

From the Wardroom

Shipmates,

We had another great turn out for a summer month, plus several new faces, and one or two shipmates that we haven't seen for a while. We had a very good meeting with some great ideas about increasing our funds for the base treasury. We have formed a Fund Raising committee, headed by Jim Denzien, along with Roger Cousins, Stan Reinhold, and Buck Crouch. Shipmate's thanks for stepping up; I know your thoughts and ideas will move us in a more gainful direction.

Along with the forming of the committee, we will be posting the Booster Club roster, in the newsletter, recognizing our shipmates that have helped this base in various ways, of time and effort and with monetary donations. Shipmates we have been blessed by your generosity.

Our bases in Arizona keeps on growing, and expanding; we now have a new base in Prescott Valley called the "Gudgeon Base". This past Saturday the 28th a meeting was held at Jack and Katy Messersmith's home with I believe twelve members of the USSVI present. The officers elected were John [Jack] Messersmith as Commander, Albert Landeck as Vice Commander, Ed Brooks as Secretary and Ray Cremin as Treasurer. Congratulations to all the elected officers, and a hearty Bravo Zulu to shipmate Jack Messersmith for setting this base up. I would like to add at this point that several members to the new base would hold dual memberships with perch base. No we are not losing Ed Brooks! He just put on one more hat.

I hope as a USSVI group that we can continue to have a get together collectively as we have with the holiday party in December and the picnics in the spring or summer. I for one do not like to lose a shipmate! Even if it is just to a new base. The camaraderie is what the USSVI is all about.

An e-mail memo was sent out this past week to the shipmates that have access to the Internet informing them of the cost savings for the base, in printing, labeling and mailing of the newsletter. We are asking these members to let us know by e-mail, or US mail to inform either the Newsletter editor Chuck Emmett or Ramon Samson our Webmaster if they wish to continue receiving the MidWatch in printed mail form, other wise the Newsletter can be down loaded to a printed form or just read directly from our web site. Saving the base one of our most costly cost per year, this savings will help us greatly.

I would like to thank all of the shipmates that have chosen to help the base, choosing to down load the newsletter.

I would like the Base to know that both Frank Rumbaugh and Larry Rankin are both out of the hospital and doing well, but I ask that we all keep them and others in our prayers.

See you in October, I along with several others are off to the National Convention, stay healthy and well.

Fraternally yours,

Glenn Herold, Commander, Perch Base

August Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at American Legion Post #62 Peoria, AZ at 1300 hours, 21 August 2004. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander - Glenn Herold.

Joe Bernard, Chaplain - Pigboater's Chapter, led the members in a prayer of invocation. The members were then led in the "Pledge of Allegiance" followed by a reading of the "Purpose of the Organization", Dedication, a Moment of Silence for our departed shipmates and the "Tolling of the Boats" ceremony for submarines lost during the month of August.

According to the sailing list, there were 33 members present at the meeting; which included four new members. Those present welcomed new members - Shipmates Stan Reinhold, Jim Denzien, Ray McKinzie, and Buck Crouch. Stan, Buck, Ray and Jim all took the floor - introduced themselves and gave the members a brief description of their submarine experiences. They were then given a resounding welcome from the members.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the July meeting be approved as published in the Base Newsletter, "The MidWatch." The motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer, Robert May, reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of August, 2004.

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 - Tim Moore had nothing new to report.

Base Chief of the Boat - Bob Gilmore was not present at the meeting.

Base Chaplain - Howard Doyle was not present at the meeting.

Membership Chairman and WebMaster - Ramon Samson reported that the White Mountain Base was up and running. Several former members of Perch Base are now actively involved with the new base.

Newsletter Editor - Chuck Emmett suggested that since the Base Newsletter is one of the Base's more costly endeavors

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ors, we should approach the other Arizona Bases to include their Base information in the newsletter and share in the costs associated with getting it to their members.

Chuck also informed the members that those with Internet access could download the newsletter each month and save the cost of postage. The annual cost for printing and mailing the newsletter is close to \$20 per member. After the October issue is mailed, members with Internet access (email addresses) will not be sent a mailed copy of the newsletter unless they specifically request a mailed copy. Members without Internet access will still receive a mailed copy.

Base Storekeeper Jim Nelson announced that he had lots of nice items for sale in the iShipis Store.

OLD BUSINESS

Glenn Herold announced that Dave Hamish and Frank Rumbaugh are still working on methods and contractors for re-finishing the torpedo at the Perch Memorial. The following discussion identified several alternatives to the powder coating originally believed to be an effective method for preservation without constant care.

Glenn asked a show of hands from any members planning to attend the USSVI National Convention in Saratoga Springs, New York. He then suggested that those that wanted to join together at the same table at the banquet let him know so he could include their names on the reservation.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed Brooks asked Base Commander Glenn Herold to present hand carved dolphins to three more Perch Base members who had given generously to the 2003/2004 fund raising drive for the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation. Glenn then presented carvings to Shipmates, Eugene (Brad) Veek, Richard (Rick) Simmons and Frederick (Ted) Asbell. Ted was not present at the meeting and Ed indicated that his carving would be mailed to his home.

Ed also congratulated the Perch Base members for their generosity and benevolence. This year's campaign raised more than \$2,000 for the iGary Patterson Memorial Scholarship Award and another \$2,000 for the other charitable funds included in the Charitable Foundation. He also noted that he had sent a letter to Gary Patterson's wife (Judy) with the names of the two Submarine Veterans grandchildren who received support from the memorial scholarship.

Glenn Herold opened a discussion regarding an effort to generate additional revenue for Perch Base's treasury. He reported that the Board of Directors had approved the appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to research and recommend methods the Base might use to generate additional funds. Glenn asked if there were members willing to serve on such a committee. Four members then stepped forward and volunteered to serve on the committee. They included; Jim Denzien, Stan Reinhold, Roger Cousin and Buck Crouch.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Joe Bernard took the floor and asked the members to remember Shipmates Lloyd Houser and Jack Neumann in their prayers. Both shipmates departed on eternal patrol during the week preceding the meeting.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 drawing was held and Jim Edwards was the winner.

ADJOURNMENT

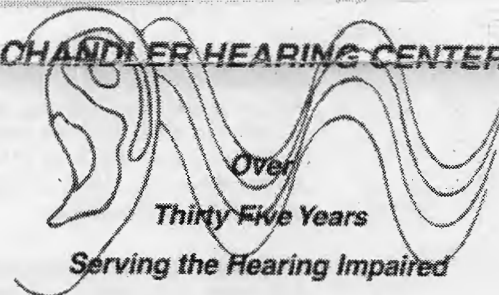
All the outstanding business being concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

The closing prayer was offered by Joe Bernard and the meeting was adjourned at 1355 hours.

(Edgar T. Brooks B Base Secretary)

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