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Columbus Base Newsletter

The Women on Subs Issue- an overview

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 2/26/2010

As you probably know, SECDEF Gates has sent a '30 day' letter to Congress, notifying them of the Navy's intent to allow women to serve on submarines.

This decision is a political matter, and I believe is also being partially driven by a shortage of new Academy trained officers volunteering for submarine duty.

Emotions are running very high on both sides of this issue.

On the one hand I've heard it referred to as Political Correctness run amok that will lead to the loss of a submarine and crew, and on the other hand, a shipmate told me he was looking forward to pinning his dolphins on his grand-daughter.

Having come up in diesels and only knowing that culture, it seems nearly inconceivable to me that this experiment will work out, but I also realize that today's submarine navy is far evolved from my time of service, and both cultural and personal attitudes have greatly changed.

Please advise your members that those who wish to politically oppose this action should directly contact their congressman and/or senator NOW and let them know where they stand on the issue, and why, because congressional non approval is the only possible way to stop this action from moving ahead.

Go to the link below for help in making contact with your Congressional Representative or Senator.

If this change does come to pass, understand that the youngsters manning our sub fleet today are very professional and they will do what they must to accommodate this new reality facing them when that first female officer reports to duty aboard a Trident boat.

Eventually, the day will come when a female subvet applies for USSVI membership, and she will be as welcome in our fraternity as any other submarine qualified boat sailor is, because it is the dolphins, and not the gender that matters.

Your comments, questions and concerns are always welcome.

<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>





Tolling of the Boats for March

USS F-4 Skate (SS-23) Lost with 19 men on 25 March 1915 when it foundered off Honolulu Harbor.

USS H-1 Seawolf (SS-28) Lost on 12 March 1920 with the loss of 4 men when it sank after being grounded off Santa Margarita Island, Baja California, Mexico.



USS Perch (SS-176) Lost 3 March 1942 when it was sunk by Japanese surface attack 30 miles NW of Surabaya, Java. 60 men were taken prisoner, 8 died as POW's. 52 survived the war.



USS Triton (SS-201) Lost with all hands (71 men) by Japanese surface attack off New Guinea on 15 March 1943.



USS Grampus (SS-207) Lost with all hands (71 men) by Japanese surface attack on the Solomon Islands on 5 March 1943.



USS Tullibee (SS-284) Lost with 79 men on 26 March 1944 north of Palau. Sunk by her own torpedo. One man survived and was taken prisoner.



USS Trigger (SS-237) Lost with all hands (89 men) in the East China Sea on 28 March 1945 during a Japanese air and surface attack.



USS Kete (SS-369) Lost with all hands (87 men) in March 1945 to unknown cause between Okinawa and Midway.

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 Jim "Clutch" Koogler



There's finally some sunny weather on the horizon. It's nice to see the green grass instead of the white snow. A lot of people are suffering from cabin fever and are ready to get out in the sunshine. I know I'm tired of the treadmill and am ready to get back to walking outside... even if I can't watch "Hogan's Heroes" when I walk outside. If you're looking to join your Columbus Base shipmates in some outside activities, we've got upcoming opportunities to help you do it: highway cleanup on April 10th; maybe the New Albany Founder's Day Parade, placing flags on veterans Graves, and the Memorial Day Parade in May. Might be a few more opportunities coming up sooner. Keep watching your email, the website, and The Green Board.

We had a nice turnout at the March base meeting... and some spirited discussions. Be sure to read Bob McDaniel's meeting minutes elsewhere in The Green Board. One of the highlights was the vote to provide financial support to Honor Flight Columbus. As I said last month, I believe supporting Honor Flight, both financially and through volunteer opportunities, can help us fulfill our Submarine Veterans' Creed. And to that end, we're also looking to schedule at least one activity that we can do together as a Columbus Base function. Woody Cook sent me some good ideas, and some of us are looking at others. By the way, here's ANOTHER outside activity... there's an "Honor Flight Columbus 5K Walk/Run" fundraiser scheduled for Saturday April 3rd, at Upper Arlington's Thompson Park (formerly Lane Road Park) located in the Reed Road – Lane Road (NOT Lane Avenue) – Fishinger Road – Riverside Drive area. If you're interested, you can pre-register at HonorFlight5K@gmail.com. On-site registration is at 1:00, run/walk starts at 1:30. Suggested donation is \$10.00. I'll get a reminder out before the event, or check the Honor Flight Columbus website www.honorflightcolumbus.org for more information. And if you want to "formally" volunteer, you can find the forms on their website... or contact me.

I want to thank Roger Crombie, the 2010 USSVI convention coordinator for the Cincinnati Base, for attending our March meeting and providing updates on convention plans. Roger reports that plans are progressing nicely and he's looking forward to a very successful convention. The daily schedules are being finalized and are updated and available on the convention website (www.2010convention.cincysubvets.com).

Some items of note: Drawbridge Inn has 383 rooms. 28% of the rooms (107 +/-) have been reserved. Room rate is \$95.00 per night. There are several "sponsor" opportunities available for organizations, USSVI bases, and individuals... as well as convention program advertising opportunities available.

To ensure that you get ACCURATE information, Roger advised that you check the convention website (www.2010convention.cincysubvets.com). This is the ONLY official website. Other websites might have outdated information.

I hope I'll see many of you at our 2010 Tolling Ceremony and Submarine Birthday Dinner on Saturday April 3rd. More information is undoubtedly elsewhere in this issue.

Finally, I want to say good-bye to our departed Columbus Base shipmate and World War II submarine veteran Dick Estell. It's been my honor to call you "shipmate". I'll miss you. Sailor, rest your oar.



Storekeeper Frank Lloyd & Chaplain Sharon Lloyd are the coordinators for the auction.
 Contact them for donations.
 You must be present at the dinner to bid on items in the auction.
 There will be pictures of the items on the base website.



Tolling Ceremony and US Submarine Force 110th Birthday Dinner And Silent Auction

When: April 3rd 2010
1800 Tolling Ceremony
1845 Social Hour/ Cash Bar
1930 Dinner

Where: AMVETS Post 89
3535 Westerville Rd
Columbus, Ohio

Cost \$20.00 each.

Menu: Spaghetti with meatless sauce
Baked Chicken
Potatoes
Vegetables
Bread
Cake

Notice: All Ohio WWII Submarine Vets including one guest each. Are invited by the Columbus Base free of charge.

RSVP Joe Testa by March 28th
jtesta@columbus.rr.com

Please R.S.V.P. Joe Testa by March 28th jtesta@columbus.rr.com or phone 614-901-3810 leave message.

Send your payments to Base Treasure Dave Creekmore
4030 Beaver Run Rd.
Hebron, Ohio 43025

Navy Reports Widespread Problems On Northrop's Gulf Coast-Built Ships

By Peter Frost

A new round of construction problems on U.S. Navy vessels built by Northrop Grumman Corp. have spawned yet another investigation into the nation's largest Navy shipbuilder.

Northrop, already under fire for widespread yet unrelated welding problems that surfaced two years ago at its Newport News shipyard, now faces quality issues at its Gulf Coast yards in Avondale, La., and Pascagoula, Miss., the Navy said Thursday.

All Gulf Coast vessels built by the company over the last several years are under investigation for a host of problems, including improper welds and defective engines and lube-oil systems, the Navy said.

In response, the Navy has been forced to sideline two San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ships after finding engine and lube-oil system problems that require immediate repairs, and inspectors are re-examining every critical pipe weld aboard every Gulf Coast ship built during the last several years.

The sweeping weld investigation was triggered last summer, after Navy engineers found that 10 percent to 15 percent of welds on a handful of ships didn't meet Navy specifications, raising questions about how long those welds would hold, said Jay Stefany, the Navy's program manager for San Antonio class ships.

While Northrop and the Navy found that none of the weld issues present immediate risk to any of the ships, Stefany said the insufficient welds may weaken over the course of the ship's life and must be repaired.

The probe includes at least eight San Antonio-class amphibious ships, several Arleigh Burke-class destroyers and the amphibious assault ship Makin Island.

Thousands of welds on each ship will be reinspected, and the Navy expects several hundred to require repair.

"It's not going to be a hard fix, just a quantity fix," Stefany said. "Some are hard to get to, so it will take a little time."

In an ensuing investigation, inspectors found that the faulty welds were so widespread that Northrop and the Navy decertified all Gulf Coast pipe welders and pipe inspectors from doing work on Navy vessels until they were retrained and retested. Neither Northrop nor the Navy could say how many workers were involved.

"From the time the issues with pipe (welds) were discovered, Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding proactively has worked with the Navy to perform a root cause analysis and initiate corrective actions," said Margaret Mitchell-Jones, a company spokeswoman.

"These efforts are consistent with the company's intense focus on improving the quality in the Gulf Coast through implementation of a broad set of operating process changes," Mitchell-Jones said.

Northrop's response mirrors the action it took in 2008 in Newport News, when all welders and pipe fitters were required to be retrained and recertified after weld problems were discovered on submarines and aircraft carriers.

Senior Northrop officials are "personally engaged and focused on working with teams to assess and correct" the issues, Mitchell-Jones said.

The latest welding issue renews questions about how three layers of Northrop and Navy inspectors managed to miss so many errors while approving work that later investigations proved to be inadequate.

Welders are required to visually inspect and sign off on the welds they complete. A company inspector is charged with ensuring the welds meet specifications contained in construction documents. Finally, a Navy inspector is supposed to give final approval to critical welds before the ship is complete.

In this case, the problems weren't found until sections of lube-oil piping broke on the amphibious ship USS San Antonio during the vessel's first deployment in 2008 — more than two years after its commissioning.

Navy officials initially determined that, due to a design flaw, the ship's piping wasn't secured properly, causing pipes to break free from their supports and break. Engineers altered the design of all future ships of the class to include more pipe supports. During the process of fixing the San Antonio's problems, however, the Navy found that each of the pipes broke at the welds, prompting a spot check on similar welds on four other ships under construction at the Gulf Coast shipyards.

The investigation revealed that more than a tenth of pipe welds on each of those ships were not thick enough to meet specifications, a development resulting in the expanded probe that includes all Northrop ships built in Avondale and Pascagoula.

Since the Navy determined that none of the weld issues posed safety concerns, inspections and repairs will take place over the next several months on each of the ships, some of which are at sea. Others are pier-side or under construction.

Meanwhile, engine problems on the San Antonio class amphibious ships could have immediate implications for the fleet.

The San Antonio and the newly commissioned New York are each laid up in Norfolk while Navy and Northrop engineers try to determine what's causing excessive wear to the ships' engine bearings.

Bearings that hold in place two of the New York's four engines are under repair for damage caused by a contaminant in their lubrication.

The New York also has a bent crankshaft that's disabled another of its engines, which are manufactured by Fairbanks-Morse Engine in Wisconsin. Similar problems have surfaced in four of the five ships in the class, leading the Navy to hold an engine design review at Northrop's Gulf Coast yards next week, Stefany said.

Until a full assessment and review is complete, Stefany said it's impossible to determine if the engine problems are a result of poor design, installation or operation and maintenance.

Northrop will bear the cost associated with the repairs on the New York, which is still under manufacturer's warranty. Whether the company or the Navy will pay for repairs on the remaining ships has yet to be determined.

Submitted by : Cliff Dodson



NEWS-02: Magnetic Silencing Facility Provides Unique Service
Submitted by: James Fox on 2/26/2010

KINGS BAY, Ga. (NNS) -- One of America's newer fast attack submarines, USS Toledo (SSN 769), visited at the Trident Refit Facility Kings Bay, Ga., Magnetic Silencing Facility (MSF) Feb. 5. MSF Kings Bay is considered a model for the rest of the Navy, and is being modernized so the facility will be able to treat all types of submarines, as well as prepare for the delivery of future submarine classes.

Go to Link.

http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=51513

NEWS-11: USS New Mexico Prepares for Commissioning
Submitted by: James A Fox on 3/2/2010

30 DAYS TO THE COMMISSIONING OF USS NEW MEXICO Albuquerque, NM – USS NEW MEXICO (SSN 779) will be commissioned into the fleet in just 30 days. The commissioning ceremony will take place at Naval Station Norfolk Saturday, March 27, 2010. Governor Bill Richardson has issued a Proclamation declaring March 27th as “USS New Mexico Day”. The State Legislature, in its recently completed 30-day session, approved House Joint Memorial 24 “recognizing and acknowledging the United States Navy for the honor being bestowed upon the State by the commissioning of the USS New Mexico submarine”.

Go to Link

<http://ussnewmexico.net/>

NEWS-01: What you think you know about the history of submarines may not be true.
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 2/18/2010

SUBMARINE HISTORY: An Illustrated Survey of Key Events in the History of Submarines

Developed by Captain Brayton Harris USN (Ret)

Thanks to recent scholarship, we are able to add new material---hitherto unknown submarines world-wide, new details added to older listings . . . some, being entered daily.

If you have anything you'd like to see included, please contact brayton@harris.net.

(January, 2010)

Visit the link below...

<http://www.submarine-history.com>

NEWS-05: New Training Helps Sailors get Their Sea Legs
Submitted by: James A Fox on 2/23/2010

KINGS BAY, Ga. (NNS) -- Senior submarine leaders learned about two new Commander Submarine Force (COMSUBFOR) initiatives, Sea Leaders and Sea Legs, at the Trident Training Facility, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay on Feb. 17.

The programs provide tools for new submarine Sailors and seasoned submarine Sailors. The Sea Legs program assists junior Sailors in acclimating to the demands of the submarine service. Sea Leaders program provides senior Sailors with additional leadership skills to mentor junior Sailors and tackle difficult issues.

Go to Link.

www.navy.mil/local/csg10



Phil & Opal
April 8, 1950 - April 8, 2010

*Because you have shared in their lives
By your friendship and love,
We invite you to join in the celebration
Of the 60th anniversary
Of our parents.*

When: Saturday, April 10, 2010

Time: 1 pm to 4 pm

Location: Harmony Hall

165 Worth Drive

Hebron, OH

Bob, Carol, John & Glenn Philipps

No Gifts Please

Interests in submarines extends to royalty and presidents. The King of England and the King and Queen of Spain are among those who have made submerged cruises in submarines. As a result of a trip in an early United States submarine, President "Teddy" Roosevelt ordered extra compensation for personnel serving in the "Silent Service." President Harry Truman made a 440 foot dive in a captured German submarine. The first President to cruise aboard a nuclear submarine was President Eisenhower who rode the USS SEAWOLF out of Newport, Rhode Island on September 26, 1957.



Old Farmer's Advice:

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.

Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor..

Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.

Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.

Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.

Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.

It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

You cannot unsay a cruel word.

Every path has a few puddles.

When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.

The best sermons are lived, not preached.

Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.

Don't judge folks by their relatives.

Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

Live a good, honorable life... Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.

Don 't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.

Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain dance.

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.

The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.

Always drink upstream from the herd.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.

If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply.

Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

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Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.

AND



Submitted by: Bob Holt

Some days all you can do is smile and wait for some kind soul to come pull your ass out of the bind you've gotten yourself into.



April Birthdays

02- Marcia Dreiseidel
04- John Leers
05- Dave Creekmore
07- Denver Smith
12- Robert Frier
15- Walt Fleak
24- Tim Barker
25- David Carman
28- Bernie Kenyon



The Conn

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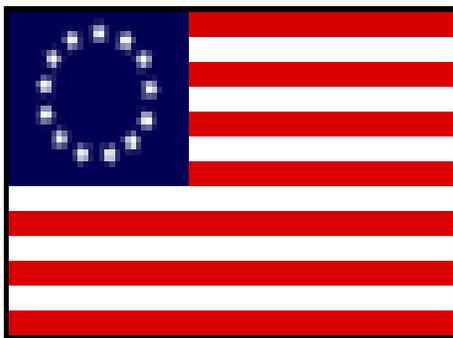
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Editor's Note

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

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Columbus Base Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Base Commander Jim Koogler. COB, Marv Pastor, led the salute to the Flag. The invocation was conducted by the Chaplain, Walt Fleak. Tolling of the bell for the lost boats of March was performed by Marv Pastor and Walt Fleak. There were 32 members and guests present.

Secretary's Report

The January minutes were published in the *Green Board*. With no comments or corrections a motion to accept the January Report was made by Dave O'Carroll and seconded by Tim Barker. The motion was approved with a majority of members present by a voice vote.

The BC asked if anyone wanted the minutes of the last officers' meeting read. No one did.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Creekmore report of monthly income, expenses, and account balances was given.

Webmaster

Cliff had nothing to report at this time.

Chaplain's Report

Dick Estell: Columbus Base member and WWII submarine Veteran

Visitation and Memorial Service

Saturday March 13, 2010

Visitation 1:00 to 2:00 PM

Memorial Service 2:00 PM

Northwest United Methodist Church

5200 Riverside Drive

Columbus, Ohio 43221

Base involvement is unknown at this time. The BC will have an Eternal Patrol Certificate to give to the family.

Emmit Stephenson: WWII submarine Veteran

Memorial Service for WWII subvet Emmit Stephenson

To help fulfill Emmit's wishes, his family would like to have some USSVWWII and USSVI subvets attend.

Memorial service to be held Saturday March 13th at 11:00 AM at Green Lawn Cemetery, 1000 Green Lawn Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43223.

Other chaplain news – Gus Hoehl has been in and now out of the hospital since our last meeting. We were expecting him here today. We hope he is doing o.k.

Membership Report/Introductions

The BC recognized and welcomed guests and prospective new member Rich Quintana. Rich is a retired Navy chief, boomer sailor, and acquaintance of Ken Sewell.

2010 USSVI Convention: Roger Crombie

Roger gave us an overview of what has been happening and the current status of the convention. He said the Drawbridge Inn, while in receivership, is still a go for the convention. They are honoring the original contract and the Cincinnati Base has added some things to the original contract. There will now be an expanded continental breakfast each morning at no additional charge. The Inn is providing free transportation to and from airport and the overflow hotel(s). There are 383 rooms at the drawbridge Inn for the convention. They have received bookings for 28% of the rooms. The cost is \$95.00 per night per room. The Cincinnati Base will receive one room for every 40 that are booked. The Inn will also provide banquet rooms, meeting rooms, hospitality rooms, set up services, and rooms for vendors. The Cincinnati and USSVI will get \$9/room of the gross room cost. The Cincinnati Base has to pay for the electronics of the banquet hall - \$5800. The Cincinnati Base has contracted with Military Reunion Planners to handle registrations, tours, and other duties. Roger said he was working on having a Submarine float contest to be set up in an area across the street from the Inn. The Cincinnati Base is soliciting corporate sponsorships for ads, tables, donations, and the USSVI charitable foundation. He said there has been some conflicting information floating around. He said the official word is on the convention web site, USSVI web site, and in the *American Submariner*. He thanked the Columbus Base for volunteering to do the Tolling Ceremony. He fielded questions from the members present. He said if there is anything else we could do to help they would contact us. Roger put on each table a copy of donation form, souvenir magazine ad order form, and a draft of the convention Plan of the Week/Day.

Committee Reports

Activities: Joe Testa

Submarine Birthday Dinner and Tolling Ceremony will be on April 3rd with Tolling at 6:00 PM, Social at 6:45, and the meal at 7:30. A flyer is forth coming. The entrée's are chicken and spaghetti. The cost is \$20 per person.

We are not participating in the Dublin's St. Patrick's Day parade.

We are looking at the Founder's Day parade in New Albany on the 3rd week in May.

We are still looking at Upper Arlington vs. Reynoldsburg for a July 4th parade. The Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival is too far off but the downtown is under construction so the prospects don't look so good. Also, the Worthington parade on Memorial Day weekend is probably the best parade we participate in.

We will have the Memorial Day Flag posting on veterans graves like in years past. Dave Creekmore has made some more flag hole makers. The BC said we now need some better map readers.

We need volunteers to help with and/or coordinate events/dinners.

Highway Cleanup – Bill Anderson

Schedule:

Saturday April 10, 2010

Saturday June 12, 2010

Saturday August 21, 2010

Saturday October 9, 2010

Meet at Don Gentile American Legion Post #532 on Demorest Road at 0830 and leave for cleanup locations by 0900.

Renewal application has been sent.

Volunteer signatures required if it is your first time or need retraining.

FHHS NJROTC has been notified of cleanup dates.

Bill Anderson and Bob McDaniel are working on getting gift certificates/gift cards from local fast food restaurants for the students. We are also looking into getting t-shirts for the students with USSVI/NJROTC/FHHS imprinted.

Unfinished Business

2010 USSVI convention:

Tolling Ceremony Committee (Tim Barker, Galin Brady). Any other volunteers?

Member roster for 2010: BC will get out notice with 7-10 days. Rosters will be e-mailed when possible or if a member doesn't want an e-mail with roster information. Therefore, some will be sent by USPS

New Business

None

For the Good of the Order

Seabees 68th birthday: March 5, 2010

From the February 27th officers' meeting:

The BC, Secretary, and Webmaster are working on draft of a phone tree for the base.

Treasurer's audit: Current treasurer, past treasurer, base commander, and past base commander are comfortable with the accuracy of the Treasurer's record at the turnover at the end of 2009. No member called for an audit. There will be no audit this year.

The base will not purchase longevity pins for members. Individual members may purchase for \$5.00-\$7.00 each.

The base will purchase a 3x5 Honor & Remember flag for \$65.00. The H&R pins for members can be purchased individually. The base has order 10 pins. Jim Koogler will obtain a telescoping flag pole to mount the flag. Car and motorcycle flags are also available on the H&R website for \$15.00-\$25.00.

Discussion of discontinuing financial support for USS Columbus Sailor of the Quarter/Year and picking up financial support of the Honor Flight Program. The reason for this discussion is because we have been unable to obtain any information from USS Columbus for more than a year... despite numerous requests. Motion was made by Phil Phillips and seconded by Galin Brady to discontinue the financial support of the S/Q/SY program. Motion was approved by a majority of members present by a voice vote. Motion was made by Phil Phillips and seconded by Marv Pastor to support HFP with an initial donation of \$300.00 for 2010. The motion was approved by a majority of members present by a voice vote.

Pearl Harbor Master Chief contact: N/A due to above action. Contact information would still be needed if any member traveling to Hawaii and wish a tour of Pearl Harbor Base.

Honor Flight

Base members who attended the volunteer rally: Koogler, Creekmore, Pastor, Cook, O'Carroll, Tolson, and Barker.

Suggestions for one-time-this-year Columbus Base support project? Be it breakfast bags, welcome home bags, fund raisers, etc. There are no dumb ideas!

Silent Auction for Sub Birthday Dinner

Please contact SK Frank Lloyd if you have items to donate.

Phil and Opal Philipps 60th anniversary celebration: April 8, 1950-April 8, 2010.

Because you have shared in their lives by your friendship and love, we invite you to join in the celebration on the 60th anniversary of our parents.

Date: Saturday April 10, 2010

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Harmony Hall

165 Worth Drive

Hebron, Ohio

BC asked if there were any volunteers of the appointed officer positions

Open discussion from the floor: Galin Brady made a motion to invite all WWII subvets within a 100 mile radius to the Submarine Dinner and Tolling Ceremony and for us to pay for their dinner, seconded by Bones Leonard. A discussion followed. The motion was amended by Galin and Bones to include our Base WWII members. A discussion followed. Another amendment was offered by Bones and Galin in one guest with each WWII member. The motion passed with a majority of the members present by a voice vote. Galin then said he would make a donation to pay for three WWII members and their guests.

50/50 Drawings

Money was won by Jim Tolson - \$74.00

A bottle of wine was won by Cliff Dodson

A navy cup was won by Roger Crombie

A bottle of whiskey was won by Bill Dumbauld

A Dolphin patch was won by Bill Anderson

A navy car magnet was won by Galin Brady

A smoke alarm was won by Phil Philipps

A navy hat was won by Rich Quintana

Announcement of next meeting

The next Columbus Base meeting will be held on April 3, 2010 with a Tolling Ceremony at 1800, social time at 1845, and the Submarine Birthday Dinner at 1930. To be held at the Amvets Post #89 on Westerville Road in Columbus.

Next officer meeting tentatively scheduled for Saturday March 20th or 27th at the Amvets Post on Westerville Road. Meeting will start at 0900. Breakfast is available starting at 0800.

Benediction was given by Chaplain Walt Fleak. Walt Fleak made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Bob Frier, and motion passed by a majority of member present by voice vote.

Submitted by Bob McDaniel

Base Secretary

Upcoming Events

<i>April 03 2010</i>	<i>1800</i>	<i>Tolling Ceremony and Birthday Dinner</i>
<i>April 10 2010</i>	<i>0830</i>	<i>Adopt-a-Highway clean-up. Meet at the Don Gentile American Legion Post</i>
<i>May 01 2010</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>May regular business meeting AMVETS Post 89 Westerville Rd Columbus, Ohio</i>

USS James Madison (SSBN 627)

Keel laid: March 5, 1962

Launched: March 15, 1963

Commissioned: July 28, 1964

Sponsor: Mrs. A.S. Mike Monroney

Decommissioned: November 20, 1992

Recycled: October 24, 1997

Builder: Newport News Shipbuilding, Newport News, VA

First Commanding Officers

CDR. Joseph L. Skoog, Jr. (Blue)

CDR. James D. Kearny (Gold)

November 3, 1974

According to Jack Anderson's regular newspaper column of January 1, 1975, the USS JAMES MADISON collides with an unknown Soviet submarine in the North Sea. According to Anderson the two submarines came within inches of sinking each other. The JAMES MADISON proceeded to Holy Loch, Scotland, to effect repairs. The US Navy refused to comment on the incident.

USS James Madison (SSBN 627), the lead ship of her class of ballistic missile submarines, was the second ship of the United States Navy to be named for James Madison (1751-1836), the fourth President of the United States.

After post-shakedown repairs and modification in November and December of 1964, James Madison sailed for her first patrol 17 January 1965

James Madison was decommissioned on 20 November 1992 and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 20 November 1992. Ex-James Madison entered the Nuclear Powered Ship and Submarine Recycling Program in Bremerton, Washington, and on 24 October 1997 ceased to exist.

Only the cream of Navy manpower is considered acceptable for submarine service. Volunteer applicants are given exhaustive physical and psychological screening before being accepted for training. Those who make the grade are trained in the Submarine School at New London and aboard operating submarines. After graduation from the Submarine School and actual service in submarines, those who pass all tests may wear the Dolphins,

In 1921, a United States submarine, the R-14, having run out of fuel at sea, rigged sails from blankets, hammocks, curtain rods and the ramrod of a 3-inch gun, and sailed 100 miles to port at a speed of two knots.



Remember to bring your donations of coffee, tea, or hot cocoa to the monthly meetings.

Your donations are very much appreciated by the veterans at the Chalmers P. Wylie Veterans Clinic.