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USSVI Creed:

"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."



Life is Simple

...either you're qualified or you're not!

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Our annual Awards Banquet on January 21 brings the official close to 2016 activities for us. One of the more important events at the banquet is the announcement of Perch Base's Sailor of the Year. Selecting this individual is always a hard task but this year it's really difficult. Not because it's hard to find a suitable candidate. Just the opposite. Our base is full of outstanding members who come together to make our base the primo one in the Western states and perhaps the entire country. You guys make my job easy and I don't say it often enough but thank you for your support and Bravo Zulu to all of you.

But we can change and be flexible. Some of our members who live in the central or eastern part of the metropolitan area have voiced concerns that the Base's annual picnic is so far to the west (the White Tank Mountains Park) that it's a real inconvenience. This is a very valid concern so this year, thanks to the efforts of shipmate De Wayne Lober, our annual picnic, held on May 13, will be in the North Mountain Park on N. 7th St. in the heart of Phoenix. Change can happen but only if you take an active part.

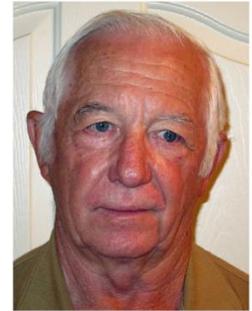
So, we end the year with our membership up and active. Financially, we are reasonably sound with enough money to do the things we wish to do and continue to have a full schedule of events. in which we can continue to support the purpose of USSVI. But it's important that we look outside the box — like De Wayne did for the picnic — and think of fresh ideas.

Thoughts? Questions? Give me a call at (623) 455-8999, my land-line or (602) 448-3873, cell phone. I also have an additional e-mail address that might be easier to use: Base-Commander@cox.net Anytime.



The Vice-Commander/ COB's Comments

Thoughts from the Officer with Two Hats
Richard Kunze



I hope everyone had a safe, sane, healthy and happy holiday. 2016 sure went by fast, too fast for me. I am looking forward to this New Year and the many activities Perch Base will be participating in addition to our regular Monthly meetings...

January, we have our annual Award Banquet at the Pebble Creek Country Club, February the Tale of Two Cities Parade in Goodyear/Avondale, March our St Patrick's Day parade, the last week in April the Western Region Round Up to be held at Sam's Town in Las Vegas, in May our annual all base picnic to be held at North Mountain Park in Phoenix. Also in May, on Memorial Day we participate in the Memorial Day Program at the Phoenix Veterans Cemetery presenting wreaths for the Submarine Veterans of World War II and Perch Base. After the City of Phoenix program finishes Perch Base conducts a "Tolling of the Boats" ceremony at the Circle of Remembrance at the cemetery. In July, we go to the Frontier Days Rodeo Parade held in Prescott July 4th weekend. These are just some of the events we know about and go to each year. There are others that we do not have dates for yet or have not received an invitation or information. Please try to plan ahead so you may participate in some of our other events.

Perch Base is sponsoring \$1000.00 scholarship again this year to a relative of a member of the base. The requirements can be found in the Docs & Forms section of the Base's Web Page. The scholarship can be used for any advanced schooling like college, technical school or vocational training school. Applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee by July 31, 2017. Entries will be judged and the winner will be announced at the August regular Base meeting. Entries can be sent to me at the below address or given to me at a Base meeting.

Mail scholarship entry to:

Richard Kunze
Perch Base Scholarship
734 E. Calle Chulo Road
Goodyear AZ 85338-1030

I hope to see many of you at our Monthly meetings and many events throughout the New Year.



"Member Mogul"
Membership Chairman's Message
JIM ANDREWS



Hooray!!! The 2017 Annual Membership Drive is finished. We did very well this year and we did not lose as many members as last year. For that, Perch Base thanks you. One thing I want to pass on about the Membership Drive and then I will end my pitch for money, it is Donations. As I said in my previous FLASH TRAFFIC donations can be made to assist Perch Base at any time. Donations do not have to be made just during October to January. They can be made at any time during the year. Our next major event is our Annual Awards Banquet.

I hope all of you can join us and make the Banquet as successful as in previous years. Remember, if you are going and have something to donate to the Silent Auction, give Dan Moss a call. THANKS again for everyone's help over the past three months.



Secretary
BASE MEETING MINTUES
Marcia Unser



Recipe For A Military Wife

- 1 ½ C. Patience
- 2 Tbsp. Elbow Grease
- 1 lb. Courage
- 1 ¼ C. of Tolerance
- Dash of Adventure

Marinate frequently with salty tears.

Pour off excess fat.

Sprinkle lightly with money.

Knead dough until payday.

Season with international spices.

Baste with love, memories,

Understanding and friendship.

Bake for twenty years

Or longer until done.

Serve with pride.

"Bits of Bytes"

Base Webmaster

Dan Marks



Check out the additions to our website, www.perch-base.org, since the last newsletter. The home page is always updated to reflect recent happenings and the Sailing Orders page will display upcoming events. Among those additions, pictures have been posted for the Old Congress Days "Prade," the Billy Moore Days parade, the 3 Veterans Day Parades in Anthem, Black Canyon City and Phoenix, the Gilbert Veterans Ceremony, and the interment of Pfc. Daniel Hunt, a repatriated MIA of the Korean War. To view our photo archives, left-click the "Nav Menu" button in the upper left corner of any Perch Base webpage and then the upper button titled, "Special Section – Perch Base Event Photos." You will see the satisfaction by our members who attended and I encourage more members to come out for these events.

A lot has happened to the Perch Base website, even though some of it should be transparent to you as a visitor. During this quarter, our previous hosting company performed an "upgrade." Following the change, some of our web pages did not work correctly and then the whole website was out of service for two days. As a result, I moved our website to a new host company and everything has been restored to normal. If you visit the website and see any problems, please send a note to the webmaster@perch-base.org so I can fix it.

During the past 90 days, our Perch Base website page views were about 3,741. About 54% of that traffic is from within Arizona, so I will assume that is from YOU.

Also, don't forget to visit our Facebook page, which can only be accessed by current members. If you want me to add you to our "Perch Base, United States Submarine Veterans Inc". Facebook group, you can either go to the group page and request to join the group, or you can send me an email and I will send back an invite.



In the past I, have asked for submissions from you but I've never given any guidelines on how to submit anything. So here are some simple steps:

Submission guidelines-

- Submit by email to newsletter@perch-base.org
- Please enter "MidWatch submission" as the subject
- All submissions must be as Word files (.doc or docx), text files (.txt) or Rich Text Files (.rtf).
- If you use bolds or italics, you must submit it as a .doc, .docx or .rtf file format.
- You can place the submission in the email but any special formatting will be removed.
- Use Arial font, 10 pt, one column wide, single space.
- Try to keep it to two (2) pages, roughly 1,050 words.
- If you have any pictures pertaining to the story (and I encourage it), please scan them as a .jpg or .png file and attach them to the email. I will gladly use as many as space allows.

Before submitting-

- Run your submission through a spell checker and then read it over for anything the spellchecker missed before submitting.
- I encourage both seasoned and first-time writers to submit their work, and do not expect grammatical and structural perfection but removing spelling errors will make it more enjoyable for your shipmates to read (and they will be less likely to rib you about it!)
- Please break your story into reasonably sized paragraphs. Reading long paragraphs on a screen can be hard on the eyes.

Things to be aware of-

- I do not edit the content of the story (i.e. spelling, grammar) but I do reserve the right to edit the formatting (basically font and size).
- If you have more than one picture attached and wish to be certain that one of them will be used, be sure to indicate which one in the email.
- I have the final say on whether your submission will be used and which picture(s) to use, depending on impact and space requirements.



Storekeeper

Herb Herman



From the Storekeepers Desk: We should have a new supply of Perch Base and Holland Club hats for the next meeting. I wish to thank all of you who purchased the 2017 calendars; we are totally sold out. I have a supply of Holland Club mugs for sale. To remind one and all we are limiting what we carry on hand to what sells. If you want something special, see me or order it through the USSVI National Storekeeper. We carry an ample supply of Perch Base patches and challenge coins. **MERRY CHRISTMAS.**

I'LL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.
Herb Herman - Base Storekeeper
 623 202 4362 herbherman@gmail.com



Event Coordinator

Don Unser



To all of you non-participating members, I, the event coordinator would like to call upon you to get involved. We have 172 members and have maybe 50 that show up at the monthly meeting. We have about 6 to 12 members that show up for our parades and/or static displays. (Usually the same ones every time, too.) I am not very comfortable around crowds of people. I get anxious. I get frightened (I know, crazy, huh) BUT, I still go to most of them. The point is that our "Creed" is to "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. " If you truly support our creed and you want to honor those who went before us, get off your dead a\$\$ and show up. I know that some of you will be offended with my directness, but suck it up. If I can overcome my fears of crowds and be there then you all sure can, too. That's all, Merry Christmas to all, and good night.

U.S. Undersea Warfare News

Navy Leaders Bring Back Rating Titles

Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs, Navy.mil, December 21

WASHINGTON - On Dec. 21, the Navy announced that effective immediately, Sailors may continue to be addressed by their Rating Titles.

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral John Richardson, with the support of Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Steve Giordano, made the announcement in NAVADMIN 283/16.

"Our Navy needs to be a fast-learning organization - that includes Navy leadership," Richardson wrote in the NAVADMIN. "The Design for Maintaining Maritime Superiority states that our most junior teammate may have the best idea and that we must be open to capturing that idea. We have learned from you, and so effective immediately, all rating names are restored."

"The SECNAV, MCPON and I, along with other Navy leadership, have had the opportunity to speak with thousands of Sailors during our travels throughout the fleet. The feedback from current and former Sailors has been consistent that there is wide support for the flexibility that the plan offers, but the removal of rating titles was unnecessary and detracted from accomplishing our major goals."

The rating modernization working group will continue its work on the substantive portion of the rating moderation effort.

"As we looked at rating modernization effort over the past few months, we saw that we could still achieve the positive results we want without

changing rating titles right now," said the Navy's Chief of Personnel Vice Adm. Robert Burke. "However, modernizing our industrial-age personnel system in order to provide Sailors choice and flexibility still remains a priority for us. Our personnel system has not fundamentally changed since the 1970s, and just like our ships, aircraft and weapons systems, it needs updates to keep pace with a rapidly changing world. We must not shy away from adapting to meet the needs of a 21st century Navy -- including the way we manage our people."

"As we move forward into the execution stages of the rating modernization, more and more Sailors will have multiple occupational skill sets or ratings," Burke continued. "Before we get there, we will need to tackle the issue of managing rating names. We will involve Sailors throughout the Fleet and leverage the Rating Modernization working group to figure out how to best do that."

Sailor 2025 is a set of initiatives collectively aimed at modernizing the personnel system, improving the training process and improving career readiness of the Navy's Sailors. The program has been a major focus of effort for SECNAV and CNO as they seek to better prepare the workforce for the current and future operating environment.

Sailors have a direct line to provide input to the Rating Modernization working group to make sure their ideas are heard. Send them to NavyRatingMod.fct@navy.mil.

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Entering a New York cocktail lounge, a uniformed engineman stationed onboard a visiting diesel submarine, noted the beautiful young thing sitting all alone at the bar. Seating himself two stools away, he began to rehearse his line. Just then, she sat erect and said to the bartender, "What's that horrible kerosene smell?"

Submitted by Dan Moss

First Quarter Birthdays

JANUARY	
3	Robert Hanson
5	Brent Nelson
6	Harold Weber
7	Roger Cousin
7	Douglas Ewen
10	Eldon Hartman
14	Jerry Allston
22	Jerry Pittman
23	James Denzien
26	Stephen Day
27	Henry Fernandez
27	Rich Womack
29	Robert Warner
31	Frank Morris

FEBRUARY	
1	Royce Pettit
3	Mary Denzien
4	John Mosher
7	David Wickline
11	Dan Moss
13	Edgar Brooks
16	Michael Dahl
16	Steven Marcellino
19	Mel Rycus
21	John Kirkpatrick
24	Emil Schoonejans
24	Jim Mann

MARCH	
4	Bernard Fromm
9	Warner H. Doyle Jr.
11	Marcus Hensley
11	Glenn Herold
11	Dennis McComb
16	Marcia Unser
17	Lawrence Cummings
19	Burtis Loftin
20	Scott Strey
23	Karl Bergstrom
29	John Graves
29	Michael Hinderliter
29	Denny Kerton
31	David Metje

Perch Base CLASSIFIEDS

Your chance to advertise for free! Items from Base Members to other Members, and almost anything is far game. Exceptions: alcohol, drugs, illegal, commercial items or anything in general poor taste. Send your ad to: newsletter@perch-base.org



(This card is from the store that graciously gives us space to stage and park for the November Phoenix Veterans Day Parade. Give them a thought if you need tires or service.)

Classified Size Limit: Four lines of 10 pt Arial font, one column wide. Pictures may be included -- and are encouraged -- but make the picture a separate "jpg" or "png" file. If we can't format your ad as a Word document, it won't run.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 14 Monthly General Meeting

At Dillon's KC Bar-B-Que restaurant
20585 North 59th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona.
(Left-click address, above, for a Google map to Dillon's.)
The official meeting starts at Noon but come join us at 1100 for lunch!
50/50 Raffle drawing (Must be present to win).

Saturday, January 21 Perch Base Annual Awards Banquet

Doors open for the Perch Base Annual Awards Banquet at 1800 hrs. (6:00 PM for those retired and away from military time.) Dinner will be served at 1915 hrs. (7:15 PM).
The location is the same as last year, the Pebble Creek Tuscany Country Club in the Chianti Room.
16262 Clubhouse Dr, Goodyear, AZ 85395 (Left-click address for a Google map.)

1. Take the I-10 westbound to the "Pebblecreek Parkway."
2. "Pebblecreek Parkway" northbound to "Clubhouse Drive." Left on "Clubhouse Drive."
3. You will come to a manned gate house. Tell the guard where you are going and you'll be allowed to pass.
4. Continue approximately ½ mile and you'll see the Pebble Creek Tuscany Country Club sign.
5. Turn right and you'll immediately see a parking lot on the right. Enter this lot and continue through towards the far end.
6. Park as available.
7. The building at the far end (north end) of this lot is where the banquet is held.

We will have our Perch Base signs from the float placed to help locate the facility.

Saturday, February 4 Tale of Two Cities Parade

Save the date - more details will follow
We have entered the USS Phoenix float in this parade in Avondale and Goodyear, AZ for the past 5 years.

Saturday, February 11 Monthly General Meeting

At Dillon's KC Bar-B-Que restaurant
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The official meeting starts at Noon but come join us at 1100 for lunch!
50/50 Raffle drawing (Must be present to win).

Saturday, March 11 Monthly General Meeting

At Dillon's KC Bar-B-Que restaurant
20585 North 59th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona.
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The official meeting starts at Noon but come join us at 1100 for lunch!
50/50 Raffle drawing (Must be present to win).

Friday, March 17 Deadline for the Spring Quarter MidWatch

All input must be in to Chuck Luna, Communications Officer, to be included
In the next MidWatch Newsletter to be published on March 31, 2017.

LEST WE FORGET THOSE STILL ON PATROL



Tolling of the Boats for January

5	USS Scorpion (SS-278)	1944	77 men lost
10	USS Argonaut (SS-166)	1943	102 men lost
12	USS Swordfish (SS-193)	1945	89 men lost
20	USS S-36 (SS-141)	1942	no loss of life
24	USS S-26 (SS-131)	1942	46 men lost

Tolling of the Boats for February

4	USS Barbel (SS-316)	1945	81 men lost
11	USS Shark (SS-174)	1942	59 men lost
16	USS Amberjack (SS-219)	1943	72 men lost
26	USS Grayback (SS-208)	1944	80 men lost
29	USS Trout (SS-202)	1944	81 men lost

Tolling of the Boats for March

3	USS Perch (SS-176)	1942	6 men lost as POWs
5	USS Grampus (SS-207)	1943	71 men lost
12	USS H-1 (SS-28)	1920	4 men lost
15	USS Triton (SS-201)	1943	74 men lost
20	USS Kete (SS-369)	1945	87 men lost
25	USS F-4 (Skate) (SS-23)	1915	21 men lost
26	USS Tullibee (SS-284)	1944	79 men lost
26	USS Trigger (SS-237)	1945	89 men lost

SIMPLY THE BEST

Save the Date!

USSVI

Western Region

Roundup

April 23-28th

Las Vegas, NV



SAM'S TOWN
HOTEL AND GAMBLING HALL

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Where Locals Bring Their Friends!™

More details coming in a Flash Traffic soon!

2017 Perch Base Operations Supporters

These are the Base members and Friends who donate monies or efforts to allow for Base operations while keeping our dues low and avoid raising money through member labor as most other organizations do.

Jerry Allston	Marcus Hensley	Louis Reynolds
Kenneth Anderson	Glenn Herold	Stanley Reinhold
Jim Andrews	Charles Hooper	Robie Robinson
Steve Balthazor	Theodore Hunt	Larry Ruggles
Gary Bartlett	Davey Jones	Russ Rutowski
Richard Bernier	Mike Keating	Pete Sattig
Ronald Beyer	Richard Kunze	Donald Schafer
Edgar Brooks	Douglas La Rock	Edward Schafer III
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Roger Cousin	Albert Landeck	Carl Scott
Eugene Crabb	Bill Larime	Gary Schumann
Michael Dahl	DeWayne Lober	Rick Simmons
James Denzien	Burtis Loftin	Wayne Smith
Mary Denzien	George Long	Steven Stanger
Howard Doyle	Daniel Marks	William Tippet
James Edwards	Charles Marshall	Don Unser
Howard Enloe	Raymond Marshall	Marcia Unser
James Evans	Dennis McComb	James Wall
Thomas Farley III	Angus McPherson	Forest Watson
Thomas Fooshee	Allen Miller	David Wickline
David Fyock	Frank Morris	Bruce Williams
George Gillette III	John Mosher	George Woods
John Graves	Jim Nelson	William Woolcott
Thomas Gregory	James Newman	John Zaichkin
Billy Grieves	Richard Noreika	Ronald Zomok
William Grissom	Michael Olsen	Perch Base Foundation
Michael Haler	Royce Pettit	
Eldon Hartmann	Ernie Plantz	Mike & Lisa Doubleday
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