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**What's "Below Decks"
in the Midwatch**



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Lest We Forget Those Still On Patrol

JULY ETERNAL PATROLS

USS S-28	SS133	July 4, 1944	52 men
USS Robalo	SS273	July 26, 1944	81 men
USS Grunion	SS216	July 30, 1942	70 men

SECOND MEETING AT NEW LOCATION - SEE PAGE 3



The Perch Base USSVI is not able to totally support itself financially on the dues collected from its members. There has, to date, been no successful and ongoing plan since the base was formed to produce any other steady and effective source of income. Therefore, the Base has relied on additional donations from members. These supplemental donors are called the "Booster Club."



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Sailing Orders



**Next Regular Meeting
July 21, 2006,
*NEW LOCATION!!***

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1658 South Litchfield Road, Building # 104,
Goodyear, AZ 85338-1509
(623) 932-2140 [direct line]
(623) 932-1600 [receptionist]**



(If you see this, you're there! It's the area of
the building right behind the flags in this
photograph.)

**August Meeting will be a joint session
with Gudgeon Base in Prescott.**



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1 June 2007

Shipmates:

Base Commanders are directed to give this letter wide distribution. Effective 1 June 2007 nominations for USSVI District Commanders for Western Region Districts 1,2,3,4,5, and 6 are closed. Thank you to all that have stepped up and agreed to run for these important offices.

The following Shipmates have been nominated for the elected position of USSVI Western Region District Commanders.

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Western District 3, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming

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Ballot instructions will be forth coming by separate correspondence.

Dave Harnish, USSVI Western Regional Director

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2007 BALLOT FOR WESTERN REGION DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER

SELECT ONE

Jim Dunn, Tautog Base

Write in _____

Return ballot to your Base Commander.

Base Commander send tally to WRD NLT 31 July 2007



June 20, 2007

Stanley Reinhold
Commander USSVI Perch Base
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Sun City AZ 85351-3164

Dear Shipmates,

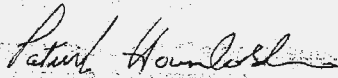
Thank you for your very generous contribution to the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation. Your donation of \$100 was applied to the Merced College Submarine Memorial Fund as you requested.

US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation is an I.R.S. approved 501(c)(3) charitable foundation and our tax identification number is 95-4830806. No goods or services were provided for this donation.

On behalf of the 12,000 plus members of US Submarine Veterans Inc and the Board of Directors of the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, thank you again for your donation. It will be used to help us 'perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country" by doing good works in their memory.

On behalf of the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation Board of Directors, and with our sincere appreciation, I am

Fraternally:


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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS!

*** MIDWATCH NEWSLETTER ***

Article Submission Deadlines

The deadlines for the next three Midwatch newsletters are as follows:

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Aug. 2007	Friday, Aug. 3rd
Sept. 2007	Friday, Aug. 30th
Oct. 2007	Friday, Oct. 5th

Please submit your articles by **the evening of the deadline dates** indicated to make sure your articles are included and to assure the timely publication and distribution of the Midwatch. Thank you.

Faternally,

Chuck Emmett, Editor "MidWatch", Perch Base USSVI

WESTERN DISTRICT FIVE & SIX 50/50 OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

This is an annual Dual District Fund Raiser that will benefit all participating Bases in an ongoing man-ner. The District is compensated for direct costs only, I.E. ticket printing, (approx. \$500). All proceeds go to the prizes and or the bases involved.

1. There will be an annual drawing for two new automobiles and cash. The first drawing will be held at the National Convention or NLT the end of September 2007
2. Tickets are \$20.00 each.
3. There are 10,000 tickets per drawing. (Potential \$200,000.00 income)
4. With all tickets are sold the chances of winning are "1 in 1429".
5. Bases participating will retain 50% of the money collected to be used as the base sees fit, however it is suggested that Bases allocate a percentage of the money for charitable causes at the National or community level.
6. There are currently 1234 members in Districts Five & Six within fourteen bases. If each base were to sell 715 tickets then each base would make \$7,150.00. That represents slightly over 7 tickets sold per member.
7. Two vehicles (of the winner's choice) are first and second prize: #1: \$50,000 Vehicle (50% of opportunity revenue) #2. \$35,000 vehicle (35% of opportunity revenue). If enough money is not generated to purchase vehicles then the first and second place winners would receive 50%, and 35% of the total opportunity donations received. Additional cash winners would be \$5,000 (5% of opportunity revenue), \$4000 (4% of opportunity revenue), \$3000 (3% of opportunity revenue), \$2000 (2% of opportunity revenue), and \$500 (1/2 % of opportunity revenue). All prizes are awarded in percentages of income revenue.
8. This will be a reverse drawing to ensure that all tickets taken are given an equal and accountable opportunity to win.

Any mailing costs are the responsibility of the individual Base. All tickets are accountable and if not sold, must be returned. The vehicles will be purchased in the state in which the winner lives and includes tax and license.

WD5 contact Rocky Rockers 559-970-2143 ssbn628@netzero.net

WD6 contact T Michael Bircumshaw 951-587-8469 WD6SubVet@yahoo.com

We are inviting all WWII SubVets Chapters to participate. This is for the benefit of SubVets, any and all SubVets.

Schedule:

8 April 2007: Initial tickets out. Suggested order 250-500

(You may order more tickets at any time.)

- 1 June 2007: Return 50% of all donations & unsold tickets for redistribution.
1 July 2007: Return 50% of all donations & unsold tickets for redistribution.
30 August 2007: All tickets and 50% of donations returned to T Michael Bircumshaw
15-22 September: National Convention - Draw winning tickets..
1 October 2007: Buy 2008 Automobiles - Distribute Cash.

Any Base not returning tickets and correct amount of donations received in accordance with the published deadline will forfeit all monies which will be returned to appropriate donors. All stubs, tickets, and cash must be sent to T M Bircumshaw 31064 Wellington Cir. Temecula CA 92591 to arrive no later than 30 August 2007.

Perch Base Challenge Coins

They're Here!!



Buy 'em . . .
Trade 'em . . .
Give 'em to friends!

- * Each member gets one coin at \$15.
- * The price is \$20 for each additional coin or for any non-Base member.

Going on the Alaska cruise? Buy enough to swap with fellow boat-sailors.

From the Wardroom
Base Commander's Message

Dear Friends and Shipmates,

Our first meeting at Airline Training Center of Arizona was a rousing success with some thirty five members and guests attending. We have a few small glitches to work out but we got through them in typical submarine panache and confidence.

The Perch Base coins have arrived and we sent the first coin to Brent Nelson, MM2 (SS), USN, son of Jim and Nancy Nelson serving in Iraq with the US Army.

The ladies of the SubVettes donated \$80 to purchase cookies for Brent and my staff has been baking them off. We send the first shipment of 22 pounds of oatmeal raisin and peanut butter cookies in middle June. Brent received them on July 3 in Iraq. Jim and Nancy send the second shipment a few days later. The third shipment was shipped on Thursday July 5.

Howard Doyle received a call from Brent Nelson thanking him for the laptop commuter that had arrived in Iraq. Jim and Nancy shared an email from Brent thanking us for the cookies. He said they arrived nice and soft and he shared them with his friends but kept some of the peanut butter cookies for his self.

I am looking forward to next month's **Combined Meeting With Gudgeon Base**. This August meeting will be held the second Saturday of the month at Prescott, AZ as a joint meeting between Perch Base and Gudgeon Base. Gudgeon meets at 11 a.m. at the Moose Lodge #319 in Prescott Valley, AZ. Lunch is available from the kitchen during the meeting. The Moose Lodge is located at 6501 East 6th Street, Prescott Valley, AZ.

Fraternally,

Stan Reinhold, Commander, Perch Base USSVI

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Taxation

- Individuals and Related Businesses
- Estates and Trusts
- Corporations, Partnerships, and LLCs
- Employee Plans and Exempt Organizations

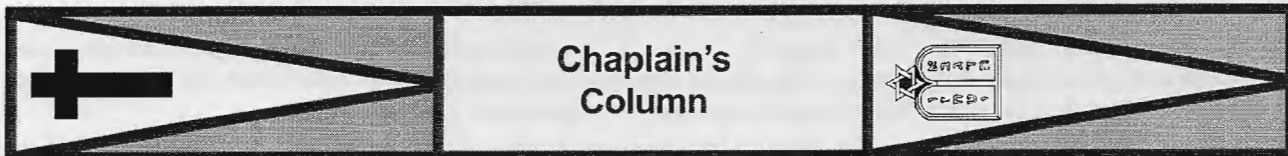
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Accounting Services • Financial Statements

Consulting

- Income and Estate Tax Planning
- Deferred Compensation Planning
- Management and Operations Analysis

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We're all glad to have our COB, Jim Edwards, back with us. Glad things are OK now, Jim.

On the Sick List:

- Chuck Emmett is half-way done with cataract surgery. Starboard down and port side to go.
- Our Chaplain, Howard Doyle, is in Thunderbird Hospital for some back surgery — vertebra fusing. He should be out in a few days, hopefully up and about in time for the meeting.

Rear Adm. Eugene B. Fluckey: **Commanded Submarine Attacks on Japanese Shipping**

By Matt Schudel, Washington Post Staff Writer, July 2, 2007

Rear Adm. Eugene B. Fluckey, one of the greatest naval heroes of World War II who was awarded the Medal of Honor and four Navy Crosses for his daring submarine attacks on Japanese shipping, died June 28 at Anne Arundel Medical Center. He was 93 and had Alzheimer's disease.

Adm. Fluckey, who was born and raised in Washington, was a pioneer of submarine warfare and among the most highly decorated veterans from any branch of the military.

In 1944 and 1945, as commander of the USS Barb, he became a Navy legend for his nighttime raids that sank dozens of enemy ships along the east coast of China. His bold forays were complicated by continual barrages from Japanese airplanes and boats and by shallow waters that often forced him to bring his submarine to the surface. He sometimes came so close to shore that his men were able to launch sabotage missions on land.

On Jan. 25, 1945, Adm. Fluckey embarked on what Navy officials, seldom given to hyperbole, called "virtually a suicide mission — a naval epic." In "an exceptional feat of brilliant deduction and bold tracking," in the words of his Medal of Honor citation, Adm. Fluckey found more than 30 Japanese vessels lurking in a concealed harbor protected by mines and rocky shoals.

Evading a cordon of armed escort boats, the Barb slipped into the harbor on a moonless, cloudy night and scored eight direct torpedo hits on six large ships. One of them was an ammunition vessel, which exploded and caused "inestimable damage by the resultant flying shells and other pyrotechnics," according to the Medal of Honor citation.

As Adm. Fluckey watched from the bridge of his submarine, The Washington Post reported in 1945, "Japanese ships were erupting in the night like a nest of volcanoes."

The Barb then fled at high speed "through uncharted rocky waters thick with fishing junks," pursued by two Japanese gunboats. Because of the shallow water, the submarine had to stay on the surface, dodging obstacles and steady fire for a full hour before reaching the safe depths of the open sea.

"The significance of that mission," said retired Navy Capt. Max Duncan, who was the chief gunnery and torpedo officer of the Barb, "was that we completely disrupted the entire shipping system the Japanese had developed at that point in the war."

On other occasions, Adm. Fluckey maneuvered his submarine so close to shore that he could bombard coastal installations with torpedoes and guns. On its final patrol in 1945, the Barb became the first U.S. submarine equipped with ballistic missiles.

One time, Adm. Fluckey selected eight commandos from his crew to paddle ashore in rubber boats and place a 55-pound bomb under railroad ties on the northern Japanese island then called Karafuto. As the men were rowing back to the Barb in darkness, the pressure-sensitive charge blew up a 16-car troop train. It was the only time in World War II that U.S. forces set foot on the soil of the Japanese home islands.

Adm. Fluckey and his 80-man crew were credited with sinking 29 ships, including an aircraft carrier, destroyer and cruiser. He destroyed more gross tonnage than any other submarine commander. For his wartime exploits, he became known as "Lucky Fluckey" and the "Galloping Ghost of the China Coast."

"He was extraordinary," retired Rear Adm. Robert W. McNitt, executive officer of the Barb, said in a telephone interview. "He immediately gained the full confidence of his officers and crew. He made a point of walking through the submarine several times a day. He knew everybody on board and knew a lot about them."

Adm. Fluckey sometimes violated Navy regulations by stashing cases of beer in the officers' shower. Whenever the Barb sank a ship, everyone on board was entitled to a cold beer, which endeared him to his crew.

In addition to the Medal of Honor and Navy Crosses (second only to the Medal of Honor), Adm. Fluckey received the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and a host of lesser decorations. His greatest achievement, he often said, was that no one under his command ever received another well-known medal: the Purple Heart.

"He was absolutely confident and absolutely fearless, but fearless with good judgment," McNitt said. "He brought his ship and his people home."

Eugene Bennett Fluckey was born Oct. 5, 1913, and graduated from the District's Western High School when he was 15. After two years at a prep school, he enrolled at the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating in 1935.

As a midshipman, he was nearsighted and knew he would have to leave the academy if he failed an eye exam. After studying optics, he designed a pair of glasses for himself and, with exercises, was able to restore his vision to 20-20.

He joined the submarine corps in 1938 and served in the Pacific before taking command of the Barb. After the war, he became the personal aide to Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, the chief of naval operations.

Later in his career, Adm. Fluckey served as director of naval intelligence and commanded amphibious units and the Navy's Pacific submarine force. He also headed the electrical engineering department at the Naval Academy and led a fundraising campaign for the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

In 1992, he wrote a dramatic account of his experiences as a submarine commander, "Thunder Below!" It won the Samuel Eliot Morison prize for naval history.

When Adm. Fluckey retired from the Navy in 1972, he was stationed in Lisbon as the naval attache to NATO. He continued to live in Portugal until 1979, when he moved to Annapolis to seek medical treatment for his ailing wife, Marjorie. She died in August 1979 after 42 years of marriage.

For several years in the 1980s, Adm. Fluckey and his second wife, Margaret, maintained a home in Portugal, where they ran an orphanage.

Survivors include his wife, of Annapolis; a daughter from his first marriage, Barbara Bove of Annapolis and Summerfield, Fla.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In recent years, Adm. Fluckey treated the aging veterans of the Barb to cruises in Alaska and on the Mississippi River.

"He was imaginative, very decisive and very quick, with a great sense of fun," said McNitt, his former executive officer. "He was an extraordinary submarine captain."

*Do you have know of any shipmate who's sick or
the wife or family member of a shipmate?
Contact the Base Chaplain, Howard Doyle:*

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June Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans, Perch Base was convened at the Airline Training Center of Arizona (ATCA), Goodyear, AZ at 1304 hours, 16 June 2007. Stan Reinhold, Base Commander, called the meeting to order.

The membership was led in a prayer of invocation by Chaplain Howard Doyle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a standard ceremonial opening. A moment of silence was observed for shipmates on eternal patrol and the tolling ceremony for boats lost in June was conducted.

According to the sailing list, there were thirty-one members, ladies and guests present.

Base Commander Stan Reinhold provided the membership present with background information on the facility (ATCA) since this is our first meeting here.

A prospective new member, De Wayne Lober, was introduced and he provided some background on himself.

Minutes from the May 2007 regular meeting as published in the Midwatch were approved.

Treasurer Jim Denzien reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of June 2007. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen

Before reports, Howard Doyle mentioned that we have had three recent paid ads for the Midwatch. Sometimes it only takes asking; people are willing to advertise. Stan Reinhold mentioned that his daughter will be responsible for writing the liability policy for USSVI. Ed Hawkins thanked his shipmates for the cards and visits while he was rehabbing recently.

Vice Commander – Bob Gilmore had nothing to report.

Chief of the Boat – Jim Edwards reported that he was glad to be back after completing rehab after knee surgery.

Chaplain – Howard Doyle reported that he would be having back surgery on 7/6 and was hoping to be back at the July meeting.

Membership Chairman/Webmaster – Ramon Samson had nothing to report.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett had nothing to report.

Ship's Storekeeper – Jim Nelson had no report.

Past Base Commander - Tim Moore had nothing to report.

Base Commander Stan Reinhold reported on the "cookie" project for Jim Nelson's son, Brent, who is in Iraq. Brent is one of our members.

Jim Nelson also thanked Howard Doyle for his part in providing a laptop computer for his son in Iraq.

The Subvettes were not represented.

Old Business

Jim Denzien reported that the old float had been sold to Scamp Base in Escondido, CA for \$1000. He also reported on the progress toward construction of a new float. Attempts are being made to meet with the 702 Society to elicit their assistance; also we are trying to set up a meeting with Tucson Base personnel to get information and accurate cost data. Walt Blomgren volunteered a space to store the wing tank since we are becoming concerned about its security at Live Steamers.

Howard Doyle reported that the purchase of challenge coins was proceeding and we would receive them by mid-July. The coins will be offered for sale for \$15 for the first coin to base members and \$20 for all additional coins. Non-members price is \$20 per coin for all purchases. We will be looking at other avenues to market the coins.

The pending raffles for the gun club membership and the jewelry boxes will be conducted at the July meeting. Buy a ticket and support the Base.

New Business

We have been having issues with meeting at Post 105 of the American Legion because of their use of our meeting time for other activities without giving us adequate notice. The E-Board held a meeting recently to discuss our options. The use of the ATCA facility was offered by Stan Reinhold. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded that we use the ATCA facility until further notice. The motion carried by voice vote.

Tautog Base has recently been formed in Casa Grande. We have provided them with potential membership contacts that we have received. A discussion ensued as to whether we should support the new base financially. The idea was tabled for the present. We may consider a joint effort with all the other bases in Arizona.

We are going to be supporting "Fabulous Phoenix", a holiday celebration at Steele Park near the VA on the 4th of July. Stan Reinhold and Jim Denzien will be points of contact.

Good of the Order

Tim Moore talked about the Opportunity Raffle being conducted by WD5 and WD6. He mentioned that the base receives half of the revenue for tickets sold. The drawing will be held during the USSVI Alaskan Cruise in September.

Tim Moore also mentioned a program being conducted by WD6 called "Kaps for Kids". Other details of the program were mentioned. Jim Edwards will be in charge of the effort.

Jim Denzien mentioned a new book on the market: "Scorpion Down" by Ed Offley. It makes for interesting reading as it makes the claim that the boat was sunk by the Russians and there has been an ongoing cover-up.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Howard Doyle. He donated a portion of the winnings back to the base.

Adjournment

All the outstanding business having been concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

Chaplain Howard Doyle offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 1415.

Jim Denzien, Base Secretary/Treasurer



Ladies –

There are marvelous changes in the works for our group! Don't miss out – come to the July 21 meeting. Join the fun! Your presence at our meetings will help ensure our ongoing success! And . . . you get a great lunch for only \$5.00! Come for lunch – stay for the meeting! It's a win/win good deal.

See you there!

Mary, President, SubVettes of Perch Base



President Mary Denzien called meeting to order at 1 p.m. Meeting was attended by four members; Mary Denzien, Nancy Nelson, Jackie Hawkins, Jane Reinhold and two guests, Ruth McCarthy and Nancy Taylor.

Minutes from the May meeting were accepted as printed in the MidWatch. No Treasurers report, as Hiromi was unable to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

We will be holding the drawing for the afghan and the poncho at our next meeting on July 21, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scholarship award criteria were discussed. Nancy Nelson typed up a rough draft and sent to Mary for perusal and approval

Our new shirts are HERE and they are phenomenal. If anyone else wants one, please let Nancy know and she will order it for you. (\$20.00 each)

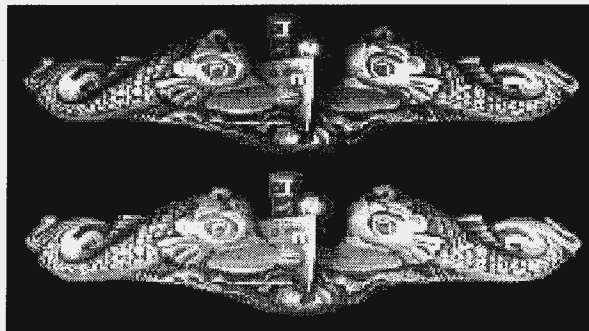
As a reminder our August meeting will be held in Prescott Valley at the Moose Lodge, same place as last year. It should be a great time, so please plan to attend. We are also looking for additional fund raisers to perpetuate the Scholarship Fund in Kay Hamish's name, if you have any ideas please let us know.

A three-person committee was formed to look at any up-dates that may be needed to SubVettes of Perch Base Constitution and By-Laws consisting of: Jane Reinhold, Mary Denzien and Nancy Nelson.

GOOD OF THE ORDER;

Happy Birthday Wishes were sent out to Bobbie Landeck, born on July 10th.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.



Origin of the Submarine Dolphins

The Insignia of the U.S. Navy Submarine Service is a submarine flanked by two dolphins. Dolphins, traditional attendants to Poseidon (the Greek God of the Sea and the Deity of Sailors), are symbolic of a calm sea and are sometimes called the "sailors' friend."

To be designated as "Qualified in Submarines," a submariner must possess an in-depth knowledge of the ships construction, operation and damage control as well as demonstrate his reliability under stressful conditions. The origin of the U.S. Navy Submarine insignia dates back to 13 June 1923. Capt. Ernest J. King, Commander Submarine Division Three (later Fleet Admiral and Chief of Naval Operations during World War II), suggested to the Secretary of the Navy that a distinguished device for qualified submariners be adopted.

He submitted a pen-in-ink sketch of his own showing a shield mounted on the beam of a submarine, with dolphins forward and aft of the conning tower. During the next several months the Bureau of Navigation (later known as BUPERS) solicited additional designs from several sources.

Among the designs were a submarine and shark motif, a submarine and shield, and submarine with ancient dolphins. A Philadelphia firm was requested to design a suitable badge. Two versions were submitted and subsequently combined into the design in use today, a bow view of a surfaced submarine, with bow planes rigged for diving, flanked by dolphins in a horizontal position with their heads resting on the upper edge of the bow planes.

In March 1924, the design was approved. The submarine Insignia was to be worn at all times by officers and enlisted men qualified in submarine duty when attached to submarine organizations, afloat or ashore, and not to be worn when not attached.

The officer insignia was a bronze, gold plated medal pin, worn on the Left breast pocket. Enlisted members wore silver silk embroidered dolphins on the right sleeve, midway between the wrist and elbow. In 1941, submariners were authorized by a change in Uniform Regulations to wear dolphins at all times when assigned to other duties in the naval service.

In 1947, enlisted dolphins were shifted to the Left breast from the sleeve. And in 1950, another change to Uniform Regulations, authorized a bronze, silver plated medal pin for enlisted and embroidered dolphins for officers. In more recent times, dolphins for specialists in the Submarine Force have been developed. These include the distinctive Supply Corp Officer, Engineering Duty Officer, and Medical Officer dolphins. No matter the color of the pin or insignia at the center, dolphins are worn with pride by all members of the Submarine Force.

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**June - July
 2007**

Commander's Corner**June**

At this meeting we found out that one of our Shipmates, Frank Ozga, 91, has gone on Eternal Patrol. Frank enlisted in 1933 he served three years in the Army and then switched to the Navy for 17 years. Frank was in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, when Japan attacked us. He made nine war patrols. He told me, after four patrols they would transfer him to another Sub as the average time was four patrols. Frank was a member of Submarine Veterans of World War II and a life member of US Submarine Veterans here. He told me that the only reason he did not make many meetings that it brought back a lot of bad memories. Frank and his sea stories will be missed greatly – MAY HE HAVE THE WIND AT HIS BACK.

It seems that the Golf Tournament is coming along great. Buck Biddle is out there trying to find more ways to make money for our treasury (ex) two spaces free at the Snowflake Swap Meet to sell things you don't use anymore.

By the way the next meeting is the June 23 at Bucks' house. If you don't know how to get there his phone number is 1-928-532-3020 – cell phone 1- 928-242-3822.

Don't forget if you want to help at the Golf Tournament (Snowflake Golf Course) be there about 7 a.m. on 16 June.

I will be gone July and August but the ELECTIONS should be in August – as I am resigning as Base Commander as

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Meeting Minutes**June**

Members present were: Jim Clewett, Frank Nagle, Armand DePrins, Delbert Forpahl, Charles Jones, Phillip Caster, John Allbritton, Ken Shade, Steve Day, Buck Biddle and George Ryan. Guests were: George Ryan's Wife Kathy and Bret Currey from Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

The meeting was opened with a prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, reading of our creed, and Tolling of the Bell. The April minutes were read and accepted. The Treasurer reported that there is \$2,386.81 in the Treasury with an outstanding debt of \$547.80 for the Golf Tournament towels.

The Golf Committee reported that we should get a one day liquor license. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have the pulled pork for lunch and the coffee will be free.

Trappers Café in Taylor has offered to host a meeting.

The next meeting will be at Buck's house at 11:00 am on June 23 (near the Home Depot in Show Low – call for a map if needed).

There will be a parade in Concho on Memorial Day, show up at the elementary school.

We need volunteers to guard a parking lot in Show Low 10 am to 2 pm on Sunday June 10th, call Buck for details.

Bret from Big Brothers/Big Sisters gave a presentation. There are approximately 460 matches in the White Mountain area. The program is a mentoring program for kids 6 to 14 years old and Bret said it would be great if some of us could spend an hour or two "telling sea stories" to a group of the kids (censored of course).

50/50 Drawing was won by George Ryan, for \$14.00 and was donated to the base Treasury.

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer.

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we don't know when our house will sell and we will be moving to New Mexico.

SMOOTH SAILING

Fraternally yours,

Jim Clewett, Commander

July

Our Golf Tournament was a great success thanks in part to Ken Shade, Frank Nagle and Buck Biddle if I left anyone out I apologize – lets make it even better next year – Ken has retired as Golf Chairman. Sorry to lose you Ken.

The Golf Tournament had 72 golfers it wasn't as good as last year but we all had a good time. We are donating \$2,650 to the Safe House. It is down as we didn't have as many players but everything helps. It would be nice if new members helped out next year. I wish to thank the women that gave their time: Simonne DePrins, Priscilla Nagle, Judy Snodgrass and Lorraine Clewett.

At the August meeting is the ELECTIONS for all Posts including Base Commander. All officers should be members that have the Base foremost in their thoughts and with plans to move the Base forward. I know for a fact that there are many more Sub Vets out there in this area that are reluctant to come and join, lets make it our priority to get them with us. We also need associates.

I will be gone July – August and maybe September as one of my Old Ships is having a Reunion in Branson, MO. I hate to admit it but it is a surface ship I was on in Korea. We took hits in Won San Harbor. I have never made one of these and think I should as I am getting older. If all goes well I will be at the October meeting if my house does not sell.

At this meeting nominations were: Commander - Steve Day, Secretary - Buck Biddle, and Frank Nagle said he would stay as Treasurer. We had 12 members and 2 guests, which was a great turnout. The next meeting will be July 21 at Trappers Café in Taylor at 11 am – across from the Rock Factory and next to the Post Office.

SMOOTH SAILING

Fraternally yours,

Jim Clewett, Commander



July

Members present at the meeting were: Jim Clewett, Frank Nagle, Armand DePrins, Charles Jones, Phillip Caster, John Allbritton, Ken Shade, Steve Day, Buck Biddle, John McDonald, Dick Britton and Dick Jarenski. Guests were Judy Shade and Susan Day.

The meeting was opened at 11:08 am with a prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, reading of our creed, and Tolling of the Bell, and a moment of silence. The May minutes were read and accepted. The Treasurer reported that there is \$5,491.92 in the Treasury.

New business: There has been a new base formed in Casa Grande (Tautog Base). A motion was made, seconded, and passed to give \$300 start-up funds.

White Mountain base unanimously voted for Jim Dunn Western Region District 1 Commander.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to cancel the September meeting due to the National Conference.

Golf Tournament: A combination of circumstances led to a lower turnout (72 players) than last year.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to donate \$2,650 to the SAFE House, and to reimburse Ken Shade \$300, Buck Biddle \$200, and Jim Clewett \$150 for gas and mileage while organizing the Tournament. We will keep leftover golf towels, golf balls, etc. for next year's Tournament.

Jim has applications for the International Submarine Veteran's Association.

Call Buck for 4th of July parade info.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to give the Base Secretary \$50 for postage and envelopes.

The Base will be 3 years old in August and we will be holding elections. The following nominations were made:

Commander:	Steve Day
Vice Commander:	none
Secretary:	Buck Biddle
Treasurer:	Frank Nagle

Nominations will be open until the August meeting.

We will need someone to take over as storekeeper.

Jim will be absent for the July and August meetings.

The next meeting will be at Trapper's in Taylor on Saturday, July 21st [Secretary's note: Trapper's does not have meeting availability. The July meeting will be held at the Heber American Legion at 11:00 on Saturday, July 21st].

50/50 Drawing was won by John McDonald, for \$19.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm with a closing prayer.

Vests can be purchased from Holly Walker (623) 580-9582.

Eternal Patrol July 30, 1942

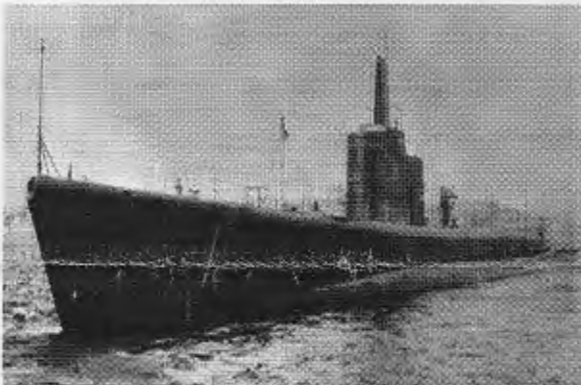
Editors Note: *Less we forget, each month, one boat on eternal patrol will be highlighted in this newsletter. Sailors, rest your oars.*

The Final Patrol

Lord, this departed shipmate with dolphins on his chest
Is part of an outfit known as the best.
Make him welcome and take him by the hand.
You'll find without a doubt he was the best in all the land.
So, heavenly Father add his name to the roll
Oof our departed shipmates still on patrol
Let them know that we who survive
Will always keep their memories alive.



U.S.S. Grunion (SS-216) July 30, 1942 70 men lost




The submarine GRUNION arrived at Pearl Harbor on 20 June 1942, reporting for duty from the West Coast. This vessel engaged in the pre-patrol training given to all submarines reporting from new construction yards, and on 30 June, left for patrol.

Lt. Cmdr. Mannert L. Abele, in command, was ordered to proceed to the Aleutian Theater and patrol westward from Attu on routes between the Aleutians and the Japanese Empire. On 10 July GRUNION was reassigned to the area north of Kiska. GRUNION made her first report on 15 July: Dutch Harbor received her message that, attacked by an enemy destroyer, she had fired three torpedoes at it, and missed with all.

Shortly after this message was received GRUNION sent another relating that she had sunk three destroyer-type vessels on 15 July. This message was garbled to the extent that details of the attacks were never learned (Japanese information reveals that GRUNION sank patrol boats 25 and 27 and damaged a third patrol vessel). On 19 July GRUNION, S-32, TRITON and TUNA were assigned areas in the approaches to Kiska, all to be there by daylight 22 July.

There was a strong concentration of enemy vessels at Kiska, this time being only a month and a half after the enemy had taken that island. The vessels patrolling there were told to watch particularly on the afternoon of 22 July 1942 for departing enemy naval vessels, since our own surface forces were scheduled to bombard Kiska that afternoon. The bombardment did not take place in accordance with the original plans, but our forces did stage the operation on 28 July and GRUNION was told to guard the exits from Kiska during darkness on this date. On this day GRUNION reported an attack on unidentified enemy ships six miles southeast of Sirius Point, Kiska. She had fired two torpedoes, made no hits, and been depth charged, but sustained no damage.



The Gato-class submarine was the state of the art in American design at the start of World War II. Using the previous Tambor-class submarine as a basis, Gatos incorporated improvements to increase their overall patrol and combat abilities. Modifications to the diesel engines and batteries increased patrol duration over Tambors, and internal alterations provided more amenities for the crew. The class is named after its lead ship, USS Gato (SS-212).

Displacement: 1,526 tons surf., 2,424 tons sub.
 Length: 311ft 9 in, Beam: 27 ft 3in, Draft: 15 ft 3in
 Test depth: 300ft., Speed: 20 knots surf., 9 knots sub.
 Armament: 10 x 21 in torpedo tubes (6 forward, 4 aft, 24 torpedoes)
 1 x 3/50 cal AA gun, 2 x .50 cal, and 2 x .30 cal machineguns
 Crew: 80 – 85 officers and men
 Powerplant: 4 x 1350 hp 16cyl GM 278A diesels
 (except SS228-239 and SS275-284 10cyl Fairbanks-Morse 38D-1/8),
 2 x 1370 hp GE electric motors
 (except SS228-235 Elliott Motor or SS257-264 Allis-Chalmers)
 (two 126-cell Exide main storage batteries
 {except SS.261, 275-278, & 280 Gould})
 Range: 11,800 nm at 10 knots surf, 100nm at 3 knots sub.
 Submerged Endurance: 48 hours

GRUNION's last transmission was received 30 July 1942. She reported heavy antisubmarine activity at the entrance to Kiska, and that she had ten torpedoes remaining. On the same day, GRUNION was directed to return to Dutch Harbor. She was not contacted or sighted after 30 July, despite every effort to do so, and on 16 August was reported lost. Planes observing the approaches to Kiska for indications of enemy salvage operations in connection with GRUNION reported negatively.

Japanese antisubmarine attack data available now record no attack in the Aleutian area at this time, and GRUNION's fate remains an unsolved mystery. We know of no enemy minefields which were in her area; thus her loss may be presumed to have been operational or as a result of an unrecorded enemy attack.

UPDATE - A gentleman in Japan, Yutaka Iwasaki, posted some interesting information on his website, about sunken Japanese ships during WWII, which includes information about the possible fate of the USS GRUNION.

The Kano Maru was sunk at Kiska Mr. Iwasaki kindly provided some very interesting information about the ship's history and the USS GRUNION. He provided the following on the history of the ship in connection to the loss of the GRUNION (publications S.Komamiya's Wartime ship history (1991 private issue) and JIRO Kimata's Submarine attack" (2000 Kojin-Sya)):



Kano Maru

30 July, 1942 - 08:00 - Arrived at 36km north of Kiska. Heavy fog prevented approach, lost contact with the escort, forced drifting. Getting location by astronomical, she restarted approach to Kiska with 15kt.

31 July, 1942 - 05:47 - Torpedoed by Submarine Grunion (SS-216). One hit at machinery room starboard, main engine and generator stopped. No more escape nor radio.

05:57 - Second torpedo came, but passed below the ship. Kano Maru pretended to launch seaplane without pilot, failed to start propeller.

06:07 - Third and fourth torpedo came, hit fore bridge and amidships on the port but both dud. The Grunion intended to surface

and sink by gunfire, ripples was seen 400m distance from her. Kano Maru had two old 8cm guns on forecastle and stern. Stern's one malfunction by the torpedo shock, but forecastle gun fired to the periscope. 13mm machine guns on bridge fired as well. Before the sub appear the whole, fourth shot from Kano Maru hit the conning tower of the sub. It is thought the last of Grunion. The attack had ceased. Later rescue came from Kiska, three seaplanes, cable layer Ukishima, and sub chaser No. 26.

Lt. Cmdr Abele left three sons, Bruce, John, and Brad, when the Grunion disappeared in 1942. For years, they have engaged in a search for the final resting place of the ship. The search has been mostly funded by John Abele, founder of Boston Scientific (who began funding it personally after discussion with Robert Ballard, who declined to take part). The search was conducted mostly around the Aleutian Islands, an extremely volatile part of the sea.

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In 2002, with Iwasaki's translation in hand, the search took on a new vigor, and with the enthusiastic cooperation of Japanese officials and veterans, the Abele brothers also began to search for several lost Japanese subchasers, SC-25 and SC-27, and the destroyer Arare, all of which sank in the same area.

In August 2006, the ship Aquila, leading the expedition, relayed sonar images to Bruce Abele. The images, taken at 1,800 ft (550m), depicted a "smooth, oblong object with features that could be a tower and periscope mast. Subsequent imaging passes have revealed more detail about the object that could be the long-lost USS Grunion. Efforts by the Abele brothers to determine their father's fate are continuing.



The Submarine Submarines in History

Fate of the Scorpion: Accident or Assault?

Expert torpedoes book on USS Scorpion

By Gregg K. Kakesako, *Star Bulletin (Hi.)*, June 17, 2007

Honolulu marine scientist John P. Craven, who has long been associated with top-secret Cold War spy missions, says a new book attributing the 1968 loss of a nuclear attack submarine in the Atlantic Ocean to a torpedo launched by a Soviet sub is "wrong and irresponsible."

Officially, the Navy has described the loss as an accident caused by mechanical failure, but journalist Ed Offley calls it an act of war.

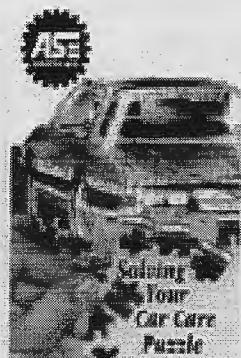
The Scorpion, a Skipjack-class nuclear submarine, had been in service for only eight years when it became the last sub lost by the Navy.

In his 482-page book, "Scorpion Down: Sunk by the Soviets, Buried by the Pentagon: The Untold Story of the USS Scorpion," Offley maintains that the USS Scorpion and its crew of 99 submariners were lost May 22, 1968; during an undersea battle in the Atlantic with a Soviet sub.



Offley, who has been investigating this incident for more than 20 years, believes there is a connection between the loss of the Scorpion and the sinking of the Soviet Golf-II-class submarine K-129 two months earlier in the Pacific Ocean north of Hawaii. He believes the Soviets blamed that loss on overaggressive U.S. anti-submarine warfare efforts.

Offley discounts the official Navy Court of Inquiry findings 39 years ago that an internal mishap or mechanical failure caused the sinking of the 252-foot Scorpion. Over the years, theories on the sinking have included that it was struck by one of its own torpedoes that was inadvertently activated and launched, or that a fire in the torpedo room caused one of the projectiles to explode.



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The book's premise is that the 3,000-ton Scorpion was shadowing a Soviet formation that included an Echo-II-class attack submarine when it was attacked and sunk.

Offley maintains that Moscow was aware of the Scorpion's surveillance mission because of information turned over to the Soviets by Navy radioman John A. Walker, who sold the secret communications codes.

Offley also contends that underwater sound recordings from sound surveillance system sensors heard by two sailors depicted "an underwater dogfight" between the Scorpion and a Soviet submarine.

But Craven, an 82-year-old Kahala resident, rejects Offley's premise, describing it as "absolutely and completely wrong." "I do not know where he came up with that idea and published it," said Craven. "It's just speculation that the Scorpion was sunk by a Russian torpedo."

Craven, who is now chief scientist for the Common Heritage Corp., said the details behind the sinking and the search for the Scorpion are still classified, which opens the entire operation to speculation.

"The problem here is that very few people are cleared for the intelligence programs that we have in which we are able to find out what the Soviets know about this situation. I am cleared for those programs, but I am not allowed to say what I found out about those programs.

"All I can say is what I found out from those programs is that this is irresponsible speculation.

"There is no way the Soviets would have engaged in this kind of activity."

Craven also rejected Offley's theory that the sinking of the Scorpion was linked to the loss of the Soviet submarine K-129, pointing to the possibility that even identification of that submarine might be erroneous.

"There are very few people who know the details of that (Soviet) submarine," Craven added, "and the reason for that is because all of the material we collected on that submarine was immediately classified and no one was allowed to see except for the very, very high level of the government.

"So there is no information that is available to people like Offley that could offer the slightest clue as to what happened to whatever you call that thing."

In May 1968, Craven was chairman of the Navy's Deep Submergence Systems Project, whose activities included top-secret programs involving development of deep-diving manned submersibles and intelligence operations to find and retrieve objects on the ocean floor, Offley wrote.


Craven heard a news bulletin on Memorial Day that the Scorpion was overdue and drove directly to the Pentagon, where he was directed by three Navy admirals to conduct a survey to see if there had been any under-



water recordings that might have caught sounds of the Scorpion sinking. He discovered that an oceanographic research station in the Canary Islands had a recording made on May 22 of what Craven described as "massive initial pulse of sound, then silence for 91 seconds," then "a train wreck cascade of smaller sound impulses."

Two other sound recordings were later found that led searchers to an area in the eastern Atlantic Ocean. The wreckage was eventually found 400 miles southwest of the Azores in 10,000 feet.

Craven, in a 1984 interview with Offley, said his Navy team of submarine experts concluded that a torpedo warhead



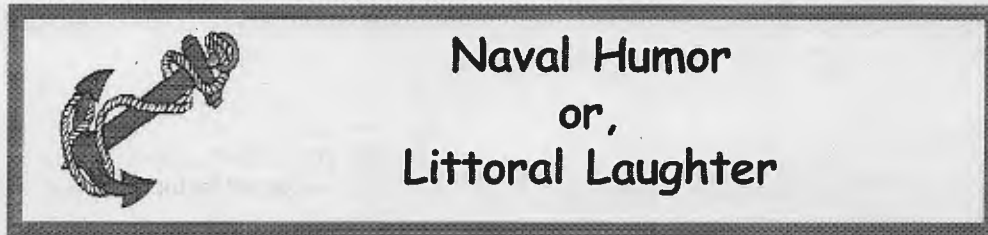
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accident onboard the Scorpion was the culprit. That theory was advanced in the 1999 book "Blind Man's Bluff."

As for the sinking of the Russian submarine K-129, Offley said the Soviet submarine was on patrol in an area 750 miles northwest of Oahu, its arsenal of nuclear ballistic missiles targeted on Pearl Harbor and other island military bases, when it went missing. In the 2005 book "Red Star Rogue: The Untold Story of a Soviet Submarine Nuclear Strike Attempt on the U.S." the authors maintain the Scorpion was sunk in retaliation for the sinking of K-129. The authors believe that Soviet sub sunk after colliding with the U.S. sub USS Swordfish.

Offley and others have maintained Craven and his deep-water experts were involved in a mission to explore and recover the Soviet wreckage. Past accounts have attributed the 1974 recovery mission to a Central Intelligence Agency charter ship, the Glomar Explorer, which reportedly raised parts of the Soviet sub's hull, containing several nuclear-tipped torpedoes and the remains of eight crewmen.



High on the Navy's list of priority problems is that of Antisubmarine Warfare (ASW). The detection and localization of a submarine has proven to be a very difficult problem, indeed. The following methods are a few that have been advanced to help in this area.

1. **The Physicist's Method:** Irradiate the ocean with high-energy neutrons so that H_2O becomes $4H_2O$. Submarines will become excessively buoyant and cannot submerge. Their disposition can then be undertaken with leisure.
2. **The Chemist's Method:** Place in the ocean large quantities of lysergic acid (LSD). The fish population becomes terrified at the prospect of loneliness and clusters about submarines in a frenzy of affection and admiration, thereby constricting the movement of submarines to a level of difficulty.
3. **The Engineer's Method:** Construct a large filter system having a mesh of about eight meters and pump ocean water through it at the rate of 15 million liters a day. This will recirculate the oceans daily. Because of the mesh filter, only submarines will be trapped.
4. **The Mathematician's Method:** Construct a large Klein bottle that can contain the necessary numbers of submarines. Note that the submarines are initially outside this bottle. However, the outside of a Klein bottle is also its inside. Therefore, the submarines are inside this bottle. (Two dimensional submarines may be disposed of by a suitable Mobius strip)
5. **The Ballistician's Method:** Equip all surface ASW ships with green paint. On detecting a submarine, spread the paint over the sea surface and remain quiet. The submarine rises to investigate, but its periscope becomes covered with green paint. It, therefore, believes itself to be underwater and continues to rise. When it reaches a convenient altitude, shoot it down with Anti-Aircraft Fire.
6. **The Economist's Method:** Induce the United States of America to use seawater rather than gold to support its currency. The French will immediately start to sequester it in their vaults in such quantities that by the time supply and demand curves cross, the submarines will either be (A) aground, or (B) locked up in French safe-deposit boxes.

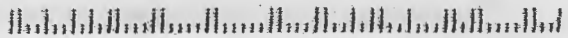
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