

From the Wardroom:

Well Shipmates we have had another interesting meeting and as you will notice in the minutes our Vice Commander made the work party of the Torsk Bandits. During this weekend following the tolling ceremony he made a special presentation to Bob "Dex" Armstrong of a set of hand carved dolphins by our own master carver **Ed Brooks**. This project has been in the works for some time and after 9/11/02 we were disappointed to find that we would not be able to get Dex to one of our meetings, so plan B was put in place. From the e-mails we have received it went very well and was really appreciated. During this past meeting we got to hear from the incoming Post 62 Commander Bill Lang. We have found ourselves a home and with it come some responsibilities. In return for allowing us to have a room in the new post to use for our meetings and to display some memorabilia Post 62 is asking us to provide a work party of six SubVets to assist with their Sunday Morning breakfasts. This is one of their moneymaking projects that are helping to fund the new post building project. This is going to be the second Sunday of the month, which will follow our normal monthly meeting. This is an event where our wives could be involved also in taking orders and serving the meals. If we share this load a little we can spread the work load and not require a burden on a few of the members. This past month Commander **Dave Hamish**, Vice Commander **Glen Herold**, **Ray Samson**, **Mike Keating** and his granddaughter Brandi assisted with the breakfast and we actually had a good time doing it. Brandi was not allowed in the bar area, but she was the perfect waitress and after she took the orders Mike would relay them to the kitchen staff. It was amazing how many comments you could hear about what a great job she did and also complimentary comments from post 62 members about the submarine veterans helping with the breakfast. We really need to continue this program as a way of paying our rent for lack of a better way to put it. Please look at your calendar and see when you could join on a Sunday as part of the Perch Mess Cooks. There are no dishes to do only helping with cooking the sausage and bacon and making biscuits, orange juice coffee and toast. Also tables need to be cleared and set up and the serving of the meals. During the next few months Kay and I will be making a boat reunion as well as the national convention in Duluth, Minn. During our travels Vice Commander **Glenn Herold** will chair the meetings. The July meeting will be at Post 62 and the August meeting will be at the American Legion Post in Prescott. Thanks to **Ed Brooks** we will have a lunch served as in the past for a fee of \$10.00. This is a great time to bring the wife to the meeting/lunch and then do some sightseeing in the cooler country. There will be no meeting in September because of the national convention and it would be great to see as many of

our members that can make it to Duluth. Looking forward to seeing all in October.
Fratemally, *Dave Hamish*, Commander

Minutes from June's Meeting:

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #62; Peoria, AZ at 1300 hours, 8 June 2002. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander - **Dave Hamish**. 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 the invocation by Base Chaplain, **Howard Doyle**. There were 23 members and 4 guests attending the meeting according to the sailing list. The guests included; Harold Avent, Milan Moncilivich, Brandi Hershey and Susan Day. The membership welcomed new member **Chuck Chapman**. Chuck qualified on the USS Batfish in 1948, and joined Perch Base last March. It was moved and the motion seconded that the minutes from the last meeting be approved as published in the Base Newsletter; "The MidWatch". The motion carried by voice vote of the members present. Treasurer (**Robert May**) reported the Base's financial status as the of the first day of June, 2002. A motion was made and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be approved as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the members.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN

Dave Hamish reported to members that **Doug LaRock** has been appointed to the position of Base Chief of the Boat. Doug received a congratulatory round of applause from the members. **Ray Samson** asked that anyone interested in editing and publishing the base newsletter contact him. He would like to transfer that responsibility to another member of the Base. **Dave Hamish** announced that Perch Base was awarded first place in the adult marching groups. The base has also been invited to participate in the parade again in 2003. **Glenn Herold** took the floor and updated the members on the effort to store and protect the Base Parade Float. A storage location has been found and a protective cover is being manufactured to protect the float while in storage and in transit. The cost for the cover (\$1,300) has been born by contributions from the members and the Pigboaters Chapter of the USSV-WWII. **Glenn Herold** updated the members on his trip to Baltimore to work on the restoration of the USS Torsk in the Maritime Museum there. Glenn carried a set of hand carved dolphins to present to Dex (Robert) Armstrong as a gift from the Perch Base in appreciation for his chronicling the life of the diesel submarine sailor. Glenn read an email from Dex thanking Perch Base for the gift. **Dave Hamish** introduced Bill Lang, Commander American Legion Post 62, to the members. Bill welcomed Perch Base to Post 62 and assured the members that the Base

was always welcome to hold meetings and participate at the Post's facilities (present and future). The members showed their appreciation with a warm and hardy round of applause for Bill's comments. No other reports were offered from the floor.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Harnish reminded the members of a need to show support for the American Legion Post 62 by becoming a member of the Post and by pitching in at some of their events. The Post holds a pancake breakfast for its members on Sundays. This is one event where Perch Base can help out. Dave asked for 4 to 6 volunteers to help serve at the breakfast on Sunday the 9th of June. A sufficient number of members volunteered for the event. **Dave Harnish** reported that the calendar project that was undertaken in conjunction with the USSVI national organization was disappointing and had barely broke even financially. Dave also read a letter, from the Submarine Library/Museum, thanking Perch Base for the \$200 donation to the fund to restore and preserve the submarine battle flags.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Harnish asked the members to vote in the election for USSVI District 8 Commander. All 23 members present cast their vote for Dave Harnish to serve as District 8 Commander. Dave announced that Arizona Public Service (APS) has asked Perch Base to participate with them in the 2002 Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade. APS requested that the Base let them know as soon as possible so they can make arrangements for use of a picnic area and other details. The members voted by acclamation to accept APS's offer and participate fully in the Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ray Samson received a notice and personal prayer to mark the recent passing of Shipmate **John Michaud**. Ray read the prayer aloud and asked the members to remember John in their thoughts and prayers. **Roger Cousin** asked to address the procedures used in the Tolling of the Boats ceremony, suggesting that it is common practice to indicate the boat name, hull number, date lost and number of lives lost before striking the bell. A discussion ensued among the members where the difference between the larger memorial service version of the tolling ceremony and the abbreviated ceremony held at the start of each monthly Base meeting. It was decided that the Perch Base Policy and Procedures Manual will spell out the standard procedure for the abbreviated Tolling of the Boats ceremony held at each formal meeting of the Base members. **Dave Harnish** asked Shipmate **Tom Tilley** to come forward and face the members. Dave then read a short presentation to Tom and gave him a hand carved set of dolphins with a tug boat in place of the submarine (since Tom was a U.S. Army tugboat skipper and not a submariner). Tom was the designer and creator of the Perch Base Parade Float featuring the scale model superstructure of USS

Bang. The presentation cited Tom for his service to our country and his work in producing the magnificent display of the USS Bang. Tom as an associate member of the USSVI is a valued member of Perch Base.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 raffle was conducted and **Doug LaRock** was the winner.

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 Base Chaplain; **Howard Doyle** led the membership in the benediction and closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 1343 hours.

Meeting and Events:

Our July 13th meeting will be held at American Legion Post 62, located at 11001 North 99th Avenue. Meeting Starts at 1200 Hours. Post 62, is North of West Peoria Avenue, in the city of Peoria, West of Hwy 101. Off HWY 101 take the Peoria exit and proceed West to 99th Ave., than right (North) to Post 62, which is on the East side of the street. We would hope to see a good turn-out as the members of this post have welcomed us with open arms. A lunch will be provided at a cost of \$3.00. A heck of a deal, at twice the price. Meeting for August 10th will be in Prescott, at the American Legion Post #6. Ladies auxiliary, will be providing lunch at \$10.00 per. person. Take I-17 Borth out of Phoenix, for approximately 50 miles. Exit at AZ-69 North exit, number 262 towards Cordes Jct Rd/Prescott. Merge onto AZ-69 and go West for approximately 34 Miles. Take the US-69 South ramp for approximately 1/2 Mile, then merge onto East Gurley Street and travel 0.6 Mile to South Pleasant Street. South on Pleasant to Number, 202. A printable map is on the Perch web site. Lets have a grand turnout for this meeting, and bring the wives, they will love it.



Perch Base Booster Club 2002:

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