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Newsletter

The latest news and updates from the club

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Year in Review + A Look Ahead

Happy New Year fellow supporters of the USS NEBRASKA (SSBN 739)! 2022 was a busy year for the BIG RED with 242 days sailing silently under the waters of the Pacific executing our nation's #1 mission - Strategic Deterrence. NEBRASKA is 1 of 14 ballistic missile submarines in the US fleet. Ballistic missile submarines are the most survivable leg of our country's nuclear triad and carry about 70% of the nation's accountable nuclear warheads.

Over the last year we've all witnessed significant changes in the world as Russia invaded Ukraine and China continues to build one of the largest naval fleets in the world. We face a world of rising nationalism, a growing rivalry with China, Russia, and other authoritarian states. However, our Undersea Force is the most lethal and capable in the world. Our ballistic missile submarines provide an assured response to any strategic nuclear attack on the United States. If you are interested in reading an interesting article on recent ballistic missile submarine activity, we recommend that you read an article titled "Submarines and Nuclear Umbrellas" on the internet.

NEBRASKA BLUE started out the year finishing a strategic deterrent patrol, returning to homeport, and turning the ship over to the GOLD crew. NEBRASKA GOLD had an eventful year with a patrol at the beginning of the year, finishing in the spring, and turning the ship over to the BLUE crew. NEBRASKA BLUE was underway the ENTIRE summer (very disappointing for the California Kid as its Commanding Officer), but took advantage of some opportunities to enjoy the Hawaii sun. We got the rare chance to train the up and coming COs/XOs during Submarine Command Course operations and ended the underway with a swim call and some fun in the sun. The BLUE crew returned in the fall and turned the ship over back to the GOLD crew. NEBRASKA GOLD embarked on another patrol scheduled to span Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. We made the most of the holidays while underway in NEBRASKA thinking about our loved ones back home. On Christmas Eve, Santa was able to climb down the Snorkel Mast and bring something special for the crew - Hot Wheels cars to race down the Missile Compartment and holiday muddy buddies! The Culinary Specialists went above and beyond with a special meal including prime rib and cheesecake. Our Family Readiness Group sent us little stockings stuffed with treats, gingerbread houses, Christmas trees, and crafts. We are so fortunate to have such supportive families!!!

Additionally, we enjoyed amazing hospitality from our supporters in the great state of Nebraska with a trip for our Sailors in June and September, which included rodeos, a College World Series, and a University of Nebraska football game! Everybody was amazed at how welcoming the fine people of Nebraska were. We can confidently say we have the best support of any ship in the fleet from our home state!!!



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GO BIG RED!!!
Take Care,
David Crescitelli and Josh Corbin



2023 marks the 30th Anniversary of the USS NEBRASKA and Big Red Sub Club.

We have had many great memories throughout the last 30 years.

Check out some of these moments below! We can't wait for the future!



HUSKER FOOTBALL Cheer Leaders. USS NEBRASKA & USS OMAHA Crews.



Nebraska Land Days Buffalo Bill Rodeo. With the Rodeo Queen



Kicking off the Rodeo



Crew enjoys time at the Lewis and Clark Visitors Center, Lisa Rosken's Stables with Mr Manheim Steamrollers-Chip Davis



Sharing time at Lake Manawa Sailing Club with CDR STRATCOM ADM Richard and with UNL President Ted Carter

USS Nebraska (SSBN 739)



USS NEBRASKA is the 14th ship in the OHIO class and the third U.S. Naval ship to be named in honor of the 37th state of the Union.

General Characteristics:
 Keel Laid: May 26, 1987
 Launched: August 15, 1992
 Commissioned: July 10, 1993
 Builder: General Dynamics Electric Boat Division, Groton, Conn.
 Propulsion system: one nuclear reactor
 Propellers: one
 Length: 360 feet (111 meters)
 Beam: 42 feet (12.8 meters)
 Draft: 36.5 feet (11.1 meters)
 Displacement: Surfaced: approx. 18,765 tons Submerged: approx. 18,750 tons
 Speed: 20+ knots
 Armament: 24 tubes for Trident I and II, M48 torpedoes, four torpedo tubes
 Homeport: Groton, CT
 Crew: 17 Officers, 15 Chief Petty Officers and 122 Enlisted (2 crews)



With State Senator Robert Clements in Nebraska City of Apple Fest Festival fame.



Visiting on board the USS HAZARD along with USS OMAHA crew.

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Dear Big Red Sub Club Members,

2023 is the Thirtieth Anniversary of the USS NEBRASKA and the Big Red Sub Club

The BIG RED SUB CLUB relies on member support to fund the visits we sponsor for the crews of the USS NEBRASKA SSBN 739. The U.S. Government provides no financial support.

Our cost for these visits has averaged approximately \$12,000 annually. Unfortunately, contributions to BRSC have dropped dramatically in the past year, while costs have increased for air fare, lodging and rental van usage. Member dues and other donations totaled more than \$14,000 in 2021, but less than \$4,000 in 2022.

Annually, the BRSC sponsors two honor crew visits to Nebraska for selected top enlisted crew members and officers. Until this past year, six crew members were hosted each visit. However, because of inadequate funds, that number has been reduced to four. Our current balance is less than \$6,000 – barely enough to cover the upcoming June visit.

Since 1993 activities have included attendance with recognitions at the College World Series, Nebraskaland Days, and UNL Football Games. The crew have also visited the Henry Doorly Zoo, the Strategic Air Command Museum, Boys & Girls Town, Nebraska City Apple Jack Festival and other local places of interest including businesses, farms, ranches, schools and civic clubs. They have had countless visits with local and state leaders including mayors, senators and the governor.

A reminder again, it's only with your support that BRSC can continue to support the USS NEBRASKA Crew visits to our Great State of Nebraska. Let us continue our mission going forward for many more years beyond the 30 we celebrate this year. Please take time to consider a generous contribution to the BIG RED SUB CLUB. A dues contribution form is enclosed for your convenience. Your support is vital to this cause. All contributions to the BIG RED SUB CLUB are tax deductible.

A HUGE thanks for your support in the past and hopefully your continued support for our cause going forward.

All the best,
Dale Andersen & Randy Boldt
Co-Chairs

HELP WANTED

TREASURER and SECRETARY

BE A CLUB OFFICER & BOARD MEMBER

CRITICAL & NEEDED NOW –Treasurer and Secretary positions.

The position of Treasurer requires someone with the capabilities, knowledge, and time to fulfill this position. Without a “qualified treasurer” we cannot perform.

Secretarial functions vary from a little to occasional crunch items as needed.

If interested or know of someone to recommend, contact one of us today.

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Ship Store

Welcome to the Big Red Sub Club's Ship Store. The items below are available for purchase.

To purchase an item, please fill out the order form below. Questions?

Email Store Manager, John Barnhart - john@barnhartpress.com



1. Heavy Duty Stone Coffee Mugs

Ship Logo on one side and BRSC on the other
\$12 each or 4 for \$40

2. Gray T-Shirt

Small emblem on right front chest and
Large logo on back
\$15 each

3. 20th Anniversary Challenge Coins

\$10 each

4. Ball Caps

Available with plain bill or gold detail
\$15 (Plain) or \$18 (Gold)

5. 20th Anniversary Playing Cards

Facts on the Back
\$10 per deck

6. Honorary Plank Owner Medallions

Clear Lucite Block with Ship's Crest on one side
and the Nebraska State Seal on the other side
\$15 each

ORDER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Item	Qty	Size	Cost
Mug		-	
T-Shirt			
Coin		-	
Plain Cap		-	
Gold Cap		-	
Cards		-	
Medallion		-	

Shipping

\$0 - \$25	\$6
\$25.01 - \$50	\$9
\$50.01 - \$80	\$12
\$80.01+	\$15

Cost of Order

Subtotal	
+ Shipping	
Total	

Mail Order to:

Big Red Sub Club
Attn: John Barnhart
11616 "I" St
Omaha, NE 68137

Please include check written to **Big Red Sub Club**
with appropriate shipping costs.

Donation Information

We are a recognized 501c (3) non-profit organization.

Donors can deduct contributions under IRC Section 170.

BIG RED SUB CLUB
EIN: 32-0578797



The Big Red Sub Club runs off of your generous donations and membership fees. The money goes towards bringing members of the USS Nebraska SSBN 739 home for one week, twice a year. Since 1993, the Big Red Sub Club has been able to bring 322 sailors home for over 46 visits. Please assist our mission by becoming or continuing as a Member {indicated below} of the Big Red Sub Club.

Please mark the desired member level and complete the information below. Send a check or money order to the Big Red Sub Club (address listed below)

Member Level	Annual Fee	Checkbox
Commodore	\$739.00	
Captain	\$173.90	
Commander	\$73.90	
Submariner	\$17.39	

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

These amounts reflect the Hull Number 739. Once you are a member, annual donations at a lower level will maintain your membership in good standing. Newsletters are sent to your e-mail address unless printed copy is desired.

Thank you for your Donation and Support!



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