon, VA, 1998.
4. The following is the gist of a conversation the author had with the CO of HMAS Onslow S-60 in early 1972 during a cocktail party onboard the boat while they were in port in Pearl Harbor.

"Following long standing custom and tradition the RN viewed nuclear propulsion as just another method of making steam and decided that with proper training their engineering officers would have no problem operating the plants. Following this line of thinking they also determined that submarine commanders did not have to be qualified and experienced nuclear engineers to ascend to command of a nuke boat." The RN continues to follow this operational philosophy to this day.

5. 'Dex' Armstrong, The Take From A Trash Dumper, THE PUMP ROOM, The Mare Island Base Newsletter, Volume VII, Issue 10, October 2005, USSVI.
6. Reported to the author in January 2004 by a USS Pampanito SS-383 volunteer who had just returned from a trip to Turkey where he had filmed submarine operations onboard ex-USS Tang SS-563.

The Author

Patrick Meagher, TMC(SS) USN RET. Qualified and served on USS Cusk SS-348, USS Andrew Jackson SSBN-619B, and USS Barbel SS-580. He served on active duty with the Submarine Force from 1960 through 1977. A life member of USSVI, and associate member of USSVWWII, he wears a DBF patch on his blue vest.

Commander's Corner

By Jim "Clutch" Koogler



Commander Koogler is apparently in a "Lame Duck:" session.

Up, Up and Away !



Each rider is part of the working crew for inflating and deflating the balloon



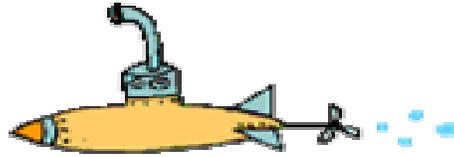
Taking off and enjoying the view



The winners were Alex & Chris Ryan and their family

Vice Commander's Corner

By Dave Creekmore



Lots of people look at the end of the year and see the holiday season, family gathering, festive dinners, happy youngster on Christmas morning. My holidays start earlier.

I can't think of a better way to start this season then what we have experienced this past week with Veterans Day celebrations and the visit with the men from the USS Columbus. I'd have to place having these men join our membership for the parade and dinner later that day, as a true highlight and honor for us.

I'd like to take a second and thank all those who supported me as your Vice Commander these past two years. I have chose to stay involved in a more "behind the scenes" effort. I'm very proud to have had the experience of working with you.

I am also very proud of where our base is and for only being four years old, outstanding.

Mostly I'd like to thank Jim Koogler for his leadership, whoever takes his spot has, as they say "some big shoes to fill".

Dave

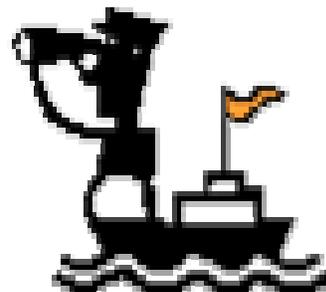
Any man or woman who may be asked in this century what they did to make life worthwhile in their lifetime....can respond with a great deal of pride and satisfaction, "I served a career in the United States Navy."



Lost Boats

November

USS Corvina (SS 226)	Nov. 16, 1943
USS Sculpin (SS 191)	Nov. 19, 1943
USS Albacore (SS 218)	Nov. 07, 1944
USS Growler (SS 215)	Nov. 08, 1944
USS Scamp (SS 217)	Nov. 09, 1944



Activities Chairman Report

By: Joe Testa

We recently completed the Columbus Veterans Day Parade, with perfect weather and the usual enthusiastic crowd. Attendance was a little less than normal, which is a result of Veterans Day falling on a Sunday and a split on which day the downtown workers got off. The Captain, COB and a junior officer from the USS Columbus joined us, and commented frequently about how honored they were to join us, as we were to have them. Later that day we met for a meet and greet, followed by dinner at Dave and Busters. For those who could attend, it was nice to be able to discuss what has changed in submarine life and operations over the years, as well as what has not changed.

As for what is coming up, the Gahanna Festival of Lights Parade is Saturday November 24. The parade steps off at 6PM, and we will be sending out information on where to meet when we get it. It was a wonderful time last year, and we have requested that Marv Pastor provide the same weather this year.

On Saturday December 8 we will have our annual Holiday Dinner and Toys for Tots donation. You have probably already received your invitation; the Tolson's have done a wonderful job of coordination the event. What I would like to address is the speaker, which I was just recently able to confirm. Jason Thomas, a former US Marine living on Long Island, NY and now a central Ohio resident. On September 11, after hearing of the attacks on the World Trade Center buildings, he put on his uniform and headed for ground zero. He was involved in the search for survivors, and found two Port Authority police officers trapped in the rubble. This was turned into the movie World Trade Center starring Nicholas Cage, but as Jason moved on to other searches, his character in the movie is not accurate. After moving to Ohio, his family was chosen for an episode of Extreme Makeover – Home Edition. Jason currently works the Ohio Supreme Court, with Columbus Base shipmate Bill Anderson's daughter Jill. Jason is a hero, a fellow veteran, and an inspirational speaker. Please join us and meet Jason, as well as share some holiday cheer with your shipmates. Also, please remember we will be collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program. You may bring an unwrapped toy or monetary donation to the dinner, and we will make a group donation to the US Marines.

Respectfully,

Joe Testa

Activities Chairman

Editor's Note

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

Jan Creekmore at e-mail
creek636@earthlink.net

For entertainment on U.S. submarines movies, television, ice cream machines and stereo music players are available. The USS SEA-WOLF also had an electronic organ. There have been instances of boxing matches held onboard, and the crew of one submarine had a kite flying contest from an anchored submarine.



November Birthdays

Sharon Lloyd	11-06
Dave O'Carroll	11-08
Joe Murphy	11-11
John Palmer	11-14
Ron Waldron	11-28
Bob Page	11-29

Spouses

Sandy Woodmansee	11-10
Geri Palmer	11-11



New Members

Robert R. (Rob) Althoff
Franklin County
Wife: Denise

Mary Testa
Franklin County
Spouse: Joe
Mary is an associate member

Karla Tolson
Franklin County
Spouse: Jim
Karla is an associate member

Upcoming Events

Nov. 24, 2007	1800	Gahanna Festival of Lights Parade
Dec. 08, 2007	1700	Annual Christmas Dinner at the Don Gentile Post

Minutes of the Columbus Base – USSVI
November 3, 2007
American Legion – Don Gentile Post #532

The regular monthly base meeting was at the Don Gentile American Legion Post on November 3, 2007.

Elected officers present were Commander Jim Koogler, Vice Commander Dave Creekmore, and Secretary Joe Testa. Commander Koogler called the meeting to order at 1303, with twenty-seven (27) members and guests present.

COB Marv Pastor led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Chaplin Sharon Lloyd offering the opening prayer. Chaplin Lloyd read the lost boats for October, accompanied by COB Marv Pastor tolling the bell.

The October meeting minutes were published in the Green Board. There were no requests to have them read aloud, nor were there any questions regarding their content. Incoming correspondence included a letter of appreciation from the Chalmers P. Wylie Clinic for the Base's donation of coffee, and a letter of acknowledgement from USSVI Charitable Foundation for the Base's \$100 donation to the Scholarship Fund in honor of George Leonard.

Treasurer Leers was not present, so no Treasurers Report was given.

Webmaster Dodson reported that the website is up and running well, and encouraged everyone to take a look and offer feedback.

Chaplin Lloyd reported that Sam Templeton is doing well, but has not been able to attend meetings due to other commitments. Bruce Rinehart has recently been laid up, but is doing better and headed for Texas. Gary Frothingham has been recovering from hip surgery in Chillicothe and scheduled to be released today (11/3). Gary asked that if someone could give him a ride to his November 28 doctors appointment in Cincinnati.

Membership Report: New member Robert Althoff was present, and was introduced to the membership by Commander Koogler. Mary Testa and Karla Tolson have also joined the base as Associate Members. All members were encouraged to pay their 2008 dues as soon as possible.

The Red Star Rogue Book Committee: Vice Commander Creekmore reported that the Base was able to sell 20 copies of Red Star Rogue to The Sub Store. Galin Brady mentioned that while visiting the USS Nautilus memorial, he noticed that in the bookstore there were no copies of Red Star Rogue. Inquiry to be made as to whether the book can be added to their collection.

Cemetery Committee: Bill Anderson reported there is nothing new to report.

Nominating Committee: Bill Anderson reported that ballots were mailed earlier this morning (11/3), and must be post-marked by November 24th two days later than normal due to the Thanksgiving holiday. All members are invited to the ballot opening, which will be at 1630 on December 8, 2007 at the Don Gentile American Legion, just prior to the Columbus Base Holiday Party.

Activities:

- The next event will be the Columbus Veterans Day Parade on November 9th, which steps off at Noon. The parade will not release our line up location until a few days before the parade, so it will be released via email once received. Activities Chairman Testa will park at the end of the route and take anyone parking near the beginning of the route back to their cars. The USS Columbus CO Commander Doody, COB MMCS Caldwell, and LTJG Suh will be marching with the Columbus Base.
- We will be having a meet and greet with the crew on November 9th at Dave and Busters at 1800.
- The Gahanna Festival of Lights parade will be on November 24, stepping off at 1800. We will meet early to decorate the sub; details will be released as to the location closer to the parade date.
- The Annual Holiday Dinner will be December 8th at the Don Gentile American Legion. An invitation with all the details has been released, and there will be a toy collection for Toys for Tots.

Unfinished Business

Adopt A Highway: Vice Commander Creekmore explained that he looked at two possible areas for the Base to adopt, between mile markers 1 – 3 and 5 – 7 on I-270. The mile marker 1 – 3 stretch appeared to be less hilly and might be better suited for our work. It was asked that all interested sign up to better judge interest moving forward. The Base will receive training on what and what not to pick up, as well as other safety issues prior to starting.

Base directory – Nothing new to report

New Business

None

For the Good of the Order

Commander Koogler asked again that all members pay their 2008 dues as soon as possible.

Commander Koogler reported that James and Elaine Williams will be accepting any donations of goods or monies, to continue their efforts to provide decorations for medical facilities in Iraq.

WW II Subvet interviews: Rick Larson

- Rick reported that he has purchased a video camera, and is learning how to properly operate it.
- Rick will be recording and then transferring interviews on to discs, and asked if the base would purchase the discs for the WW II members being interviewed. This will be discussed at the November Officers Meeting.

Rick asked if anyone had video editing experience and would be interested in helping. Tom Baughman has this experience is offered to help.

Commander Koogler discussed liability insurance issues; further discussion will be held at the November Officers Meeting and a recommendation brought back to the Base.

Commander Koogler read a note from Ken Sewell, explaining he was in New York City as part of filming for a National Geographic special, scheduled to be aired in August.

November Officer Meeting to be held November 20th at 1800, at the home of Marv and Joan Pastor. The December meeting will be on December 18 at the home of Jim and Bonnie Koogler.

Rick Larson mentioned that he is writing an article on <http://pigboats.com>, and encouraged members to visit the site.

Storekeeper auctioned off a USS Dolphin coin, won by Vice Commander Creekmore.

50 / 50 Drawing

Sharon Lloyd won the 50/50 drawing of \$67.00.

Other winners:

- Bottle of wine – John Woodmansee
- Bottle of wine – Joe Testa
- OSU keychain – Rick Larson
- Desk clock/calculator – Marv Pastor
- Umbrella – Bill Anderson

- Our Fighting Ships book – Bill McCorkle
- US Submarine History framed poster – Tom Baughman

Chaplin Lloyd gave the closing prayer.

Motion by Frank Lloyd and seconded by Galin Brady that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned by Commander Koogler at 1408.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Testa

Secretary

John Philip Holland built several submarines before the USS Holland, which became the first undersea craft commissioned by the U.S. Navy. The Holland was accepted on April 11, 1900 for a price of \$150,000. Today's nuclear powered submarines cost in excess of \$30,000,000 exclusive of the power plant.

The Conn

Base commander

Jim Koogler

Vice Commander

Dave Creekmore

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Secretary

Joe Testa

Chaplain

Sharon Lloyd

COB

Marv Pastor

Membership Chairman

Bernie Kenyon

Storekeeper

Frank Lloyd

Activities Chairperson

Joe Testa

Editor

Jan Creekmore



Notice

From the nominating committee.

Ballot counting will be held prior to the Christmas dinner.

Any one wishing to attend may do so.

Counting will begin at 1600 to 1630 time frame.

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.

USS Columbus (SSN-762)



Sailor of the Quarter Second Quarter 2007



STS1 (SS) Craig A. Wright, USS Columbus Sailor of the Quarter for the First Quarter 2007, comes from Portage, Wisconsin. He entered the Navy in April 1997. Upon completion of Basic Training, he attended Basic Enlisted Submarine School and Sonar Technician "A" (basic) school. He was then assigned to his first submarine, USS RHODE ISLAND (SSBN 740). Upon completion of his first tour of duty, he was assigned to SubDevRon 5, Detachment Sierra, Special Projects. Following this very successful four year tour, he continued his technical training by attending Master Sonar Technician School and Sonar Technician "C" (Advance) school, and was assigned to USS Columbus (SSN-762).

Petty Officer Wright currently serves as Leading Petty Officer of the Sonar Division, which deals with the safe navigation of the USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762) while submerged, by means of acoustic sonar. He believes that hard work and "getting the job done" are what make an excellent sailor. He considers his success in mentoring junior sailors to be among his most significant accomplishments, and takes great satisfaction in passing on the wisdom and knowledge he has received from experience and from his mentors, knowing that he is shaping the next generation of Sonar Technicians.

Petty Officer Wright is married to Crystal L. Wright and has two children, Nicole and Olivia. In his spare time he enjoys the outdoors... whether hunting, fishing, or just being outside. He also enjoys doing home improvements (whether repairing or remodeling) and helping friends with their home improvement projects. However, his greatest joy is spending quality time with his family.

Although he believes that the Navy has taken care of him and his family, Petty Officer Wright attributes much of the success in his career to the support of his wife. And although he is looking forward to a long and successful naval career, his current career goals are to make Chief Petty Officer, transfer to shore duty in ACINT specialist billet, and run his own division as the Leading Chief Petty Officer on his next boat.

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

USS Columbus (SSN-762)



Junior Sailor of the Quarter Second Quarter 2007



EM2 (SS/DS/DV) ALLEN W. KLEAVING, USS Columbus Junior Sailor of the Quarter for the Second Quarter 2007, comes from Tell City, Indiana. After graduating from high school, he joined the Navy because he wanted to serve in the Armed Forces. He was looking for mental and physical challenges, and wanted to experience the world outside of a small southern Indiana town on the banks of the Ohio River.

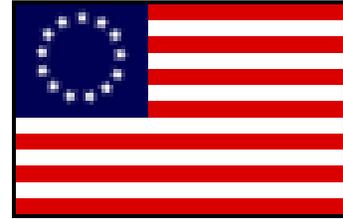
Petty Officer Kleaving is the Leading Petty Officer for the Electrical Division, responsible for maintaining the proper operation of all of the ship's electrical systems from the turbine generators to the rack lights in berthing. He is also the Leading Petty Officer in the Diver Division. In his roles as LPO, he is responsible for ensuring that both divisions run smoothly and are constantly prepared for the arduous duty that a Submarine demands. He considers his significant accomplishments to include: joining the Navy; earning the Deep Submergence Warfare Insignia; earning the Diver Insignia; and earning the Submarine Warfare insignia.

Petty Officer Kleaving is single. In his spare time he enjoys playing various sports including rugby, football, basketball, softball, and bowling. He also enjoys hiking, fishing, traveling, going to the movies, and volunteering in community activities.

Petty Officer Kleaving joined the United States Navy with high hopes and high expectations for himself. He has, so far, accomplished almost every goal he has set. He plans on expanding his career in a different direction using the keys to success that the Navy has given him to unlock many doors for years to come.

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

Daniel Boone



Although actually two classes, the 12 Benjamin Franklin-class and the 19 Lafayette-class of nuclear-powered ballistic-missile submarines (SSBN) were very similar in appearance, the main difference being that the former were built with quieter machinery outfits. The *Daniel Boone* (SSBN629) was one of the Lafayette class. As built, the first eight Lafayettes carried the 16 Polaris A2 submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs), each with a single 800kT yield warhead, but the rest were armed with the Polaris A3, which was fitted with three independently targeted warheads; this was in turn replaced by the Poseidon C3. Between September 1978 and December 1982 12 units were converted to carry the Trident I C4 SLBM. The boats were progressively deactivated as the Trident-armed Ohio-class SSBNs entered service.

Country:	USA
Launch date:	22 June 1963
Crew:	140
Displacement:	Surfaced: 7366 tonnes (7250 tons) Submerged: 8382 tonnes (8250 tons)
Dimensions:	130m x 10m x 10m (425ft x 33ft x 33ft)
Armament:	Sixteen Polaris missiles, four 533mm (21in) torpedo tubes
Powerplant:	One water-cooled nuclear reactor, turbines
Range:	Unlimited
Performance:	Surfaced: 20 knots Submerged: 35 knots



Daniel Boone Insignia

During the Spanish-American War, Commodore Dewey brought the might of United States sea power to Pacific waters. The USS DANIEL BOONE has brought the might of the Polaris weapons system to these same waters. The ram bow of Dewey's flagship USS OLYMIA was adorned with the Shield of Freedom as she steamed into Manila Bay. This same shield was chosen as the foundation of DANIEL BOONE'S insignia.

Thirteen stars on a field of blue represent the original Thirteen Colonies, the same states Daniel Boone knew as a young man. The center star of gold represents Polaris, the North Star and guiding celestial body of mariners, the name sake of the FBM weapons system.

Across the broad red and white stripes rests the Kentucky Long Rifle and powder horn, the basic weapon of defense for Daniel Boone, as well as the silhouette of USS DANIEL BOONE.

Submitted by: Rick Larson