



USS Columbia Submarine

**Commander and Crew visit to Columbia, MO
February 29, 2012**



Commander Dennis Klein and two USS Columbia crew members visited Columbia on Wednesday, February 29th, 2012. They were guests of MU Navy ROTC and conducted training and recruiting there that afternoon. Other activities during their visit included an assembly at Benton Elementary (the crew's new Columbia Public School partner), a tour of City Hall and attendance of the University of Missouri vs. Iowa State University Basketball Game.



A crew member and Commander Klein (right) present a banner from the USS Columbia Family Readiness Group to the children of Thomas Hart Benton Elementary School. Benton is the USS Columbia's partner in learning.



Commander Klein (right) and Benton Elementary School Principal Hogg pose with a USS Columbia Submarine plaque and two Benton Elementary students.



Commander Klein (left) presents Columbia City Manager Mike Matthes (right) a Certificate of Appreciation from the USS Columbia.



From left to right: Mr. Mike Matthes, City Manager; two crew members and Commander Dennis Klein of the USS Columbia; Ms. Anne Moore, Chairwoman of the Columbia Submarine Committee; Mrs. Renee Graham, City Public Communications Manager.



CDR Klein enjoys a conversation with Dean Jim Thompson from the University of Missouri College of Engineering over a Flat Branch luncheon, hosted by members of the Columbia Submarine Committee.



Members of the Columbia Submarine Committee enjoyed lunch with the USS Columbia crew.



The commander and crew pose with a local WWII Submariner.



Commander Klein gives a USS Columbia oar to Mr. Paul Huesgen, a manager at Flat Branch Pub. The USS Columbia's dining area is named after Flat Branch.



The commander and crew wearing their Mizzou and Iowa State T-Shirts; Commander Klein is an ISU graduate.