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**Big Red Sub Club is on
the Web!**

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www.bigredsubclub.com**

**See our website for
meeting information.**

From the Chair

by Old Doc Boldt

As I sit here in my office on a cold, snowy February morning, warm and comfortable, I am trying to write something spiffy for our upcoming newsletter. The message should be happy because all I see out of the window is my forest covered in white with my squadron of birds and squirrels raiding the feeders. Instead, what constantly grips my mind is the word "turmoil".

We have vacant political leadership, flag rank moral and ethical decay in our Navy and military in general, not to mention world-wide terror crises around every nook and corner of the Earth. Wow! It just seems overwhelming and futile, and takes me back to the Viet Nam 60s. Then I think of our magnificent USS Nebraska and even though she is in re-fit, there comes a sense of calm and pride that sweeps around.

In the midst of all of daily ration of negativity are the stalwart officers and crew of our "wonder-sub". No loud chatter, no clamor for some fantasy overhaul of humanity, only stalwart dedication to duty. Our crew just focuses on upgrading the Big Red ship and preparing it for the next 20 years of deterrent service to this great country. Again, wow!

USS Nebraska Blue, Gold and Green, know that in the State of Nebraska there are nearly 2 million souls that never forget your sacrifice and quiet attention to our security. You are "flat-out" the best of the best and the true leaders of this great Nation.

Fair winds and well done.....



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Message from the Commanding Officer

USS NEBRASKA HAS A NEW TANK OF GAS

Greetings to the Big Red Sub Club,

I hope everyone's year is off to a great start. For us over here in the Pacific Northwest, the weather has been fair and life on Big Red has been filled with optimism. We not only recently completed receiving new nuclear fuel but we have also been getting more help from the shipyard as our priority has moved up in the pecking order, even above the aircraft carriers! Needless to say, this gives our Sailors a bit more spring in their step lately.

Another big contributor to improving morale has been and continues to be the support of the BRSC. Our sailors all appreciated the goodies for the holidays to include cakes from the Beatrice bakery and Nebraska chocolate boxes. The ornaments from the Nebraska Admirals Association made everyone's Christmas much more, well, Nebraska-like...which is a good thing.

My wife Jodi and I are very excited about the opportunity to represent the command and be a part of the statehood celebration at the end of February. I'm excited to introduce her to the wonderful people and hospitality that my shipmates and I enjoyed last September!

GO BIG RED!

Sincerely,
Commander Jason M. Geddes
Commanding Officer

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Commander Jason M. Geddes

Commander Geddes grew up in Indianapolis, IN and enlisted in the Navy as a Nuclear Electronics Technician in May 1990. After completing the nuclear training pipeline and two years as a Staff Reactor Operator Instructor at Charleston prototype, he was selected for the Nuclear Enlisted Commissioning Program and attended North Carolina State University, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. He then received his commission at Officer Candidate School in September 1997 and completed the officer nuclear training pipeline.

His first operational assignment was as a Division Officer on the USS Henry M. Jackson (SSBN 730) gold crew in Bangor, WA, where he completed five strategic deterrent patrols and served as Reactor Controls, Main Propulsion and Tactical Systems Assistant. He was also named the Squadron Seventeen Junior Officer of the Year for 2001. Commander Geddes was next assigned to North Carolina State University ROTC as instructor and Nuclear Programs Officer. While at NC State, he earned a Masters in Engineering Management.

In early 2005, Commander Geddes reported to the USS Alexandria (SSN 757) in Groton, CT as Navigator and Operations Officer, where he completed a 7-month CENTCOM deployment and an Arctic deployment in support of ICEX 01-07. Following his tour, he attended the Naval War College in Newport, RI, where he completed Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) Phase I and earned a Masters in National Security and Strategic Studies. He then reported to Naval Submarine School as Navigator and Instructor in November 2008.

Commander Geddes served as Executive Officer on USS Memphis (SSN 691) from December 2009 to August 2011, completing surge deployments to the SOUTHCOM and EUCOM theaters. Following his XO tour he served as Section Head for Submarine Tactical System Modernization at OPNAV N97 in the Pentagon.

He is entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (six awards), Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards) and various unit awards and citations.

Commander Geddes currently resides in Bremerton, WA with his wife Jodi and daughter Siena.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

BRSC is updating their list
of member information.

Please update your info

with Diane at

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Photo by Chris Ruhaak
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From left to right are: Speaker of the House, State Sen Hadley, CDR Geddes, Governor Ricketts, Adjutant Gen of Nebr, Bohak



Nebraska Statehood Days *February 28th, 2015*

Once again, the State of Nebraska, on the occasion of its 148th birthday, recognized the quiet, but incredible contribution to our security, by the officers and men of the USS Nebraska, SSBN 739. Representing the ship, both past and present was CDR Jeff Joseph, his wife Jodie and Capt. Jason Geddes with his wife Heather. They were joined for the official cake-cutting, by Governor Pete Ricketts, his wife Susanne Shore, and yours truly holding up our esteemed BRSC Den Mother, Allen Beermann. It was an understatement to note the pride and loud regard shown our ship and leaders.

-Old Doc

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Above: Nebraska vs. Miami (Sept 2014)

Left: The crew being recognized
at the Husker/Miami game.

Below: Dale Andersen (Co-Chair BRSC)
with CAPT Joseph.



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Above: The crew with the Husker Spirit Squad.

Top Left: Outgoing Commanding Officer CAPT Jeffrey Joseph and new Commanding Officer CDR Jason Geddes.

Bottom Left: 7 Year Old Jack Hoffman, the inspiration for "Team Jack" receiving a signed picture of USS Nebraska at a "Team Jack" fund raising event

Below: The crew at University of Nebraska Memorial Stadium September 2014.



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Above: Crew at Husker Game with "LARRY THE CABLE GUY". On right is Den Mother Allen.

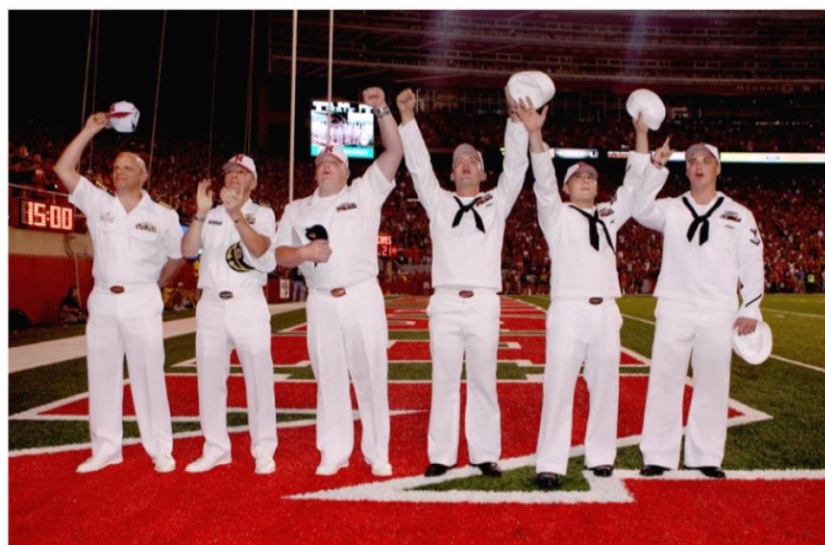


Above: Commanding Officer CDR Jason Geddes with "LARRY THE CABLE GUY" at the HUSKER Game



Above: "Lil' Red" and crew at the Husker Game.

Left: Cheering with the fans at the Husker Game.



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CAPT Jeff Joseph presenting a picture of USS Nebraska to the Rangers/Curators at the Homestead National Monument of America



Officers and Crew from Big Red enjoying a perfect late-summer evening and the warm hospitality of the folks in Nebraska City.

From left to right:

CAPT Jeff Joseph (former Commanding Officer), CDR Jason Geddes (Commanding Officer), MMC(SS) Jared Poulton (Torpedo Chief), ET2(SS) Jonathan Gonzales-Enriquez (Navigation), MM1(SS) Ian MacDonald (Nuclear Mechanic), STS3 Brian Helppie (Sonar)



"This was an unbelievable trip for all of us. The hospitality of the BRSC and the people in Nebraska was overwhelming and something none of us will ever forget."

Above remarks by Past CO CAPT Jeffrey Joseph

SHIP STORE

Welcome to the Big Red Sub Club Ship's Store. The items below are available for purchase. For questions or to purchase an item, please contact Mary Webber (Store Manager) at 402-341-1322.



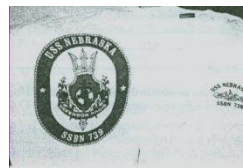
Coffee Mugs with Ships Logo on One Side & BRSC on Other Side
\$12.00 Each + S&H OR
4 for \$40.00 + S&H



20th Anniversary Playing Cards with Facts on the Back
\$10.00 Per Deck + S&H



20th Anniversary Challenge Coins
\$10.00 Each + S&H



USS Nebraska SSBN 739
Ball Cap
\$15.00 + S&H (Plain)
\$18.00 + S&H (Gold)



USS Nebraska T-Shirt
Color-Grey
\$15.00 + S&H



Honorary Plank Owner Medallion-
Clear Lucite Block with Ship's Crest on One Side
and the Nebraska State Seal on the Other
\$15.00 Each (Shipping Included)



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Donation Information:

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 check or money order to the Big Red Sub Club at P.O. Box #34233 in Omaha, NE 68134

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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.
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