

THE MIDWATCH

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Christmas is coming and the geese are getting fat. Who will put a penny in the old man's hat. If you don't have a penny, a half-penny will do. If don't have a half-penny God Bless you. The Perch Base Wardroom wants to wish you and yours a Marvelous Holiday Season and a Blessed New Year.

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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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Summer is in the rearview mirror. Perch Base has been quiet except for our General Meetings and the Prescott Rodeo Day Parade. The opportunities for you to live our Creed of “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”. We will take part in several parades and remembrance ceremonies in the coming months. Please visit our calendar page on our website, perch-base.org, for when, where, and what information. The who and how are you and any means that you can use.

We are starting our membership renewal time. Perch Base provides an “Early Bird” incentive to complete your renewal by October 31. The incentive is a drawing of all eligible members for the 2027 Perch Base membership being paid by the Base. (Please note that, if you are the winner, you will still be responsible for your 2027 USSVI National dues and that you must be a USSVI member in good standing to belong to the Base.) Paul Miller, Base Membership Chair, will be sending out renewal notices at the end of September. New payment methods are available, and I am sure that Paul will explain in his letter to you.

In October, the US Navy will be 250 years old. Earlier this year, we celebrated the 125th year of US Submarine service, so we know that there has been a submarine influence for half that time!

Participation at our Base General Meeting has been lagging behind what we have seen in the past. We have a rideshare capability if you contact us early enough to let us help you get arrangements made. We are also looking at other means to allow you to participate in your Base.

A new USSVI webpage will be released in the first quarter of 2026. We have been working on this since before I became a USSVI member, but there appears to be some certainty that this effort will bear fruit soon.

In the submarine community, “Pride Runs Deep”.

George Woods
Past Base Commander

From the Ward Room, Past Base Commander:

We are home from the USSVI National Convention in Florida for over a week already and I'm remembering meetings with many old friends and new ones too.

The Vanhorn's were continuing their trip home and stopping in TX to see Wayne and Jo Lynn Standerfer.

The Unser's were continuing their journey and attending a boat reunion and heading to New Orleans on their way back west.

The USSVI Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund provided 80 students with scholarships for this academic year. We are proud our granddaughter received a scholarship.

A surprise announcement during the convention of a new scholarship sponsored by Wayne and Jo Lynn Standerfer for Vocational Schools and they are accepting donations for this great cause.

In addition, the topic of Associate Memberships was brought up with National looking into Life Memberships for Associate Members.

The convention committee will look at going back to separate men's and women's luncheons at future conventions.

While at the convention we enjoyed several breakfasts at a real local diner, our waitress was Mama Mae, she was interested in our submarine stories, as we were about her life in India as a Hindu.

In these times, we all must be there for one another and help to make our submarine strong and active.

George Woods



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This has been a record quarter for our website. Since the last Midwatch was published, there have been 15,466 visits to the website, by 10,552 different people who looked at a total of 28,237 pages! That is in spite of the fact that due to the summer heat (and our snowbirds being out-of-town) our parades and other base activities are at their lowest during this time of the year. Although the highest number of these visits were from the United States (49%), the second highest number of visits were from China (9%) and the third highest number were from the Russian Federation (7%). Somehow, I don't think they are simply interested in how much we enjoy our camaraderie. LOOSE LIPS SINK SHIPS! Even though my personal experience in the fleet ended 47 years ago, I am still careful not to write about, or discuss, my classified activities.

Some of the events posted on the website since the last Midwatch was published include the 2025 USSVI National Convention photos, Prescott Frontier Days® rodeo parade photos, Joe & Kathy Trotter at the Naval Special Forces Center. I also post the same activities on the Perch Base Facebook page. Our most popular download is the "Hurt Feelings Chit!" What a surprise! Have I insulted someone, lately?

If you have any suggestions or input for the website, send an email to webmaster@perch-base.org.

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Membership

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Membership Drive 2025

Why would someone that wears Dolphins on their chest want to join the US Submarine Veterans, Inc (USSVI)?

When each of us joined this very specialized veteran's group, we had our own personal reasons. For me 30 years ago, it was an opportunity to connect with people that shared the same or similar experiences I had for my short six years in Submarine Service. As we all know, not all of those were fun times. But somehow, we seem to remember the better times, some great liberty ports, the missions we shared, our accomplishments, and most of all the friends we made. All of those translate into our often-repeated sea stories.

While a proud card-carrying Life member, it is more than that. It was after I joined that I came to understand the true purpose of the organization to perpetuate the memory of our lost Brothers of the Phin and the need to preserve our submarine history. This was never clearer to me than when I attended one of our own base members funeral services.

So, I'm asking each member of Perch Base to think about why you joined and how can we connect to fellow submariners throughout our Valley and state. If we believe there is value in our organization, then we must recruit and retain members to carry out our mission. We must connect with our current members, our community, and find our future torch bearers. It does not need to be complicated. One of the easiest things to do is show our brand – Dolphins, USSVI or Perch Base logo. Wear a ball cap or shirt and be ready to talk and show interest in a potential new member. Carry our business cards in your wallet for these chance meetings.

So here are some of our best-selling points for membership:

Shared Purpose & Legacy

- **Honor fallen shipmates** — The core creed is to *perpetuate the memory* of submariners who gave their lives in service, ensuring their sacrifices remain a source of inspiration.
- **Preserve submarine history** — Members help keep alive the stories, traditions, and heritage of the U.S. Submarine Force for future generations.

Camaraderie & Belonging

- **Tribal connection** — Whether you served on WWII diesel boats, Cold War fast attacks, or ballistic missile subs, you're part of an elite group that passed the same rigorous qualifications.
- **Local & national gatherings** — Over 160 local "bases" across the U.S., plus an annual national convention, give members regular opportunities to meet, swap sea stories, and maintain that tight-knit bond.

Member Benefits

- **American Submariner magazine** — A quarterly publication packed with submarine history, news, and member stories — many say it's worth the dues alone.

Networking & support — From reconnecting with old shipmates to finding mentorship or advice, the network is a valuable resource.

Service & Giving Back

- **Charitable outreach** — Through the USSVI and Perch Base Charitable Foundations, members support scholarships, memorial projects, and community initiatives.
- **Public education** — Members share the submarine service's role in protecting freedom, helping civilians understand the sacrifices made beneath the waves.

In short, joining isn't just about nostalgia — it's about **continuing the mission**: honoring the past, supporting each other in the present, and inspiring the future of the Submarine Force.

Our annual Membership Drive starts October 1st and lasts 3 months, ending on December 31st. Annual Members will receive a letter in the mail for renewal and Life Members requesting donations only. This year we are launching a new way to pay dues/donations through links on our website perch-base.org. Please consider this new method. But if you would like to submit a check to me, that will still be an option.

Making your payment now along with a donation to Perch Base and/or the Perch Foundation would be greatly appreciated. It would also be one less thing to remember as we get into the holiday season.

Please consider making a generous donation to the Base and/or the Foundation. A donation to the base will help support our duties and activities throughout the year. A donation to the Foundation will go to the scholarship fund. A donation to the Foundation is tax-deductible, while a donation to the Base is not.

Be looking for a letter in the mail or an email with more information.

Thanks for your support,

Paul

Life is Simple 
...either you're qualified or you're not!



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Mistakes are Part of Life

Harvey Mackay, Columnist, USA TODAY NETWORK

A college basketball coach was reflecting on his team's 115-57 loss during a postgame conference and said "I think the whole game hinged on a single game call.

A sportswriter asked, "Which one was that?"

The coach said, "The one I made last year scheduling the game."

The value of learning from mistakes cannot be overstated. In my experience, mistakes are indeed valuable learning opportunities. Dealing with the consequences of a mistake can improve your ability to navigate and find creative solutions.

Mistakes are the natural byproduct of trying new things, pushing boundaries, and innovating. It is important to remember that if you are not making mistakes, you might not be taking enough risks. And without risks, progress can be stifled. By making mistakes, you learn to evaluate risks more effectively, which can lead to better decision-making in the future. Plus, understanding where you went wrong helps you avoid similar pitfalls moving forward.

As author F. Scott Fitzgerald said, "Never confuse a single mistake with a final mistake."

Mistakes are a form of feedback. They tell you what doesn't work and provide a unique opportunity to tweak your approach. Mistakes often teach us more than success does. They highlight our weaknesses, allowing us to address them directly.

Taking responsibility for your responsibility for your mistakes is crucial because when you own up to your mistakes, you demonstrate integrity and gain respect from others. It build character and shows you are willing to take accountability for your actions. Try to fix the mistake, not the blame.

Learning from mistakes requires reflection. After a mistake, it is important to take a step back, analyze what happen and plan how to avoid similar mistakes in the future. Learning to bounce back from mistakes strengthens your resilience, an invaluable trait in both life and business.

Mistakes can be a source of innovation because when things don't go as planned, they can lead to a new idea or a better way of doing things. A mistake can reveal flaws in your processes, prompting necessary changes to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

Sharing mistakes with your team can lead to collective learning and prevent others from making the same errors. Learn form the mistakes of others. You can never live long enough to make them all your self. You can't make the same mistakes twice. The second time you make it, it's no longer an mistake. It's a choice.

Remember its not the mistake that defines you, rather how you handle the mistake. By being honest, taking the responsibility and following up with corrective actions, your turn a mistake into a steppingstone for success. And always learn from them. If you find yourself repeating the same mistake. It is time to pause and deeply understand why this is happening.

Mistakes are the tuition you pay for success. Embrace them, learn from them and use them as a catalyst to propel you to greater heights.

"You make mistakes, Mistakes don't make you", according to Maxwell Martz, a cosmetic surgeon and author of on of my favorite books: "Psycho-Cybernetics".

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"I think that sums it up in a nut shell. If you let your mistakes hound you, your likelihood of recovering from them will forever be limited. It's been said that if you want to succeed big, you must fail big. It sounds counterintuitive, but its is so true. Your learn that failure isn't permanent , and even if success comes in small doses afterward, you have turned the corner and can be bold enough to try again. As the old saying goes. "If at once you don't succeed, try, try again".

Take some time to lick your wounds and then get back to business. Your previous experiences will lend some guidance for when to change direction and what pitfalls to avoid. Failure isn't fatal. Mistakes have the power to turn you into something better than you were before.

An avid angler drove to northern Minnesota last winter to do a little ice fishing. While attempting to drill a hole in the ice, he heard a voice from above declare, "There aren't any fish in there!" The man dropped his gear, looked to heaven, and asked, "Is that God speaking?" A voice replied. "No, I'm the ice rink manager".

UNDERSEA WARFARE NEWS

The USS Barb (SSN-596) and a B-52 Stratofortress.

Daring at Sea Rescue



On 8 July 1972, USS Barb (SSN-596), lay in Apra Harbor completing repairs prior to a patrol in the Mariana Islands. Typhoon Rita was approaching Guam, and USS Barb intended to be at sea and submerged before the storm arrived.

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Shortly after 04:00 hours, "Cobalt 2", a B-52 Stratofortress of the Strategic Air Command commanded by United States Air Force Captain Leroy Johnson, took off from Andersen Air Force Base, intending to fly over the storm. Soon after takeoff, however, the aircraft became uncontrollable, and the crew bailed out. By 05:25, the six-man crew were in the ocean. A C-97 Strato-freighter spotted the survivors and radioed their location to Joint Search and Rescue at Agana.

USS Barb (SSN-596) and submarine USS Gurnard (SSN-662) were ordered to proceed at best speed to provide rescue.

At about 23:00, USS Barb surfaced about 12 miles (19 km) from the reported location. The heavy weather had already forced surface ships to turn back, and caused the round-hulled submarine to roll and corkscrew violently. It was 01:15 hours the next morning before the boat's crew spotted the survivors' lights. They made numerous attempts to rescue the airmen through the night, but did not succeed.

By 07:40 hours, visibility had improved and the typhoon had moved from the immediate area, and the boat approached a group of three rafts. Several attempts to shoot a line to the survivors failed, so Chief Torpedoman Jon Hentz volunteered to swim to them, towing a line. At about 08:15, the rafts holding Major Ronald Dvorak, the Electronic Warfare Officer, Lieutenant William Neely III, the copilot, and Lieutenant Kent Dodson, the navigator, were secured to the submarine. Over the next hour, they were brought aboard, a task made more challenging by the 40-foot (12 m) waves that often exposed the submarine's screw and the ballast tank flood grates at the bottom of the boat.

At about 10:00 hours, orbiting aircraft vectored USS Barb to the next survivor, Airman Daniel Johansen, the aircraft's gunner, who caught a line shot to him and was pulled aboard in less than a quarter-hour.

Meanwhile, USS Gurnard arrived on the scene, found Captain Leroy Johnson, the aircraft commander, and brought him aboard. Lieutenant Colonel J.L. Vaughn, the radar navigator, had not survived the night. Aircraft sighted his body floating face down, still tied to his raft.

(Article submitted by CC Clarke)



Newest nuclear-weapons carrier arrives in home base Gadzhievo

The Northern Fleet welcomed the *Knyaz Pozharsky* with festivity to her new home base on August 2. Shortly after, Ukraine's Defense Intelligence Directorate (HUR) published classified internal documentation concerning the brand new submarine.

By Thomas Nielson, *The Barents Observer*, 4 August 2025

The *Knyaz Pozharsky* is the third of the new 4th generation ballistic missile submarines to sail for Russia's Northern Fleet. The Borei-A class sub can carry 16 Bulava missiles armed with nuclear warheads.

The submarine was [handed over to the Navy from the Sevmash shipyard](#) in Severodvinsk on July 24 in a ceremony attended by Vladimir Putin.

From the yard by the White Sea, the voyage went directly to Gadzhievo, the base north of Murmansk on the Kola Peninsula which is home to the 31st Submarine Division with all the Northern Fleet's ballistic missile carriers.

The *Knyaz Pozharsky* was [rolled out of the ship hall](#) at the Sevmash yard in early 2024 and was supposed to be handed over to the Navy by the end of last year. However the sea trials took longer than expected.

The *Knyaz Pozharsky* (K-555) is to the knowledge of the Barents Observer the first post-Soviet delivered ballistic missile submarine that has not conducted a successful launch of the main weapon - the Bulava missile - before being handed over to the Navy.

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This test is normally part of the state acceptance trials for any new warships and submarines.

A bigger blow to the Russian Navy is the secret documents about the submarine that Ukraine's Defense Intelligence Directorate (HUR) made public on Sunday, August 3.

"The information obtained by the intelligence allows us to identify the features of the technical specifics not only of the *Knyaz Pozharsky*, but of other submarines of Project 955A [Borei-A], critically important for supporting the imperial myth of the aggressor state Russia."

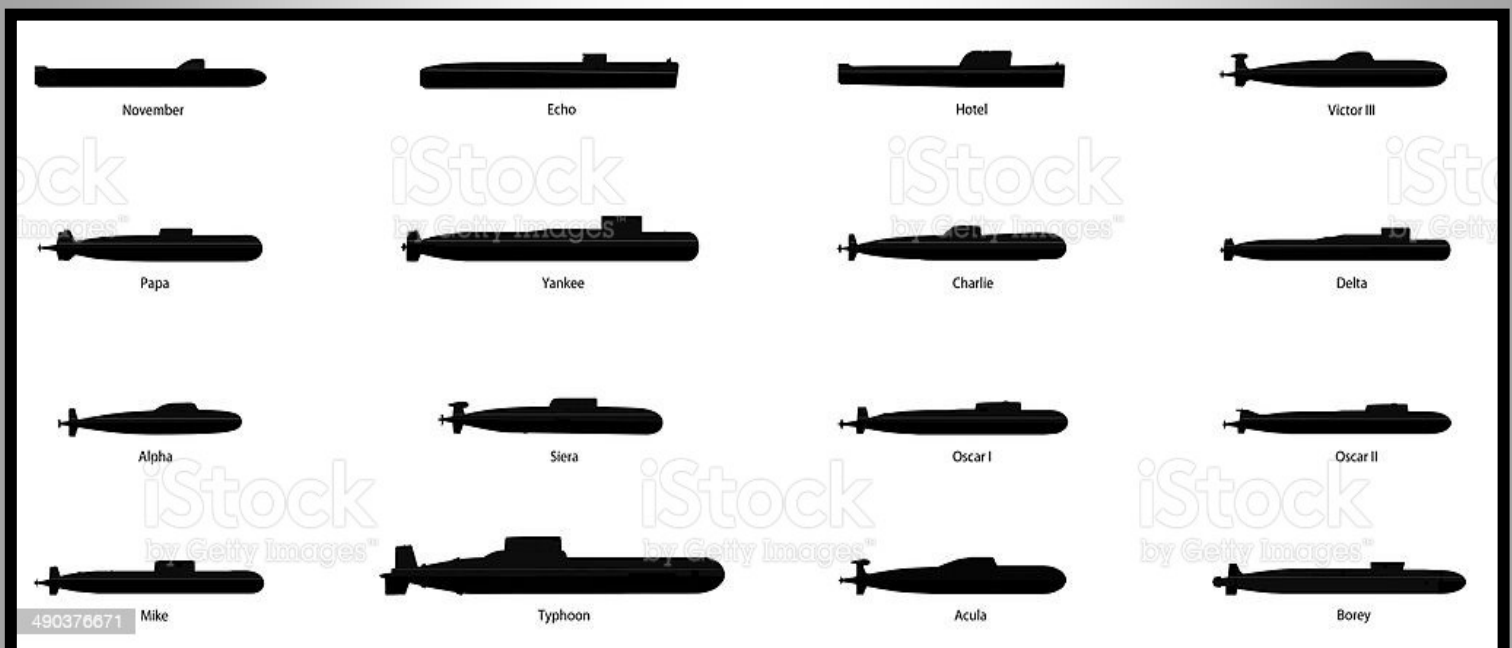
Published via [Telegram](#), HUR attached 10 pages from what appears to be a longer report about the *Knyaz Pozharsky*, including:

- Name lists of the crew, including data on positions, qualifications and level of physical training;
- Combat instructions for the crew;
- Combat scheme of the submarine, schemes of systems for ensuring survivability and organizational structure of the crew.
- Crew instructions in cabins and cockpits, instructions for transferring the wounded and cargo, procedures for towing and other job descriptions.
- Engineering documentation, including a report on the study of a deformed radio beacon indicating the members of the commission and the enterprises that participated in the study.

The documents revealed by the Ukrainian special services do not only reveal secrets about the *Knyaz Pozharsky*, but information relevant for all Borei-A class submarines of which there are seven in operation; two with the Northern Fleet and five sailing for the Pacific Fleet. One more vessel, the Borei-class *Yury Dolgoryky* is currently docked in Severodvinsk for mid-life upgrades, including changing of uranium fuel elements in the reactor.

Although there are no serious military secrets in the part of the documents made public, there are likely many more pages obtained by Ukraine's Defense Intelligence Directorate that are not made available for outsiders. With the move, Ukraine sends a clear message to Russia's Armed Forces: *We have inside sources leaking top military secrets.*

(Article submitted by Don Unser)



Previous Quarter Highlights



PRESCOTT FRONTIER DAYS® PARADE

Twelve Perch Base members took the USS Phoenix float up to Prescott, Arizona on July 5th, 2025, for the Prescott Frontier Days® Parade. The parade had many entries and a very large crowd to watch the parade. We were in the parade with Gudgeon Base and Tucson Base. About 25 members and family rode or walked in the parade from the 3 bases! The 2025 Parade Theme was "WOMEN OF RODEO." Many of the parade entries (including our USS Phoenix float) had memorials in honor of the 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots who lost their lives protecting fellow Arizonans from the Yarnell Hill Fire in 2013.



FIELD DAY

Remember FIELD DAY before your space was inspected? Remember LOADOUTS before deployment? Remember SECURING everything before Angles & Dangles? Our Chief of the Boat (COB,) Kirby Anderson led a party on Saturday, June 28, to prepare the USS PHOENIX (SSN-702) float for the upcoming Prescott Frontier Days® rodeo parade on July 5th. We also did some cleanup in the storage locker where the float is kept. The USS Phoenix (SSN-702) float, the People Trailer used during parades, and much of our Perch Base materials are stored courtesy of the Morgan family on their property, free-of-charge. Thank you to Curt and Cindy Morgan.

l-r) TJ McCoy, Don Robertson, Kirby Anderson, CC Clarke, Dave Heighway, Joe Trotter, Chris Gahan, Randy Pirkle. Dan Marks taking the photo.

Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)



BRAVO ZULU JOHN

Perch Base Submarine Veterans (USSVI) Member John Manning was inducted into the Holland Club at our monthly meeting on September 13, 2025, having been qualified in submarines for over 50 years. John Qualified in Submarines on USS Croaker (SSK - 246) in 1964. The photo shows the our Perch Base Past Commander, George Woods, (left,) also a Holland Club member congratulating John Manning (right) upon completion of the induction ceremony.

2025 USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION

Perch Base Submarine Veterans (USSVI) and some of their wives & family went to the 2025 USSVI National Convention held from August 31 to September 6, 2025, in Orlando, Florida at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort. Thanks to our Base Commander, Dave Heighway, for this photo, and thanks to Joe Trotter for other photos!



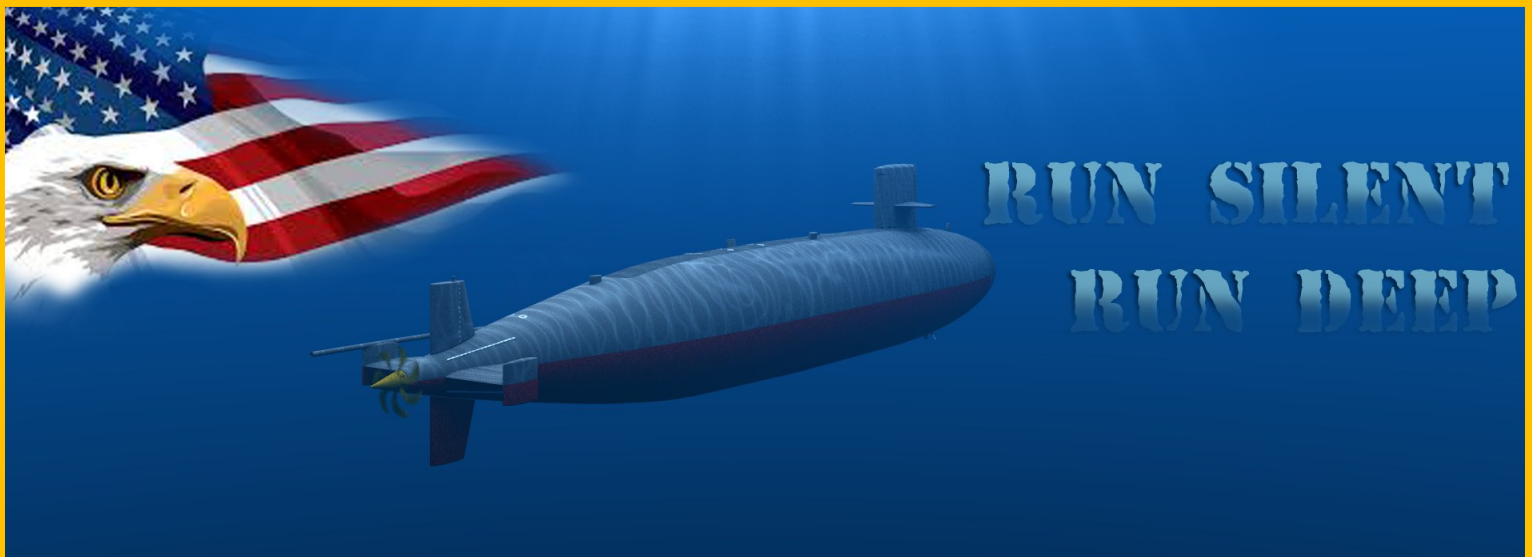
In the Spotlight

Perch Base Annual Awards Banquet

The Perch Base Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 17, 2026. As we have in the past, this event will be held at the Pebble Creek Tuscany Country Club in the Chianti Room. Tickets will be on sale soon. **So please circle the date on you calendar.** The price per meal and the menu selections are still being discussed; however, every effort is being made to hold the cost of the meal to \$65. Doors open at 1800 and Hors d' oeuvres and a cash bar will be available before the banquet is served. The Storekeeper will have his chest of submarine items and memorabilia on site for your shopping pleasure. You are also encourage to start saving your nickels and dimes for the 50/50 raffle and the silent auction. Every year, there are various submarine and other items donated to be auctioned off. The bidding has in past has been a bit ruthless. So, come prepared with plenty of cash. The profits from the 50/50 raffle and silent auction are add to the Perch Base Fund.

The search for a guest speaker has yet to find a suitable candidate. If you any leads please contact the Base Commander (commander@perch-base.org).

As the Awards Banquet Dinner date creeps closure more details will be publicized on the website and by Flash Traffic.



In the Spotlight



A - Northeast Bird's Eye View



The USS Phoenix, SSN-702, Cold War Monument project has reached the 90% design milestone. This means that the architectural, civil, structural, geotechnical, landscaping, electrical and mechanical engineering design has been completed. The next steps will include fiscal evaluation to determine if the design concepts compatible with the project budget. The project management team estimates that the present design is within the project's budget. Also, the Phoenix Parks Department must approve the design plans and fund the project. If all goes as expected, the next couple of months will involve obtaining the necessary construction permits. The project management team estimates construction will start in January of 2026.

You can participate in monument project by joining the 702 Cold War Monument Foundation (CWMF) and/or by purchasing a "Brick". Visit the website (USSPhoenixMonument.org) for details.

Editor's Note

A new section to the newsletter is being introduced in this edition called the "Storekeeper's Page". John Beckett, the Perch Base Storekeeper, has many items for sale. Keep in mind that the profit from all sales is deposited into to the Perch Base account. Traditionally, John brings his chest of submarine veteran items to each monthly meeting and vigorously markets his inventory. The "Storekeeper's Page" was created to reach those members who don't normally attend the monthly meeting and offer them the opportunity to purchase submarine veteran mementos .

The items featured in this edition are pieces of John's inventory that are one of a kind and at reduced prices. However, John has many others items in his supply chest: Submarine veteran hats, Holland club hats, challenge coins, various pins and patches, etc.

John would prefer that most sales take place at the monthly meeting. Nevertheless, He can mail purchases with additional postage added to cost of the purchase.

If you have a questions regarding the inventory, a special request or want to arrange a mail ordered purchase or a pick up, then contact John at storekeeper@perch-base.org.

A graphic at the top of the page features two spotlights on the left and right, casting a yellow beam of light onto the title. The title is 'In the Spotlight' in a large, black, serif font, with 'In the' in a smaller font size above 'Spotlight'.

In the Spotlight

In Honor of Veterans Day and in Reflection of Fallen Service Members

If you would like to visit a sobering and reflective tribute posted on an official US Government web site, then I invite you to browse online to, (www.abmc.gov/).

The American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) maintains 26 permanent American military cemeteries, 31 federal memorials, monuments, and markers, in 17 foreign countries, honoring over 200, 000 fallen U.S. Armed Forces service members. One of these locations is the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial^[1] in the Philippines. It contains the largest number of graves of our military dead of World War II, a total of 16,859, most of whom lost their lives in operations in New Guinea and the Philippines. The headstones are aligned in 11 plots forming a generally circular pattern, set among masses of a wide variety of tropical trees and shrubbery.

There is a chapel, a white masonry building enriched with sculpture and mosaic, standing near the center of the cemetery. In front of it on a wide terrace there are two large hemicycles. Twenty-five mosaic maps recall the achievements of the American armed forces in the Pacific, China, India, and Burma. On rectangular Trani limestone piers within the hemicycles, are inscribed the Tablets of the Missing containing 36,286 names. Rosettes mark the names of those since recovered and identified. Currently, there are just over 500 rosettes found on the Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery and Memorial. Carved in the floors are the seals of the American states and its territories. From the memorial and other points within the cemetery there are impressive views over the lowlands to Laguna de Bay and towards the distant mountains.

A nicely done video overview of the cemetery can be watched on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_gVpJkr4GAU

(Submitted by Don Robertson)

STOREKEEPERS PAGE



Item #1: Key Ring: \$5 ea



Item #2: 17.5" Brass Dolphins: \$15 ea



Item #3: A set of two for \$25



Item #4: US Submarine Veteran Magnets: \$5 ea



Item #5: Key Ring: \$5 ea

STOREKEEPERS PAGE



Item #6: Parking Sign: \$15



Item #7: Mood Sign: \$15



Item #8: Medallion: \$15



Item #9: Patch: \$3 ea

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:

Saturday's, Oct 11, Nov 8, & Dec 13.

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).

Sierra Verde STEAM Academy Event: (tentative)

Friday, November 7th, 0700 – 1100 at 7241 W Rose Garden Ln., Glendale, AZ, 85308.

07—0730: Setup USS Phoenix Sub Float Static Display.

08—0900: Veterans Breakfast in the Library.

09—1100: Assembly to honor the veterans.

11—1200: Student can visit the Static Display.

Daisy Mountain Veterans Parade: (tentative)

Held on Saturday, Nov 8th. Staging for this event must be completed by 0900.

Therefore, plan on staging the Sub Float & People Trailer between 07-0800. The staging area is in the Cross of Christ Church parking lot. 39808 N Gavilan Peak Pkwy, Anthem, AZ, 85086. Don't forget to bring your folding chair for the People Trailer. More details on the website.

Phoenix Veterans Day Parade: Monday, November 11th:

As in previous years, we plan on staging the Sub and People Trailer Float in the rear of the Firestone Tire Store, 241 W. Osborn Rd., Phoenix, AZ, 85013, at the SE corner of Osborne and 3rd Avenue at 8:00 am. We will load up and ride to North Phoenix Baptist Church where the parade starts. We expect to be lined up between 9:30 & 10:00 am and the parade will role at 11:00 am. Don't forget to bring your folding chair for the People Trailer. More details on the website.

Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony: Saturday, December 6th: (tentative)

The event will be held at Wesley Bolin Plaza, 17th St & Washington, Phoenix AZ. Ceremonies start at 10:55 AM at the USS Arizona Anchor Memorial in the Wesley Bolin Plaza at the Arizona State House. Perch Base members will place two wreaths, one for the Submarine Veterans of World War II and the other for the United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI). More details on the website

Deadline for the Midwatch Newsletter fourth 2025 edition

All input must be into Chris Gahan, Perch Base Newsletter Editor, to be included in the first quarter, 2026 Midwatch Newsletter to be published on Friday, December, 12th , 2025.

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

Fourth Quarter Birthdays

OCTOBER

1 Michael Haler
4 Richard Prill
6 Robie Robinson
7 Jessie Taylor
8 Jim Andrews
10 John Cash
17 Kevin Sheehan
17 Mark McCreary
18 John Crane
22 William Anderson
23 Billy Deshong
26 Jim Paper
27 Bill Larime
31 Roy Miller
31 Martin Zipser

NOVEMBER

1 Chris Franquero
9 Romie Ortiz
11 Larry Rankin
14 William Tippet
15 Larry Ruggles
15 Joan Miner
16 William Montjar
21 Samuel Mecham
22 Keith Post
30 Johnny Corbin
30 Bob Gilmore, Jr.

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Tolling of the Boats



Tolling of the Boats for October

3	USS Seawolf (SS-197)	1944	100 men lost
7	USS S-44 (SS-155)	1943	56 men lost
11	USS Wahoo (SS-238)	1943	80 men lost
12	USS Dorado (SS-248)	1943	77 men lost
17	USS Escolar (SS-294)	1944	82 men lost
24	USS Shark (SS-314)	1944	87 men lost
24	USS Darter (SS-227)	1944	no loss of life
25	USS Tang (SS-306) 1	1944	78 men lost; 9 POWs survived
29	USS O-5 (SS-66)	1923	3 men lost

Tolling of the Boats for November

7	USS Albacore (SS-218)	1944	85 men lost
8	USS Growler (SS-215)	1944	86 men lost
16	USS Scamp (SS-277)	1944	83 men lost
16	USS Corvina (SS-226)	1943	82 men lost
19	USS Sculpin (SS-191)	1943	12 men lost, 51 POWs ; 21 survived

Tolling of the Boats for December

2	USS Capelin (SS-289)	1943	78 men lost
10	USS Sealion (SS-195)	1941	5 men lost
17	USS F-1 (SS-20)	1917	19 men lost
17	USS S-4 (SS-109)	1927	40 men lost

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