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ALL SEAS ARE NAVIGABLE



Veteran's Day Parade



Columbus And Logan 2014





Tolling of the Boats



USS Corvina (SS-226) Lost with all hands (82 men) on 16 November 1943 during a Japanese submarine attack off Turk.



USS Sculpin (SS-191) Lost with 40 men on 19 November 1943 when it was sunk by a Japanese surface craft north of Groluk Island near Truk. Forty-two men were taken prisoner but only twenty-one men survived the war.



USS Albacore (SS-218) Lost with all hands (86 men) by possible Japanese mine on 7 November 1944 between Honshu and Hokkaido, Japan.



USS Growler (SS-215) Lost with all hands (85 men) on 8 November 1944 by a possible Japanese surface attack in the South China Sea.



USS Scamp (SS-277) Lost with all hands (83 men) probably on 16 November 1944 from progressive damage in multiple air and sea attacks east of Tokyo Bay.

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.”

Virginia subs to get berthing changes for female crew

By David Larter of the Navy Times



BERTHING ABOARD VIRGINIA-CLASS ATTACK SUBMARINES WILL BE RECONFIGURED TO ACCOMMODATE FEMALE SAILORS, AN OFFICIAL SAID THURSDAY. HERE, ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN 1ST CLASS KEVIN WATSON CONDUCTS A ROVING SECURITY CHECK ABOARD THE ATTACK SUB NORTH CAROLINA, ONE OF THE IN-SERVICE SUBS TO BE RETROFITTED. (MC3 LIAM KENNEDY/U.S. NAVY)

Sub designers are puzzling out how to fit enlisted women into the berthings on the Virginia-class attack submarines already in the force.

“Right now we are doing the work to do the design changes for the in-service Virginias,” said Rear Adm. David Johnson, the program executive officer for submarines, in a Thursday speech. “Frankly the tough part is to integrate the enlisted berthing and the chief’s quarters. The officers are fairly easy to adapt to, but the enlisted berthing and the chief’s quarters you have to do a little bit of work on the ships and we’re trying to do that as affordably and non-disruptively as possible,” Johnson said.

Johnson, speaking at the Naval Submarine League’s annual conference in Fairfax, Virginia, said that getting mixed-gender crews on as many subs as possible was a priority. The sub force [began its integration](#) in late 2011 with the arrival of female officers — roughly 50 of them now serve aboard [14 boomer crews](#) — and officials are now moving towards the next steps of integrating attack boats and enlisted crews.

“We are looking forward to mixed-gender officer, chief petty officers and enlisted on our submarines going forward,” Johnson said. “It’s a must, it’s the right decision and we’re moving forward.”

A task force led by the recently disbanded Submarine Group 2 recommended that enlisted women and chief petty officers begin serving on attack boats as the Block IV Virginia-class subs begin fleet service around 2020; these vessels are being designed with fully integrated crews in mind.

Rear Adm. Phillip Sawyer, head of Submarine Force Pacific, said retooling the current Virginias would not move up the timeline for getting women into attack boat crews.

The first Virginia-class attack subs to be integrated are the Virginia and Minnesota, which are slated to receive female officers in early 2015. Enlisted women will begin serving on the Ohio-class boomers as soon as 2016.

Submitted by Bob Frier

U.S. Navy Impressed with New Russian Attack Boat

BY: [DAVE MAJUMDAR](#) (USNI NEWS)



One of the U.S. Navy's top submarine officers was so impressed with Russia's new Project 885 nuclear attack boats that he had a model of K-329 *Severodvinsk* built for his office.

Rear Adm. Dave Johnson, Naval Sea Systems Command's (NAVSEA) program executive officer (PEO) submarines said he had the model of *Severodvinsk* placed outside his office in a common area so that he could look at it every day on his way to his office.

"We'll be facing tough potential opponents. One only has to look at the *Severodvinsk*, Russia's version of a [nuclear guided missile submarine] (SSGN). I am so impressed with this ship that I had Carderock build a model from unclassified data." Johnson said last week during the Naval Submarine League's symposium in Falls Church, Va.

"The rest of the world's undersea capability never stands still."

The Russian attack boat had been in construction since 1993 and only entered sea trials late in 2011. The boat finally became operational earlier this year. A cash-strapped Russian Federation had to repeatedly delay completion of the submarine in the chaos that followed the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Severodvinsk is the most capable Russian attack submarine ever built and leverages many of the technologies the Soviet Union invested in during the 1970s and 1980s.

The 13,800-ton, 390-foot long, submarine is highly automated vessel with a crew of only 32 officers and 58 enlisted submariners.

It is far quieter than previous Russian submarines and has a maximum "silent" speed of about 20 knots.

The U.S. Naval Institute's Combat Fleets of the World said some reports suggest the vessel might have a maximum speed of between 35 and 40 knots. However, most Russian reports state a maximum speed of 35 knots. Like most new nuclear submarine designs, *Severodvinsk's* reactor is designed to last for the life of the boat.

According the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), while the new Russian submarine is quieter than the Improved Los Angeles-class boats, the new vessel is not quite as silent as the *Sea-wolf* or *Virginia*-class. However, the Soviets were always only lagging slightly behind U.S. in quieting technology according to Navy sources. The Russians are already building improved versions of the *Yasen* design.



Unlike most Soviet submarine designs, the Yasen-class boats do not make use of a double-hull—instead it has hybrid design with a lighter structure over the vessel's pressure hull according to Russia media reports.

Another unique feature for a Russian vessel is that it incorporates a spherical bow sonar called the Irtysh-Amfora for the first time. As a result, *Severodvinsk* has its torpedo tubes located at about mid-ship like U.S. submarines. The vessel has eight torpedo tubes, four of which are 650mm tubes while the rest are 533mm tubes. Combat Fleets of the World estimates that the

Model of Russian submarine Severodvinsk built for NAVSEA.

US Naval Institute Photo

Yasen-class might carry as many as 30 torpedoes.

Like most Russian attack submarines, the vessel's primary weapons are in the form of heavy anti-ship missiles. The boat has 24 missile tubes which can carry the supersonic NPO Mashinostroyeniya P-800 Oniks anti-ship missile which can hit targets roughly 200 nautical miles away. *Severodvinsk* can also carry Novator RK-55 Granat nuclear-capable 1,600 nautical mile-range subsonic land attack cruise missiles. Additionally, the Yasen-class boats can also launch the 3M14 Kalibr and 3M54 Biryuzha land attack and anti-ship missiles, which have a roughly 300-mile range, though its torpedo tubes.

It also carries 91R anti-submarine missiles and has the capability to lay mines along with its normal complement of torpedoes.

Some Russian sources such as Russia Beyond the Headlines suggest that *Severodvinsk* is equipped with active anti-torpedo defenses and some sort of anti-air capability. The later would not be unprecedented, the Project 941 Akula—known better as the Typhoon-class ballistic missile submarine—was equipped with a 9K38 Iglu surface-to-air missile system for ship self-defense.

Russia is expected to build eight Yasen-class boats. Since *Severodvinsk* took almost two decades to finish, the subsequent boats have many technological refinements to improve on the original Project 885 design. The next two Yasen-class boats are already under construction at the Sevmash shipyards in Severodvinsk, Russia. *Kazan* was laid down in July of 2009 while *Novosibirsk* was laid down July of 2013.

Submitted by Mike Milenovic



Infographic of Project 885 submarine via RIA Novosti



Call to Order:

1300 – Base Commander, Jim Tolson called the meeting to order. Galin Brady acting, COB led us in the salute to the flag. Co-Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the invocation. Tolling of the lost boats was conducted by Co-Chaplain, Sharon Lloyd and acting COB, Galin Brady. Welcome to all by Base Commander, Jim Tolson. There were 22 members and guests present.

Secretary's Report:

Octobers report is in the Green Board and corrections were submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim Koogler reported on the status of the Treasury through the end of October 2014.

Webmaster's Report:

Cliff Dodson reported no known issues with the website.

Chaplain's Report:

Sharon Lloyd reported that she talked with Bruce Rinehart after completing one round of chemo doing okay and wife who has Alzheimer. Jim Koogler also reported that he had a chance encounter with John and Marilyn Alexander at Der Dutchman. John is well and plans to attend a meeting.

Membership Report/Introductions:

Commander Jim Tolson recognized our guest:

- Ben Williams, MM2 (SS) who qualified on the USS John Adams (SSBN 620) Ben was in attendance and we made introductions of our submarine life, followed by Ben's submarine experience.

Still tracking,

- Mike Milenovic who has joined the base as of 1 October qualified in 1987 onboard USS Simon Bolivar (SSBN 641), FTB2
- Received email from Jim Killen was a plank owner aboard the USS James Madison (SSBN 627) ETR2 (SS), Baltimore Ohio.

Committee Reports:

- November 1 – 4 to 7 PM Honor Flight Columbus Seventh Annual Reunion
Grace Polaris Church, 6675 Worthington Galena Rd, Worthington 43085
- November 7 – Columbus Veterans Day Parade, noon step off, Galin pulling submarine, Bruce Sanderson will be participating. Lunch at Spaghetti Warehouse following the parade with Bruce and family.
- November 9 – 3 PM Logan Veterans Day Parade, Galin pulling submarine, lunch for participants following the parade.
- November 23- (Sunday evening) Gahanna Parade of Lights, color guard Sea Cadets will be with us. Joe Murphy's son will be the grand marshal of the parade.
- December 6 – Christmas Dinner, Hilliard VFW, collecting of toys for firefighters will be collected. Dinners \$22 per person a menu selection will be available. Submit checks to Jim Koogler

- Jim Koogler is selling raffle tickets for the OSU/Indiana football game on November 22, 2014. The raffle is conducted by the Central Crossing NJROTC to raise funds for their Pearl Harbor Day participation.

Unfinished Business:

2015 Membership renewal for those non-Life Members. \$30 check for USSVI and Base to Jim Koogler. Dues for the base only is \$10 also to Jim Koogler.

For the good of the Order:

- Shipmate of the year nominations are due to Jim Koogler or Jim Tolson by November 7.
- Received email from Bruce Sanderson confirming his participation in the Columbus Veterans Parade. Planning lunch following the parade at the Spaghetti Warehouse.
- Honor Flight will be storing the wheel chairs at the airport.
- 2014 convention wine glasses are available for order through November 7.
- Storekeeper Frank Lloyd had numerous hats, calendars and patches for sale.
- 50/50 drawing winner Jim Koogler
 - Woody Cook – Thermal Bag
 - Frank Lloyd – Honey Wine
 - Charles Sabino – DVD Victory at Sea
 - Sharon Lloyd – Halloween Candy
 - Bill McCorkle – Loaf of Bread
 - Tim Barker – Loaf of Bread
 - Scott Steele – Loaf of Bread
 - Walt Fleak – Stickers
 - Bill Anderson – Blitz Obstacle game

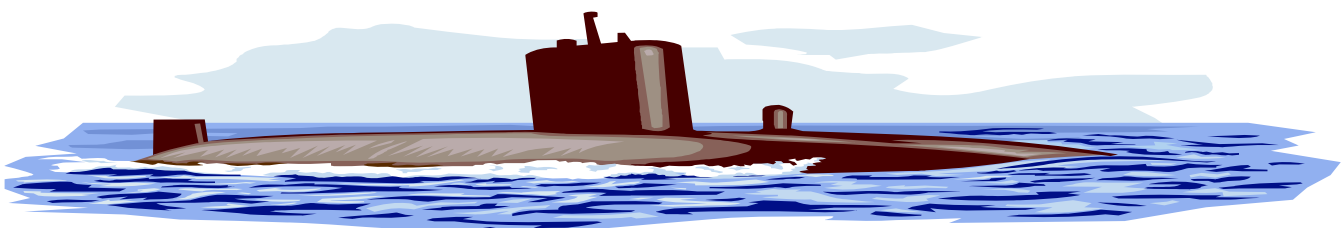
Announcement of the next meeting:

Next Columbus Base meeting

December 6, 2014
 1700 Social Hour
 1800 Dinner Meeting
 \$22 per person to Jim Koogler
 VFW 4931
 2436 Walcutt Road
 Columbus, OH 43228
 Fire for Firefighters for Kids Toy donations will be collected.

Closing prayer (Benediction) was given by Co-Chaplain, Walt Fleak.

Adjournment of meeting – Vice Commander, Tim Barker



USS Columbus Welcomes Air Force Civic Leaders

Submarine Force Pacific Fleet Public Affairs, Nov. 8

PEARL HARBOR (NNS) -- The crew of the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Columbus (SSN 762) recently welcomed members of the Air Force Civic Leader Program as they toured the submarine at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Oct. 16.

The group, comprised of approximately 30 civilian community leaders from across the United States, serves as a volunteer advisory panel to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. Mark Welsh III. The group's purpose in Hawaii is to learn more about the Pacific Rebalance, experiencing a firsthand look at multiple service operations in the Pacific.

The group was escorted by the vice commander of Pacific Air Forces, Maj. Gen. Paul McGillicuddy, and his wife MaryJo, and Brig. Gen. Kathleen Cook, director of Air Force Public Affairs.

"Today is a wonderful day to showcase USS Columbus," said Columbus' Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Albert Alarcon upon greeting the advisory group. "It's essential for leaders to gain perspective of what the submarine force is capable of accomplishing, and most importantly to showcase the talent and capability of the young men that proudly comprise Columbus' crew. My intentions are to showcase that very talent as you tour the ship today."

During the tour, Sailors talked about their spaces, their responsibilities, and duties aboard the submarine. The guests had the opportunity to see and hear about daily operations on the submarine including the control room, the torpedo room, and galley.

For Caleb Chandler, a civic leader from New Mexico, this was his first chance to meet with Sailors on an active submarine.

"It's been great; very informative," said Chandler. "We've learned some things you wouldn't really think about until you hear Sailors say, 'this is how we do this.' We really appreciate this visit."

Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Jacob Bierman from Columbus' weapons department was enthusiastic in explaining his role on board to the guests.

"The crowd seemed genuinely interested in the information that I presented to them," said Bierman, from Grand Haven, Michigan. "It's cool to see their reactions to what kind of information that we were telling them, and they were very appreciative."

The senior uniformed Air Force officials were equally impressed.

"It is an amazing tour," said Maj. Gen. McGillicuddy. "Seeing the Sailors and what they do, and how proud they are of what they are doing; it's just amazing how across all the services we have great Americans signing up to do these jobs. It is great Americans doing great things for the country; I couldn't be more proud of what we are seeing here today."

The strategic impact that submarines and their crews play to the security of the nation was also noted by Brig. Gen. Cook.

"In this area of responsibility, it is extremely important that you are great at what you do; and it is clear to me after this visit that every one of those Sailors is impressive," said Cook. "It is very comforting to know that with a significant mission like this, you have Sailors out there that absolutely know what they are doing."

Cook said she is amazed at how young many Sailors are, entrusted with one of the nation's greatest assets.

"These Sailors are younger than my children!" added Cook. "But their professionalism and the manner in which they explain their equipment - it all comes across in what they do."

Kay Yeager, a civic leader from Wichita Falls, Texas, said she appreciated getting to see other military branches, and the chance to get a glimpse of what submariners do.

"This gives me a great sense of admiration for the men and women who do this," said Yeager. "They have the stamina to stay under the water as long as they do without seeing daylight."

After taking some final questions from the tour group, Alarcon concluded with remarks about the lifeblood of the ship.

"Columbus has a strong reputation for operational success and it comes down to the great effort that our crew exerts every day," said Alarcon. "The lasting impression that I want to leave with you leaders today, is how great my crew is; the men that I am so proud of every day."

USS Columbus is the 51st Los Angeles-class submarine and the 12th improved version of this class, which includes a vertical launch system for Tomahawk cruise missiles and an improved hull design for under-ice operations. She completed a post-shipyard maintenance availability period in June 1994 in Groton, Connecticut, after initial construction and shakedown operations. In September 1994, USS Columbus conducted an inter-fleet transfer to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and joined the U.S. Pacific Fleet Submarine Force.



Upcoming Events

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| Nov. 23rd | 1800 | Gahanna Holiday Lights Parade, color guard with the Sea Cadets |
| Dec. 6th | 1700 | Christmas Dinner / Awards banquet with toy collection
Fire Fighters for Kids Toy drive |



December Birthdays

Randy McWilliams	12-02
Gene Lee	12-05
Robert Althoff	12-12
Mike Petsch	12-18
Bill Dumbauld	12-30



The Conn

Base commander

Jim Tolson

Vice Commander

Tim Barker

Treasurer

Jim Koogler

Secretary

Woody Cook

Chaplain

Sharon Lloyd / Walt Fleak

COB

Dave Creekmore

Membership Chairman

Jim Tolson

Storekeeper

Frank Lloyd

Web Master

Cliff Dodson

Editor

Jan Creekmore

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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.

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Holland Club



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: (EP) 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 (EP): 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

