

# THE MIDWATCH

USSVI Perch Base Phoenix, Arizona Quarterly Newsletter Third Quarter 2025



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"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment.

Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie.

We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice.

The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."



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On the pages of this Midwatch you will find the Creed of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. Perch Base has been the authorized base for this Veterans Service Organization since June 20, 1995. For thirty years, submariners have upheld the Creed in the Phoenix, Arizona, area and we will continue to do so.

**“Perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country.”** Perch Base continues to pursue this goal through conducting the “Tolling for the Boats” at each of our monthly meetings as well as the entire service conducted at our Memorial Day ceremony. We also use our USS Phoenix float in parades and at static displays to uphold these warriors memories. ***How have you supported this portion of our Creed?***

**“USSVI shall provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment.”** Our monthly meetings are the main method that we uphold this portion of our Creed. We have a family friendly picnic in the Spring and an Annual Award Banquet in January. The Base finances have been good and the Picnic has been provided without cost though we usually ask members to provide items for the “pitch-in” portion. We are looking at ways to keep the Annual Banquet costs reasonable and looking at locations that may enhance the availability. We currently have a survey open to gather your input. ***What have you done to uphold this portion of our Creed?***

These are just two parts of our Creed. I encourage you to read all of our Creed again and see how you are accomplishing these purposes. ***What can you do to improve meeting the goals of our Creed?***

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Base Commander. I am always available to listen to your input. I can be reached at (480) 719-9004.

*Past Base Commander Message  
George Woods  
From the Wardroom*

The song goes, "Summer-Time and the living is easy"

Summer has arrived like a blast of hot wind

Perch Base had a good turnout of members for the presentation of wreaths for the WWII Subvet's & Perch Base Subvet's for the Memorial Day Ceremony which included the Annual Tolling of the Boats by Governor Joy and Howard Doyle at the Purple Hearts Circle.

Thanks to Donald Robertson our Vice Commander, Perch Base has a Bluetooth sound system for our base meetings and events.

Perch Base will participate in the annual Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Parade along with Gudgeon and Tucson base members.

Several Perch Base members will be attending the 2025 USSVI National Convention in Orlando Fl. September 1st to 6th.



*Webmaster*

**Dan Marks**

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I have been posting updates for all our events. If you have not been a participant at our events, I hope you are at least checking the Perch Base homepage (<https://www.perch-base.org>) or Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PerchBase#>) to see what you missed. Each of those webpages include links to see photos of the events we have participated in. Better yet, come to the events.

Don't forget that Saturday, July 5th, is the Prescott Frontier Days® rodeo parade. This is not only a break from the heat in Phoenix, but also an opportunity to rub shoulders with other Submarine Veterans from Prescott's Gudgeon Base and Tucson's Base, who participate in the parade.

Some questions have been asked how to get in touch with your Base Officers. As you review this newsletter, the email addresses for each of our Base Officers are listed. Even after you delete this newsletter from your email, you can recover the newsletter from the website!

If you have any suggestions or input for the website, send an email to [webmaster@perch-base.org](mailto:webmaster@perch-base.org).

Dan Marks

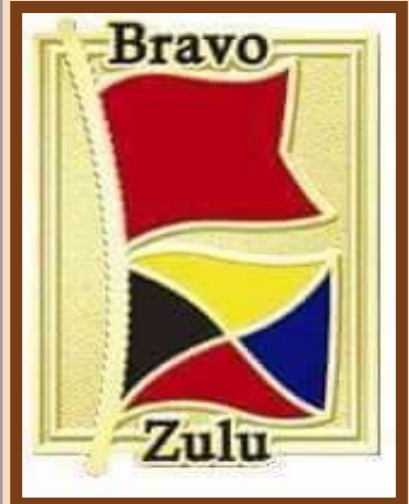


# *Communications* Chris Gahan

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At the recent Memorial Day Event, many of our shipmates stepped forward and went above and beyond to insure that Tolling of the Boats" event by Perch Base was one of the most remarkable in recent memory. Bravo-Zulu to :

- Don Robinson and Kirby Anderson arrived on site with the Sub Float in its best parade condition in quite awhile.
- Don Robinson, Kirby Anderson, Joe Trotter, & Ed Henry who contributed to the creation of and/or installation of the new SSN 702 cut-away display panel on the Sub Float. This panel is a great addition and will enhance our capability to interact with the public.
- Dave Heighway, Don Robinson, & Kirby Anderson for acquiring a new speaker podium and audio system.
- Governor Joy & Howard Doyle for conducting a respectful and solemn "Tolling of the Boats".
- And to all the shipmates and their families who attended the memorial event. This was largest turnout by our membership in awhile for this priority key event on our calendar.



### **Western Regional District 1 (WD1) Commander Election**

Voting for the election of a new Western Region District Commander has begun. Ballots for voting and the candidates information sheets can be found on the website in Flash Traffic messages 06-01-2025 and 06-02-2025. Whether emailed or mailed, the ballots must be submitted and postmarked on or before July 15<sup>th</sup>. The candidates are Mike Ortiz who hails from the Tucson Base and Joe Trotter from the Perch Base. Both candidates are well qualified for the WD1 Commander position. Both candidates pledge to provide coordination and communication to WD-1 Bases and to regional peers with a strong focus on recruitment of Submarine Veterans and retention of USSVI members.

There is a provision for write-candidates on the ballot. The ballot comes with directions that are very specific and detailed; therefore, follow the carefully. You are encouraged to vote sooner than later. There will be ballots available at our general meeting in July at Dillions BBQ.

The position of the Western Region District Commander is vital to the robust operation of USSVI's chain-of-command. Therefore, the BOD strongly encourages your participation in this election. Keep the voting deadline in mind and any questions or concerns the election should be directed to Perch Base Commanding Officer, Dave Heighway (commander@perch-base.org or 480-809-2848).

# UNDERSEA WARFARE NEWS



ФОТО ФЛОТА ОЛЕГА КУЛЕШОВА

The K-117 Bryansk sailing the White Sea near Severodvinsk in December. The mast and attached gear to the forward part of the submarine is for sonar calibration. Photo: Oleg Kuleshov

## Upgraded nuclear missile sub conducts tests in icy waters

*After more than six years of upgrades, the old Bryansk will soon be sailing deterrence patrols in the northeast Barents Sea and Arctic Ocean with 16 submarine-launched ballistic missiles.*

*BY: Thomas Nilsen*

While Russia is midway into its nuclear submarine modernization program with the new 4th generation ballistic missile carriers of the Borei-class, priority is also given to keep afloat the Soviet-era Delta-IV class vessels deployed with the Northern Fleet. Vladimir Putin seems to prepare for an option to put more nuclear weapons at sea as the New START Treaty expires in February 2026. With both introducing new modern submarines and simultaneously keep the older fleet sailing, the maximum possible numbers of Russian deployed intercontinental-range nuclear weapons at sea will far exceed the bilateral limits Moscow has agreed with the United States.

The Bryansk (K-117) alone can carry 16 Sineva missiles which each are armed with four independently targetable reentry nuclear warheads. It is believed that the submarine after the current comprehensive modernization, including change of nuclear fuel elements for the two onboard reactors, can sail for another 8 to 10 years. The Bryansk has been at the Zvezdochka yard in Severodvinsk since 2018, shortly after her sister submarine Tula (K-114) had [completed similar upgrades](#). Initially, the modernization should take 3 years and 6 months.

# UNDERSEA WARFARE NEWS

The work, however, lasted more than 6 years. This December, the *Bryansk* was seen at sea for the first time outside Severodvinsk. Carrying equipment for calibrating the sonar, the submarine sailed slowly in the icy waters of the White Sea.



Sea trials, including calibration of the bow mounted sonar, is a normal procedure for all submarines that have been in for mid-life upgrades. How long it will take depends on when the Zvezdockha yard and the Northern Fleet agree on the seaworthiness of all technical, weapons, and navigation systems onboard.

Built in the second half of the 1980s, the Bryansk is one of the oldest nuclear-powered submarines in operation with the Russian navy. Her homeport is Gadzhiyevo on the Kola Peninsula, some 100 kilometers east of the border to Norway.

With the return of Bryansk, the Northern Fleet has four operational Delta-IV submarines. The three others are Tula (K-114), Verkhoturys (K-51) and Novomoskovsk (K-407). One more, the Karelia (K-18) is next in line for upgrades at Zvezdochka and has since last summer been seen in the dry dock on Google Earth satellite images of the yard.

# UNDERSEA WARFARE NEWS

The Karelia is the submarine Vladimir Putin spent a night onboard in April 2000 when he oversaw a partly failed exercise supposed to launch a ballistic missile in the Barents Sea just north of Severomorsk.

The two last submarines of the Delta-IV class, the Ekaterinburg and Podmoskovye, are no longer deployed with nuclear weapons. The Ekaterinburg (K-84) is taken out of service, while the Podmoskovye (BS-64) was rebuilt to a special purpose submarine for the Directorate for Deep Sea Research (GUGI) and has since 2016 served as a mother vessels for deep-diving mini-submarines, including the [ill-fated Losharik](#).

The Bryansk submarine has several times participated in Russia's large-scale nuclear deterrence exercises GROM (Thunder). She launched a missile during both [GROM-2009](#) [GROM-2013](#) the Barents Observer reported. She has also at one time launched a missile by breaking the ice at the North Pole, a former submarine commander told [Moskovsky Komsomolets](#) this week.



At the start of 2025, and when Bryansk re-enters service, the Northern Fleet has five ballistic missiles submarines (SSBN), all based in Gadzhiyevo. In addition to the four in the Delta-IV class, it also includes the Borei-A class Knyaz Vladimir (K-549). One more sub of the class, the Knyaz Pozharsky, was [launched a year ago](#) and is expected to be delivered to the Northern Fleet during 2025.

The Northern Fleet's first Borei-class, the Yuri Dolgorukiy (K-535), is in for its first mid-life upgrade to change fuel elements for the reactor at the Zvezdochka yard in Severodvinsk, a work that can last for a few years. Like the Delta-IV class, each Borei-class can carry 16 missiles with up to six warheads each. This means that the Northern Fleet during 2025 will have capacity to deploy up to 96 ballistic missiles with between 384 to 448 nuclear warheads. That number could grow significantly in the years to come as four more Borei-class submarines are added and the older Delta-IV are not removed from service.

However, the faith of the New START Treaty that expires in early 2026 will be the main guideline for the number of nuclear weapons in the Barents Sea region.

# Previous Quarter Highlights

## **Perch Base Annual Picnic**

Perch Base held its Annual Picnic meeting on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Paloma Community Park in Peoria, AZ. We had a special guest, Davy Jones, who hadn't been able to make it to a meeting in quite some time. Many of the side-dishes and desserts were brought in by the membership, but the "duty chef," Stan Reinhold, who has a food handling license, cooked the burgers and hotdogs. Our Perch Base Chief of the Boat (COB,) Don Robertson also "mess cranked" for Stan. Special thanks to both Stan and Don for their contribution to the success of the picnic. The desserts included a cake celebrating the 125th year of the Submarine Service. During the meeting, our newly elected Base Commander, David Heighway, led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the USSVI purpose. David Heighway introduced our visitors, including members from Tucson Base and White Mountain Base. David also read the Tolling of the Boats Ceremony for the boats lost in April. A Holland Club Induction Ceremony was conducted by our Past Commander George Woods and Base Commander Dave Heighway. The ceremony, which recognizes 50 years being Qualified in Submarines, inducted Pat Habel, Duane Kanitz, and Joe Trotter.



Special thanks to Paul Miller and David Heighway for providing most of the photos, since Dan Marks, the Webmaster, was late arriving due to shuttling Davy Jones from his assisted living facility to the Annual Picnic



## **Our Creed in Action**

### **BRAVO ZULU JOE & JIM!**

Perch Base Submarine Veterans (USSVI) Life Members Joe Trotter and Jim Denzien gave a presentation on April 24, 2025, to the Naval Order of the United States Sea Services History Society. Joe & Jim discussed "miscellaneous submarining". Bravo Zulu to Joe & Jim for supporting our Creed to ". . . endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."

## Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)



### VICE COMMANDER INSTALLATION

Perch Base member Don Robertson was elected and installed as our Vice Commander at the Perch Base meeting on May 10, 2025, at Dillon's Restaurant. Don fills the role as our Vice Commander since it became vacant on March 8, 2025, when Dave Heighway was installed as our Base Commander. Congratulations to Don, who was our Chief of the Boat (COB) since June 2021, and thanks to Don for his service to Perch Base as the COB. Don was sworn in by Perch Base member Vic Van Horn who was formerly our Western Region Director and also District Commander WD1.



George Williams received a 25-year Longevity Pin from Membership Chairman Paul Miller. (l-r:) Colleen C., Dave Heighway, George C. Williams,



### Base Birthday & a Longevity Award

The date of our USSVI charter, and **Base "birthday,"** is June 20, 1995. So on June 20, 2025, our Base will be 30 years old! Thanks to Base Commander Dave Heighway, who brought a cake to our monthly meeting on June 14, 2025, to celebrate. Read more about our Perch Base history on our website at <http://www.perch-base.org/Beginning.htm>. Also, our Membership Chairman Paul Miller awarded a 25-year Longevity Award pin to Life and Holland Club member George Williams. Congratulations to George!

## Previous Quarter highlights (cont.)



### **HAPPY 61st BIRTHDAY**

The United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., USSVI, was chartered 61 years ago on May 24, 1964.

### **Memorial Day 2025**

Perch Base USSVI participated in the Memorial Day Ceremonies at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, including Tolling of the Boats, on Monday, May 26, 2025. Governor Joy and Howard Doyle conducted the Tolling of the Boats ceremony. The following photos are from the both the Memorial Day Ceremony and the Tolling of the Boats.



## Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)



Several Perch Base members arrived early to help stage our Tolling of the Boats Ceremony. This photo shows (l-r:) Don Robertson and Kirby Anderson setting up the USS Phoenix (SSN-702) float.



After the Memorial Day Ceremony, Perch Base conducted our Tolling of the Boats Ceremony in the Purple Heart Circle by the WWII Submarine Veterans Mark 18 torpedo.

# In the Spotlight

## FRANK ELLIOT ETERNAL PATROL

Perch Base Holland Club Member and Life Member Frank Elliott, IC1(SS) (ret) passed onto Eternal Patrol on April 30th, 2025. Frank was 88. Frank joined the Navy in 1957 and retired after 20 years in 1976. He qualified on the USS Sablefish (SS-303) and also served on the Thomas Edison (SSBN-610), the USS Tinoso (SSN-606), the USS Finback (SSN-670), USS Spadefish (SSN-668), and the USS Pintado (SSN-672).

Frank joined Gold Country Base in 2003 and served as their Base Commander in 2009 and 2010. He joined Perch Base then he moved to Surprise, AZ, in 2024.

Frank is survived by his wife, Byrnece; his daughter, Kelly Shipp; stepchildren, James Morgen and Theresa McAdams; and numerous grandchildren. Services were held at the at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona on May 20, 2025, at 1400 hours.

**SAILOR, REST YOUR OAR! YOUR WATCH HAS ENDED.**

**Your Brothers of the 'Phin Have the Watch.  
Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shipmate.**



# In the Spotlight

## ROBIE ROBINSON ETERNAL PATROL

Perch Base Holland Club Member and Life Member Bruce D. (Robie) Robinson, MMCM(SS) (ret) passed onto Eternal Patrol on May 4th, 2025. Robie was 89 years old. Robie transferred to Perch Base from Wyoming Base in 2000.

Robie joined the U.S. Navy in 1953 and initially served on 3 destroyers in his first 4 years, the USS Taussig, USS Marshall, and the USS Cowell. He then served his next 4 years on a cruiser, the USS Rochester, before entering the Submarine Service in 1962. Robie served and Qualified in Submarines on the USS Patrick Henry (SSBN-599) from 1962 to 1963. He then rode the USS Halibut (SSN-587) from 1968-1969 following its conversion from a Regulus missile boat to a special operations missions submarine.



Although details remain classified to this day, based on his service dates, he was probably a crewmember on the Halibut during the discovery of the sunken Soviet submarine K-129. MMCM(SS) Robinson served on two of the missions described in the book, *Blind Man's Bluff*. He also served on the USS Benjamin Franklin (SSBN-640) from 1969-1970. Other submarine-related assignments included COMSUBRONs 14 and 16 and at the S5G prototype in Idaho. Robie retired from the Navy in 1975. He is survived by his wife, Marge, daughter, Debbie, and son, Rob. Robie and Marge had 68 years sharing their lives as husband and wife. A graveside service with full military honors for Robie was held Monday, June 16, 2025 at Pikes Peak National Cemetery, 10545 Drennan Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80925.

**SAILOR, REST YOUR OAR! YOUR WATCH HAS ENDED.**  
Your Brothers of the 'Phin Have the Watch.  
Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shipmate.



# In the Spotlight



A - Northeast Bird's Eye View



## MORE EXCITING PROGRESS!!!

The Cold War Monument Project continues to make steady/exciting progress toward what we hope will be a construction start sometime next year. Recently, the City's contractor/design manager, Ardurra, reached the "60% Design Review" milestone in the monument's design process in April. The civil, landscaping, foundation, architectural, and electrical designs were reviewed with only minor comments. The sail and rudder were not addressed during 60% review and therefore, their reconditioning and fiscal impact were not evaluated. On June 19th, the design team mustered with the general contractor, structural engineers and welding sub-contractor at Papago Park to evaluate the parts and developed a rough plan for their reconditioning and re-assembly. This phase of the project will be a key scheduling element and a fiscally significant event. The project manager assigned all parties to develop a detail plan with cost for the 90% design review which is presently scheduled for early September.

There is still an opportunity for the Perch Base membership to be permanent part of the monument with the purchase of a "Brick". With a "Brick" purchase, your submarine service legacy is permanently displayed for future generations. Go to [www.USSPhoenixMonument.org](http://www.USSPhoenixMonument.org) for details.

**Chris Gahan, Director & Brick Program Manager, USS Phoenix Cold War Monument Foundation.**



# In the Spotlight

## *It takes a Village & the Military to fashion a Warrior*

Georgianne & I have occupied the house we presently reside in for over 30 years. Our home is a corner unit on cul-da-sac made up of seven other families. It is not quite a circle but close enough. There has been some turnover but not much in the last 15 years or so. Kinda like a village.

We have, over that time, raised our families and most of our children are now either in the world making their own way, in college preparing to, or in service of their choosing. In fact, some of us are blessed to have grandchildren. I like to call us the Merino Circle tribe. There is a varied mix of religious and political beliefs but none extreme and are very respectful of each other's values. We have tradition that has been running for over 20 some years of a potluck dinner on Halloween where we share a meal and refresh our tribal bonds. The tribe has suffered tragedies, celebrated those special moments in life and have been there for each other. We help each other however when called upon and some of these have been big asks. We always kept an eye on the tribe's kids.

We remember when Dean Altman Jr. was born 18 years ago. As with all kids in tribe, we watched him mature over the years. His parents, Dean Sr. & Cindy are both veterans in their own right. They have two other children. Jake, older brother, who Chris helped dress for his prom and Pepper their youngest daughter. All three of these Altman siblings, have helped us around the house with chores, projects, and have provided house/pet sitting services over the years.

Dean Jr. recently graduated from high school and joined the Air Force (AF). His father is a AF veteran and so is his older brother Jake. Dean Jr. was always a soft spoken, studious, well-mannered teenager. His personality never displayed any rashness and then he entered AF boot camp last April.

Dean recently completed boot camp and a school to be cyber warfare specialist. He came over for visit a couple of nights ago. No longer the awkward teenager. Dean was healthy, physically fit, and confident young man. We were astounded by the transition to a self-assured, outgoing airman. He was in good place and enthusiastic for the challenges in front of him. Dean is heading to a cyber warfare assignment in Germany. From what we saw that evening, his future is very bright and AF is fortunate to have this warrior on their team.

In our world today, there are not many positive outcomes to celebrate. However, Dean's parents, the Merino Circle tribe, and the Air Force have shaped an individual who will succeed in spite of the challenges he faces. We are all very proud of him and will take this as a win.

# Upcoming Events

**Remember to check the [Perch Base website](#) and watch for Flash Traffic emails for the most up-to-date information.**

## **Monthly General Meetings:**

**No meeting in April because of the Annual Picnic**

Saturday's, July 12th and August 9th.

At Dillion's KC BBQ restaurant

[20585 North 59th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona.](#)

(Left click above address for a Google map.)

The official meeting starts at Noon but come join us at 1100 for lunch!

50/50 Raffle drawing (Must be present to win).

## **Prescott Frontiers Day Rodeo Parade, July 5, 2025**

The Prescott Frontiers Day Rodeo Parade is this coming Saturday on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Mustering and staging at 0700 and parade starting at 0900. We have been assigned positions #80 & #81. Gudgeon Base will lead with Perch Base next, followed by Tucson Base. The staging location will be on Alarcon Street, south of Willis Street. However, it may be closer to 1000 before we join the parade. Refer to the Perch Base website Flash Traffic's for more details and updates.

## **2025 USSVI National Convention, Orlando, FL from Sep 1—Sep 6.**

The Snug Harbor is hosting the 2025 National Convention in Orlando, FL. The convention will be held from Monday, September 1 through Saturday, September 6. Registration and the hotel room block is available on the convention Website: <https://subvetconvention.org/>.

## **Deadline for the Midwatch Newsletter fourth 2025 edition**

All input must be into Chris Gahan, Perch Base Newsletter Editor, to be included in the next Midwatch Newsletter to be published on Friday, September 12th , 2025.

**Please watch for updates on the [Perch Base website](#) and **Flash Traffic** emails as events may be updated, added or amended.**

# ***Third Quarter Birthdays***

## **JULY**

2	Dave Heighway
7	Benard Juracka
8	Carl Miner
8	Chuck Luna
8	Matthew McDonald
12	James Foote
16	Nick Povio Jr.
25	Larry Speight
29	Joe Trotter
30	Howard Goldman
31	Jack Messersmith

## **AUGUST**

3	Bob Denton
5	John Carpentier
6	Joshua Whitmore
7	Joseph Foran
7	Bryan Pellegrini
7	Perkins
8	Bob Smith
8	Charles Kotan
8	Bud Huber
9	Richard Hicks
10	Brad Seidel
12	Bob Lancendorfer
15	Ray Villa Sr.
15	Vincent Degon
15	Janice Van Horn
18	John Zaichkin
19	Mike Bryant
19	Doug La Rock
19	Kelly Grissom
20	Bob Roberts
25	Chris Gahan
26	John Mannetti
29	Harold Heller

## **SEPTEMBER**

4	Alan Miller
5	Fred Fuller
6	Wayne Kirk Smith
10	Bob Wright
11	David Kayer
13	Steve Stanger
18	Kirby Anderson
24	Howard Enloe
26	Gary Bartlett



# Binnacle List

Keep these shipmates in your prayers

**Howard Doyle Jr.**

**DeWayne Lober**

**Jim & Mary Denzien**

**Richard Simmons**

**Franklin Hausen**

**Chuck Emmett**

**Davy Jones**

**Chuck Luna**

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# GOOD OF THE ORDER

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## Base Ride Share

**In need of a ride to a base meeting or event? Like to help a shipmate in need of a lift? Please contact: Dan Marks at**

**[webmaster@perch-base.org](mailto:webmaster@perch-base.org)**

# Tolling of the Boats



## Tolling of the Boats for July

4	USS S-28 (SS-133)	1944	49 men lost
26	USS Robalo (SS-273)	1944	81 men lost
30	USS Grunion (SS-216)	1942	70 men lost

## Tolling of the Boats for August

6	USS Bullhead (SS-332)	1945	84 men lost
13	USS Flier (SS-250)	1944	78 men lost
13	USS S-39 (SS-144)	1942	no loss of life
24	USS Harder (SS-257)	1944	79 men lost
26	USS Cochino (SS-345)	1949	7 men lost

## Tolling of the Boats for September

1	USS S-5 (SS-110)	1920	no loss of life
9	USS Grayling (SS-209)	1943	76 men lost
25	USS S-51 (SS-162)	1925	33 men lost
25	USS Pompano (SS-181)	1943	77 men lost
28	USS Cisco (SS-290)	1943	76 men lost

# 2024 Perch Base Operations

These are the Base members and Friends who donate monies or efforts (1 October 2024 thru 30 September 2025) to allow for Base operations while keeping our dues low and avoid raising money through member labor as most other organizations do. The list reflects donation as of July 2nd.

James Dahl	Frank Elliot	John Carpenter
Roger Cousin	Howard Enloe	Thomas Farley III
David Fyock	Chris Gahan	William Grissom
Robert Wright	David Heighway	Governor Joy
Douglas La Rock	DeWayne Lober	Billy Deshong
Dennis McComb	Dan Marks	Paul Miller
James Mills	James Newman	Stanley Reinhold
"Noisy Can"	James Paper	Steven Stanger
Raymond Villa Sr.	Donald Schafer	Richard Simmons
Joseph Trotter	Don Unser	Marcus Hensley
Glenn Posniak	Samuel Mecham	George Williams
George Woods	Don Robinson	Curt Morgan
Cynthia Morgan	Kirby Anderson	Gary Bartlett
John Beckett	Elbert Huber	Phillip Sawyer
Larry Ruggles	Kevin Sheehan	Wayne Smith
Lawrence Speight	John Smith	Dave Wickline

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Brakes		7am - 6pm
Clutches		(623) 536-0555
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## OUR MISSION

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