

Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base



2019
Annual Awards Banquet
January 11, 2020

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARIZONA SUBMARINE
VETERANS, PERCH BASE USSVI EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO OUR
2019 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET.

COMMANDER:	HOWARD DOYLE
VICE COMMANDER:	GEORGE WOODS
PAST COMMANDER:	CHUCK EMMETT
COB:	CARL MINER
TREASURER:	DAVE HEIGHWAY
SECRETARY:	MARCIA UNSER
CHAPLAIN:	GOVERNOR JOY
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER:	CHUCK LUNA
WEBMASTER:	DAN MARKS
MEMBERSHIP:	JIM ANDREWS
STOREKEEPER:	MARCUS HENSLEY
EVENTS COORDINATOR:	DON UNSER
HISTORIAN:	CHUCK LUNA

MENU

Appetizers

Assorted Hors D'oeuvre

Salad

Salad with assorted dressings

Entrée (Selections)

Petite Beef Medallions

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Grilled Salmon

Vegetables

All entrees come with a vegetable and a starch

Dessert

Cheesecake



<u>Time</u>	<u>Action</u>
1800 – 1900	Muster on Station <i>(No host cocktails – <u>Silent Auction bids</u>)</i>
1900 – 1915	Welcome, Invocation <i>(Base Commander, Chaplain)</i>
1915 – 2000	Evening Meal
2000 – 2005	Base Commander's Remarks
2005 – 2015	Membership Awards <i>(Longevity, "Early Bird" Dues Drawing)</i>
2030 – 2040	2018 "Sailor of the Year" Award
2040 – 2045	Introduction of Guest Speaker <i>(Base Commander)</i>
2045 – 2130	Guest Speaker <i>Les Parsons</i>
2130 – 2200	Results: <u>Silent Auction</u>
2200 – 2210	Tolling for the Boats – January
2210 – 2215	Remembrance, Departed Shipmates <i>(Base Chaplain)</i>
2215	Closing Remarks – Benediction <i>(Base Commander – Chaplain)</i>

Les Parsons

Les is the son of Oklahoma sharecroppers who came to California in the 1930's as part of the Grapes of Wrath migration during the time of the great dust storms in the Midwest. They picked fruit up and down the San Joaquin Valley with Les attending 23 different grade schools. He graduated from high school on the Hoopa Indian Reservation in northern California where his father was a boiler tender at a sawmill.

After working a summer in the lumber mills, Les enlisted in the Navy in 1962 and attended boot camp in San Diego, Machinist's Mate "A" School in Great Lakes, and Nuclear Power School in Vallejo. In January 1964 he was transferred to the Nuclear Power Training Unit in Idaho Falls and qualified at A-1W. While in Idaho, he met and married Ilene in 1965. He was selected for the Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP) and attended the University of Utah, taking a degree in Chemistry and was commissioned an Ensign in 1969.

After Submarine School, he served tours in Menhaden (SS-377), Harder (SS-568) and a tour in Trieste II (DSV-1) as assistant OIC while she was in overhaul in Vallejo. He served in USS Salmon (SS-573) and completed his tours as engineer and Operations/ Navigator. In 1977 he reported to Trieste II for duty as the Officer-in Charge where he served until 1982. During this tour Trieste completed dives on the wreckage of both Scorpion and Thresher. Les also served as OIC Unmanned Vehicles Detachment and on the operations staff of Submarine Development Group ONE.

In 1983 Les relieved as Commanding Officer of the Naval Facility Pacific Beach, Washington and served there until 1985 when he was assigned as the Executive Officer of the Trident Refit facility, Bangor. He retired as a Commander in 1987.

After retirement, he worked as a consultant to the Naval Shipyards in work and cost estimating improvements. In 1991 he moved to Idaho and worked at the Idaho National Laboratory as a manager of two different facilities that dealt with hazardous and radioactive waste. He retired totally in 1998.

Les and Ilene have two sons, the older is a fire chief for Saudi-Aramco in Saudi Arabia and the younger son is a Nurse Practitioner. Les and Ilene and the younger son and his family make their homes in Idaho Falls.