

COLUMBUS BASE SUBMARINE VETERANS

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The Green Board



ALL SEAS ARE NAVIGABLE



I WANT YOU

Election for Base Officers
Is Coming Soon.

The nominating committee is
Looking for a few good
Men to run for office.

The positions open this year are
Base Commander
Vice Commander
Secretary
And
Treasurer.

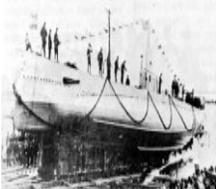
If you are interested or you know
Someone who is and have their
Permission to nominate them
Please contact one of the
Nominating committee.

They are:

Bill Anderson
Bob McDaniel
And
Marv Pastor.



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



We will miss our shipmate LCDR Phil Philipps. He was honored during his funeral service in Granville and received full military honors at the gravesite. Thanks to Dave & Jan Creekmore for taking meals to the family and providing transportation. Also thanks to the submarine veterans attending the service. Clutch Koogler, as always, did a great job sharing submarine thoughts during the service. Sam Eddy, Peoria Base Chaplain, officiated and shared a good message and some interesting stories about Phil. You can view a video tribute to Phil for the next 30 days at <http://videos.lifetributes.com/423168>. Sailor - rest your oar.

Now is the time to provide officer nominations to the Officer Nominating Committee. Bill Anderson is chairman and Marv Pastor and Bob McDaniel are also serving. Nominations are due by October 15th. Give your nomination to one of these shipmates. You can nominate yourself! If you have any questions about requirements of a job, just ask.

We had a good turnout at the August 24th Highway Cleanup. We have one more cleanup this year scheduled for October 12th. Columbus Base is receiving a "gold star" award from ODOT for five years of highway cleanup service. A new sign will be installed at Mile Marker 1.

Welcome to Geoff Durbin, MMC (SS) our newest shipmate. He qualified on USS Seahorse (SSN-669) in 1981. He has donated a new "100 year submarine anniversary" flag for our parade boat. You can see a picture of Geoff and the flag at <http://www.columbusbase.com/>.

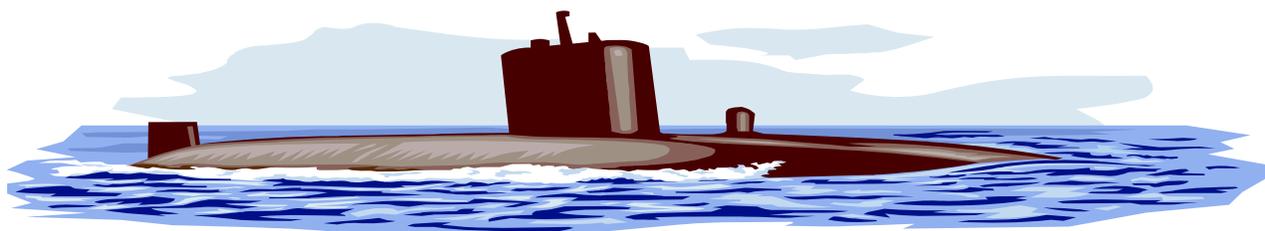
I am emailing central Ohio job opportunities I receive to those that have requested them. If you would like to be included in this list, let me know.

Yes, it is time to start collecting 2014 dues between now and the end of the year. Unless you are a lifetime member, you can give your \$30 annual dues to Dave Creekmore.

During the July meeting, it was decided to have a "Silent Auction" during our Christmas Dinner. Now is a good time to start "cleaning out the basement" and finding things to put in the auction. One of the highlights of the dinner is watching Frank Lloyd handle the auction.

Activities

- October 5 Columbus Base Monthly Meeting at the American Legion Leasure-Blackston Post 239, 700 Morning Street, Worthington, OH 43085.
1200 social & sea story hour, 1300 meeting
- October 12 Highway Cleanup
- November 1 Move Honor Flight Wheel Chairs
- November 2 Base Meeting
- November 8 Columbus Veterans Day Parade – noon step off
- November 10 Logan Veterans Day Parade



Virginia-Class Sub Minnesota Joins Fleet During Ceremony

Associated Press, Sep 8

The USS Minnesota joined the Navy's fleet of attack submarines on Saturday during a ceremony at Naval Station Norfolk.

The Minnesota is the 10th Virginia class submarine, which was specifically designed for the post-Cold War era.

The 377-foot long ship is capable of submerged speeds of more than 29 mph and can stay submerged for up to three months at a time. Virginia class submarines like the Minnesota are especially maneuverable in shallow waters, and were designed with plenty of room for special forces and their equipment to come aboard.

Like other classes of attack submarines, the Minnesota is designed to fight enemy submarines and surface ships and can also fire Tomahawk cruise missiles at targets on shore.

The U.S. is building two Virginia-class submarines a year, at a cost of about \$2.6 billion each. So far, those submarines have been delivered ahead of schedule.

The Minnesota was delivered to the Navy in June, 11 months earlier than the original contract called for.

The ship will spend several months in Norfolk before moving to its designated home port of Groton, Conn.

The submarine is the third Navy ship to bear the name Minnesota, with the first being a steam frigate during the Civil War and the second a battleship that part of the 'Great White Fleet' President Theodore Roosevelt ordered to sail around the world.

Memorabilia from the first two Minnesota ships was on display at Saturday's commissioning.

In the current issue of the *American Submariner*, there is an article about the Columbus Base and the Kap(SS) 4 Kids(SS) Program. Look for the article on Page 12 of the magazine.

Be sure to check out the Photo Gallery on the Base website for more photos from the Base meeting on September 7th, the USS Cincinnati coming to the city of Cincinnati and the last highway cleanup on August 24th.



Photo above is Geoff Durbin with the 100 year anniversary flag that he donated to the Base museum.

Sub Sense

Michael Fabey, NavWeek, Sep 6

It's becoming increasingly clear the U.S. Navy is serious about saving as much money as it can in designing and building its Ohio-class ballistic submarine (SSBN) replacement fleet. As service officials realize, successfully navigating this program will depend a lot on dollars and cents – as well as common sense.

The Navy has even developed some unique contracting procedures to help keep the program financially stable.

Rear Adm. David Johnson, the Navy program executive officer for submarines, has underscored the importance of controlling costs, even at the earliest stages of program development, and remarks he made earlier this year are included in the recent Naval Submarine League Submarine Review.

His comments are worth repeating.

“As we move through the Technology Development Phase we are looking at ways to control costs,” he says. “While this part of the program accounts for only about 6% of the Ohio Replacement’s total program costs, it can have lasting effects on the ship’s total cost. Investing now will allow us to save over the life of the program. So, for this 6% investment, we will design an SSBN with SSN (attack sub)-like stealth at SSBN speeds, produceability and affordability, [restart] the missile tube industrial base, [establish] three major test facilities, and [build] a class that provides 124 strategic deterrence patrols [on] an SSBN operational cycle with SSN technology.”

He goes on to say, “The research and development contract we signed last December is truly a unique agreement in that we are incentivizing General Dynamics Electric Boat, which is the prime on the contract, to lower costs across all three phases of the Ohio Replacement—design, construction, and operations and sustainment. Whereas the Virginia-class (SSN) conducted successful acquisition and life cycle cost reductions during production, the Ohio Replacement is baking this into the program from the very beginning. This will maximize our savings while also ensuring that the boat we design and deliver has the requisite capabilities to successfully operate into the 2080s.”

The contract, and really the program as a whole, he says, is “embracing” the Pentagon’s Better Buying Power initiatives by targeting affordability and reducing cost growth.

“This is a unique research and development contract in that it purchases both level of effort and specific deliverables in a cost-plus fixed-fee incentivized contract,” he contends. “This is the first time that I can remember a research and design contract being incentivized to reduce total program costs starting with the non-recurring engineering work, to construction, and operating and support. By starting to look at how to make the Ohio replacement as affordable as possible now, we have the ability to really reduce the program’s entire life-cycle cost.”

Today In Undersea Warfare History: September 11th

1944: [USS Finback \(SS-230\)](#): Finback sank 2 small freighters.

1982: [USS Michigan \(SSBN-727\)](#): Commissioned with CAPT. Wayne E. Rickman commanding the Blue crew and CAPT. F. M. Conway, III, commanding the Gold crew.

Scott Cassell Builds Submarine Out of Spare Parts

Inquisitr.com, Sep 10

What do counter-terrorism operatives do in their spare time? If we're talking about Scott Cassell he builds submarines out of spare and recycled parts.

The US explorer recently completed construction of a 1.5 ton vessel he named The Great White.

The submarine launched off the coast of Tioman Island in Malaysia and can reach depths up to 500 feet.

Scott Cassell spent years building the submarine with help from his close friend and engineer Scott Read.

The homemade recycled parts submarine features three external cameras and offers 72-hour life-support while running solely on electricity.

Scott decided to make the submarine mostly out of spare parts after he discovered a rusting Kittedge K-250 submersible discarded in a California back garden in 2007.

The recycled submarine isn't just a passion project, it is being used to teach people the values of protecting the ocean through Cassell's company Undersea Voyage Project.

So how much does it cost to build a submarine out of mostly recycled parts? Scott spent about \$45,000.

The submarine is 14.2 feet long and passed its maiden voyage with no problems.

So what's next for Scott Cassell? He plans to raise more awareness about the coral triangle which encapsulates waters in Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste.

Scott is worried about over-fishing and great white shark hunting in the area and hopes to draw more awareness to the plight of coral reefs.

007 'Submarine Car' Used In 'The Spy Who Loved Me' Sells For \$865,000

At Auction

Associated Press, Sep 9

LONDON — A car that transformed into a submarine in the James Bond movie "The Spy Who Loved Me" has been sold at a London auction for 550,000 pounds (\$865,000).

The distinctively-shaped white Lotus Esprit, designed for an underwater scene in the 1977 film starring Roger Moore, was sold at RM Auctions on Monday.

The sale price was below the auction house's initial estimate price of 650,000 to 950,000 pounds — perhaps because the vehicle cannot be driven on the road, although it is said to be a fully operational submarine.

In the film, Moore and Bond girl Barbara Bach escape a helicopter attack by driving the Esprit off a pier into the sea.



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES

September 7, 2013

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 lost boats of September was performed by Marv Pastor and Walt Fleak. There were 19 members and guests present. The BC welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Report – The August meeting minutes were published in the *Green Board*. Bob received thank you card from Travis Williams for Jim and Bob presenting him the Admiral Flukey Eagle Scout Award.

Treasurer's Report- Dave Creekmore gave a report on the state of the Base's Treasury.

Webmaster's Report – Cliff is in Denver, Colorado at a get together of the form USS Grayling crew. Denver Smith is an honored member at this event. Cliff toured the USS Columbus while on vacation in Pearl Harbor.

Chaplain's Report- Sick Bay report –Sharon reported she sent a sympathy card to the family of Phil Philipps.

Membership Report/Introductions – BC introduced new member Geoff Durban, MMC, Qualified in 1981 on USS Seahorse. He found us via Marv Pastor when Marv was delivering coffee at the VA. The BC had members present introduce themselves with a brief bio of their sub career.

Committee Reports-

- Activities –
- October 5th is next monthly meeting.
- Bill Anderson reported the next Highway cleanup will be October 12th. This will be final cleanup of the year. Meet at 0830 at the Don Gentile American Legion Post #532 1571 Demorest Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228. Dave Creekmore reported the base is now a gold star recipient for 5 years of highway cleanup.

Unfinished Business –none

New Business -none

For the Good of the Order –

Officer Nomination Committee- Marv Pastor, Bob McDaniel, and Bill Anderson, committee chairman.

- Nominations close October 15th.
- Election will be by email. A paper ballot will be sent if needed.
- Ballots must be returned to committee by November 22nd.
- Nominations from the floor can be made with nominee's permission. Bill Anderson said also anyone can volunteer to put their name on the ballot. He said he would like to see at least two candidates for each office.

USSVI convention report/discussion – Galin Brady and Bob Frier. Galin wasn't back yet and Bob said he didn't bring his notes. Bob did discuss a few highlights.

BC said Wayne Standerfer, Central Region Director, will be running for National Commander.

We discussed dates and timing for Holland Club induction and awards ceremony.

BC reminded everyone about Christmas dinner and the silent auction – clean out some of your treasures.

February 1, 2014 base meeting will have a speaker from the Ohio Department of Insurance for information on Medicare/Tricare call center for help with issues, and a question and answer time.

Open discussion from floor- BC awarded Bill Anderson a Bravo Zulu award for his work on Highway cleanup and Kap(SS)4Kid(SS). Mike Thurston reported on the arrival ceremony on the sail, planes, and rudder of the USS Cincinnati in Cincinnati. Dave Creekmore reported we have been invited back to the Gahanna Parade of Lights on November 29th. He will get the application and start the paper work process. Discussed a desire to make the effort to visit some of our most senior members.

50/50

Don Crinkey won \$40

Dave O'Carroll won a Victory at Sea DVD

Mike Thurston won an apple pie (still warm!)

Geoff Durbin won two loaves of homemade Amish bread and sub novel

Marv Pastor won a loaf of homemade Amish bread

Jim Koogler won a loaf of homemade Amish bread

Bob McDaniel won a Navy pen

Walt Fleak won a Navy Reserve hat

Bill Dumbauld won a Navy Reserve hat

BC reminded everyone to help clean up the room. The next meeting on 10/5 at the VFW Post 4931 with social hour at 1200 and meeting at 1300

Benediction was performed by Sharon Lloyd. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Bob McDaniel

Base Secretary



The photo at left is Marv Pastor and Bill Meyer with Mike Estep CE2 (SCW) Who is a SeaBee working as a recruiter.

Adopt a Highway Clean Up - August 24th

The picture below right is the group ready to depart. NJROTC members and Columbus Base members.





October Birthdays

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



The Conn

Base commander

Jim Tolson

Vice Commander

Tim Barker

Treasurer

Dave Creekmore

Secretary

Bob McDaniel

Chaplain

Sharon Lloyd / Walt Fleak

COB

Marv Pastor

Membership Chairman

Jim Tolson

Storekeeper

Frank Lloyd

Web Master

Cliff Dodson

Editor

Jan Creekmore

Activates Chairmen

Remember to bring your donations of coffee, tea and / or hot cocoa to the monthly base meeting. Your donations are very much appreciated by the veterans at the Chalmers P. Wylie Veterans Clinic



Editor's Note

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

Jan Creekmore at e-mail creek636@columbus.rr.com

USS Cincinnati docks at Cincinnati Ohio



On hand for the arrival of the USS Cincinnati are from left to right: James Williams, Tim Barker, Mike Thurston and Wade Kiger.



The fairwater planes from the USS Cincinnati



The conning tower from the USS Cincinnati

Upcoming Events

October 5th	1200	Regular monthly base meeting.
October 12th	0900	Last Highway cleanup for the year. Meet at the Don Gentile Post
November 1st	0900	Move Honor Flight wheelchairs to storage
November 2nd	1200	Regular monthly base meeting
November 8th	1200	Columbus Veterans Day Parade - step off is at noon
November 10th	????	Logan Veterans Day Parade



Holland Club Members



Al Albergottie: 1960 USS Blenny SS-324
 John Alexander: 1945, USS Haddock SS-231
 Galin Brady: 1962, USS Swordfish SSN-579
 "Red Downard: 1960, USS Cutlass SS-478
 Bill Dumbauld: 1957, USS Caiman SS-323
 Ed Ellsworth (EP): 1944, USS Blackfin SS-322
 Dick Estell (EP): 1944, USS Scabbardfish SS-397
 Russ Ferguson: 1946, USS Haddo SS-255
 Bob Frier: 1960, USS Menhaden SS-377
 Ben Grimes (EP): 1944, USS Raton SS-270
 "Gus" Hoehl (EP): 1944, USS Flounder SS-251
 Bill Holly (EP): 1957, USS Ray SSR-271
 Gene Horton (EP): 1951, USS Chivo SS-341
 Bernie Kenyon: 1954, USS Hardhead SS-365
 John Leers: 1954, USS Sea Owl SS-405
 "Butch" Leffin: 1957, USS Hardhead SS-365
 Chuck Martin: 1956, USS Pomfret SS-391
 Lee Mather: 1954, USS Crevalle SS-291
 Bill McCorkle: 1956, USS Dogfish SS-350
 Randy McWilliams: 1963, USS Tiru SS-416
 Bill Meyer: 1963, USS Tigrone SS-419
 "Doc" Morin: 1957, USS Raton SSR-270

Jim Morton (EP): 1963, USS Baya SS-318
 Joe Murphy (EP): 1947, USS Bugara SS-331
 Angelo Naso: 1963, USS Bluegill SS-242
 Marvin Pastor: 1955, USS Razorback SS-394
 Clem O'Brien: 1944, USS Albacore SS-218
 Dave O'Carroll: 1957, USS Salmon SSR-573
 John Palmer: 1951, USS Guavina SSO-362
 John Pendleton: 1954, USS Toto SS-422
 Phil Philipps (EP): 1949, USS Segundo SS-398
 Bruce Rinehart: 1963, USS Tigrone SS-419
 Ron Rossington: 1954, USS Conger SS-477
 "CO" Smith (EP): 1944, USS Nautilus SS-168
 Denver Smith: 1943, USS Grayling SS-209
 Ken Strahm: 1960, USS Bream SS-243
 Sam Templeton: 1956, USS Trutta SS-42
 George Trace: 1951, USS Caiman SS-323
 Lynn Trump: 1960, USS Sea Cat SS-399
 Ron Waldron: 1953, USS Charr SS-328
 Robert Wells: 1947, USS Capitaine SS-336
 John Woodmansee: 1956, USS Hardhead SS-365

Eternal Patrol

Phil "Bucky" Philipps

August 9, 1929—August 29, 2013

The photo at the right is at the cemetery where Phil is buried. The Thomas Philipps on the plaque is Phil's relative.

Sailor, rest your oar.

