

From the Wardroom:



It is hard to believe that another month has passed and it is time for another report from the Wardroom. Things seem to be happening at such a pace it is hard to keep up. The USSVI/Perch Base calendar project is off and running with Chairman **Don Wannamaker** doing a job that is above and beyond the call of duty. We now have a new position in the base of Webmaster, those shoes are being filled by **Ramon Samson**. If you have not seen this site you need to do so. The address is <http://perch-base.org> Ray tells me that he is working with **Billy Grieves** of the Pigboaters to get a page for them on our site. As of 07/14/2001, this has already happened, check it out. This is truly a great thing and something that will do nothing but to help our relationship with them. A well done is to be extended to our Secretary **Ed Brooks** for the professional job done on the new Constitution and By-Laws. Each member will be receiving a copy in the mail as soon as we have the necessary approvals of the District 8 Commander. There will be some new positions created and volunteers asked to jump in and take on these jobs. Some of the major changes that will take effect are the creation of a Board of Directors, which will include all the officers and standing chairmanships. We now are working on getting a Policies and Procedures Manual put together. When this project is completed we should be in great shape paper wise. We are still working on getting a calling tree in effect so that we can get more information out via electronic means.

If you have e-mail and Membership Chairman **Ramon Samson** has not received that information, please contact him and pass your e-mail address to him. Ramon can be reached at rsamson@bnswest.net or **623-815-9247**. Your information will only be used to get information about base activities or submarine information received via the internet that is of an information type message. We will not provide anyone's e-mail address for any other function.

While giving out Kudos it's impossible to forget three of our members that just seem to go far beyond the normal in the performance of their duties and make the job of Base Commander much easier. These Gentlemen are **Glen Herold**, Vice Commander/Storekeeper, **Ed Brookes**, Secretary, and **Ramon Samson**, Membership Chairman/Mid Watch Writer/Webmaster. Thank you to each of you for your service to Perch Base.

Associate member **Tom Tilly** will begin work on the float trailer. His modeling skills are proving invaluable in this project. We are going to have our August meeting in Prescott to give that dedicated bunch of members a break from that long drive. The cost of the lunch will be \$10.00 and this would be a great time for the wives to come and join us and to also give them an opportunity to explore some new shopping haunts. The meeting will be held on August 11 at 1200 hours at the American Legion Post in Prescott. We are also looking at the

possibility of going to Yuma this winter to have a meeting with the snow birds.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Veteran's Day parade being held on 11/11/2001. This should be the first time we will have our new float trailer in a parade plus we are going to have the flags of all commissioned submarines in the parade thanks to the efforts of Shipmate **Ben Acosta**.

Welcome to the new members, the wardroom is looking forward to seeing all at the upcoming meeting/events.

Dave Harnish
Commander Perch Base.

Chaplains Corner:

We heard at last July's meeting, that Shipmate **Jim "Nellie" Nelson**, had lost a brother. We have no particulars on this, but wish to extend a hand to Jim if it is needed. We pray that all is well, and all are at Peace.

Shipmate **Manny Burrel** passed on 07/21/2001. At this writing there is no other information to be had. He had been suffering for some time and is now at Peace.

Sailor ... Rest Your Oar

Minutes from August's Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #29; Glendale, AZ at 1300 hours, 14 July 2001. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander - **Dave Harnish**. The members were led in the "Pledge Of Allegiance"; followed by the dedication, moment of silence for our departed shipmates, "Tolling Of The Boats" and invocation. There were 20 members attending the meeting according to the sailing list. The membership welcomed new members **Nick Pappas** and **Gerald Benham**. Reading of the minutes from the June 09 meeting was waived - since they are printed in the base newsletter "Midwatch". The motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote that the minutes be approved as printed in the July newsletter. The Treasurer's report was read and approved by voice vote of the Board members. The Base Treasurer (**Robert May**) reported the Base's financial status as the of the first day of July, 2001. Motion was made, seconded and the financial report was accepted as read, by voice vote of the members. **Dave Harnish** asked the membership to recognize Mr. **Don Wannamaker** for preparing the sandwich buffet enjoyed by the members prior to the meeting.

~Old Business~

The Base Commander - **David Harnish** informed the membership that a proposal to hold the 2002 District 8 meeting with the Submarine Veterans, WWII Southwest Regional Caucus was rejected by the SubVets WWII organization. A possible solution would be for District 8 meeting participants to become associate members of the SubVets WWII, attend the caucus, and hold the

District 8 meetings as an aside. Efforts to have a joint national convention with USSVI and Submarine Veterans WWII in 2003 was also rejected and the effort abandoned. A discussion was held regarding ways to bring the WWII SubVets organization closer to USSVI Perch Base. A motion was made, seconded and approved by show of hands vote, to offer honorary membership in Perch Base to the current and future Presidents of the Arizona Chapter of the Submarine Veterans - WWII.

Dave Harnish reported that the organizers of the Yarnell parade had sent Perch Base a letter of appreciation and certificate of honorable mention for its participation in their spring festival parade. It was also announced that **Ben Acosta** and **Howard Doyle** had arranged a successful recruiting effort at Palo Verde Nuclear Station. Twenty-eight volunteers signed up to carry submarine flags in the Veteran's day parade. There were also plans for a second recruiting at Palo Verde on Friday 20 July.

Dave Harnish reviewed the various efforts toward the Base's planned participation in the Veteran's Day parade in Phoenix. Arrangements have been made to involve members of the Naval Reserve and Recruiting District. Parade vehicles and personnel from various activities are being arranged for. The Perch Base float will be completed and the 100 submarine flags will round out a parade formation. It was mentioned that various base members are working to arrange a guided tour of the Palo Verde Nuclear Station sometime in November. The public relations director at Palo Verde is a submariner and is lending his support to the effort. Vice Commander and Base Storekeeper **Glenn Herold** announced that the ship's store has a plentiful supply of hats, license plates, and 2002 calendars. They will soon have Perch Base plaques and Perch Base patches. **Glenn** also informed the membership that **Garry Shumann** was in the process of relieving him as Base Storekeeper. Webmaster and membership committee chairman **Ramon Samson** informed the membership that the Base Website is up and running. There is still some added features to be activated, but participation has already been significant. The floor was opened for discussion on different ways to commemorate the contribution made by shipmate **Gary Patterson**. **Bubba Loftus** agreed to write an article for the newsletter to share his accounting of **Gary's** contribution to Perch Base and its members. **Kenny Wayne** offered to produce a quantity of cast submariner's dolphins to be sold and the proceeds going to a scholarship fund in **Gary's** name.

~New Business~

Base Commander **Dave Harnish** reminded the membership that the national organization's ballot has been mailed to all members. He encourages all members to complete the ballot and return it to him as soon as possible.

~Good of the Order~

The membership was asked to again recognize the exceptional effort of shipmate **Donald Wannamaker** who has again produced the Perch Base Calendar for 2002 in record time. This year's effort is expected to produce significant revenue for the base treasury through national sales of the calendars. It was announced that the next monthly meeting will be held

on August 11th in Prescott at 1200 hours. The 50/50 drawing grossed \$72. The \$36 winnings went to **Frank Rumbaugh**.

~Adjournment~

The Base Chaplain (Howard Doyle) was asked to lead the membership in a closing prayer after which it was moved, seconded and approved by voice vote that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 1430 hours.

Welcome Aboard New Crewmen:

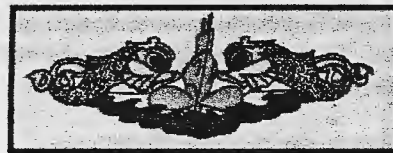
Upon a unanimous vote of the membership at July's meeting, it was suggested and passed that any USSV WWII Pigboat that wanted to join USSVI and Arizona Perch Base, would be given their first years base dues, as a gesture of "good for the order".

The first member to be awarded this is **R. Dale Martin**. **R. Dale** left the Navy after serving over 3 years as a RM2/c (SS) and qualified on **USS FLYING FISH (SS229)** in 1944. **R. Dale** lives in Phoenix with his wife Phyllis.

We have increased our membership by 4 this past month with the welcome addition of **Gerald Berham**, ET1(SS) who lives in Surprise, and Qualified on **USS STURGEON (SSN637)** in 1974.. **Gerald** is currently a member of the Naval Reserves. We have known **Gerald** for sometime as he is a member of the Reserve Color Guard, and have talked with him at the Memorial Services, and at our latest venture to Yarnell, in June.

Our third new member is **Richard A. Bernier**. **Richard** lives in Glendale with his wife Robbie, and left the Navy after 7 years as a IC(SS). Richard qualified on **USS IREX (SS482)** in 1960. He also served on **USS LAFAYETTE (SSBN616B)**, and **USS NAUTILUS (SSN571)**.

The fourth new member is **Nicholas Pappas**. **Nicholas** lives in Peoria with his wife Robyn and left the Navy as EM1(SS). His qualifying boat was the **USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSBN642B)**. Roger V Miller is Nicks sponsor, and both are employee's at Palo Verde. Arizona Perch Base membership now stands at 115. Perch Base stands largest, in the USSVI lineup.



Perch Base Booster Club 2001:

I have no clue as to how many ways "Thanks" can be said. I do know that without the help of you members that have given, not only at re-enlistment time but during the year, Arizona Perch Base would be in deep caca. We all know the cost of "existing" these days and it don't get cheaper over the years. Thank you gentlemen, Thank you very much.

Ben Acosta, Jerry N. Allston, Kenneth R. Anderson, Jerry F. Becker, Kenneth E. Becker, Joseph A. Bernard, Harold J. Bidigare, Wayne A. Braastad, Michael J. Breitner, Thomas P. Burke, Greg A. Camron, James F. Clewett, Roger J. Cousin, Earl J. Crowley III, Stephen F. Day, Warner H Doyle