



Bismarck's Remarks

Monthly Edition

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JANUARY 2012 MEETING

Next meeting is January 28, 2012 at the normal meeting/gathering place.

Security is in charge of refreshments.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

18th – Ruth

NEWS OF OUR MIDSHIPMEN

This is an empty month regarding news of our Midshipmen.

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Submission deadline for March's Quarterly Newsletter is March 6th. Please submit anything you want put in by then, including Departmental Reports.

Reminders

1) **DUES ARE DUE** – That is right, it is that time of year again, time to renew. You can renew with one payment to the USS Bismarck of your ship and fleet dues, and the Bismarck will cut a check to SFC for fleet dues. We will not “assume” you are renewing, you must tell us so and provide payment. Deadline is 1/31/12.

2) Please remember to sign in for each meeting, event, party, etc.

The January Newsletter does not have much to report, since we did not have a meeting in December.

I am currently in the process of putting together the December Quarterly Newsletter, but I have had a lot happen in the last 6-8 weeks and it has taken a back seat to other more important stuff going on. Also, since it is a Quarterly Newsletter, there is a lot of time (about 10 hours) to put it together, and with everything going on, I have just not had the free time. I am sorry it has been delayed, but will get it out ASAP.

2012 EVENTS IN THE WORKS

Anniversary Party
Annual Picnic
Annual Holiday Party
Halloween Gathering
Family Fun Day
Dayton Dragons – Fundraiser
Ohio Ren Fest Gathering

COMMITTEES -

It is that time of year again, to think about being a part of, or even being the head of, one of our Committees. These Committees usually are for the planning of the Anniversary Party (March 2013); Annual Picnic or Annual Holiday Party.

I am sure our Captain will be looking for volunteers to help with these in the near future. So, please think about what you might want to be a part of.

FUNDRAISING

Please contact Rick Pinsky if you are interested in working our Fundraiser with the Dayton Dragons this year.

Fundraising passed around a sheet for people to indicate which home game(s) they would be willing to work.

Remember, to keep dues low and still provide all the fun things we do throughout the year, we need people to participate in our fundraising events.

Departmental Reports

Engineering –

Operations –

Science – Reports are posted to the yahoo group for the USS Bismarck.

Communications –

Medical –

Security –

Finance –

HOLIDAY PARTY

The Annual Holiday Party was held on December 3, 2011. Dinner was served pot luck style with everyone bringing a dish to share. We had great attendance this year, and had two guests even come to the event.

Somehow Santa must have missed the memo that the gathering was a new place this year, because his elves were able to deliver the gifts to the right place, but the Jolly Ole Man himself wasn't able to find us. While the Midshipmen were disappointed, Chanukah Harry rallied their spirits with filled stockings from Santa.

The adults enjoyed a gift exchange amongst themselves as well.

Meeting topics that have been tabled till our next general meeting:

1) Anniversary Party – Request for additional funding; looking at number of members who will or will not be going; idea of costs/budget for the event.

Security is in charge of refreshments for the January Meeting.

ANNIVERSARY PARTY

At the November meeting the Anniversary Committee passed around a packet of information regarding this years Anniversary Party. If you were not at the meeting, it was sent out about a week later through the USS Bismarck's listserv on yahoogroups. If you have not received this packet, please contact either Anthony, Kevin or Lisa.

If you have not returned the last two pages (or even sent them an e-mail with your information requested on the last two pages) please do so ASAP. They are in the process of finalizing plans and costs.

The full details, well as much as they can reveal without giving away all the prizes (err surprises), will be shared at the meeting on January 28th, 2012. For those who are unable to attend that meeting, they will be posted in the February Newsletter, and I am sure the Committee will send the details via the listserv as well after the meeting.

SBI – FLEET MEETING

No news to report at this time from the Fleet Meeting at SBI, except the results of the annual Fleet Awards. The USS Bismarck and its members took home the following awards..

2011 Retention Award – maintaining 98% of its membership

2011 Large Ship of the Year 2nd Place

2011 Recruiter of the Year – Unit 2nd Place

2011 Newsletter of the Year 1st Place

2011 Starbase of the Year 3rd Place (SB05 is commanded by Kevin Johnson)