Seawolf Submarine Association
October 2024 Newsletter

Status of Seawolf (SSN 21): Deployed

SSA establishes relationship with Seawolf FRG

The Seawolf Submarine Association (SSA) has now established a strong working relationship with the Seawolf Family Readiness Group (FRG). Per OPNAV INSTRUCTION 1754.5C, FRG's are "private organization(s), closely-affiliated with the command, comprised of family members, Sailors, and civilians associated with the command and its personnel, who support the flow of information; provide practical tools for adjusting to Navy deployments and separations; and serve as a link between the command and Sailors' families. FRGs help plan, coordinate, and conduct informational, care-taking, morale-building, and social activities to enhance preparedness and command mission readiness, and to increase the resiliency and well-being of Sailors and their families."

We are proud to be collaborating with the Seawolf FRG in executing their mission.

Halfway Boxes provided for single sailors

The SSA provided needed supplies to the Seawolf FRG in order to create Halfway Boxes for all the single sailors prior to their most recent deployment. Halfway boxes are a tradition among submariners. The boxes, usually created by the sailors' spouses and families, are opened when the submarine is halfway between departure and return to port, otherwise known as "halfway night". Simultaneously, the spouses and families gather ashore to conduct their own halfway night celebration. For those single sailors onboard, the FRG prepares the

halfway boxes which contains snacks, toiletries, cards, and other items for the single sailor to enjoy.

New Seawolf Babies

There are now five Seawolf family wives who are pregnant and expecting additions to their families. To recognize these events, the Seawolf Submarine Association, in collaboration with the Seawolf FRG, is providing specially embroidered "onesies" to each newborn. The embroidering will be accomplished by one of the Seawolf wives.

SSA at NSLASIU

The Seawolf Submarine Association will once again be present at the Naval Submarine League's Annual Symposium and Industry Update (ASIU), held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Crystal City, VA on 13-14 November. If you happen to be attending, stop by our booth being shared with the USS Wisconsin Commissioning Committee.

SSA seeking Volunteer

The Seawolf Submarine Association (SSA) is seeking a volunteer in the Bremerton WA area to act as an Assistant Seawolf Liaison. Duties would include interfacing with the Seawolf FRG during their monthly meetings and assisting in preparation and execution of any SSA sponsored events. If you're interested in helping support USS Seawolf through this manner, or know of someone residing in the Bremerton WA area, please contact RADM Mike Sharp at msharp157@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events:

- Halloween Party for Seawolf families
- Halfway Night Event for Seawolf spouses
- Holiday Party
- First Night Duty Crew Dinner for Seawolf crew upon return from deployment

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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.