Seawolf Submarine Association
September 2022

Seawolf Submarine Association elects Board of Directors and Officers

Following acceptance of its Articles of Incorporation by the state of Washington, the Seawolf Submarine Association held its first Board of Directors meeting and elected the following Board members and Officers:

President/Board Chairman: Mr. Gary Humes
Vice President/Board Member: CAPT Hubert Hopkins, USN (Ret)
Secretary/Board Member: COL Ernest Oliveira, USAF (Ret)
Treasurer/Board Member: Mr. James Sanchack
Seawolf Liaison/Board Member: RDML Michael Sharp, USN (Ret)

Seawolf Submarine Association receives 501(c)(3) designation

On 22 August, 2022, the Seawolf Submarine Association received notification from the Internal Revenue Service that our organization was determined to be tax exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Doners can now deduct contributions they make to the Seawolf Submarine Association under IRC Section 170.

Furthermore, the Seawolf Submarine Association was classified as a public charity under IRC Section 509(a)(2).

Message from Seawolf CO

On 10 September, the Seawolf Submarine Association received the following note from CDR Jeff Fassbender, Commanding Officer of USS Seawolf (SSN 21).

First off – thank you for your generosity in volunteering to start this Sub Club! I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to SEAWOLF and give you a snapshot of what we have been up to over the last few years.

As you all know, SEAWOLF is an amazing warship – and we have an even more AMAZING crew! The crew is YOUNG – I have already awarded nearly 60 silver dolphins in just 16 months – and they are hungry, talented, and resilient. Simply put – they are the BEST crew I have served with in my 21-year career! Through the last three advancement cycles, they have achieved a nearly 50% advancement rate – more than DOUBLE the fleet average. Over the last three years, they have been recognized with the 2020 CSDS-5 and CSP CONUS Sailor of the Year, the 2021 CSDS-5 Junior Officer of the Year, and the 2022 CSDS-5 Junior Officer of the Year, Sailor of the Year, and Junior Sailor of the Year. They have also earned back-to-back Battle "E" awards (2020 and 2021) as well as the 2020 Pacific Fleet Arleigh Burke Trophy and 2021 Marjorie Sterrett Battleship Fund Award.

Since the beginning of 2020, SEAWOLF has been AT SEA for nearly 600 days and away from home for nearly 700 – the highest OPTEMPO in the submarine force. The ship completed a 7-month EUCOM deployment in 2020-2021, a 2-month surge deployment in the Pacific in the summer of 2021, and we are currently about 2/3 through a Western Pacific deployment – SEAWOLF's eighth deployment and first WESTPAC deployment since 2008-2009.

Thanks again! We can't wait to meet all of you and introduce you to this great warship and talented crew in person!

Get your Seawolf Swag!

Support the USS Seawolf by purchasing Seawolf clothing, caps, and totes from the following website: https://www.freedomdesignslbk.com/uss-seawolf-merch

What a great way to show your support for *Seawolf* and promote our new Seawolf Submarine Association!

Meeting with Seawolf FRG

Mike Sharp and Kathy DiMaggio recently met with the Seawolf Family Readiness Group (FRG) to inform them of our organization and share ideas for

supporting Seawolf. FRG's are the focal point for family readiness in the Navy. In addition to keeping families informed and supported during their spouse's time with a unit, especially during that unit's deployment, FRG's are social centers for a unit and offer lots of activities, mixers and events for the families and spouses in a unit. The Seawolf Submarine Association will coordinate closely with the Seawolf FRG in planning and executing any events we may choose to sponsor.

Coming Soon!

Our new website (http://seawolf21.org) is currently under development and will be published shortly. The website will enable people to make tax deductible contributions to the Seawolf Submarine Association donate money in support of our mission and provide information on upcoming events and opportunities to serve.