

From the Wardroom

Dear Shipmates,

Our annual picnic was a big success and a most festive occasion. For those of you who couldn't attend, you really missed out. We had a perfect day, a good turnout with many shipmates and good friends and a good time was had by all. The best part was the feast that was put on by our Vice Commander, Stan Reinhold. My hat is off to Stan and he deserves a big time Bravo Zulu for his contribution. We had hot dogs, burgers, chicken, brats, chili, beans, pasta salad, cole slaw... umm, umm, ummmm. I could go on but I think you get the message. Stan, on behalf of all who attended, many many thanks, and let me be the first to extend you an invitation to attend next year's gala event! This brings me to the next issue.

On April 20, 2005 we had the first regular meeting of the Short Range/Long Range Planning Committee. Our Treasurer, Jim Denzien, was nominated, approved by the committee and accepted the Committee Chair position. In addition to preliminary planning for next year's picnic, we had discussions on this year's holiday activities, fund raising issues and preliminary planning for a Submarine Ball in April 2007 to be held in conjunction with the Submarine Anniversary. It is important for you to remember that Perch Base is your base and I want to encourage all hands to bring your ideas for future activities to the table for discussion. We plan on meeting quarterly.

Next I'm sorry to have to report that due to lack of interest, we will not be participating in the Yarnell Daze celebration on 21 May. There were only nine members that expressed any interest in participating and of those only six were firm commitments. Maybe next year. For those of you who would still like to participate in the Yarnell event, by all means, feel free to do so. We will have a short meeting at the American Legion Post #62 on our normal meeting day of 21 May 2005.

Last I want to encourage all hands to attend the Memorial Day Service at the National Veteran's Cemetery of Arizona. See the announcement on page 6 of this newsletter. I sincerely hope this will be a service that will be meaningful to all of you and your families. Unfortunately, on this 60th anniversary of a major historic victory, VE Day (May 8), we continue to receive daily reminders of the tragic losses of our young men and women who continue to faithfully serve on foreign soil protecting the freedom of the Iraqi people as well as our freedom and democratic way of life. We need to honor them and those who have fallen before. I look forward to seeing you at the Memorial Day Service.

Fraternally,

Tim Moore, commander, Perch Base USSVI

April Meeting Minutes

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, 16 April 2005. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Tim Moore.

Shipmate Joe Bernard 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 April.

According to the sailing list, there were 28 persons at the meeting. Guest Shipmates George Debo and Don Masoero (Members of the Seattle Base) were introduced and welcomed by the members.

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

Treasurer, Jim Denzien, reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of April, 2005.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.



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REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Base Vice Commander – Stan Reinhold was not at the meeting.

Base Chief of the Boat – Bob Gilmore announced that the construction for the new American Legion Post 62 has begun.

Base Chaplain – Howard Doyle reported that Dick Caraker was well on the path to recovery after his multiple by-pass surgery and suggested that everyone keep Dick in their prayers during the recovery process.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson reported that membership renewal for 2005 was over and there were 7 members lost due to non-payment of dues and 3 new members gained. Ray also announced that a new Bulletin Board is being set up on the Base Web Site so members can participate in discussions over the Internet.

Ship's Storekeeper – Jim Nelson announced that the ship's store has marked down several items and members should take advantage of the bargains.

OLD BUSINESS

Glenn Herold announced that the Perch Parade Float cover is being repaired and there will be a need for a working party to spruce up and refurbish the float itself before its next use in a parade. Storage locations are still being evaluated as well.

A target date has been established to invite Marshall Tremble to attend a Perch Base meeting. It was resolved that the October meeting would be a good goal.

Tim Moore reported that we are still waiting to hear how Perch Base can become involved in support of the Medal of Honor Society meeting to be held in Phoenix this coming September.

A proposal to offer the Perch Base Library books for sale on Ebay was brought to the members. The members were asked to voice any objections to the proposal. There was none.

Tim Moore informed the members that the Board of Directors had voted to cancel the Annual Picnic if there were less than 30 participants planning to attend. After a show of hands of those planning to attend, it was determined that the 30 person criteria would be met and the picnic would proceed as planned. The picnic would be held on 30 April at the White Tank Park picnic area 4A & B.

The members were reminded of the Golf Tournament to be hosted by the White Mountain Base on June 18. Jim Clewett has offered to let visiting members use the RV hookups at his home while attending the tournament. Anyone interested should contact Jim.

Tim Moore informed the members that he was in the process of providing paid Associate Memberships for Clive Cussler and his son Dirk. Tim had corresponded with Clive informing him of the action. Clive had recently responded to Tim's letter thanking him for the honor.

NEW BUSINESS

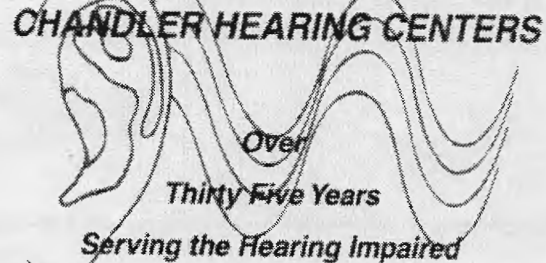
Tim Moore announced the Memorial Day Ceremony to be held at the Phoenix National Cemetery on Monday, May 30. He encouraged all those that can to attend.

Tim also informed the membership that the Board of Directors had voted to keep Dave Harnish as an Ex-Officio member of the Board. That provision will also apply to any other members elected to a national office.

It was announced that Perch Base will have a newly formed Short and Long Range Planning Committee. The committee is a standing committee that will be responsible for planning the events Perch Base will hold or participate in each year.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dave Harnish announced that he will be attending the USSVI Mid-Year Board Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas the latter part of May and at that meeting he will be forwarding a proposal to add more Districts within the Western Region. In the proposal, Dave will be asking to make the State of Arizona a separate District. If the proposal is approved, there will be new



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District Commanders needed – one of which would be the Commander for the Arizona District. Members should be thinking of good candidates for the position.

50/50 DRAWING

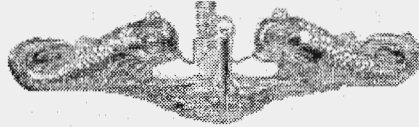
The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Ray Samson. Ray donated a portion of the money to the US Submarine Veteran's – Charitable Foundation's Scholarship Fund.

ADJOURNMENT

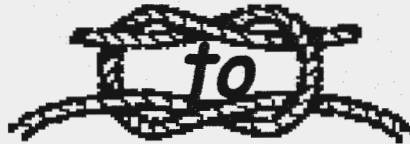
All the outstanding business being concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

The closing prayer was offered by Joe Bernard and the meeting was adjourned at 1350 hours.

Signed: Edgar T. Brooks, Base Secretary



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Memorial Day Service

The Memorial Day Service will be held again this year at the *National Veteran's Cemetery of Arizona*, 23029 North Cave Creek Road (entrance is off of Pinnacle Peak Road) Phoenix, on Monday, 30 May 2005, at 0800 hours. The Arizona Submarine Veterans – Perch Base will be participating in the wreath laying ceremony again this year. It is suggested that all members attending the service be at the cemetery by 0730 hours. There will be a Bell Tolling Ceremony conducted at the SVWWII Perch Memorial following the regular service at the cemetery. All hands are encouraged to attend both ceremonies with as many family members as possible. This is an excellent opportunity to educate your children, grandchildren and other family members of the sacrifices made by so many brave Americans.

Tim Moore
Commander Perch Base USSVI