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USSVI Creed:

Our organization's purpose is . . .

"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country.

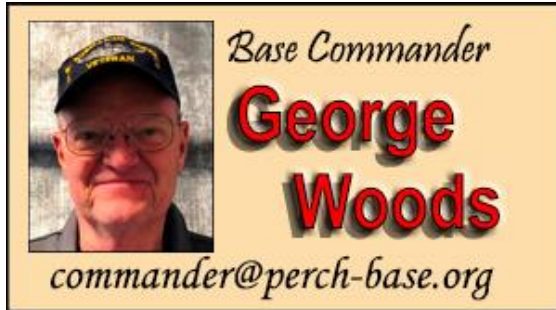
That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice.

The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."





From the Wardroom:

June 2021 started off with two Holland Club Inductions in Gilbert and Mesa in the southeast valley. Due to the inductee's inability to attend the monthly meeting, the Base Commander, along with Jim Denzien Sr. Past Commander, Past District Commander, Past Regional

Director, conducted the presentations at the homes of Robert M Hayball and Wayne C Hembree.

At our June 2021 base meeting six Perch Base members were inducted and presented with notebooks by District 1 Commander Dennis Ottley. The inductees were Jerry N Allston, William K Grissom, David A Metje, Allen H Miller, Carl J Miner, Donald Schafer of Perch Base. Congratulations on your service to the US Navy and the Submarine Service.

Now that we seem to be getting back to normal after the Covid19 restrictions we will participate in more local events. Prescott Frontier Days Parade July 3rd, Williams Patriot Day Parade Sept. 11, Veterans Day parade in November. In 2022 the Annual Awards Dinner 1/15/22 and Base Picnic 4/9/22.

Watch for updates on our base website, our Facebook page and Flash Traffic.

"It's not enough that we do our best, sometimes we have to do what's required"
Sir Winston Churchill



Ray and Bob, two government maintenance guys, were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing.

We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole," said Bob, "But we don't have a ladder."

The woman said, "Hand me that wrench out of your toolbox."

She loosened a few bolts, and then laid the pole down.

She then took a tape measure from their toolbox took a measurement and announced, "Eighteen feet, six inches" and walked away.

Ray shook his head and laughed, "Well, ain't that just like a 'Miss-know-it-all woman'" he said, "We need the height, and she gives us the length!"

Ray and Bob are still working for the government. But now they are senators.



It's funny how we outgrow what we once thought we couldn't live without, and then we fall in love with what we didn't even know we wanted. Life keeps leading us on journeys we would never go on if it were up to us. Don't be afraid. Have faith. Find the lessons. Trust the journey.

marcandangel
The Minds Journal



Last quarter, I asked who had been interviewed in the Veterans Heritage Project "Since You Asked" books. From the responses received, I found the following Perch Base members: Jim Andrews, Don DeMarte, Jim Denzien, Warner Howard Doyle, Ray Marshall, Captain Dick Noreika, Lou Reynolds and Brian Thomason. I have read the entries

and tip my hat to those that have participated.

Just a reminder, on the Perch Base website homepage is an offer to help arrange carpools or pickups to go to monthly meetings or Perch Base events. Send an email to webmaster@perch-base.org if you need help.

During the previous three months, there were 7,915 page views on the Perch Base website during 2,997 sessions by 2,034 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are quite a bit higher than typical and are attributed to a lot of people checking out the ASSM Dedication Ceremony. Approximately 51% of the sessions originated in the US, 7% from China, 4% from Indonesia, and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 24% of the U.S. based sessions were from locations in Arizona, which is assumed to come from our membership. The Glossary, ASSM Dedication and the Links page had the most visits.

During May, the Facebook PAGE had 139 Page Views (number of times a PAGE's profile has been viewed,) 14 Page Likes (the number of new people who liked our page,) 573 Post Reach (number of people who saw any post at least once) and 130 Post Engagement (number of times people engaged with posts thru reactions, comments, shares and clicks).

If anyone has suggestions on how to improve our website or Facebook page, I encourage you to send your input to the webmaster@perch-base.org.



The **Barents Observer**

Russia's most advanced cruise missile nuclear sub arrives at Zapadnaya Litsa



First time at port in Zapadnaya Litsa for the Kazan nuclear-powered cruise missile submarine. Click to see all images. Photo: Press service of the Northern Fleet

At the end of the Cold War, these piers served the Soviet Union's giant Typhoon submarines. Now, the new top-modern Yasen-M class get Nerpicha in Zapadnaya Litsa as home base.

By Thomas Nilsen

June 02, 2021

The "*Kazan*" cruise missile submarine docked for the first time in Zapadnaya Litsa after sailing north from her construction yard in Severodvinsk, the press service of the Northern Fleet informed on June 1.

The nuclear-powered submarine took 12 years to build and is the first in a series of the Yasen-M class vessels, an improved version of the first prototype, the "*Severodvinsk*" that came to the Northern Fleet in 2013. Seven similar submarines are currently under construction, with the last expected to be commissioned in 2027.

Zapadnaya Litsa is the westernmost of the Northern Fleet's submarine bases on the Kola Peninsula, famous during the Cold War famous for both being homeport to the six giant Typhoon submarines but also most of the prototype nuclear-powered subs in the Soviet navy, like the "*Komsomolets*" (K-278).

Piers in Nerpicha were specially constructed to serve the Typhoons. Located only 60 km from the border to Norway, Zapadnaya Litsa got special attention in 2019 when the "*Severodvinsk*" fired a Kalibr cruise missile without leaving the pier.

It was said to be the first time a nuclear-powered submarine launched a cruise missile directly from the base, a move drastically shortening the time it takes to make a submarine ready for combat.

Additionally to the ship and land attack Kalibr missile, the "*Kazan*" submarine can carry Oniks anti-ship missiles and Kh-101 cruise missiles.



2023 USSVI Convention Planning

No, this is not a misprint., it is time to start planning for the 2023 convention. As most of you know, the 2020 convention in Tucson was cancelled due to concerns for the covid pandemic. Fortunately, Tucson was selected for the 2023 convention site and much of the planning

groundwork will be able to be carried forward from 2020.

Tucson Base has again asked for support from Perch Base in the planning and presentation of the convention. I have agreed to be the contact person for Perch Base so that we can have a single local point of contact to coordinate our support. We are currently looking for volunteers to help solicit support from Phoenix area businesses. Other committees that are being formed that you may be interested in volunteering for include: Registration, Refreshments, Travel/Transportation, Program, Banquet, Advertising, Convention Book, and Boat Reunion Coordinator. The specific duties and responsibilities for these committees will be defined by Tucson Base and will be in accordance with the USSVI National Convention Manual (available on the USSVI website) as appropriate. Once we get closer to the actual convention date, we will solicit assistance for specific duties during the convention such as manning tables for: Welcome Aboard, Holland Club Breakfast, Men's and Women's Luncheons, Awards Banquet, Line Dancing/Casino Night, Raffle, and Registration.

Contact me if any of these planning activities sound like something you would be interested in doing. I am hoping for a good response from my fellow Perch Base members so that we can support Tucson Base in planning and showing outstanding western hospitality at the 2023 convention.



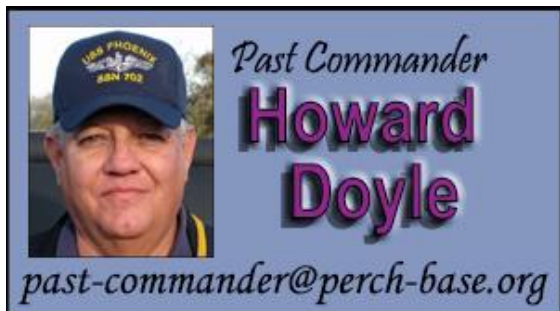
COOL FACTS:

Tortilla chips are American.

Tortilla chips were invented by an American tortilla company as a way of saving imperfect tortillas. They fried the tortillas and sold them for 10 cents a bag. Bet you thought they were Mexican, huh?

The inventor of the first beer tap also invented the modern toilet.

Joseph Bramah was an English inventor with a wide spectrum of work. Bramah both created an improved toilet in 1775, and the first beer tap in 1797.



From Snipes Castle:

117 degrees, I guess that means summer is here again; drink water and Gatorade in alternating amounts and wear sunscreen if you're crazy enough to be out in the sun! Contrary to the media and some who have come to Arizona lately, I like the desert, the heat, and no rain. I also


believe in the old monsoon standard dew point of 55 degrees for 3 days to call it a monsoon season. I looked today and the humidity was 3% with the dew point of 21 degrees and not a cloud in the sky.

Again, I am appealing to everyone to sit down and make a contribution to the Perch Base Foundation, a 501C3 group, which means the contribution is deductible from both your federal and state income tax.

The foundation has so far contributed over \$9,000 to Perch Base which went on to the ASSM and then over the last several years \$7,000 to Perch Base scholarships. The bank account is running low and if the foundation is to continue with these donations to Perch Base, we need the membership to step up. Even for those of us who are retired and on fixed incomes, one dollar a week [\$1.00], \$52 a year will go a long way to continuing our efforts. And the one dollar per week is only a small amount that you will not miss.

The Prescott rodeo parade [also known as the 4th of July parade] is coming up on July 3rd, so get out of the heat and enjoy one of the best parades in Arizona. After the parade, stop by Tom Warner's house for a cookout.






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The Village

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Experiencing an engine and complete instrument failure, Jack ejects from his Predator aircraft and lands roughly earning him a Purple Heart and Distinguished Flying Cross.

Thanks for the concept to Anonymous, assumed to be a real fighter pilot unimpressed with remote combat.

U.S. UNDERSEA WARFARE NEWS

USS New Hampshire Carries on Submarine Battle Flag Tradition

Petty Officer 2nd Class Cameron Stoner
Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic Public Affairs, June 4

The Virginia-class attack submarine USS New Hampshire (SSN 778), homeported at Naval Station Norfolk, participated in a longstanding submarine tradition during its recent deployment.

New Hampshire Sailors honored their recent deployment by creating a submarine battle flag. The flag consists of patches stitched together, each one representing an accomplishment or memory made by the crew.

Cmdr. Bennett Christman, New Hampshire's commanding officer, spoke on the importance of Sailors using submarine battle flags to maintain the connection to submariners of the past.

"Each symbol represents one specific achievement, however, the manner of its display is a longstanding tradition that connects modern submariners to the earliest days of our profession," said Christman. "Successful World War II patrols of boats like Barb, Tang, and Wahoo were best represented by the battle flags crafted by their Sailors."

Originating in World War II, battle flags were a way for Sailors to keep an unofficial record of the number of ships sank. Although today's flag holds a different meaning, Sailors continue to create battle flags to show respect to those who came before them and document peacetime events.

"While New Hampshire's flag does not document combat operations like on Barb, Tang or Wahoo, it represents success in the most demanding peacetime operations," said Christman. "The crew, the force, and the nation can take pride in the events this flag represents."

According to Master Chief Sonar Technician (Submarine) Billy Singletary, New Hampshire's chief of the boat, battle flags also serve as a reminder of the importance of preserving Navy traditions and customs.

"It is important to pass along submarine history and traditions for several reasons, the most important being we must understand where we came from," said Singletary. "We must understand the humble beginnings of man-powered propulsion and reflect on the nuclear juggernauts we have become. By understanding the sacrifices of those who went before us, we can become a better force and nation."

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On May 7, 2021, New Hampshire returned home after a deployment where it executed the chief of naval operations' maritime strategy by supporting national security interests and maritime security operations. Upon New Hampshire's return, the battle flag consisted of:

- the number four to commemorate the boat's 4th deployment
- a gold submarine warfare device, also known as 'dolphins', accompanied with the number five to display how many officers earned the insignia on deployment
- silver 'dolphins' accompanied with the number 23, representing how many enlisted Sailors earned their warfare device on the deployment
- a cross-wrench with the number 33 representing the number of times New Hampshire Sailor's ingenuity helped while fixing equipment
- the number five and a bullseye to signify specific mission accomplishments

Fast-attack submarines are multi-mission platforms enabling five of the six Navy maritime strategy core capabilities - sea control, power projection, forward presence, maritime security, and deterrence. They are designed to excel in anti-submarine warfare, anti-ship warfare, strike warfare, special operations, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, irregular warfare and mine warfare. Fast-attack submarines project power ashore with special operations forces and Tomahawk cruise missiles in the prevention or preparation of regional crises.

The Virginia-class submarine is 377 feet long and 34 feet wide, and weighs about 7,900 tons when submerged. Underwater, it can reach speeds in excess of 25 knots.

Quiet, deadly and expensive: The Navy's costly plan to upgrade aging submarines

Brad Howard, CNBC, June 4

Submarines are quiet, deadly and expensive. Boats like those in the Virginia class, which is a U.S. attack submarine, can cost \$3.4 billion and take seven years to build. The Navy has ambitious goals for the future of the underwater fleet, but some problems could stand in the way.

"The Navy is undergoing a 20-year plan that will cost \$21 billion to upgrade its infrastructure," said Aidan Quigley, a reporter at Inside Defense who covers the U.S. Navy and Marines. "Right now, the state of Navy shipyard infrastructure is not great. They've been underfunded for the past couple of decades." The Navy

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currently has 68 submarines in service. And it wants to start shipbuilding on two to possibly three Virginia-class attack subs per year, and roughly one Columbia-class submarine per year until around 2035. But according to the Congressional Budget Office, a lack of shipyard infrastructure could delay those plans. "The Navy is focusing on improving productive capacity via initiatives to increase on-time delivery and operational availability while reducing maintenance costs," said Navy Lt. Rob Reinheimer, in a statement to CNBC.

And in response to the Government Accountability Office report on Columbia-class procurement released in January, Reinheimer said, "Over the past three years the Navy, with strong Congressional support, has invested over \$573 million in shoring up existing sources and development of new suppliers." The recently released defense budget request for fiscal 2022 could be less than what the Navy needs to keep pace with China and Russia, according to some observers.

SUBPAC Shifts Tactical Control of SSBNS to Submarine Group 9

Lt. Mack Jamieson, Commander, Submarine Group Nine, June 9

SILVERDALE, WA -- Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) transferred command of Commander, Task Group (CTG) 114.3 to Commander, Submarine Group (COMSUBGRU) 9, June 7.

The shift aligns the tactical control of ballistic-missile submarine (SSBN) forces at the same echelon on both the East and West coasts, following the establishment of both a Joint Force Maritime Component Commander and a Task Force Commander for Strategic Forces. The shift of tactical control to Group 9 is a great example of how the submarine force continues to prioritize agility and command and control at the most appropriate level," said Rear Adm. Jeff Jablon, commander, SUBPAC. "Placing the tactical control of our SSBNs at Group 9 provides an opportunity for enhancing coordination and cooperation between force readiness and operational demands on the Ohio-class SSBNs stationed in Bangor."

The responsibilities of CTG 114.3 are to exercise tactical control over Pacific Ohio-class SSBNs, coordinate and conduct submarine-launched ballistic missile test launches, and direct/coordinate strategic exercises for SSBNs in the Pacific.

"The transfer of tactical control of our sea-based, strategic-deterrent force is an exciting development for our command and will provide some important geographic advantages for the mission set," said Rear Adm. Doug Perry, commander, Submarine Group 9. "The Group 9 staff has worked incredibly

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hard with our counterparts at SUBPAC to execute this transfer. Our team is ready to take on this responsibility and we look forward to continuing to provide our nation with a consistent and credible deterrent from the sea.” Subordinate to Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, COMSUBGRU 9 exercises administrative command and control authority for assigned ballistic and cruise missile submarines, and subordinate commands and units in the Pacific Northwest. Subordinate commands include Submarine Squadrons 17 and 19 and Naval Submarine Support Center, Bangor. The assignment of CTG 114.3 responsibilities to Group 9 adds tactical control of SSBNs assigned under the combatant command of U.S. Strategic Command.

COMSUBPAC is the principal advisor to Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet for submarine matters. The force includes fast-attack, ballistic-missile and auxiliary submarines, submarine tenders, floating submarine docks, deep submergence vehicles and submarine rescue vehicles throughout the Pacific. They provide anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, precision land strike, mine warfare, intelligence, surveillance, early warning and special warfare capabilities to U.S. Pacific Fleet.



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Defined as the one man badass enough to make a nuclear submarine his own personal fishing boat

Previous Quarter Highlights

Fourth Quarter events for Perch Base.

For more Pictures and details check out perch-base.org.

ASSM Paver Installation



On Saturday, April 10, 2021, Perch Base members added new pavers to the Memorial, in preparation for the official ASSM Dedication Ceremony, scheduled for the following Saturday. Additionally, the ASSM Copper Sculptor, Nate Decker, was onsite to do some "touch-up" work on the Monument.

New Base Vice Commander Installed

Congratulations to Carl Miner, our new Base Vice Commander. Carl replaced George as our Vice Commander, taking the Oath of Office at our April 10, 2021, meeting. Thanks, Carl, for your previous service as our Chief of the Boat (COB)!



l-r USSVI Western Region Director Vic Van Horn, Perch Base Commander George Woods, Carl Miner)

Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)

ASSM Memorial Dedication



The Arizona Silent Service Memorial (ASSM) located in Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza, was dedicated on April 17, 2021. ASSM Co-Chairman Marcus Hensley, ETCM(SS) (ret), opened the Dedication Ceremony and welcomed the attendees.

Perch Base Commander George Woods conducted the Tolling of the Boats ceremony.



ASSM Co-Chairman Chris Urness, LCDR(SS) (ret), read the ASSM Proclamation.

Vern Parks, CAPT(SS) (ret), gives the Keynote Address.



Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)

New Officer Appointments



Base Commander, George Woods, has appointed Don Robertson (left) as our new COB, and Chuck Emmett (right) as our new Base Historian.

Memorial Day Ceremonies



Seven Perch Base members and wives attended the Memorial Day ceremony conducted by the North West Valley Veterans Association (NWWVA) and held at Sunland Memorial Park in Sun City, AZ, on May 31, 2021.

Perch Base members Joe Trotter and Howard Doyle attended the Memorial Day ceremony and wreath laying by Nikki Stratton (Sponsor for USS Arizona SSN-803) at the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River in Scottsdale, AZ, on May 31, 2021.



In the Spotlight

What our shipmates were up to last quarter.

For more Pictures and details check out perch-base.org.

Letter of Commendations



Congratulations to Chris Urness. At the May 8, 2021, Perch Base monthly meeting, Western Region Director Vic Van Horn awarded a Letter of Commendation to Chris Urness, Co-Chairman of the Arizona Silent Service Memorial (ASSM) for his efforts leading to the completion and dedication of the Memorial. A similar Commendation has been issued for the other Co-Chairman Marcus Hensley, who was not present at this meeting.

Shipmate Spotlight (cont.)

Holland Club Inductions

Perch Base Submarine Veterans (USSVI) conducted a Holland Club Induction Ceremony (50 years qualified) for Jerry Allston, Kelly Grissom, David Metje, Alan Miller, Carl Miner and Don Schafer on June 12, 2021.



(l-r Alan Miller, Don Schafer, Perch Base Commander George Woods, Kelly Grissom, David Metje, Jerry Allston, Carl Miner and Dennis Ottley, Western District 1 Commander.)



Matt Hayball

Separate Holland Club Induction Ceremonies were also conducted by Jim Denzien and George Woods at the homes of Matt Hayball and Wayne Hembree who are on the Binnacle List and were unable to attend.



Wayne Hembree

Upcoming Events

Remember to check the [Perch Base website](#) and watch for Flash Traffic emails for the most up-to-date information.

Monthly General Meetings

Saturday's, July 10, August 14, & September 11 (Not at Dillon's)
At Dillon's KC Bar-B-Que restaurant
[20585 North 59th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona.](#)
(Left click address, above, for a Google map.)
The official meeting starts at Noon but come join us at 1100 for lunch!
50/50 Raffle drawing (Must be present to win).

Prescott Frontier Days© Rodeo Parade

Saturday, July 3, staging at 0800, roll at 0900
Parade Theme: "True Western Determination"
If you plan to ride the float, don't forget your chairs.
Sherry and Tom Warner of Gudgeon Base will sponsor a BBQ at their home after the parade. [7284 E. Pioneer Lane, Prescott Valley, AZ](#)
(Left click address, above, for a Google map.)

San Diego SubVets Annual Family Picnic

Saturday, July 17, 0900 to 1630 PDT
The San Diego Base has invited Perch Base members to their Annual Family Picnic. View the Base Picnic [FLYER](#).

2021 USSVI National Convention

Monday, August 30 to Saturday, September 04, 2021
Information, Registration and the hotel room block are available on the convention website: ussviconvention.org/2021/

Williams Patriot Day Parade (September Monthly Meeting)

Saturday, September 11
The 2nd Annual will be at S. 9th Street & W. Grant Avenue in Historic
We won't know our staging location until check-in, but it should be within a block or two of this location. [900 W Grant Ave, Williams, AZ](#)
(Left click address, above, for Google map.)

Deadline for the Winter Quarter MidWatch

Friday, September 17, 2021
All input must be into Chuck Luna, Perch Base [Communications Officer](#), to be included in the next MidWatch Newsletter to be published on Friday, October 1, 2021.

Third Quarter Birthdays

JULY

1 Mike Olsen
2 David Heighway
7 Bernard Juracka
7 Wayne Braastad
8 Carl Miner
8 Chuck Luna
8 Matthew McDonald
12 Jim Foote
16 Nick Povio
21 Richard Bernier
25 Larry Speight
27 Forrest Watson
29 Joe Trotter
30 Howard Goldman
31 'Jack' Messersmith

AUGUST

1 John Engelmann
3 Raymond Marshall
3 Robert Denton
5 John Carpentier
6 Josh Whitmore
7 Bryan Pellegrini
8 Charles Kotan
8 Robert Smith
9 Richard Hicks
10 Brad Seidel
10 Chris Urness
12 Robert Lancendorfer
15 Ray Villa
18 John Zaichkin
19 Doug La Rock
19 'Kelly' Grissom
19 Michael Bryant
20 Jim Trail
20 Robert Roberts
21 Eugene Crabb
26 John Patterson
26 John Mannetti
29 Harold Heller

SEPTEMBER

1 Edward Wolf
4 Michael Bennett
4 Alan Miller
5 Fred Fuller
6 Wayne Kirk Smith
7 Heather Lynn Pittman
13 Steven Stanger
24 Charles Marshall
24 Howard Enloe
26 Don Demarte
26 Gary Bartlett
29 Tallin Komorous



Happy Birthday



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(This card is from the store that graciously gives us space to stage and park for the November Phoenix Veterans Day Parade. Give them a thought if you need tires or service.)

Classified Size Limit: Four lines of 10 pt Arial font, one column wide. Pictures may be included -- and are encouraged -- but make the picture a separate "jpg" or "png" file. If we can't format your ad as a Word document, it won't run.

Good of the Order

Base Ride Share

In need of a ride to a base meeting or event?

Like to help a shipmate in need of a lift?

Please contact:

Dan Marks at webmaster@perch-base.org

Or

Marcus Hensley at storekeeper@perch-base.org

Scholarships Available

Do you know a young adult who is the son, daughter, step son, step daughter, grandson, granddaughter or under the legal guardianship of a Regular Member in good standing of Perch Base who could use extra money for schooling? (Not just college.) For details see the Perch Base instructions on our website at:

[http://www.perch-base.org/Total Perch Base Scholarship Package.pdf](http://www.perch-base.org/Total%20Perch%20Base%20Scholarship%20Package.pdf)

You can also access the instructions in the Navigation Menu in the upper left corner of any Perch Base webpage and drop down to "Docs and Forms".

The deadline is July 31 so don't delay!

0ⁿ Eternal Patrol



Departed shipmates from previous quarter.

For more Pictures and details check out perch-base.org.

Angus McPherson, EMFN(SS)



USS Gabilan (SS-252)

Perch Base Life Member and Holland Club Member Angus Howard McPherson, departed on Eternal Patrol on April 4, 2021, at the age of 94. Our condolences to Clista McPherson and the rest of the family.

Angus was born in Chinook, MT on 08/01/1926, joined the Navy in November 1944, and was assigned to USS Gabilan (SS-252) relief crew.

He was then reassigned to the USS Pomodon (SS-486) relief crew.

He was a Seaman Engineman EMFN(SS) when he left the Navy in June 1946. Angus was a member of the Submarine Veterans of World War II (SVWWII card #17006).



USS Pomodon (SS-486)

Departed shipmates (cont.)

KRI Nanggala (402)

The Indonesian Navy designated the submarine KRI Nanggala 402 lost on 24 April, 2021. Perch Base Submarine Veterans extends our condolences to the families of the crew of 53 souls on Eternal Patrol.



Indonesia submarine KRI Nanggala (402)



Indonesia submarine KRI Nanggala (402) patch

She went missing on 21 April 2021, after failing to report in while undertaking a simulated torpedo firing in preparation for a live firing later that week. The submarine had received clearance to dive and then immediately lost contact.



Indonesia submarine qual pin (dolphins)

**SAILORS REST YOUR OAR! YOUR WATCH HAS ENDED.
Your Brothers of the 'Phin Have the Watch.
Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shipmates.**

LEST WE FORGET THOSE STILL ON PATROL



Tolling of the Boats for July

4	USS S-28 (SS-133)	1944	49 men lost
26	USS Robalo (SS-273)	1944	81 men lost
30	USS Grunion (SS-216)	1942	70 men lost

Tolling of the Boats for August

6	USS Bullhead (SS-332)	1945	84 men lost
13	USS Flier (SS-250)	1944	78 men lost
13	USS S-39 (SS-144)	1942	no loss of life
24	USS Harder (SS-257)	1944	79 men lost
26	USS Cochino (SS-345)	1949	7 men lost

Tolling of the Boats for September

1	USS S-5 (SS-110)	1920	no loss of life
9	USS Grayling (SS-209)	1943	76 men lost
25	USS S-51 (SS-162)	1925	33 men lost
25	USS Pompano (SS-181)	1943	77 men lost
28	USS Cisco (SS-290)	1943	76 men lost

2021 Perch Base Operations Supporters

These are the Base members and Friends who donate monies or efforts to allow for Base operations while keeping our dues low and avoid raising money through member labor as most other organizations do.

Gerald Allston
James Andrews
Steve Balthazor
Edgar Brooks
John Carpentier
Jim Denzein
Mary Denzein
Howard Doyle
John Engelman
Thomas Farley
Henry Fernandez
James Glass
Robert Gregg
David Heighway
Marcus Hensley
Billy Johnson

Governor Joy
Tallen Komorous
Douglas LaRock
DeWayne Lober
Daniel Marks
Charles Marshall
Dennis McComb
Angus McPherson
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Carl Miner
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