

## From the Wardroom

Shipmates:

The past month has been busy, eventful and filled with nostalgia. I just returned from the USSVI Convention and the Skipjack reunion. This was my second reunion in the past month and I have had the opportunity to spend time with more than a dozen shipmates with whom I have had no contact in over forty years. Lots of stories, lots of laughs and as you might guess, a little beer was consumed. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to participate in these events.

The USSVI Convention in Kansas City was a big success. There were nearly a thousand USSVI and WWII Submarine Veterans in attendance. Our base was well represented as well as a number of shipmates from the other Arizona bases. This was my first experience at a National convention and I was most favorably impressed with the events and activities, and already look forward to next year. If you have never attended a convention, do yourself a favor and plan to do so in the near future. Our 2006 convention will be in Little Rock, and as you all know, the 2007 convention will be an Alaskan cruise.

The USSVI is 13,000 members strong, very healthy, highly spirited and growing. Part of our mission is to continue to support that growth. As our submarine force continues to shrink, there will come a time in the future when the opportunity for potential growth will begin to slow down. We must encourage the younger submarine veterans to join our ranks and continue to participate with and support our WWII brothers in their activities. Perpetuating the memories of our fallen comrades should always be foremost in our minds.

I want to encourage all of you to become more actively involved in Perch Base and other community activities . . . we can make a difference. We want to continue to promote the growth of our base and the other Arizona bases. In that regard, I would like to propose two objectives for the remainder of this year and the first half of next year. The first objective is very simple and that is for all of us to "re-up" so we can achieve 100% renewal of the current base membership for 2006. Start planning on it now. The second objective is to double the size of our base by the 2006 convention. While at first, this might appear to be a monumental task, I think it is very doable. Think about it! All we have to do is bring in one new member each and we have nearly a year to do it. I hope you all will step up to the challenge.

Fraternally,

Tim Moore, Commander, Perch Base USSVI

## August Meeting Minutes

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 1303 hours, 20 August 2005. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Tim Moore.

Base Chaplain Howard Doyle led the members in a prayer of Invocation followed by the standard ceremonial opening.

According to the sailing list, there were 28 members and 2 guests at the meeting. Included in the list was a recent transfer from Covina Base; Herold Lister and special guests; Walt Sweeney and Scott Fraser. The members welcomed Herold, Walt and Scott with a warm round of applause.

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.

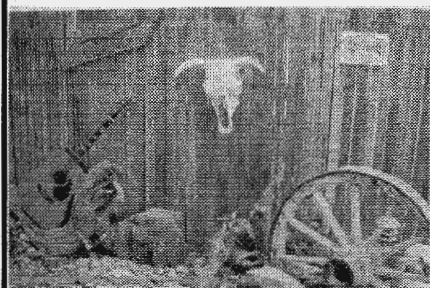
Treasurer, Jim Denzien, reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of August, 2005.

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* – Stan Reinhold reported on the USS Sea Wolf reunion held the previous week in Silverdale, WA.

*Base Chief of the Boat* – Bob Gilmore announced that the new American Legion Post 62 was more than 85% complete and is projected to have the Grand Opening on Octo-



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ber 1<sup>st</sup>. Bob also indicated that the special fund raising event held by the Post raised over \$2,200.

*Base Chaplain* – Howard Doyle indicated that he would be sending flowers to Kathryn O'treba who is recovering at home from radical joint replacement surgery. There was no other reports of sick or infirm members.

*Membership Chairman* – Ramon Samson had nothing new to report regarding membership but informed the membership that he would be creating a "link" from the Perch Web Site to the web site for the American Legion Post #62, so members could keep abreast of Post activities.

*Newsletter Editor* – Chuck Emmett had nothing new to report.

*Ship's Storekeeper* – Jim Nelson announced that the ship's store now several items created by new member Herold Lister as well as shirts with individual boat's name screen printed on them and 2006 calendars.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Tim Moore reminded the members that the Perch Base Library books are being offered for sale. Anyone interested should contact Ray Samson.

It was also announced that there would be a meeting in October by the Parade Float Committee. Anyone with suggestions or ideas are welcome to attend the meeting. Roger Cousin offered that the Base might want to consider having a replacement float made from inflatable materials so that it may be transported without damage.

Roger Cousin briefed the members on the efforts of the USS Phoenix Commission to establish a Submarine Memorial in Phoenix utilizing the sail from the USS Phoenix.

Garry Schumann reported that he had taken a cruise on the USS Alaska and briefed the members on aspects of the cruise and the ship itself.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Tim Moore announced that Perch Base will again participate in the Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Palo Verde Nuclear Station has also agreed to co-sponsor the event and provide t-shirts and refreshments for parade participants.

Tim also informed the members of the raffle of special upgrades and amenities for the 2007 National Convention Cruise. The raffle ticket sales will benefit Perch Base as well as the raffle sponsor (Bremerton Base).

Tim suggested that members who wanted issues addressed at the National Convention Business and Management meetings should let him know as soon as possible and he will carry the issues to those events.

Roger Cousin briefed the members on several ideas for raising funds for the Base Treasury one of which is a Casino trip where each person pays \$10 for the event (this amount is then refunded by the Casino. The Base retains the original \$10 for its treasury. No motions were made or votes taken on the suggestion.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Stan Reinhold displayed to the members, a photo and medallions that came from the USS Sea Wolf 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion recently held in Silverdale, WA. It was also announced that Stan had donated \$150 to the US SubVets Charitable Foundation for Ed Brooks to carve a set of mahogany dolphins that were then raffled for the benefit of the USS Sea Wolf Reunion Committee.

Jim Nelson announced that Herold Lister has agreed to create custom submarine related jewelry for Base members. The proceeds of any such sale will go to the Base Treasury.

Ray Samson reported on his tour of the Maritime Museums in San Diego, CA. He also suggested that members would derive numerous benefits from such tours.

Herold Lister informed the members that he will be a vendor at the National Convention in Kansas City and asked anyone attending the convention stop by and see him.

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### 50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 drawing was preceded by drawings for special pins created by Shipmate Herold Lister. The three pins were won by Davy Jones, Jim Nelson and Garry Schumann. The money was won by Scott Fraser.

### 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 Chaplain Howard Doyle and the meeting was adjourned at 1340 hours.

### SPECIAL EVENT

Following adjournment, all the members were provided with glasses of champagne. The WWII SubVet members were then asked to assemble front and center. Tim Moore then read an elaborate toast in celebration of V.J. Day and appreciation to those of our Shipmates who participated in the defeat of the Japanese to end WWII.

Signed: Edgar T. Brooks, secretary, Perch Base



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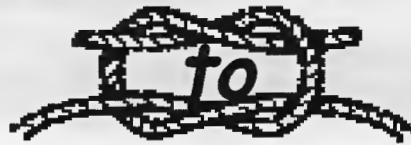
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Shipmates, the American Legion has supported our Base by providing a place for our meetings. When the new Legion building is completed, will have space there for us too. Your Base officers believe we should help support those who support us. Join the American Legion and support them too.

At the August Meeting, to remember the 60th anniversary of V-J Day, all of those present took a few minutes and, with champagne or sparkling cider, toasted the WW II Pigboaters for all of their heroic efforts in ending that war. American submarines, more than any other single fighting force, acted to bring the Japanese home islands to their knees. These pictures captured the moment.

