

COLUMBUS BASE SUBMARINE VETERANS

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ALL SEAS ARE NAVIGABLE

The United States' National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed across the nation on the third Friday of September each year. Many Americans take the time to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families.



There are 1,741 American personnel listed by the Defense Department's POW/MIA Office as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, as of April 2009. The number of United States personnel accounted for since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is 841. About 90 percent of the 1,741 people still missing were lost in Vietnam or areas of Laos and Cambodia under Vietnam's wartime control, according to the National League of Families website (cited in the United States Army website).

The United States Congress passed a resolution authorizing National POW/MIA Recognition Day to be observed on July 18, 1979. It was observed on the same date in 1980 and was held on July 17 in 1981 and 1982. It was then observed on April 9 in 1983 and July 20 in 1984. The event was observed on July 19 in 1985, and then from 1986 onwards the date moved to the third Friday of September. The United States president each year proclaims National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Many states in the USA also proclaim POW/MIA Recognition Day together with the national effort.

The National League of Families' POW/MIA flag symbolizes the United States' resolve to never forget POWs or those who served their country in conflicts and are still missing. Newt Heisley designed the flag. The flag's design features a silhouette of a young man, which is based on Mr. Heisley's son, who was medically discharged from the military. As Mr. Heisley looked at his returning son's gaunt features, he imagined what life was for those behind barbed wire fences on foreign shores. He then sketched the profile of his son as the new flag's design was created in his mind.

The flag features a white disk bearing in black silhouette a man's bust, a watch tower with a guard on patrol, and a strand of barbed wire. White letters "POW" and "MIA", with a white five-pointed star in between, are typed above the disk. Below the disk is a black and white wreath above the motto "You Are Not Forgotten" written in white, capital letters.

The flag can also be displayed on [Armed Forces Day](#), [Memorial Day](#), [Flag Day](#), [Independence Day](#) and [Veterans Day](#). The flag can be displayed at the Capitol, the White House, the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, national cemeteries, various government buildings, and major military installations.

Tolling of the Boats

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 the 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 hand (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 Jim Tolson



You can almost smell the brats as you look at the pictures of the Bucyrus parade.

<http://www.columbusbase.com/> - if you are looking for the float that took first place, just look for the picture of the Columbus Base submarine. Thanks to Ron Rossington who pulled the submarine Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Thanks to Dave Creekmore, Marv Pastor, Bill McCorkle, Cliff Dodson, Walt Fleak, and Denver Smith who represented Columbus Base during the Thursday evening parade. Boyd Long, Sturgeon Base, also joined us for the parade. Shipmate Gene Lee represented Columbus Base during the Saturday parade.

Thanks to Bill Anderson, Joe Testa, Galin Brady, Dave Creekmore, Marv Pastor, Bill Meyer, and Karla Tolson for participating in the August 13th highway cleanup. Captain Tom Lennon and several NJROTC cadets also assisted us. It was a good morning to be out walking along I-270. Our final highway cleanup for 2011 is Saturday October 8th. If you are able to join this team, meet at Don Gentile, American Legion Post #532, 1571 Demorest Road, Columbus OH 43228, at 0830. We will leave for the cleanup locations by 0900. Cleanup takes a couple of hours.

Every two years Columbus Base elects a Commander, Vice Commander, Secretary and Treasurer. These shipmates provide direction to Columbus Base and handle the day to day activities. If you want to be involved, let the Chairman of the Nomination Committee, Jim Koogler, clutch617@gmail.com know of your interest. Shipmates Bill Anderson and Joe Testa are also on this committee. Nominations close October 15th.

This year, the officer election will be held by email to save base funds. The few shipmates that don't have an email address will get a paper ballot. All ballots must be returned to the Nomination Committee by November 22nd. If you have not been getting email announcements from the base or the Green Board, let me know so your email address can be corrected.

Make sure you have the two final parades for 2011 on your calendar. The Columbus Veterans Parade is Thursday Nov 10th with a noon step off. The Gahanna Parade of Lights is Friday November 25th. More information will be coming about both parades.

It is time to start collecting 2012 annual dues for USSVI National and Columbus Base, unless you are a Life member. Dues can be sent to Base Treasurer, Dave Creekmore.

Bob Frier and Galin Brady attended the USSVI National Convention in Springfield MO and will be on the October base meeting agenda to give a report. It sounds like everyone had a good time. Our next base meeting is October 1 at AMVETS Post #89 starting with a noon social hour. Hope to see you there.

USS Columbus Holds Change of Command

Credit: MC2 Ronald Gutridge, COMSUBPAC Public Affairs



(PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii) -

Cmdr. David Youtt relieved Cmdr. David Minyard as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Columbus (SSN 762) in a time-honored change of command ceremony at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Sept. 2.

Guest speaker Capt. James Pitts, Commander, Submarine Squadron 7, praised Minyard and his accomplishments while commanding Columbus and on his naval career.

"Your command tour has been the epitome of steady professionalism, quiet accomplishment, and most importantly, mission accomplishment," said Pitts. "Your extraordinary leadership and dedication has been exemplified in many ways while in command. Congratulations on a job well done."

Following Pitts remarks, Minyard was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in lieu of second award for his exceptional performance as commanding officer from May 2009 to Sept. 2011.

Minyard acknowledged that the majority of the submarine's success during his time as commanding officer could be attributed to the crew and their hard work efforts.

"Several years ago I pledged my sacred honor to serve you with the utmost of my ability and at every single turn, you have always executed the task at hand," said Minyard. "I encourage each and every one of you to keep doing what you do best, every man doing his job to accomplish the mission."

As Minyard's final act as commanding officer, he promoted Machinist Mate 2nd Class (SS) Armando Rodriguez to 1st Class Petty Officer through the Command Advancement Program.

"This is a total surprise and a huge milestone in my career," said Rodriguez. "I am really looking forward to the many challenges and responsibilities of a 1st class."

As Cmdr. Youtt assumed command of Columbus, he addressed the crew about the future.

"I am honored to be here today and glad to finally be a part of the Columbus team," said Youtt. "We will be challenged each day, but through sustained hard work, I have no doubt that the Columbus team will be ready to execute when called upon."

Cmdr. Minyard graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering. After graduation, he worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a research assistant prior to attending Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Fla., and the Nuclear Power Training Unit in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

His sea tours include USS Portsmouth (SSN 707), USS Helena (SSN 725) and USS Alabama (SSBN 731) (Blue).

His next assignment will be in San Diego as an acquisition professional.

CDR David A. Youtt COMMANDING OFFICER USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762)



Commander David A. Youtt, a native of Avon Lake, Ohio, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1992 with a Bachelors of Science and Engineering in Mechanical Engineering. Following nuclear power training, he reported to USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN 690) where he served in several division officer assignments completing a refueling overhaul and conducting two North Atlantic deployments (1994 to 1998). He served on board USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) as the Navigator / Operations Officer (2001 to 2005) conducting one deployment to the Mediterranean / Arabian Gulf and one deployment to the North Atlantic / North Pacific. Commander Youtt served as the Executive Officer of USS MICHIGAN (SSGN 727) (Gold) (2007 to 2009) where he certified and deployed the ship on its first Western Pacific deployment.

Ashore, Commander Youtt earned his Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from Yale University graduating in 2000. He served for SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team One as pilot of the Advanced SEAL Delivery System (ASDS) (2005 to 2006), as Operations Officer for Submarine Squadron Seven (2006 to 2007), and as Executive Assistant to the Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (2009 to 2010).

Commander Youtt is entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with three gold stars. He is also authorized to wear the U.S. Navy SCUBA warfare pin.



Holland Club 2011 Inductee

Lee Mather

Lee was interviewed for this article by Marv Pastor.

He shares with us his time in the Navy.



Lee enlisted in the United States Navy on March 17, 1952 at Columbus, Ohio. After his enlistment Lee was sent to the Naval Training Center in San Diego, California to serve Boot Camp.

From San Diego he received orders to the Naval Station at Treasure Island at San Francisco. From there Lee went aboard the USS Kankakee (TAO-39).

He reported for Sub School in New London, CT in July 1952 and remained stationed there until graduation in December 1952.

After Sub School, Lee was assigned to the Submarine USS Crevalle SS 291. He also served aboard the USS Sea Robin SS 407. Lee was promoted to Seaman on February 16, 1953 and he qualified submarine in 1954 aboard the Crevalle.

His motivation to try submarines was to get off the Kankakee. His favorite duty station was Groton, CT.

Lee and his wife were married on August 10, 1954. They have two children, a daughter born in 1957 and a son born in 1959.

After his separation from active duty at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Lee was transferred to a Naval Reserve unit.

Lee was Honorably Discharged from the Navy on March 16, 1960.

Lee, thank you for your time and service to your country.

USS COD Submarine Memorial is now rated the number one attraction (based on visitor reviews!) in the STATE OF OHIO! We were top in Cleveland as of last week and the state rating just came in yesterday!

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> http://www.tripadvisor.in/ShowUserReviews-g50207-d137605-r116730770-USS_Cod_Submarine_Memorial-Cleveland_Ohio.html

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> We beat out the giants in the state, our Art Museum and the Air Force Museum in the Trip Advisor poll. A quick read of the visitor reviews says it all... our unique way of presenting the submarine (as a living ship) and our staff contribute to our visitors' highly positive impression of COD and our display.

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> Just have to crow a bit!

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> Paul Farace

Howie Rice was the second oldest North Carolina Subvet who qualified in submarines in 1940 on the USS Plunger SS(179). Go to <http://www.ncsubvets.org/auxtanks1/ohnineoh.pdf> which is a biography that Howie wrote a number of years ago about his life growing up and his career in the Navy. He was a RM2(SS) onboard a S-boat off of the Philippines Islands when he received a radio message that the United States was at war with Japan after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The Pope & The Submarine Chief

Pope John Paul dies of old age and finds himself at the gates of Heaven at 0300. He knocks on the gate and a very sleepy-eyed watchman opens the gate and asks, "Waddyah want?"

"I'm the recently deceased Pope and have done 68 years of godly works and thought I should check in here."

The watchman checks his clipboard and says, "I ain't got no orders for you here. Just bring your stuff in and we'll sort this out in the morning." They go to an old WWII barracks, 3rd floor, open bay. All the bottom racks are taken and all empty lockers have no doors. The Pope stows his gear under a rack and climbs into an upper bunk.

The next morning he awakens to sounds of cheering and clapping. He goes to the window and sees a flashy Jaguar convertible parading down the clouds from the golden headquarters building. The cloud walks are lined with saints and angels cheering and tossing confetti. In the back seat sits a Submarine Chief; his Dolphins glistening on his chest, a cigar in his mouth, a can of San Miguel beer in one hand, and his other arm around a voluptuous blonde Angel with magnificent halos.

This sight disturbs the Pope and he runs downstairs to the Master-at-Arms shack and says, "Hey, what gives? You put me, the Pope with 68 years of godly deeds, in an open bay barracks, while this Submarine Chief, who must've committed every sin known and unknown to man, is staying in a mansion on the hill and getting a hero's welcome. How can this be?"

The Master at Arms calmly looks up and says, "Hey, we get a Pope up here every 20 or 30 years, but we've never had a Submarine Chief before."

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.



2011 Bratwurst Festival Parade

Marv Pastor
 Ron Rossington
 Boyd Long (Sturgeon Base)
 Cliff Dodson
 Bill McCorkle
 Denver Smith
 Jim Tolson
 (back row)
 Walt Fleak
 Dave Creekmore

First day attendees



1st Place Civic



Thanks to Ron Rossington and Denver Smith for their efforts in the three day parade. I here that Gene Lee joined in on Saturday. Ron pulled the sub in all three days of parade also mounted our 1st place banner, repaired the dive horn and represented our base in the awarding of \$100 for 1st place. I suppose this puts us in the "professional" category no longer amateurs. We're just glad Zach the poney wasn't around this year.

Thanks to all that attended.

The latest edition of the American Submariner has a photo of our parade float sub at the Cincinnati National convention.





Columbus Base Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Base Commander Jim Tolson. COB Marv Pastor led the salute to the Flag. The invocation was conducted by the Chaplain, Sharon Lloyd. Tolling of the bell for the lost boats of September was performed by Marv Pastor and Walt Fleak. There were 14 members and guests present. The BC welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Report - The August minutes were published in the *Green Board*. There were no corrections or additions. Thank you card from the USS Columbus Family Group was reported by BC for our \$300 donation in April.

Treasurer's Report--Dave gave report on the treasury. He reported that he had not received an invoice for the Holland Club Plaques or one from Joe Testa for the Awards Dinner with respect to the meals.

Webmaster Report-Cliff reported updating the sailing list. If anyone has updates to let him know so he can include them on the sailing list.

Chaplain's Report --Sharon reported she sent Dave O'Carroll a sympathy card on the loss of his brother. Karla Tolson said she has seen Dave since then and he expressed appreciation for the card.

Membership Report/Introductions -- The BC reminded the annual pay members' dues will be due.

Committee Reports- Joe Testa - Bucyrus Parade was attended by Walt Fleak, Bill McCorkle, Marv Pastor, Dave Creekmore, Cliff Dodson, Ron Rossington, Denver Smith, Boyd Long, Sturgeon Base and Jim Tolson. Associate members along the route were Linda Dodson, Susie Fleak, and Karla Tolson. The BC said the awards dinner at the Young-Budd American Legion Post in Westerville was a good fit for the occasion. Bob Friar and Galin Brady are attending the USSVI convention in Springfield, MO. The BC has received several emails from Bob saying he is having a good time. On Highway Cleanup Bill Anderson said we need help from all who are able. He said he has 10 McDonald's gift certificates left for the cadets who come to help. Saturday, October 8th, is the next highway cleanup. Meet at Don Gentile, American Legion Post #532, 1571 Demorest Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43228 at 0830, leave for cleanup locations by 0900. Columbus Veterans Day Parade in Thursday November 10th, with noon step off time. The Gahanna Parade of Lights, Friday November 25th. There is no fee for entry for us. The BC asked if anyone would volunteer to carry the colors for the parade. Several expressed interest. The float needs over 1,000 lights and recorded Christmas music. We discussed putting the lights on a net and draping that over the float. Walt said he had something that might work. Marv and Dave said they would work on it. The BC brought up the possibility of a silent auction at the Christmas Dinner. Sharon said she and Frank would coordinate. The base was asked to start getting, saving, thinking of items for the silent auction.

Unfinished Business-none.

New Business --BC talked about renewal of membership for those non-life members. Officer Election Committee: Jim Koogler, Chairman, Joe Testa and Bill Anderson members. Nominations will close October 15th. Ballots returned to committee by November 22nd. Election will be by email. A paper ballot will be sent if needed. Nominations from floor, or otherwise, can be made with nominee's permission. Jan Creekmore nominated Dave Creekmore for Treasurer. Bill Anderson nominated all Current officers. Walt Fleak nominated Tim Barker for Vice Commander.

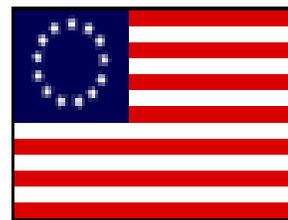
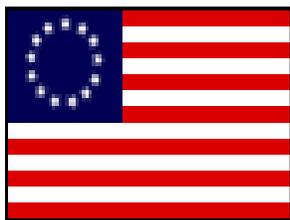
For the Good of the Order – If anyone wants to help on Ken Sewell’s movie project contact him at 614-558-0695. 50/50 drawing – Paul Hilde won \$42.50 cards. Bill Anderson won banana nut bread. Cliff Dodson won banana nut bread. Toni Staats won a knife. Jim Tolson won an electric coffee cup. Sharon Lloyd won a POW/MIA car decal. Tim Barker won the Book Loon. Bill Dumbauld won a loaf of homemade bread. Marv Pastor won a picture frame. Walt Fleak won a loaf of homemade bread. Jan Creekmore won a loaf of homemade bread. Bob McDaniel won a loaf of homemade bread.

Announcement of next meeting - Next Columbus Base meeting –October 1, 2011-1200 social hour, meeting 1300 at AMVETS Post # 89, 3535 Westerville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43224. BC reminded us to clean up area before leaving.

Closing prayer was conducted by Walt Fleak.

Call for adjournment motion was made by Sharon Lloyd and seconded by Marv Pastor. Motion passed by a voice vote of the majority of the members present.

Submitted by Bob McDaniel
Base Secretary



Upcoming Events

Oct. 1	1200	Regular monthly meeting.
Oct. 8	0830	Last Highway clean-up for the year. Meet at the Don Gentile American Legion Post.
Nov. 5	1200	Regular monthly meeting
Nov. 10	1200	Veterans Day Parade
Nov. 25	?	Gahanna Holiday of Lights Parade



October Birthdays

Richard Morin	10-02
Karla Tolson	10-02
Robert Wells	10-05
Cliff Dodson	10-09
Bill Anderson	10-22



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Base commander

Jim Tolson

Vice Commander

Treasurer

Dave Creekmore

Secretary

Bob McDaniel

Chaplain

Sharon Lloyd / Walt Fleak

COB

Marv Pastor

Membership Chairman

Jim Koogler

Storekeeper

Frank Lloyd

Web Master

Cliff Dodson

Editor

Jan Creekmore

Activates Chairmen

Joe Testa



Editor's Note

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

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USS George Washington Carver (SSBN 656)

Keel laid: August 24, 1964

Launched: August 14, 1965

Commissioned: June 15, 1966

Sponsor: Miss Marian Anderson

Decommissioned: March 18, 1993

Recycled: March 21, 1994

Builder: Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co.
Newport News, VA.

First Commanding Officers

CAPT. Robert D. Donovan (Blue)

CDR. Carl J. Lidel (Gold)

Contrary to popular belief the USS George Washington Carver SSBN-656 was not the first ship named in his honor, there was another. Built in 1943 as a Liberty Freighter, George Washington Carver was acquired by the War Department and converted to a Hospital Ship. On the recommendations of the Surgeon General she was renamed Dogwood, she carried no cargo and 597 patients. In January 1946 she was decommissioned as a Hospital Ship, converted to a Transport and reverted to her former name, George Washington Carver.

The submarine USS George Washington Carver completed shakedown and began the first patrol 12 December 1966.

In 1972 Carver commenced a refueling overhaul and at that time was converted to carry Poseidon C-3 Missile System. On 19 May 1973 the Blue Crew successfully launched the ships first Poseidon c-3 Missile at Cape Canaveral, Florida. In August 1973 Carver commenced her first Post Conversion Strategic Deterrent Patrol with the C-3 Poseidon Missile System, her twentieth since commissioning.

In 1982 after completing her 53rd Strategic Deterrent Patrol Carver underwent her second refueling overhaul. On 10 August 1985 after successfully completing her Shakedown Cruise she successfully launched two C-3 Missiles at Cape Canaveral, Florida. In 1986 Carver returned to Holy Loch Scotland from where she operated as part of the National Nuclear Deterrent Force.

In June 1991 after completing 73 Strategic Deterrent patrols Carver began a new career as a Fast Attack Submarine for the Pacific Fleet. Assuming Command of the Combined Crew was CDR, Davis A. Zusi, USN. Carver's missile tubes were disabled and she was redesignated an attack submarine with the hull classification symbol SSN-656.

From The Chief of Naval Operations 18 March 1993:

A message for the Officers and Men of the USS George Washington Carver SSBN-656. As you prepare to decommission the USS George Washington Carver SSBN-656, I congratulate current and former crewmembers for your historical contributions to our nation's security. It is always difficult to bid farewell to an old friend, but each of you can take justifiable pride in your fine submarines accomplishments throughout he distinguished career. Since beginning her first Patrol in 1966 the Officers and Men of the USS George Washington Carver have served her country well. For 27 tension filled years, Carver like other members of the Forty-One For Freedom, silently and invisibly roved the seas as a mighty deterrent against aggression. Today's ceremony is not the final call of Carver's journey. The spirit of the mighty submarine will live on in the hearts of all those who served aboard her and the hearts of freedom loving people around the world.

Frank B. Kelso II

Admiral, U.S. Navy

George Washington Carver was decommissioned on 18 March 1993 at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington, where she was disposed of through the Ship and Submarine Recycling Program on 12 March 1994.