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NEWS AND VIEWS ABOUT THE 739 CREWS

By Old "Doc" Randy Boldt, Co-Chair

As I set here at my trusty computer on a beautiful day in early September, I am reminded of the impending tenth anniversary of 9/11. I was in Washington, DC on that date visiting then Senator Chuck Hagel's office to discuss health financing policy. Kaboom! In the blink of an eye, the world changed. Health policy thoughts turned to rage, despair and military response.

Then, just as quickly, my mind began to wonder what the wonderful shipmates of Nebraska's beloved submarine were going to do. As all BRSC members know, our USS Nebraska could single-handedly annihilate the scurvy perpetrators. But just as quickly as I conceived that notion, reality set-in and I knew they, along with our entire Navy, Marine Corps, Army and other services, would measure the situation and set a course to right the rotten deeds with dignity and full attention to maintaining our humanity.

That is what our great SSBN 739 Blue and Gold does. They protect us and humanity from the cowardly and sadistic acts of madmen. And for that, we are eternally grateful. Last evening, during Omaha's celebration of Navy week, a number of us attended a reception for RADM Douglas McAneny, CDR Darren Nelson, Skipper of the USS Arlington, an LPD that will be commissioned this fall, and was named in memory of the shipmates and soldiers killed in the attack on the Pentagon, CDR Michael Fisher, the skipper of the USS Nebraska Gold Crew, and three of his best crewmen: Chief of The Boat, ETCM David Turley, ETC Joseph Nunnally and EM2 Dustin Collman. Everything I have noted above was brought to vivid light during that occasion. We live better lives because the men and women warriors commit their lives to our security.

BRSC Meeting

16 November 2011

At 1600

Great Western Bank

9220 W Dogde Rd

Omaha, NE

Next Crew Visit will be in June 2012, in North Platte

Dates to be announced in upcoming newsletter

Commanding Officers will be in Lincoln for the Statehood Dinner in March 2012

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Jerry Swift presented with USS NEBRASKA article



L to R: Jerry Swift (Secretary BRSC) receives a framed article from Randy Boldt (Co-Chairman BRSC). It was written by David Hendee for the Omaha World Herald with information furnished by Jerry Swift from his BRSC History files. The article to the right of the picture was written by Dale Andersen Co-Chairman BRSC.

Photo by Sheri Swift



6-20-11

Jerry,
Gerald Swift
Master Chief U.S. Navy Retired,

As one of the parties involved in you receiving the framed USS NEBRASKA article last evening, I want to let you know that it is only small token of thanks for the years of constant volunteerism you have performed for the BIG RED SUB CLUB. My biggest regret is that I could not be in attendance for the presentation.

Even though it takes many folks throughout the state of Nebraska to keep the BRSC afloat, your involvement, devotion and personal concern keeps us from running aground.

Even though you are our secretary you also might say that you have and are the Chief of the Boat of the BIG RED SUB CLUB.

I am proud to say that I just do not only know Jerry Swift, I am a personal friend of his.

Thanks Jerry.

Dale

Your friend forever,

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Big Red Sub Club Needs Your Support



Recently, support for the Big Red Sub Club has been in a downward slide. We have received fewer renewal checks and enlisted fewer new members during 2011. Attendance at the cookout has also dropped by about 20 percent.

Our expenses continue to rise. Air fare is increasing, price of gas is up, and most other expenses continue to rise. We need your continued support in order to bring the crew members of the USS Nebraska SSBN 739 back to Nebraska for a week of rest and relaxation twice each year. We also send gifts to the Blue and Gold Crew at the USS Nebraska SSBN 739 throughout the year.

Minimal membership dues are only \$17.39 per year to honor these wonderful sailors. We urge you step-up and join or renew your membership in one of Nebraska's military support groups. Your modest contribution and firm handshake, thanking these men and their dependents does far more than you can imagine.

We wish to say THANK YOU to all the people who have provided Lodging, Meals, Refreshments, Tours, and Tickets to Events for almost 20 years.

We will be watching for your continued support in the coming years.

If you have email and are receiving this newsletter by US Mail PLEASE SEND Jerry Swift your Email Address.

Thanks!

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Model of the USS Nebraska SSBN 739 A United States Submarine will be Christened on 21 August 1992 is displayed by ET1 Kirk Goergen (Native of Dakota City, Harold (Andy) Andersen, Co-Chairman of the Commissioning Committee), U.S. Senator from NE, J. Jim Exon, and CAPT William Hansell (CO Blue Crew) 05/28/1992

Article by Jerry Swift

Photo by Phil Johnson Omaha World-Herald



At the Henry Doorly Zoo: L to R Clint Orr (BRSC Historian), Gold Crew: STS2 Ara Craft, SKCM Nigel Parrish (COB), CDR Paul Healy (CO), MM2 Brett Thomas, and ET1 Richard Davies. 10/24/ 2001

**Article by
Jerry Swift**

Photo by Clint Orr



A Visit to the Omaha Press Club by Gold Crew. L to R : Bill Ramsey (BRSC) SK1 Craig Poling, MM3 Shaun Bunch, VADM Bob Bell Retired , LT James Bryan, EMC Dan Price. 6/12/1999.

**Article by Jerry
Swift**

Photo by Bill Ramsey

Woodman Donates Flags Again and Again



Flag presentation by Heather Gouker to Dale Andersen, Co-Chair of the BRSC. Recently 40 flags were donated by Woodmen of the World to the Big Red Sub Club for distribution to the USS NEBRASKA. These flags will all be flown over the State of Nebraska Capital and are accompanied by a document under the Secretary of State Gale's signature indicating their authenticity. They are then delivered to the NEBRASKA for presentation to sailors who reenlist while assigned to the submarine. The Woodmen folks have been providing flags to the Nebraska since the 1990's.

USS Nebraska Sailors

On Thursday, September 15 Beatrice was honored by a visit from six sailors from the submarine the USS Nebraska. Each year, along with the Big Red Sub Club, Beatrice



Bakery plays host to the sailors with the namesake of our great state. This year, their trip to Beatrice included a tour of Beatrice Bakery, a visit to the Veteran's Memorial Park, lunch with noon

Rotary at Valentino's, a visit to 7th Graders at the Middle School, a tour of the Homestead National Monument of America and dinner at Aunt Mary's.

Above Article and Photograph courtesy of Sue Kohler, Beatrice Bakery Company

Originally featured in the September Issue of Main Street Beatrice Newsletter

PHOTO ALBUM



BEATRICE BAKERY CO.

Pictured in photograph to the left: LTJG Africa, MMFN Tran, MM2 Kilduff, STS1 Scott, LCDR Macy, ET2 Reyes and Peter Macy outside of Beatrice Bakery Co.

Article and Photograph submitted by:
Sabina Macy



SAILING AT LAKE MANAWA

Pictured in above photograph: MMFN Tran, ET2 Reyes, STS1 Scott, LTJG Africa, MM2 Kilduff and Peter Macy heading out on Lake Manawa for a great day of sailing.

Article and Photograph submitted by:
Sabina Macy



THE TRADITIONAL FIRST SLICE OF CAKE

Pictured in above photograph: Peter Macy was an honorary member of the Big Red Sub Club and get the traditional first slice of cake at the BBQ near Lake Manawa, NE.

Article and Photograph submitted by:
Sabina Macy

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APPLE JACK PARADE

Heading up the Applejack Parade in Nebraska City, NE, LCDR Macy, STS1

Pictured in photograph to the left: Scott, ET2 Reyes, MMFN Tran, MM2 Kilduff, LTJG Africa and Peter Macy.

Article and Photograph submitted by: Sabina Macy



PICKING APPLES AT ARBOR DAY FARMS

Pictured in above photograph: LCDR Macy, Peter Macy, MMFN Tran, ET2 Reyes, MM2 Kilduff, STS1 Scott and LTJG Africa enjoying the apples picked from the Arbor Day Farms.

Article and Photograph submitted by: Sabina Macy



OMAHA'S HENRY DOORLY ZOO

Pictured in photograph to the left: LCDR Macy holding a sugar glider at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo.

Article and Photograph submitted by: Sabina Macy

ALL ABOARD!



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11th

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If you have donated since the last news-
letter and we missed you. Please
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LEVELS FOR DONORS

As you know, we survive on the continued support we receive from Members Dues to provide for the twice a year visits to the State, by the Crews of the USS NEBRASKA SSBN 739. 42 visits by 291 crew members since 1993. You can assist us by becoming or continuing as a Member of the Big Red Sub Club at one of the levels below today.

COMMODORE for \$739.00_____or

CAPTAIN for \$173.90_____or

COMMANDER for \$ 73.90_____ or

SUBMARINER for \$ 17.39_____

NAME_____

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These amounts reflect the Hull Number 739.

Once a Member, Annual donations at a lower level will maintain your Membership in good standing.

ALL DONATIONS are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

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"THANK YOU"

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