

# Clarksville Historical Society

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## A Farewell to Lewis and Clark for Now

We thought you might enjoy these facts about the Expedition before we leave our Lewis and Clark emphasis behind for now:

*(From New Found Land: Lewis and Clark's Voyage of Discovery by Allan Wolf, Candlewick Press, 2004)*

Dates of expedition: May 14, 1804-September 23, 1806 *(Note: We know better!)*

Total time: Two years, four months, nine days

Miles traveled: Around 8,000

Percentage of travel by water: 80

Total number of vessels used: 25

Number of present-day states traveled through: 11 (Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota and Washington)

New Species Discovered: 178 Plants, 122 Animals

Pounds of meat consumed: Approximately 300 lbs/day

Number of deaths: 3 (one soldier, two Native Americans)

Oldest member of the expedition: Toussaint Charbonneau (45 years)

Youngest member of expedition: Jean Baptiste Charbonneau (2 months)

Number of Captains: 1 (Although his men called him captain, William Clark was actually a Second Lieutenant. This was Lewis and Clark's little secret. The other soldiers never knew.)

Number of different ways William Clark spelled mosquito: 20

Number of times he spelled it correctly: 0

Most popular trade item: blue glass beads

Supplies which did not run out: Guns, powder, lead, paper, and ink.

Projected cost of the expedition: \$2,500

Actual cost of the expedition: \$38,722.25

Amount Lewis paid for his Newfoundland dog: \$20

York's 1804 market value as a slave: \$450-500

Size of the Louisiana purchase: 820,000 square miles

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Total cost of Louisiana Purchase: \$15,000,000  
Cost per acre: about 3 cents  
Corps of Discovery earning totals:  
Meriwether Lewis: \$2,776.22, plus 1,600 acres of land  
William Clark: \$2,113.74, plus 1,600 acres of land  
Privates: \$333.32, plus 320 acres of land  
George Drouillard: \$1666.66  
Toussaint Charbonneau: \$818.32  
York: Nothing  
Sacagawea: Nothing

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## Society News

Our year's big effort will be over when you read this. As always, I know we will have many members who help make the Lewis and Clark event a success. Such great people we are lucky enough to have, who work at whatever they are asked and are always there when you need them! We can't thank them by name here, since this must go to print before the event, but I'm sure they must know how grateful we are for their help and dedication. Speaking of dedication, the CHS board members really do work tirelessly and deserve gratitude from every member as well as all those who attend and enjoy the Reenactment.

Our November meeting will be something a little different. As mentioned in October, we will be doing some re-evaluating of our organization and its operation. We will have round table discussion on several points relating to CHS and its meetings and goals. We need member input, so come prepared to have an opinion. The society can reflect your ideas and wishes only insofar as you make them known. We know you will enjoy the discussion and the opportunity to have your say.

November 11th is Veterans Day and Don McDonough and our War Memorial Committee has a wonderful program planned. Please attend at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 11.

We will be starting a fund to add a stone for all veterans at the Memorial. We will have a donation jar at the Lewis and Clark event. Donations may also be mailed to *War Memorial* at our 2000 Broadway address. Please contribute if you can. We need to raise \$3400 for a stone which matches our current black stone.

Our year is winding down and we will be taking our annual rest and relaxation after the November meeting. No meeting and no newsletter during the winter months of December, January, and February. See you in March.

**Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and have a wonderful  
New Year!**

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## *A Look at our First Decade*

*At the end of Clarksville Historical Society's tenth year, we thought it might be a good time to look back at our activities of the last decade. It seems worth while to keep a record of our society's history. If anyone thinks of anything left off the list, please let us know.*

- \* Participated in the planning, research and financing for the building of the Clark Cabin
- \* Published a monthly newsletters for 9 years
- \* Contributed material for a book on Clarksville history, published by Arcadia Pub. Co.
- \* Conducted monthly meetings for the last 10 years (recently 9 meetings annually)
- \* Conducted numerous field trips and special events such as the Riverfront Tour.
- \* Obtained a new microfilming of the original Clarksville Minute Book which is in the vault of the Indiana State Library. (The old film was largely illegible)
- \* Cooperated with the Indiana Department of Corrections in gathering the history of the old State Prison
- \* Developed and presented a power point presentation of Clarksville History to numerous civic groups, IUS Brown Bag Program, Westminster Retirement home, the Colonial Dames, the Indiana Surveyors Assn. and Bellarmine Elderhostel program.
- \* Participated in the George Rogers Clark Bicentennial at the Indiana History Bureau in Indianapolis with a Clarksville exhibit.
- \* Developed and maintains the Clarksville History Museum and its collection of artifacts, archives of Clarksville history, and more than 250 photographs.
- \* Founded, administered and sponsored the annual Clarksville Heritage Festival, and participated in the Lewis and Clark Bi-Centennial reenactment events.
- \* Secured a historical marker for the Old State Prison (Colgate's)
- \* Partnered with the Clarksville Parks and Recreation and the town of Clarksville to build the new Lewis and Clark Park in the original town.
- \* Participated in the Ohio River Heritage Event sponsored by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at Louisville's Waterfront Park.
- \* Spearheaded the construction of the Clarksville War Memorial and partners with the town in its maintenance.
- \* Hosts an annual picnic at the George Rogers Clark Cabin.
- \* Holds a 3-point basketball fund-raising event yearly.
- \* Works to preserve the original town site and to insure its future as the historic treasure that it is.
- \* Supports and participates in archaeology investigations of the original town site.
- \* Offered testimony to the U. S. House of Representatives Committee on Extending the Lewis and Clark Trail.
- \* Assisted several high school and college students in Clarksville history research projects.
- \* Offered a Clarksville History Scholarship to both Clarksville High School and Providence High School.

# The USS Lewis and Clark

Many people are unaware that the explorers had a submarine name for them. Our new member, Don Tyree brought it to our attention and furnished us with information about the ship.

The USS Lewis and Clark (SSBN-644) was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

Her keel was laid down by Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company of Newport News, Virginia, on 29 July, 1963. She was launched on 21 November, 1964, sponsored by Mrs. M. F. Engman and Mrs. M. G. Sale. She was commissioned 22 December, 1965, with Commander John F. Fagan, Jr. in command of the Blue Crew and Commander Kenneth A. Porter in command of the Gold Crew.

On 21 July 1972, Lewis and Clark completed conversion of her missile tubes to carry Poseidon C3 missiles instead of the Polaris A3 missiles she had originally been equipped with. On 18 December the Hold Crew successfully launched one Poseidon C3 missile in support in support of the ship's Demonstration and Shakedown Operation.

On 8 April 1973 Lewis and Clark deployed for operational patrol.

On 19 June 1981 Lewis and Clark successfully fired four Poseidon C3 missiles in a Follow-on Operational Test. On 23 July she began a Poseidon

refueling overhaul at Newport News shipbuilding.

Deactivated while still in commission on 1 October, 1991, Lewis and Clark was decommissioned on 27 June 1992 and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on the following August. The hulk began the Navy's Nuclear Powered Ship and Submarine REcycling Program in Bremerton, Washington, on 1 October 1995 and ceased to exist on 23 September 1996.

Lewis and Clark's sail and fair-water planes and the top of its rudder are now on display at the Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum in Charleston, south Carolina, part of a memorial to the officers and men of the Submarine Service that served during the Cold War. The U. S. Navy later fielded a cargo ship named USNS Lewis and Clark.

Displacement: 7320 tons surfaced  
8250 tons submerged

Length: 425 feet

Beam: 33 feet

Draft: 33 feet

Powerplant: S5W reactor

Complement: two crews of 14 officers and 126 men each

Armament: 16 Polaris or Poseidon missiles, 4 x 21 in (533mm) torpedo tubes.