

## From the Wardroom

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Shipmates,

Next meeting will be in the cool pines of Prescott, at the American Legion Post. I hope we will have a great turn out for this meeting. Bring your wife, friend or significant other, I am sure they will enjoy getting out of the Valley and feeling the change in temperature.

Our new auxiliary unit, The Sub Vettes are off and running with Nancy Nelson and Kay Harnish leading the way. Please, shipmates, let your wife read this newsletter, and let them know we seek their help and support with our ladies auxiliary the Sub Vettes. Hopefully this will allow us to have a better turn out to our meetings and get together.

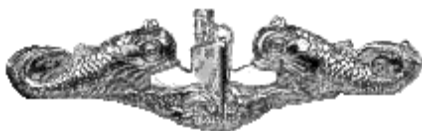
This past Tuesday, several of us attended the General Meeting of American Legion Post # 62. Our district Commander, Dave Harnish, and I presented to the Post Commander, two checks from Sub Vets of Arizona and the Pigboaters totaling \$ 1500.00 for their building fund. Thanks to the Pigboaters for kicking this donation to the building fund off. We have made an impression on the members of the American Legion Post # 62.

We have another project under way, thanks to a kind message sent to me by Roy Purtell of the USS Sea Owl Association, the group that purchased the "PERCH BRICK" before we could. It is a current list of the survivors from the USS Perch SS176 that are still with us.

Our project will be to contact each survivor by mail, and make them an honorary member of Perch Base, along with our patch. And to let them know that our National Cemetery has a USS PERCH SS 176 monument, dedicated to them and their departed shipmates. Hopefully we might get a chance to shake their hand and thank them for our freedom.

Shipmates these survivors are truly our heroes. I am sure I speak for all of us, when I say we cannot do enough for them.

Fraternally Yours,  
Glenn Herold  
Base Commander



## July Meeting Minutes

### Minutes of a Meeting

### of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans B Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #62; Peoria, AZ at 1304 hours, 12 July 2003. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Glenn Herold.

Warner Doyle, Base Chaplain led the members in a prayer of Invocation. Roger Cousin then led the group in a "Pledge of Allegiance" followed by Adrian Stuke reading the "Purpose of the Organization".

The members were then led in Dedication and Moment of Silence for our departed shipmates followed by the "Tolling of the Boats" ceremony for submarines lost during the month of July.

According to the sailing list, there were 26 existing members, 3 new members and 6 guests attending the meeting.

The members welcomed new members – William Tippet, Richard Simmons and Jim Edwards. The members also greeted Shipmate Hubert Maxey and his friend and caregiver Kathleen. William, Richard and Jim briefed the membership on their interesting backgrounds and experiences following which they were welcomed to Perch Base with a round of applause.

The members also welcomed guests; Kay Harnish, Nancy Nelson, Brandi Hershey, Gary Caraker and Harry Chapman.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the June 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 of the first day of July, 2003.

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

Vice Commander – Adrian Stuke and Dave Harnish briefed the members on the Board's selection of engraved name tags to be offered through the ship's store. The engraved plastic nametag would sell in the ship's store for

\$13 and the metal tag with sterling silver dolphins would sell for \$20. Samples of the two nametags were passed around to allow the members to view them.

The Chief of the Boat had nothing to report.

Perch Base Chaplain, Warner Doyle announced that Shipmate Jim Strassells was recovering from triple bypass surgery and was doing well. He also announced that Roger Cousin's wife Lee had recently undergone surgery and was home recovering as well. Shipmate, Don Wannamaker is at home and being cared for by his wife Judy, who is currently being assisted by hospice personnel. Everyone was encouraged to keep those who are ill or infirm in their prayers.

Membership Chairman, Ramon Samson, reported that the Base now has 135 members plus the three new members at today's meeting. Ramon again attributed recruitment of many of the new members to the National web site and its link to Perch Base's web site.

As Web Master, Ramon also announced that the new vest offered by the Ship's Store would be featured on the Web page. There will also be a new link to the personal library of John Welsh who lends books to SubVets.

Midwatch Editor, Chuck Emmett, indicated that in order to get the newsletter to all the members in a timely fashion, all input would have to be in by two Fridays before the next monthly meeting.

Base Storekeeper, Jim Nelson, illustrated some of the new items available in the Ship's Store especially the new vest available from a local supplier.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Glenn Herold reminded members that the August 9 Base meeting would be at the American Legion Post in Prescott.

Dave Harnish reminded members of the cruise on the SS Lane Victory and requested that anyone wishing to participate get their reservations and payment in to him by July 18.

Dave also reported that the members of the Pigboater's Chapter of the Submarine Veterans – WWII had cast a final vote to donate \$1,000 to the American Legion Post #62 and that the Perch Base Board of Directors had voted to add another \$500 to that.

The Pigboater's Chapter had also purchased a maintenance kit for Perch Base to use in maintaining the plaques at the submarine memorial of the National Cemetery.

Everyone was once again encourage to notify the Base

## WWII - Boats

### Short Facts

The longest patrol made by a U.S. sub during WWII was by the *Guitarro*. Her third patrol was 83 days.

Chaplain when some one was ill or hospitalized so he could make contact and stay abreast of their progress.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Dave Harnish announced that USSVI has established a National Ladies Auxiliary called the Subvettes. They have elected a National President and slate of officers as well. Dave also introduced a motion that the members authorize a gift of \$50 to the National Ladies and another \$100 to the recently formed Perch Base Ladies Auxiliary. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote of the members present.

Nancy Nelson also announced that there would be an application form printed in the next newsletter and encouraged all the wives to become members of the Perch Base Ladies Auxiliary.

Glenn Herold made a motion that Hubert Maxey's friend and caregiver Kathleen be granted associate membership in the Ladies Auxiliary. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote of the members present.

Ramon Samson announced that the Board of Directors had approved a Perch Base Life Membership and the design for a special card to be issued to Perch Base Life Members. Dues for life membership in the Base will be the same as the cost for becoming Life Member of USSVI based on a person's age.

Dave Harnish reminded the members that the time is running out to make reservations and application to attend the National Submarine Veteran's Convention in Reno, Nevada. Hotels are filling up as well as the RV Parks. The convention starts on September 2 and ends on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ed Brooks announced that Kay Harnish and Nancy Nelson were raffling a set of hand carved dolphins to raise money for the Pigboater's Ladies Auxiliary. One Hundred tickets were to be sold at \$1 each. All the 100 tickets were

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sold at the meeting and the drawing held. The winner of the dolphins was Sue Caraker.

Dave Harnish notified the members that the American Legion Post 62 was moving ahead with their plans to build a new building and hoped to break ground near the end of this summer. Everyone was encouraged to become active members of the Post.

#### 50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 raffle was conducted and Royce Pettit was the winner. The winner's share of the drawing was \$40. Royce donated the winnings to the Base treasury.

#### 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 meeting was adjourned at 1400 hours.

Signed: Edgar T. Brooks, Base Secretary)



### WWII - Boats

#### Short Facts

As far as can be determined, not a single United States merchant vessel was sunk in error by U.S. submarines during World War II.

The I-17, a Japanese submarine made the only attack against an American mainland target when she shelled the oilfields at Santa Barbara, CA on July 18, 1942.

## Eternal Patrol Aug. 24, 1944

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

### U.S.S. Harder (SS-257) 79 men lost



Commander S.D. Dealey guided his eminently successful fighting ship, HARDER, out of the harbor at Fremantle, Australia on 5 August 1944 to begin the sixth war patrol of that vessel. In company with HAKE, HARDER conducted training exercises en route to Darwin. These two submarines topped off with fuel at Darwin, and on 13 August, together with HADDO, left for their assigned area west of Luzon, P.I. They were to patrol as a coordinated attack or wolf pack group, with Cdr. Dealey in charge.

On the afternoon of 20 August 1944, RAY, patrolling the same area, tracked a large convoy into Paluan Bay on the northwestern coast of Mindoro. An hour after surfacing, she contacted HARDER just outside the bay and held a megaphone conversation with Sam Dealey. Dealey formulated a plan for concentrated dawn wolf pack attack on the convoy. HARDER came alongside HADDO at 0130 on the morning of August 21 and told Lt. Cmdr. C.W. Nimitz, Jr., that at least 16 enemy ships were holed up in the bay. When the convoy made its exit at dawn (as convoys were wont to do) RAY was to approach from the northwest, HADDO from the west, and HARDER from the southwest. GUITARRO also had been drafted by Dealey, and was to attack from the northwest near Cape Calavite Lighthouse.

During the attacks which ensued, four ships, totaling 22,000 tons, were sunk, by Japanese admission. It is thought likely that HARDER sank one of them.

On the following day, HADDO and HARDER conducted a

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