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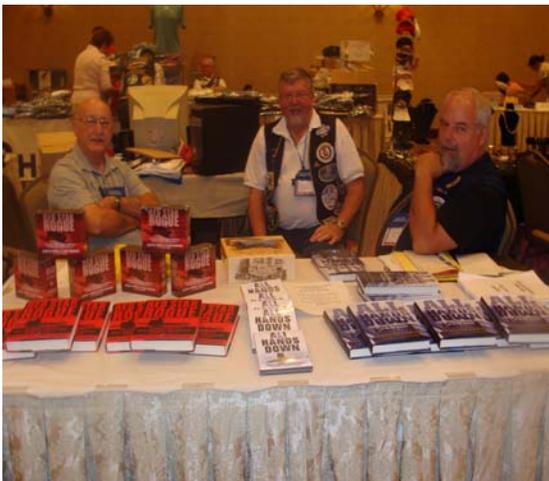


THE GREEN BOARD

ALL SEAS ARE NAVIGABLE



Columbus Base Newsletter



2008 Convention held in Ft. Worth, Texas was a bit slow for the book sale committee, as this photo shows. But thanks to Marv Pastor, Bill Anderson, Dave Creekmore and Ken Sewell we did sell 37 books and 5 audio sets for the base.

Not everyone had a slow week, Here are Phil and Opal at one of the Ft. Worth night hotspots.

Don't they just look natural at it?



There are some new books on our web page www.columbusbase.com to check out. This writer was also at the convention and two of his books out are about stories onboard the USS Seawolf and also the USS Spadefish, he has a third book in the works about the POW's and submarines due out next year. He is allowing us to sell his books and allowing us to profit from the sales. As always a portion of our sales will go to the USSVI Charities.

Patriots Day Observed at the Ohio State House Columbus Base USSVI Participates in the Observance



Flags were placed for each person who perished in the 9/11 attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania

Dignitaries at the State House.
The Columbus Base R-15 bell is in the left of the photo



Columbus Base members at the Observance. Left to right:
Marv Pastor, Bill Anderson,
Dave Creekmore, Tim Barker
Taking the picture was Jim Tolson

Dear Columbus Base,

I am happy to report that your ship recently returned from an extremely successful Western Pacific deployment. We moored at the Pearl Harbor base on September 11th, exactly six months after we left home. I was interviewed on the pier by a Navy journalist, and one of her questions was about what it felt like coming home. I told her that I thought that it was particularly special for us to come home on the 7th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on our country. The joy of our homecoming was enhanced by being able to reflect on why we do what we do, before we returned to the love and support of the people who we do it for. It truly was a special day. A short news release, with a picture of the boat arriving at the pier, can be seen at

<http://www.csp.navy.mil/news/rel08046.html>.

Over our six months away, we had visits at Yokosuka, Sasebo, and Okinawa, Japan, as well as in Saipan and Guam. We executed operational tasking across a broad spectrum of submarine employment. As ever, we do not discuss exactly what we do, but I will tell you that the men of COLUMBUS did very well in working to uphold the Submarine Force's tradition of excellence. Perhaps best of all, the crew performed exceptionally as gentlemen and ambassadors ashore on liberty. It wouldn't be 'WESTPAC' without the chance to have some fun, and everyone had the opportunity to do and see very interesting things during our port visits. But I am very proud that they chose to do so responsibly.

In other news, we learned that COLUMBUS was selected as the sole submarine recipient of the Department of the Navy's 2008 Safety Excellence Award. Our Safety Officer, ETCS(SS) Jarvis O'Neill, was presented the award by the Secretary of the Navy in a ceremony at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC. A press release about the award can be seen at

<http://www.csp.navy.mil/news/rel08043.html>. Of course, I'm very proud of the Sailors for what they have accomplished.

Details are still being finalized, but I expect to be in Columbus during the second week in October. Though I'm excited for the opportunity to visit once more, the thought of coming is a little bitter-sweet, since I know that it will be my last trip as the Captain. The Change of Command date hasn't been finalized yet, but I'll be relieved in mid-April 2009. I've met the officer who is scheduled to relieve me, and I am confident that the ship will be in very capable hands. In any case, I hope to see as many of you as possible during my visit. Thank you again for your support of our ship, the Submarine Force, and the U.S. Navy.

Best Regards,

CDR Jim Doody



Upcoming Events

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| <i>Oct. 4, 2008</i> | <i>12:00</i> | <i>Monthly base meeting AmVets Post 89</i> |
| <i>Nov. 1, 2008</i> | <i>12:00</i> | <i>Monthly base meeting</i> |
| <i>Nov. 7, 2008</i> | <i>12:00</i> | <i>Veterans Day Parade downtown Columbus</i> |
| <i>Nov. 29, 2008</i> | <i>????</i> | <i>Gahanna Lights Christmas Parade</i> |



Lost Boats



September

USS S-5 (SS-110) Lost on 1 September 1920 off the Delaware Capes. All the crew escaped through a hole cut in the hull in the tiller room.

USS S-51 (SS-162) Lost on 25 September 1925 with the loss of 32 men when it was sunk after a collision with SS City of Rome off Block Island, Rhode Island.

USS Grayling (SS-209) Lost with all hands (76 men) to unknown causes on 9 September 1943 when it was sunk in or near Tablas Strait, Republic of the Philippines.

USS Cisco (SS-290) Lost with all hands (76 men) on 28 September 1943 during a Japanese Air and Surface attack in the Sulu Sea.

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 of America and its Constitution.”

Commander's Corner

By Joe Testa



A Beautiful Sight and How Glad I am to Have Some Light

Like some of you, the Testa's were a victim of the recent power outages caused by the remnants of Hurricane Ike. As with most things, we take electricity for granted, until we don't have it. All in all, we only lost some food and some pieces of siding, while we have shipmates south of us who have lost so much more. I will be sending some specific information on how we can help our brothers in need in the near future.

I thought I would tell you about a recent trip I made to the US Naval Academy. I can tell you that our nation is in good hands, I was impressed with the character and glint in the eyes of those I met. Then, when I was at BWI airport, I saw a wonderful sight. While in the security line, there was a large group of Honor Flight members on their way back from a trip to the WW II memorial in Washington. I stopped to talk to a few of them, but as I looked up, several members of the US Army Rangers were coming through dressed in their desert camouflage uniforms. I wish I had a camera, the sight of two generations of heroes, it was a great contrast. These young guys were embarrassed by all the attention they were getting, and when they asked the vets about their service, you can guess what happened. Needless to say, it was a moment I will never forget. While on the issue of Honor Flight and the WW II Memorial, I want to verify that all our members are aware of the Honor Flight service, and that the WW II Memorial is gathering information on all who served. We were told at the USSVI convention that unless you have submitted your information, you cannot be assured that it has been logged. I will send out an email that will specifically address what you need to do to get your information entered, as well as how to get on the Honor Flight list. As with anything that requires computer use, please contact any of the officers if you need any help with researching the program or entering your information.

As many of you know, I had the honor of representing the Columbus Base at the recent USSVI convention. I would like to thank Bill Anderson, Dave Creekmore, Marv Pastor and Ken Sewell, who all ably manned the vendor table selling All Hands Down and Red Star Rogue. They met author Stephen Moore, who has two books Spadefish and War of the Wolf, which we have agreed to add to our base website and help him sell. Having lived in Texas, I played "restaurant guide", exposing Dave and Marv to some of my favorite local color. I would also like to thank Phil and Opal Philipps for transporting the books down and back, it was very helpful and saved us the cost of shipping. As many of you know, the USSVI election was very contentious. Most of the heated discussions took place in the Executive Board session, and a good deal of information was learned about what did and did not happen, as well as what you should and should not do in getting out the vote. I attended the Base Commander's Breakfast, which was moderated by American Submariner Editor Michael Bircumshaw. He did a wonderful job of keeping it interesting, and I did learn how well run and far ahead of the curve the Columbus Base is. Membership generation/retention was a very important topic, and everything discussed was something that the Columbus Base has been doing for years. We had a very good discussion on the issue of conventions. Most agreed that having a USSVI convention every other year, with a regional convention in the off years, should be investigated. The hope is to increase attendance by decreasing the overall cost, and I am completely in agreement with this plan. The only issue is whether boat reunions would still be held every year, so that on the years when a regional convention is taking place, whether a member might go to the boat reunion and not the convention.

But, changing the convention schedule would require a change to the USSVI C&B, so until that happens we will continue to have annual events. I also attended Base Commander's School, which focused on the nuts and bolts of leading a base. We reviewed all the manuals available from USSVI, as well as things to do at meetings to make them more enjoyable. Next was the Annual Business Meeting, which started by the National Commander introducing his Master at Arms squad, and informing everyone that anyone getting out of hand, name calling or being disruptive would be escorted from the meeting. That set the tone, and the meeting went without any major issues. A majority of the meeting covered the recent election. To summarize, two bases were involved in activities that drew the attention of the Election Master. The first involved a Regional Director bringing his laptop computer to a base meeting and letting the base members use it to log into the USSVI site and vote. When it was determined that the RD had no direct influence on the vote, the votes were allowed. This is actually a great idea, and the Columbus Base will be doing this in the next election so that all our members have the opportunity to vote online. The next issue is the one that I had brought to your attention through my weekly broadcasts. I can explain the details to anyone interested, but in a nutshell, the Charleston Base was involved in proxy voting, which is specifically disallowed in Article XIV Section 2 of the USSVI Constitution. Essentially all members must submit their own vote, which was not done, so all the votes that arrived in one large mailing were disallowed. All members were instructed to vote again online, which some choose not to do. The good news is that whether all the Charleston votes had been counted, the results of the election would not have changed. We heard presentations from Reno, NV and Springfield, MO for the 2011 convention, and by an overwhelming vote, Springfield was awarded the event. We also learned that USSVI cannot provide liability insurance, which we have already secured on our own. For any members that have poor eyesight, the American Submariner will soon be available on audio book format, so let me know if you are interested and I will get you the details. Finally, I regret to report that the Columbus Base and this wonderful publication, did not receive any awards this year.

As the summer comes to a close, we will begin to plan for 2009. We will revive the Pens for Patients program, and USS Columbus Commanding Officer Doody will be making what may be his final visit with us in October 8-11. The Columbus has just completed a 6 month deployment, and I'm sure Commander Doody will bring us up to date on their exploits, within the guidelines of what can be shared. Keep an eye on upcoming broadcast on the specifics of these events, as well as the upcoming Columbus Veterans Day and Gahanna Festival of Lights Parades. Finally, we recently picked up a great deal of submarine memorabilia from Rick Larson's collection. The best way to honor Rick is to get these materials into a place where they can be viewed, so we have begun work on a museum. More details will follow as we move forward, but let me make a call out to all members to lend a hand. We need volunteers with carpentry experience to help in the conversion of an area into a climate controlled location. We also need help in the cataloging of all the materials, so we are looking for a working party to get this done. Let Dave Creekmore or myself know if you are interested.

Work Party At the Larson's

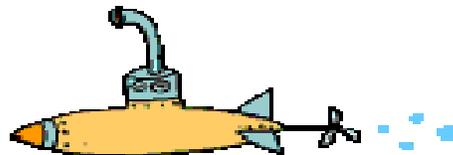
Marv Pastor, Dick Kanning, Kay Larson, Dave Creekmore, Tom Baughman, Jim Tolson photo taken by Dan Fuller also a work party helper.

Thanks to all for their time and efforts.



Vice Commander's Corner

By Jim Tolson



Highway Cleanup.

We had a successful highway cleanup Saturday September 6th along our two mile stretch of I-270 from mile marker 1 to 3. We picked up 40 bags of trash. I want to thank Gene Horton, Dave O'Carroll, Cliff Dodson, Clutch Koogler, Tom Baughman and Karla Tolson for helping with the cleanup.

You never know what you will find along side the road. A purse was found and turned into the police department. I found a half dollar (the right half of a one dollar bill) with Julie Adams written on it.

9/11 Patriots Day Event

Tim Barker, Bill Anderson, Dave Creekmore, Marv Pastor and Jim Tolson represented Columbus Base and participated in the September 11th Patriots Day event on the lawn of the Ohio State Capital building. The ceremony included tolling of the R-15 bell. Governor Strickland, Mayor Coleman and Homeland Security officials spoke. It was encouraging to hear that central Ohio emergency preparedness is one of the best in the US.

Commander Testa recently shared his thoughts about 9/11: "With all that has happened since then, the key is to never forget that day. Don't forget that feeling you felt, when you either heard or saw those planes, the smoke, and finally the feeling in the pit of your stomach as you watched them (World Trade Center) slowly fall."

Start Planning for the Veterans Day Parade Friday November 7th.

I think this is one of the best parades of the year and a lot of fun. Put it on your calendar now so you won't forget.



From Ron Rossington

I have the 2009 U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII calendars and will have them for sale at future base meetings. The price is - \$6.00. For those desiring a calendar by U.S. Mail, postage is an additional \$1.50. This calendar may well be the final one published and could be a collectible.

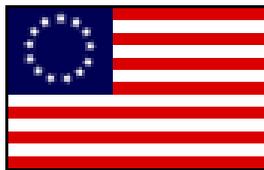


September Birthdays

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| Tom Tobin | 09-05 |
| Bill McCorkle | 09-09 |
| Ken Strahm | 09-09 |
| Dick Martin | 09-10 |
| JoAnne O'Carroll | 09-12 |
| Ron Rossington | 09-16 |
| Liz Kenyon | 09-26 |
| Bob McDaniel | 09-27 |

Spouses

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| Pat Martin | 09-10 |
| Dorothy Templeton | 09-17 |
| Corrine Konecny | 09-18 |
| Bethany Loney | 09-28 |



Editor's Note

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

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Jim Tolson

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Jim Koogler

Secretary

Tom Baughman

Chaplain

Sharon Lloyd

COB

Marv Pastor

Membership Chairman

Storekeeper

Frank Lloyd

Activities Chairperson

Editor

Jan Creekmore

Activities Report

I would like to thank everyone that attended our first Columbus Base "picnic". We had over 30 members interested in attending, but with the weather threatening right up until almost Noon; attendance was less than we had hoped. For those that did attend, the food was excellent. The AMVETS Post 89 did a wonderful job and the location is great. There is a playground area for the kids, horseshoe pits and a large area to play games and run around. The covered pavilion is nice, and we will definitely be back. We will probably move the date up to summer to minimize the chance of rain.

I just found out the Commander Doody will be coming to Columbus October 8-11 for what will probably be his last visit as Captain of the USS Columbus. We will have a get-together as long as it fits into his schedule, so stay tuned.

The annual Columbus Veterans Day Parade will be held November 7 at Noon. As we get closer I will have details on when and where we will meet, but mark that date because even though Veterans Day is on Monday, the parade is on Friday.

We will also be taking part in the Gahanna Festival of Lights Parade again this year. If you have not joined us in the past, give it a try. The parade is on Saturday November 29, which is Thanksgiving weekend. If you have kids/grandkids, come early and visit the Christmas Tree Forest or Santa's Workshop.

Respectfully,

Joe Testa



Is this a sign of global warming?

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.



Columbus Base Meeting Minutes 13 September 2008

The September meeting was called to order at 1330 by Joe Testa, Base Commander at the Columbus AmVets Post 89 picnic pavilion with 22 members and guests in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Marv Pastor, COB.

Opening invocation was lead by Jim Tolson.

The tolling of lost boats for July was conducted by Jim Tolson and the COB

Secretary's Report was given by Tom Baughman. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as posted in the Green Board. We had 1 item of incoming correspondence to report, a letter of thanks from the Chalmers P. Wylie Outpatient Clinic thanking the Columbus Base for the coffee donation, and 4 outgoing letters of thanks to our guest participants and the Restaurant for the Awards Dinner.

Treasurer's Report was waived.

Webmaster Report Webmaster reports the website is working well and all are encouraged to visit.

Chaplin's Report was waived. No one has been reported for this month

Membership Report No new members to report. Current Base membership is 91.

Committee Reports

Book Committee reports that we have passed the break-even point for AHD book sales. They sold a total of 37 books at the convention. Well done to the book Committee for their efforts and a **special Thanks to Phil Phillips** for transporting the books to and from the convention.

As a result of the sales activities at the convention we have 2 additional books to offer on our website. With no additional advertising costs or handling expense, we would earn a profit on each book purchased through our website.

Activities

- Columbus Veterans Day Parade
Friday Nov 7 at noon

Unfinished Business Nothing to report.

New Business

USSVI National Convention report was given by Joe Testa highlighting election results, Selection of 2011 convention site (Springfield, MO), and 2008 USSVI Awards.

It has been proposed that future National Conventions be conducted biannually with Regional Conventions held on the alternate years.

For the Good of the Order

Thank You! To Kay Larson for her generous donation of Rick's Submarine Memorabilia Collection to the Columbus Base. A work party of base members went down to her home last month to pack it and transport it to Dave Creekmore's home for storage. Dave asks for anyone who can help with the cataloging and storage arrangements to let him know when they are available to help.

Storekeeper's Report Nothing to report.

Announcements

- Future issues of American Submariner magazine will be available in Audio format for the visually impaired.
- Anyone planning to attend the San Diego convention should be aware that a high turnout is expected as this will be the last convention held as joint and separate conventions of both USSVI and USSVWWII. So make your arrangements early!
- **Next Columbus Base Meeting** will be held Sat 4 Oct 08, Location TBD. Social Hour @ 1200; Meeting @ 1300
- **Next Officer Meeting**
 - 16 Sep 08 @ 1800 at the home of Tom and MaryAnn Baughman
 - All members are welcome to attend.
- Reminder: Please clean up the room after the meeting.
- Closing Prayer was offered by Vice Commander Tolson
- Motion to Adjourn T. Baughman, Second G. Brady
- Meeting adjourned at 1430 by Commander Testa.

Raffle

Total ticket sales were. The 50/50 winner was Bill McCorkle who passed on a second winning ticket

Additional winners were:

Tim Barker – Wine (passed on a second winning ticket)

Joe Testa – Personal labeler

Galín Brady – wine

Marv Pastor – Buckeye sports Book

Don Crinkey – Wine

Ben Grimes grandson - Sun catcher

Dave O'Carroll - Brownies

Submitted by

Thomas A Baughman

Secretary

Take a look back at the Sub Base at Pearl Harbor circa 1950's

www.submarinebaseph.com

Submitted by Ron Rossington

USS Columbus (SSN-762)



Junior Sailor of the Quarter

First Quarter 2008



STS2(SS) Jeremy M. Wischman, *USS Columbus* Junior Sailor of the Quarter for the First Quarter 2008, is the Work Center Supervisor for the Sonar Division, which deals with planning, training, and documenting of all Sonar maintenance preventive and corrective.

Petty Officer Wischman was born in Chillicothe, Ohio. He moved to Marion, Indiana when he was five years old, living there until he joined the Navy in September 2000. Upon completion of Basic Training he transferred to Groton, Connecticut for Basic Enlisted Submarine School, and Sonar "A" school. Upon completion of his training he reported to his first submarine, USS SPRINGFIELD (SSN 761) where he completed two extended deployments in the Mediterranean. Upon completion of his tour he attended a one year long Advance Sonar "C" school in Groton, Connecticut. He was then assigned to USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762) during the Depot Modernization Period (DMP) in Bremerton, Washington. His future goal is to become a Sonar instructor at the Naval Submarine School Groton, where he hopes to pass on some of his experiences to the next generation of Sonar men.

Petty Officer Wischman is married to Ruth A. Wischman. They have two boys, Cameron and Braden.

In his spare time, he enjoys working on cars, electronics, and woodworking. He also enjoys outdoor activities or just spending time with his family.

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

USS Columbus (SSN-762)



Sailor of the Quarter

First Quarter 2008



YN1(SS) Alijohn D. Bautista, *USS Columbus* Sailor of the Quarter for the First Quarter 2008, is Leading Yeoman of the Yeoman Division, which is responsible for all administrative and pay for the crew. As LPO, he is responsible for three junior Yeomen. He also holds collateral duties as the Ship's Public Affair Officer, Legal Officer, Postal Officer, Voting Assistance Officer, Assistant Educational Services Officer, Assistant Financial Counselor, and Training Administrative Assistant. He is also a member of the ships' Emergency Medical Assistance Team and a Nationally Certified Emergency Medical Technician-Basic.

Petty Officer Bautista enlisted in the Navy after two-years of college as a Pre-med major and volunteered for the Submarine Service. His time in the Submarine force has been a very rewarding giving him valuable training and skills to help him succeed in any endeavor. During his years of service with the Navy, he has traveled extensively to other countries, experienced different cultures, creating fond memories, meeting interesting people and completing his Associates degree. One of his greatest achievements while onboard *USS COLUMBUS* is being awarded the 2007 Submarine Squadron SEVEN Admin "A" in administrative excellence, yet he considers his greatest accomplishment has been mentoring and serving with the high caliber Sailors that make up the submarine force. During his time in the Navy, Petty Officer Bautista has been a student at Navy Submarine School Groton, CT., Administrative Assistant onboard *USS WILLIAM H. BATES* (SSN 680), Pass Liaison Representative at Naval Submarine Support Command, Pearl Harbor HI, and Commodore's Writer at Commander Submarine Squadron SEVEN. His future plans are to apply for a Commission into the Navy's Medical Enlisted Commission Program – Nurse Corp and looks forward to furthering his education. Petty Officer Bautista continues to serve with great pride and commitment to the Navy.

Petty Officer Bautista is originally from Honolulu, Hawaii. He is married to the former Catherine Santos of Hawthorne, California. They have one son, Christian Keoni.

In recognition of his selection as Sailor of the Quarter, Petty Officer Bautista 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 2008**



SK3(SS) Jesus J. Monge Villa, *USS Columbus* Junior Sailor of the Quarter for the Second Quarter 2008, is a member of the Storekeeper division, responsible for ensuring the ship's material supplies are maintained at prescribed levels. His collateral duties include maintaining the Ship's Open Purchase Log, and as the Technical Edit Coordinator.

Petty Officer Monge Villa was born in Alamosa, Colorado and moved to Phoenix, Arizona when he was a child. After graduating from high school, he joined the Navy for the financial incentive offered for continuing his education. The Navy also provided him the skills and the experience he can use in the civilian sector.

Petty Officer Monge Villa considers joining the Navy as one of his major accomplishments, along with graduating from the intense two month training at the Navy's Recruit Training Facility in Great Lakes, Illinois, completing Supply Technical "A" School in Meridian, Mississippi, making the rank of Petty Officer Third Class, and completing the rigorous training it takes to obtaining the Submarine Warfare pin. His hard charging and positive attitude, which he tries to instill in the junior Sailors he mentors, provides a good working environment onboard USS COLUMBUS.

Petty Officer Monge Villa's future goals are to make second class Petty Officer the first time up, and to re-enlist for shore duty in Charleston, South Carolina where he intends to attend classes at the International School of Culinary Arts. His ultimate goal is to earn his Culinary Specialist Degree, and to someday open his own restaurant.

USS Columbus (SSN-762)



Sailor of the Quarter Second Quarter 2008



ET1(SS) Nicholas D. Sinkiewicz, *USS Columbus* Sailor of the Quarter for the Second Quarter 2008, is a member of the Navigation division, which deals with the proper operation of all the Navigation electronic equipment onboard the USS COLUMBUS.

Petty Officer First Class Sinkiewicz enlisted in the Navy in 1997 to take advantage of the great financial benefits and job security it offered. Not only did the Navy provide the opportunity to enhance one's professional career, but it also provided substantial monetary benefits to pursue a college education... not to mention the opportunity to travel the world. That was a deal he couldn't resist. After completion of Boot Camp he reported Groton, Connecticut where he attended basic submarine school and Electronics' Technician "A" school. Upon completion of technical training he reported to his first fast attack submarine, the USS KAMEHAMEHA. While onboard KAMEHAMEHA, he learned much about the Navy, his job, and being an independent individual. His next duty station was the USS ASHEVILLE, where he completed a successful sea tour. He then returned to Groton, Connecticut for shore duty as an instructor, teaching the next generation Electronics Technicians. Following this rewarding tour, he returned to sea duty and reported onboard the USS COLUMBUS in 2006. He continues his professional and personal development by taking more responsibilities and mentoring junior sailors. His long term goal is to be a Department Chief and lead his own division as a Chief Petty Officer. With all things said and done, Petty Officer Sinkiewicz states "I would do it all over again."

A native of San Diego, California, Petty Officer Sinkiewicz is married to the former Sheena Leigh. They have two children, Trenton and Kiana. In his spare time he enjoys time with his family (especially his children), watching movies, playing outdoor sports, and riding motorcycles. He also enjoys using the skills he's learned in the Navy to help others. Among his most significant accomplishments he lists his children, his wonderful relationship with his wife, achieving the rank of First Class Petty Officer, training the bright and intelligent sailors that have worked with him, traveling to see half of the world, and living in Hawaii.

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