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**What's "Below Decks"
in the Midwatch**



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Lest We Forget Those Still On Patrol
OCTOBER ETERNAL PATROLS

USS Seawolf	SS197	Oct. 3, 1944	79 men
USS S-44	SS155	Oct. 7, 1943	55 men
USS O-5	SS66	Oct. 11, 1923	2 men
USS Wahoo	SS238	Oct. 11, 1943	80 men
USS Dorado	SS248	Oct. 12, 1943	76 men
USS Escola	SS294	Oct. 17, 1944	80 men
USS Darter	SS227	Oct. 24, 1944	none
USS Shark	SS314	Oct. 24, 1944	87 men
USS Tang	SS306	Oct. 24, 1944	78 men

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - October 15, 2005
American Legion Post #62
11001 N. 99th Ave.
Starts at 1200 hours
Lunch provided - Donation Suggested \$3

**Don't miss
Marshall Trimble
October Meeting**

The Perch Base USSVI is not able to totally support itself financially on the dues collected from its members. There has, to date, been no successful and ongoing plan since the base was formed to produce any other steady and effective source of income. Therefore, the Base has relied on additional donations from members -- usually given at membership renewal -- for its survival.

Listed below are those charitable givers, known as the Booster Club.



2005 Booster Club



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Sailing Orders



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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are, indeed, very fortunate. Thanks to Shipmate Jim Newman, I have the distinct pleasure of announcing that one of the most sought-after banquet and convention speakers in the state will be visiting us. He has appeared on:

- **ABC's *Good Morning America***
- **The Nashville Network**
- **CBS's *This Morning***

On February 13, 2003, Governor Janet Napolitano proclaimed him as Official State Historian. Please plan on joining in and giving
Mr. Marshall Trimble
a hearty, warm *Welcome Aboard*
October 15, 2005 Perch Base Meeting.

Tim Moore, Commander, Perch Base USSVI

**ANNUAL VETERANS DAY
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November 11, 2005
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More details at the October
Meeting**

Shipmates,

This has been a very trying month for me. Both my mother and older brother — father-figure for me since I was 15 — passed away. My mind just hasn't been on the MidWatch, which is why it's rather skimpy this time.

Please bear with me and I hope to be back to Perch Base's high standards next month.

Chuck Emmett
MidWatch Editor

From the Wardroom

Congratulations!

Dear Shipmates,

It's with a great deal of pleasure that I have the honor of passing along congratulations to some of our shipmates. For those of you who didn't attend our last Perch Base meeting, we announced some awards that were presented at this year's national convention.

Most of you should be aware that we submitted nominations for Newsletter of the Year and Website of the Year for 2005. The competition was fierce and there were a significant number of quality nominees. Perch Base received the following:

Newsletter of the Year – 1st Runner-up in our class.

Website of the Year – 1st Runner-up in our class.

Our newsletter editor, Chuck Emmett, and Webmaster, Ray Samson, deserve a hearty round of applause and a big time Bravo Zulu for their contributions. While these awards were presented to Perch Base at the convention, we all know that the kudos for these awards belong to Chuck and Ray. We are extremely fortunate to have them associated with our organization and I know you all will join me in passing along our congratulations and thanks for their many, many contributions.

But wait! There's more! I also have the honor of recognizing another shipmate. Ed Brooks was one of the seven recipients of the National Commander's Award. This award is also known as the Robert Link Award. This is second in national significance to the Joe Negri award. The inscription on the plaque best sums it up. The plaque states:

"Robert Link was the First National Commander of USSVI. This award is presented in his name to Ed Brooks for superior performance and contributions to USSVI. His significant voluntary contribution to his Base and USSVI membership has made a major impact on the success of our organization."

I am extremely proud to be associated with these three fine and deserving gentlemen and feel fortunate that I can call them shipmates and friends.

Fraternally,

Tim Moore, commander, Perch Base USSVI

September Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans B Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #62 Peoria, AZ, Sep. 17, 2005. Base Commander – Tim Moore called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Shipmate Joe Bernard led the members in a prayer of Invocation. The prayer was followed with the standard ceremonial opening.

According to the sailing list, there were twenty-three (23) members and one guest at the meeting. Our guest; Jim Dunn, who is Commander, Western District Three, and a member of the Idaho Farragut Base, was asked to tell the members something about himself. After which, Jim was welcomed with a warm round of applause.

A call was made for a motion to accept the minutes for the August meeting as published in the Base Newsletter; "The MidWatch". The motion was made and seconded and voted upon. The motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer (Jim Denzien) reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of September, 2005.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Base Vice Commander – Stan Reinhold had nothing to report.

Base Chief of the Boat – Bob Gilmore informed the members that the new building for American Legion Post 62 was nearly complete and would be ready to occupy in the near future. Bob also indicated that the Base has received a thank-you letter from the Post expressing their appreciation for Perch Base's sponsorship of their street pageant. Bob invited Perch Base members to participate as volunteers for the Post's special dinner that would begin at 1630 hours today (September 17th).

Base Chaplain – Howard Doyle was not at the meeting.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson had nothing new to report.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett was not at the meeting.

Ship's Storekeeper – Jim Nelson had nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Moore announced that the quarterly meeting of the Long Range/Short Range Planning Committee would take place during the month of October. The date and time will be provided at a later time.

Tim also indicated that he had a supply of raffle tickets for a free cabin on the 2007 USSVI Convention Cruise to Alaska. The raffle also included subordinate prizes of money and other considerations. The raffle drawing is to be held at the 2006 Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Tim encouraged Perch Base members to become involved as members of the Phoenix Commission that was formed to create a submarine memorial in Phoenix and bring the U.S.S. Phoenix sail to the area as the focal point of the memorial. Roger Cousin has membership applications and instructions for joining.

It was announced that the "Tom Gilbert" Brotherhood Fund has been closed. The final check was presented to Tom at his Base's meeting on September 10th. Tom is still awaiting an organ transplant for his damaged heart.

Tim informed the members that the Base has invited Marshall Tremble to our meeting of October 15th. Unless something comes up Marshall will attend. Because of the special guest, the Perch SubVettes will hold their meeting in conjunction with the men's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A hat was passed among the members to collect donations for the US Submarine Veteran's Charitable Foundation – Katrina Fund to benefit members living in the hurricane's path who will need our help and support. As the Board of Directors had voted earlier, each dollar contributed by the members would be matched from the Base Treasury.

Tim Moore informed the members that he would be appointing a "Selection Committee" to encourage and recommend members to become candidates for Base Officers.

It was also announced that the National Office will be holding a raffle for National Life Membership. Regular annual members can enter the raffle for the Life Membership. Details of the event are on the USSVI web site.

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Harold Lister announced that he will be using the venue of an upcoming gun show to recruit new members to USSVI. He also encouraged other members to actively pursue new members to the Perch Base.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tim Moore briefed the membership on his attendance at the USSVI National Convention in Kansas City. He also informed the members of the special awards given to Perch Base for the quality and effectiveness of the Base's Newsletter (first runner-up in its class) and Web Site (first runner-up in its class). He also read an award presented to Ed Brooks at the Convention Banquet.

Jim Denzien announced that the donations gathered at the meeting, for the Katrina Fund had totaled \$231 when matched by the Base Treasury, the total came to \$462. A check in that amount will be sent to the USSVI National Office.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 drawing was preceded by drawings for special pins created by Shipmate Herold Lister. A sterling silver submariner's dolphin pin was won by Jim Dunn, A sterling silver "Silent Service" dolphin pin was won by Dave Hamish. A sterling silver WWII combat pin was also won by Joe Bernard. The money from the drawing was won by Stan Reinhold.

ADJOURNMENT

All the outstanding business being concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

The closing prayer was offered by Joe Bernard and the meeting was adjourned at 1346 hours.

Ed Brooks, Perch Base Secretary

From Beyond the Wardroom Perch Base SubVettes

Dear SubVettes,

Our meeting this month is October 15th at the Chowhound Restaurant at 12 Noon.

The meeting may be short as we will want to join the men and hear their guest speaker Marshall Trimble, a renowned Arizona Historian.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY GIRL!!

Nov. 25 - MILLIE HILLMAN

Hope to see you then.

Nancy Nelson, president, SubVettes of Perch Base

SUBVETTES MEETING MINUTES September Meeting

The twentieth Monthly Meeting of the SUBVETTS OF PERCH BASE convened at the Chowhound Cafe, 11101 N. 99th Ave, Peoria at 1246 hours, on September 17, 2005. the members were led in the pledge of allegiance by the president, Nancy Nelson. There were eight members in attendance and one guest. The guest was Jean Dunn from Idaho Base.

For the second month in a row, the minutes didn't make the MidWatch. Members discussed the many reasons and a motion to accept the minutes as printed was made by Sandy Bernard. The motion was seconded by Kay and approved by the members present.

Hiromi was asked to give the Treasury Report. It was read and a motion to accept was made by Jackie, and seconded by Mary Lou Nance. This motion also carried

OLD BUSINESS

The base was reminded that nominations were still being taken for member of the year. If desired, nominations can be confidential by writing it down and giving it to any Officer, now through our November meeting.

The convention in Kansas City is over and we've heard from everyone who attended that it was really nice. Nancy gave us a replay tour of the steamboat Arabia Museum. Members were very appreciative, especially those of us who were not able to make the convention.

At the National Ladies Luncheon, Nancy presented Ella

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with the poncho made by Jackie Hawkins. She was very touched.

NEW BUSINESS

The members were reminded that a restaurant needed to be selected for the \$50 Gift certificate. After a number of restaurants were mentioned, the members decided on the Out Back. It is centrally located and has a good reputation for both food and drink.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

We all want to join with Nancy to wish all of our October Babies a very happy birthday.

Mary Grace Veek Oct. 1

Orene Waid Oct. 9

Helen Haskel Oct. 29

Nancy Nelson Oct. 31

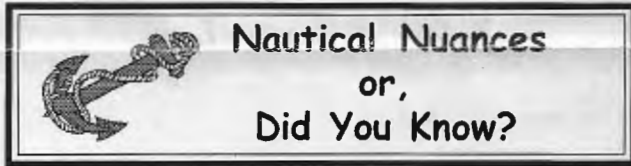
Our next meeting will be held at the ChowHound Cafe on October 15 at 1230 hours.

DRAWING

We decided to have a 50/50 Drawing at the end of the meeting this month. It was won by Muriel Grives.

A motion was made by Jackie to adjourn, it was seconded by Kay and passed by voice-vote. The meeting adjourned at 1346 hours.

Signed: Jackie Hawkins, secretary, Perch Base SubVettes.



Traditionally, United States submarines have been named after fish and other marine creatures. One exception was the Navy's first submarine HOLLAND which was named after its inventor, John Phillip Holland. Today, ballistic missile submarines are named for famous American patriots, with the newest class, the OHIO class, named after states. The LOS ANGELES class of attack submarines are named for United States cities.

Records for enemy shipping sunk by U.S. submarines during World War II are held by two boats built by Electric Boat. The USS FLASHER sank 100,231 tons of Japanese shipping, while the USS TAUTOG holds the record for the most ships - 26.

Per cubic inch, there is more science packed into a submarine than into any other warship. Submariners say 'There is room for everything aboard a submarine except a mistake.'

In 1921, a United States submarine, the R-14, having run out of fuel at sea, rigged sails from blankets, hammocks, curtain rods and the ramrod of a 3-inch gun, and sailed 100 miles to port at a speed of two knots.

More decorations for valor have been awarded, per man, to the submarine service than any other Navy Branch.

Habitability is heavily stressed in the construction of modern submarines. Specially designed color schemes, mechanical conveniences, air conditioning, and the best chow in the Navy are supplied to make the vessels more livable. A full time staff is maintained by Electric Boat Division to work out 'human engineering' problems.

Our Fellow Vets Can Use Our Help

Our fellow veterans who reside in the Veteran's Home here in Phoenix could use our assistance. For any of you who are willing and able to participate in some volunteer work, your help would be greatly appreciated. Resident's activities include:

1. Bingo every Saturday at 0900.
2. Card playing (poker, etc.) every Monday at 0930.
3. Movies the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1400.

Volunteers help in moving residents from their units to Liberty Hall for these activities. They also play cards with the residents and help serve ice cream, pop corn, etc.

Extra help will especially be needed beginning March 30, and every 5th Wednesday thereafter, we will be going to a local casino. The time for this event will be from 0930 until 1430. Again, extra help here would be especially appreciated.

For details regarding volunteer services, contact:

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Thank you for your assistance!

Shipmate



Shipmate



Shipmates, the American Legion has supported our Base by providing a place for our meetings. When the new Legion building is completed, will have space there for us too. Your Base officers believe we should help support those who support us. Join the American Legion and support them too.



Eternal Patrol September 19, 1943

Editors Note: *Less we forget, each month, one boat on eternal patrol will be highlighted in this newsletter. Sailors, rest your oars.*

The Final Patrol

Lord, this departed shipmate with dolphins on his chest is part of an outfit known as the best.

Make him welcome and take him by the hand. You'll find without a doubt he was the best in all the land.

So, heavenly Father add his name to the roll of our departed shipmates still on patrol

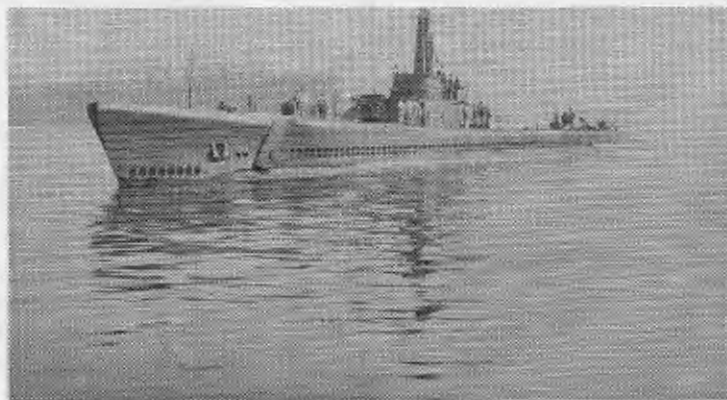
Let them know that we who survive will always keep their memories alive.



U.S.S. Escola (SS-294)

October 17, 1944

80 men lost



dp. 1870 tons (surf.), 2391 tons (subm.); l. 311.7'; b. 27';
s. 20.25k (surf.), 8.75k (subm.); td. 400'; a. 1-5"/25; 6-21" tt. fwd, 4-21" tt. aft;
cpl. 6 officers - 60 enlisted men; cl. "BALAO"

Keel laid down by Cramp Shipbuilding Company, Philadelphia, PA 10JUN42;

Launched: 18APR43; Sponsored by Mrs. J. Bilisoly Hudgins;

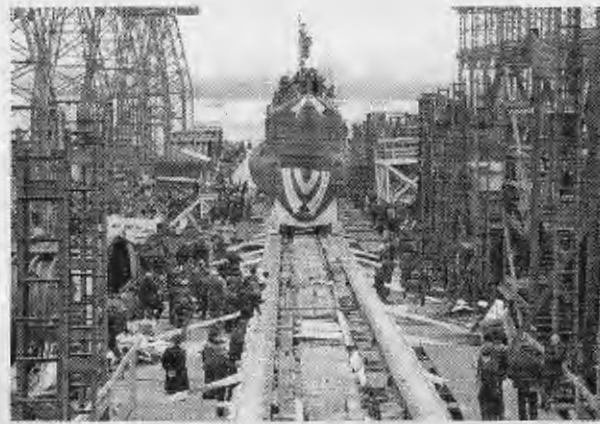
Commissioned: 2JUN44 with Cdr William J. Millican in command

(Transferred to Boston Navy Yard after Launch and then to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard prior to Commissioning)

USS ESCOLAR (SS-294) had her final training for combat at Pearl Harbor, from which she put out for her first war patrol 18 September and proceeded to Midway to top off with fuel. There she joined USS CROAKER (SS-246) and USS PERCH (SS-

313) and left on 23 September to conduct a coordinated patrol in the Yellow Sea north of 30°N. Cdr Millican was in command of this coordinated attack group, which was designated "Millican's Marauders."

On 30 September, when *ESCOLAR* was estimated to be about north of the Bonin Islands, the following partial message was received from her: "This from *ESCOLAR X* attacked with deck gun boat similar to ex-Italian *Peter George* five OTYI —." Although no further transmissions were ever received by bases from *ESCOLAR*, who was forced to break off the transmission and the engagement with the gunboat at that time, *CROAKER* had stated that she suffered no damage and was in frequent communication with *PERCH* and *CROAKER* until 17 October 1944.



PERCH re-*COLAR* stating 33!-44'N;129!-radio after this




Had *ESCOLAR* way about 13 was reported was lost about rine attacks is thought to given above mines laid be-

Tsushima Strait were laid in April 1945. However, there were mines in the general area of *ESCOLAR*'s predicted position, and the most likely explanation for her end is that she detonated a mine.

ported that on 17 October she had received a message from *ES-* that she was in position 33!-44'N;127!-33'E, and was heading for 06'E. Neither *PERCH* nor *CROAKER* could raise *ESCOLAR* by transmission was received.

left her area on the scheduled date, she would have arrived at Mid-November 1944. All attempts to contact *ESCOLAR* failed and she on 27 November 1944 as presumed lost. It is assumed that she 17 October. Information supplied by the Japanese on anti-subma-gives no clue as to the cause of her loss, but the Yellow Sea area have been mined. A course line plotted between the two positions does not cross any known Japanese mine lies, but positions of fore April 1945 are not definitely located. The known minefields in

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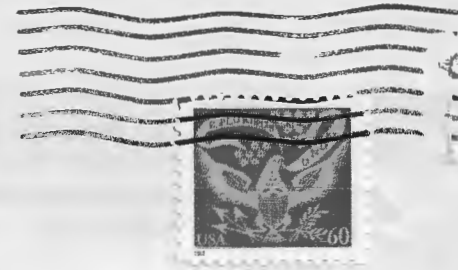
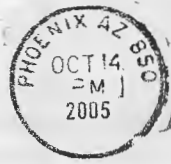
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