

From the Wardroom

Shipmates;

Our December meeting was great, and we had a far better turnout than we had hoped for. The old year is gone, and we have a brand new year for Perch Base.

Now is the time to start our planning for the New Year. First thing is to get our new Base officers nominated and elected.

We have a lot of new members that have signed up over the past months. This shows that we are continuing to grow as a Base. This is a good time to remind everyone about the upcoming National Convention in Kansas City. Make your reservation early and avoid the rush.

The past convention was a lot of fun and a great success. This convention will be something to look forward too. Just as Perch Base is increasing the membership, USSVI is growing at a faster rate and will be expecting a very good turn out.

At or last meeting we talked about several ways to help support the base other than the Booster Club and ship stores. I hope you all come to the next meeting with some more ideas to add to the list. I hope we can start setting up several of the better ideas or projects to raise moneys not only for the base but to help support the many charitable projects we wish to donate too.

We need to think about the goals that Perch Base needs to achieve in the coming months.

Like the Gary Patterson Scholarship Fund. The VA hospital, and State Veterans Home and the support we can give them. We have discussed a number of things we can do, lets get started.

I would like to wish all my shipmates and their mates, a very happy, healthy, prosperous New Year.

Fraternally yours,
Glenn Herold, commander, Perch Base

December Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans B Perch Base was convened at American Legion Post #62 Peoria, AZ at 1300 hours, 18 December 2004. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Glenn Herold.

The "Call to Order" was followed by a prayer of Invocation, the "Pledge of Allegiance", a reading of the "Purpose of the Organization", the Dedication, a Moment of Silence for our departed shipmates and the "Tolling of the Boats" ceremony.

According to the sailing list, there were thirty-five (35) members and guests at the meeting. Those present welcomed new members and guests – William Alton, Herold (Harry) Heller, Jim Parker, Nick Lira, Ray Atos, and Ray Marshall. Each of the new members and guests stood, introduced themselves and summarized their service in or involvement with the Submarine Service. They were then given a re-sounding welcome from the members.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the November 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 December, 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 reported that he was drafting a letter to be sent to the Phoenix VA Hospital to designate Perch Base as a volunteer organization to that facility.

Base Chief of the Boat – Bob Gilmore reported that the American Legion Post was in negotiations with various building contractors in an effort to adjust the cost for construction of their new building using labor donated by Post members. All the permits and authorizations are received and the project will proceed when a prime contractor is selected.

Base Chaplain – Howard Doyle indicated that he has received no new reports of illness of Perch members.

Howard also reported that efforts associated with the Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade went well. Whereupon, Glenn Herold read a letter from the parade committee commending Perch Base for having won First Place in the "Military Float Division" of the annual event. Perch Base also received a "Commemorative Program" from the parade.

Membership Chairman and WebMaster – Ramon Samson reported that membership renewals (dues payments) were still coming in. Ray also announced that Vice Commander

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Tim Moore has been a notable recruiter for new members. Tim has been personally responsible for recruiting the last 5 or 6 new members. Ray reminded the members that the dues for National Life Membership will go up significantly on January 1. Those that plan to become Life Members eventually might want to take advantage of the lower price that soon expires.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett was not at the meeting.

WebMaster – Ramon Samson reported that he is establishing a link on the Perch Base Web Site for members to add their suggestions for Base fund raising ideas.

Base Storekeeper – Jim Nelson reminded members that the Ship's Store still has a supply of 2005 Calendars. Jim also suggested that Perch Base establish liaison with the Arizona Veteran's Home for volunteer services.

OLD BUSINESS

Glenn Herold asked the members to provide their suggestions for methods to raise funds for the Base Treasury. Currently, a large portion of the cost for running Perch Base is provided through the "Booster Club" donations. "Yard Sale" like events, and other fund raising functions have been suggested and the Revenue Committee has come up with numerous ideas that are being considered. Everyone's input will be welcome.

Glenn also asked members to consider other locations and methods for storing the Perch Parade Float. An indoor storage location would be ideal for keeping the float in good condition.

Dave Hamish reported that the Christmas Party was a notable success. He then asked if members considered the per person price for the party acceptable. Most members considered the price acceptable, however, some felt it was too much for the service received. Dave informed the members that reservations have been made for the same arrangements next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Glenn Herold announced that the Board of Directors had approved awarding an Honorary Associate Membership to Clyde Cussler. Clyde is a renowned author and member of the National Underwater Marine Association (NUMA). He would be a valued associate and member because of his professional involvement and published works.

Glenn also informed the members of the relationship Shipmate Jim Newman has with Arizona Historian Marshall Tremble. Glenn asked Jim if he could invite Marshall to talk to our members at one of our events. Jim agreed to pursue the possibility.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Glenn Herold recognized Shipmate Stan Reinhold for having provided the excellent food service for lunch. Stan had a

collected a menial sum from each member for the lunch. He then donated those monies to the Perch Treasury.

Glenn reported to the members that Sandra Headrick was presented a plaque and letter of commendation at the Perch Christmas Party. Sandi was most appreciative of the award and gave a touching presentation attributing her motivation to an appreciation for the service and sacrifice of all U.S. Veterans.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 drawing was held and Rick Simmons was the lucky 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 1353 hours.

Edgar T. (Ed) Brooks
Perch Base Secretary

From Beyond the Wardroom Perch Base SubVettes

Well, It's a brand new year, and I hope everyone had a great holiday season.

It's time to start thinking about elections, so we'll be forming a nominating committee. I would like all of you to consider running for an office. At this point we know we will need a secretary. Debbie Newell, our current secretary, has decided not to run for office this year, due to increasing family responsibilities. So make a New Years resolution to help you SubVettes of Perch Base and run for an office.

If you haven't paid your 2005 dues yet, please send them to our Treasurer: Karen Emmett, 7011 W Risner Road, Glendale, AZ 85308

For your convenience, we now have Local Life memberships available. Bring any questions to the meeting, or contact me or Kay Harnish at any time, regarding dues or running for office.

OUR FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BABIES ARE:

Dorothy Crider – 2/12

Lil Asbell – 2/17

Susan Day – 2/17

Hiroimi Povio – 2/26

See you all at the meeting on January 15 at Der Kaffe Kuchen, 9814 W Peoria at noon. Come hungry, the food is great!

All my best to you & yours,

Nancy Nelson, president, SubVettes of Perch Base