Seawolf Submarine Association June 2025 Newsletter

Status of Seawolf (SSN 21): At Home Port

Change in Seawolf FRG Leadership

In April 2025, Elizabeth Garten was elected the new Seawolf FRG President, relieving Heidi Adkins. The Seawolf Submarine Association (SSA) would like to recognize and thank Heidi for her steadfast support to the Seawolf crew and their families during her tenure as FRG President. The outstanding relationship that has been established between the FRG and the SSA was developed, in large part, due to Heidi's commitment and dedication to supporting our joint mission. We look forward to working with Elizabeth in the years to come and strengthening our relationship with the Seawolf FRG.

SALUTE

Salute, a leader in providing global data center services, joins the SSA Team

The SSA is proud to welcome Salute as our first corporate sponsor and new long-term partner. Salute, headquartered in Franklin, WI, is a global leader in providing comprehensive and integrated lifecycle services for data centers, worldwide. Their goal is to transform data center operations through greater efficiencies, sharing knowledge, realizing demonstrable value and building long-term relationships.

So why would a data center operations company decide to join forces with the Seawolf Submarine Association? For starters, Salute has a long history of supporting our service members. Salute's culture was built around serving those who have served our country. Secondly, the skills acquired through military service – attention to detail, respect, adaptability, analytical thinking and problem solving - are skills that transfer well into data center operations. This is particularly the case when it comes to submariners.

"As a business, Salute has been grounded in helping veterans transition successfully into the civilian workforce since 2013, creating real-world opportunities across a wide range of roles in the data center industry. The Seawolf Submarine Association's mission, one close to my own heart, aligns perfectly with our values - discipline, excellence, and high-performance standards that mirror the qualities veterans bring to every role. This exciting new partnership with SSA represents far more than sponsorship, it is a strategic alliance where together we can create lifelong opportunities for our veterans." said Erich Sanchack, Chief Executive Officer of Salute.

Salute has developed a robust training program to assist service men and women in transitioning from active duty to private industry. They utilize DoD's *Skill Bridge Program* to provide hands-on experience during transition and have established effective relationships with all the *Transition Assistance Program (TAP)* coordinators across the country. Salute will be a valued partner in helping us execute our mission.

Seawolf's "Flash Tattoo" Party

On May 24th, the Seawolf FRG hosted a "Flash Tattoo" Party for the adult crew members and their spouses/significant others. Amid food and drink, willing participants were invited to obtain appropriate tattoos. Originally planned as a "welcome home" party, the event was postponed to allow the crew to spend some quality time with their families when they returned home from deployment back in December. The Seawolf Submarine Association was proud to help sponsor this event, providing additional camaraderie and fellowship among the Seawolf crew. See the photo's below for some of the artistic creations.

Honoring the USS Seawolf (SS-197)

Last month, our Nation celebrated Memorial Day, honoring all those service men and women who have died so that we can live in freedom and liberty. On this occasion, the Seawolf Submarine Association would like to honor the brave crew of *USS Seawolf*, SS-197, one of the most accomplished and storied submarines of World War II.

Commissioned in 1939, *Seawolf* served with distinction in the Pacific Theater, completing 15 war patrols—an impressive record that placed her among the most active American submarines of the war. Her daring missions included the sinking of numerous Japanese cargo vessels, critical intelligence gathering, and supplying Allied forces deep behind enemy lines. Her crew operated with remarkable precision and courage, embodying the silent strength and stealth that defined the U.S. Navy's submarine force.

Tragically, the *Seawolf* was lost with all 83 hands in October 1944, the victim of friendly fire in a tragic case of mistaken identity. While on a secret mission transporting Army personnel to the Philippines, she was unknowingly targeted by American naval forces that were unaware of her presence in the area. The loss of *Seawolf* and her crew is a sobering reminder of the risks faced by those who serve in the shadows of war. Today, we remember their sacrifice—not only for their valor in battle but for their ultimate devotion to duty. The legacy of the *Seawolf* lives on as a symbol of silent service and enduring courage.

Upcoming Events:

- Pre-Deployment Party/Picnic

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Become a Seawolf Association Member

The Seawolf Submarine Association can't execute our mission without your help. We depend on the donations and contributions of our private and corporate members to provide support to the current and past Seawolf crews and their families.

As a member of the Seawolf Submarine Association, you can be proud to have helped establish some long-lasting traditions in support of the USS Seawolf – such as the events highlighted in this Newsletter.

While the Association has set affordable membership dues at just under $21 a month, we will proudly accept any donation amount you are graciously willing to provide. Visit our website at www.seawolf21.org and click the Membership or Donation tabs to donate today. The Seawolf Submarine Association is a 501(c)3 organization so all donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.