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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."

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▲ Message from the
Base Commander
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From "Snipes Castle"

Another three months have passed and I again find myself wondering just where the time has gone [they say it waits for NO man], Perch Base is coming into the busy time of year for parades and I hope that each and everyone of you can make at least one of the several parades we take part in. If memory serves me correctly I, for one, have been in ALL of the parades since we started being in parades.

On now, to another of my rants, the Boat Sponsorship Program. Yes, for only 8.22 cents per day you can sponsor one of the fleet's finest. Look in the "American Submariner" or talk to Vic Van Horn to get the information on this worthwhile program. Perch Base should be the first USSVI base to have 100% participation.

Perch Base member George Crider has gone on Eternal Patrol, a flash traffic will cover the services at the National Cemetery and the memorial service at the Salvation Army Chapel.

The membership renewal drive is also underway along with the requests for donations to Perch Base. Please renew your membership and be generous with your donations to the base.

Lastly, we are just three months away from the time to vote on the position of base commander; if anyone is interested in running [a real election] please see me or a member of the Board of Directors for enlightenment on the position.



"Member Mogul"
Membership Chairman
JIM ANDREWS
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Currently we have 179 members in Perch Base. We are again doing well with our current members getting prospective members to join. All our members who actively participate in the recruiting function of the Perch Base can equally benefit from bringing in new members. If you have not forgotten, if you sponsor a new member and he/she makes it through the membership process, the Base will buy your lunch at the next monthly meeting. If you bring someone in and he/she makes it through the process, make sure you indicate on his application that you are his sponsor, so I can notify David Heighway, the Base Treasurer. Remember, the prospective new member must complete the entire membership process for the sponsor to get credit.

Now let's get down to business. As I mentioned on the September 8, 2018, we are about to start our annual membership renewal drive for 2019. As most of you already know, you should be receiving the renewal papers in the mail. Read the letter very carefully as there have been changes. You will also receive a Dues Return Slip. Fill out the sections that apply to you. Tear off the right-hand side for your records and mail the other portion along with your dues/donation payment in the envelope I provided for you. If you have any further questions, give me a call and I will help where I can. If you are not a life member of either National or Perch Base, you must renew your dues. The process is easy and should be completed by December 31, 2018. If you fail to get your dues renewal in on or before, I will be forced to remove you from the Perch Base Membership. This is something I do not want to do. I really get no pleasure it. Again, I am available if you need help.





Base Webmaster
"Bits & Bytes"

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If you haven't visited the ON ETERNAL PATROL website, I recommend that you go take a look. The LINKS page of our website has a hyperlink to the website. It memorializes every lost boat and each member of their crew. I have worked with the ON ETERNAL PATROL website, maintained by the Bowfin Museum in Honolulu, HI, on several occasions. I am presently doing a research project for them to find photos of three of the sailors on eternal patrol with ties to Arizona. With genealogical research, I was able to find relatives of one of the sailors and get a photo. With the help of fellow Perch Base member Sam Mecham, we are looking for photos of the two other sailors. If any of you are interested, there are other sailors that can be researched. Let me know at webmaster@perch-base.org

Since the last newsletter, I have added Perch Base Scholarship photos at the August Monthly meeting, George Crider Eternal Patrol, Cisco Systems sponsorship of the USS Cisco at the ASSM Memorial, the Perch Base Birthday cake celebration at the June Monthly meeting, pictures of the USS Phoenix crew reunion, the Prescott Frontier Days parade photos, photos and rubbings of the Vietnam Moving Wall Memorial displayed in Surprise, a promotion for the Boat Sponsorship Program and updates to the Float Maintenance page.

During the past 3 months, there were approximately 3,347 page views on the Perch Base website during 1,427 sessions by 967 users based on Google Analytics. The new statistic shows that 14% of the traffic are returning visitors and the other 86% are new visitors to the website. Approximately 64% of the sessions originated in the US and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 28% of the U.S. sessions were from locations in the Metro Phoenix area, which is assumed to come from our local membership.





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Navy will pay big bucks to retain senior sub officers

By: Geoff Ziezulewicz

The Navy is offering bonuses worth up to \$180,000 to help keep senior officers in the submarine fleet.

“The purpose of the change to the nuclear officer bonus and incentive pay is to retain the service and experience of our senior submariners as our fleet continues to grow,” said Lt. Rick Moore, a spokesman for the [Chief of Naval Personnel](#).

“We only want to keep senior major commanders, whose skill and expertise in the submarine community will help train the next generation of leaders, but we want to encourage new officers to join the nuclear propulsion training program.” Major commands include helping [guided-missile submarines](#), sub squadrons or task forces; overseeing submarine training, maintenance or tenders; plus commanding submarine bases, Moore said.

Beginning Oct. 1, sub officers who have served in major command and have accrued more than 26 years of commissioned service will be eligible for annual bonuses of between \$35,000 and \$45,000.

For an officer now in a major command or who has finished a tour, inking a one-year [Nuclear Officer Continuation Bonus](#) contract will add an extra \$35,000.



Communications Officer

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Have a bunch of apps running and want to minimize everything except what you’re working on! Here’s a fun yet handy trick: Click and hold the title bar of the program/app you’re working in, then shake it back and forth rapidly. All the other windows will minimize to the task bar, leaving your desktop nice and clutter-free. Sure, you can do the same thing by pressing *Windows key + Home*, but where’s the fun in that?



Sage Words of Wisdom . . .

from the past Base Commander

Chuck Emmett

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By almost any metric, 2018 will go down as one of the better years in Perch Base's history. Membership is up, or at least holding its own, attendance at events has been good and even with Phoenix's summer weather, we've had good attendance at our Base meetings all year.

We finally bit the bullet and bought our own flatbed trailer for member riding in parades. Soberly, this last was oh so prudent and timely. We lost our Shipmate George Crider, who owned the trailer we had been using for years, just as we are beginning our busy parade period. Sharon Crider doesn't need our interjecting usage requests right now. Prudent and timely by chance.

But there is something else I sense. We're happy and enjoying ourselves! I'm not sure why but we seem to be mixing it up at meetings; socializing if you will, as much as can be expected from us old fa*ts. If I can find out what's the secret, I'll bottle it! But Meetings are livelier, and I think we are all getting to know Members we didn't know before. Whatever, it's great.

So, the Convention Cruise is up next (I suspect a somewhat lighter attendance especially we Westerners) and 2019 where we will have one of our own, Jim Denzien, on the National Board of Directors as Western Regional Director. A resource we should use perhaps.☺

And . . . the first part of the year, we have election for a Base Commander. If he doesn't wish to run and gets elected, Howard Doyle bumps me out as past-Commander and I go off into the sunset. That is, unless I choose to run for Base Commander (I still have eligibility) but I don't know. Hmmmmm . . .



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U.S. Undersea Warfare News

Swimming crooks stole from NJ submarine that someone sank, cops say

Adam Hochron, 92.7 wobm (Ocean County, NJ), September 20

Two people from Connecticut have been charged with swimming through the Hackensack River before burglarizing a historic submarine that someone else had previously sunk this year.

Jon P. Stevens, of West Haven, Connecticut, and Laura Palmese, of Colchester, Connecticut, have been charged with stealing a lantern and a Medical Corps Lieutenant Shoulder lapel from the USS Ling on August 11.

Police released pictures of the two inside the flooded submarine with lights attached to their heads. The pair are believed to have parked at a nearby diner and swam to the submarine before taking the items, police said.

Last month, police announced that a caretaker of the USS Ling/Naval Museum reported four bronze plaques were stolen from the property, and that in another incident an unknown person had entered the submarine and opened "numerous hatches" inside, causing the submarine to take on water.

The charges announced on Thursday are not connected to the flooding and damage to the submarine. The pair are expected to appear in court for the first time on October 1.

The Ling served during World War II and has been in Hackensack since the 1970's, according to a GoFundMe has been established to help pay for repairs to the submarine. It was closed for repairs after Super Storm Sandy and has been closed to the public since 2015 because of damage to the pier. The fundraising effort started 15 months ago and has raised more than \$24,000 out of a goal of \$100,000.



Previous Quarter Highlights

Second Quarter events for Perch Base.

For more Pictures and details check out our [website](#).

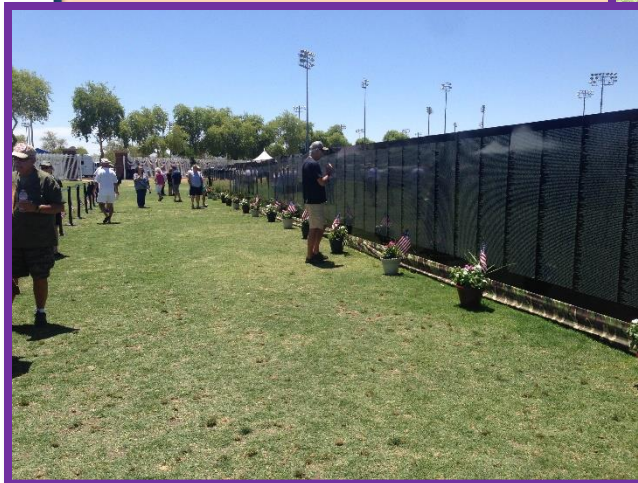
Vietnam Moving Wall Memorial



From July 5th through July 9th, 2018, the Vietnam Moving Wall Memorial was displayed at the Mark Coronado Park on Bullard Ave in Surprise, AZ.



The Perch Base Webmaster and Life Member Dan Marks visited the Wall along with the Base Membership Chairman & Life Member, Jim Andrews, and his wife Marcie.



Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)

Scholarship Presentation

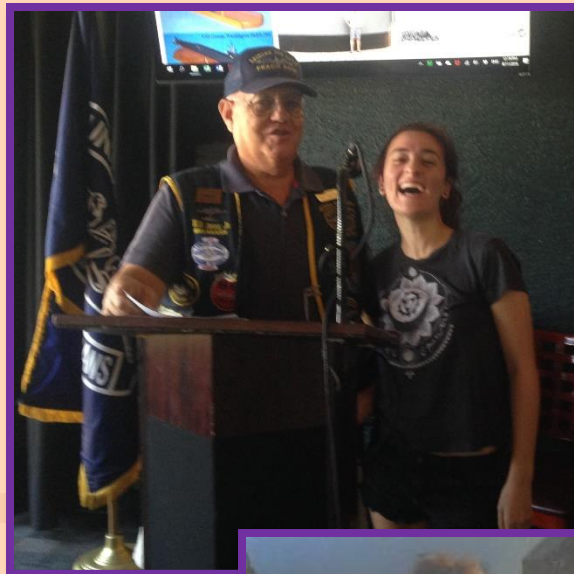
The Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base (Perch Base) believes it is part of our mission to assist, where possible, the dependent sons, daughters and grandchildren of our members in pursuit of a post-high school education.

Congratulations to the children and grandchildren of Perch Base members who received scholarships during the August 11, 2018 general meeting. There were four applicants for the Perch Base Scholarship awards:

Jaid Urness
Cameron Millette
Jacen Millette
Cole Norieka.

The committee decided to award scholarship money to all four.

Although most of the kids were already away at school, Chris Urness' daughter, Jaid, was present to accept and say thank you for her scholarship.



Since Cameron (left) and Jacen Millette (right) were already off to school, they were unable to accept their checks in-person. The Perch Base received notes of Thanks from them.



Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)

Gudgeon Base Picnic



Nineteen Perch Base members and wives escaped the Phoenix summer heat while attending the Gudgeon Base Picnic on September 15, 2018 in Prescott Valley, AZ.

Along with the fine food and company, Tom Warner, the Gudgeon Base Commander showed off the award that the "US Submarine Veterans Gudgeon Base/Perch Base" entry won in the "Walking Group" category in the Prescott Frontier Days® Parade.



Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)



George Crider

Perch Base Life Member and Holland Club Member George Crider, STSCS(SS) departed on Eternal Patrol on August 16, 2018.

Our condolences to his wife, Sharon, and the rest of the family.

There were 2 services, both on Thursday, September 20th.

The first was a service at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona and the second was a Celebration of George Crider's life at the Sun City Salvation Army chapel.

George first qualified on the USS Sea Devil (SS-400) in 1960 and served on 6 boats during his service from 1958 to his retirement in 1979.

SAILOR, REST YOUR OAR! YOUR WATCH HAS ENDED.

Your Brothers of the 'Phin Have the Watch.

Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shipmate.



Upcoming Events

Remember to check Perch-Base.org often for up-to-date information on all events.

Monthly General Meetings

Saturday's, October 13, November 10, & December 8

At Dillon's KC Bar-B-Que restaurant

[20585 North 59th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona.](http://20585%20North%2059th%20Avenue%2C%20Glendale%2C%20Arizona)

(Left-click address, above, for a Google map to Dillon's.)

The official meeting starts at Noon but come join us at 1100 for lunch!

50/50 Raffle drawing (Must be present to win).

2018 Convention Cruise

Sunday, October 21 to Sunday, October 28

The cruise will depart from Ft. Lauderdale, FL

on the Holland America Line's ms Nieuw Amsterdam

with scheduled stops at:

Half Moon Cay, Bahamas

Ocho Rios, Jamaica

Georgetown, Grand Cayman

and Cozumel, Mexico

Returning to Ft. Lauderdale, FL. (Sounds like an AUTEK run)

The 2019 Convention will be in Austin, TX.

Daisy Mountain Veterans Parade

Saturday, November 3

Staging area is in the Cross of Christ Church parking lot.

[39808 N. Gavilan Peak Pkwy, Anthem, AZ 85086](http://39808%20N.%20Gavilan%20Peak%20Pkwy%2C%20Anthem%2C%20AZ%2085086)

(Left-click address, above, for a Google map to Cross of Christ Church.)

Access to the staging area will not be permitted after about 8:30 AM.

Phoenix Veterans Day Parade

Monday, November 12

This year's parade theme is "Out of the Trenches, A Century of Remembrance," and commemorates the 100th year of the signing of the Armistice, which ended World War I.

Staging area is in the rear parking lot of the Firestone Tire Store

at 8:00 a.m. [241 W Osborn Rd Phoenix, AZ 85013-3942.](http://241%20W%20Osborn%20Rd%20Phoenix%2C%20AZ%2085013-3942)

(Left-click address, above, for a Google map.)

Deadline for the Winter Quarter MidWatch

Friday, December 21

All input must be in to Chuck Luna, [Communications Officer](#), to be included in the next MidWatch Newsletter to be published on Friday, January 4, 2019.

Fourth Quarter Birthdays

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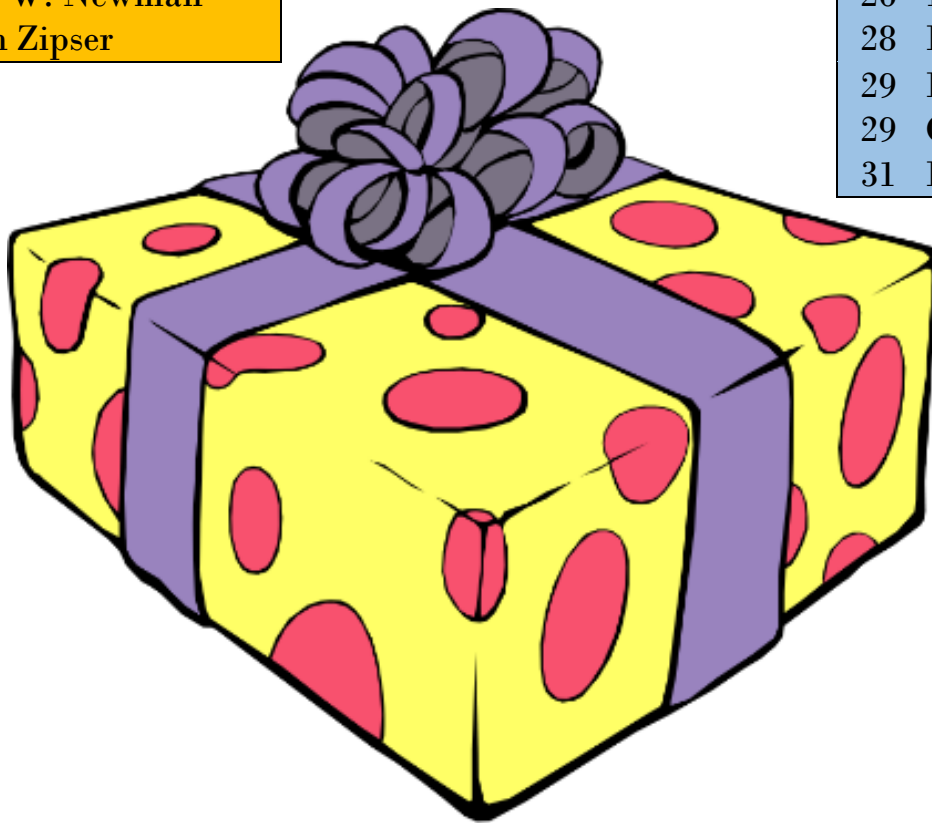
1 Michael Haler
5 Kenneth Anderson
6 Robie Robinson
8 Jim Andrews
8 Jim Nelson
10 John Cash
10 Robert Lents
10 Mark Thompson
18 John Crane
22 Albert Landeck
23 Billy Deshong
26 Jim Paper
27 Bill Larime
29 James W. Newman
31 Martin Zipser

NOVEMBER

3 Ed Schafer
5 Bill Maida
6 Mike Keating
9 Charles Hooper
11 Larry Rankin
14 William Tippett
15 Larry Ruggles
17 Harry Ellis
21 Samuel Mecham
22 Keith Post
25 Roger Miller
30 Bob Gilmore, Jr.

DECEMBER

4 Paul Miller
5 Ronald Beyer
9 Wayne Hembree
12 James Cooper
12 Pete Sattig
12 Lou Reynolds
12 Ronald Zomok
15 Robert Gregg
16 Donald Unser
16 Wayne Clark
20 Chuck Emmett
22 Thomas Fooshee
22 Karl Krull
26 Ken Meeks
28 DeWayne Lober
29 Dale Holland
29 Gary Waterbury
31 Dewey Reed



The Laff Page



Two chiefs were sitting at the bar and one pointed to two old drunks across from them and said, "That's us in twenty years"! The other one replied, "That's a mirror moron"!

A blond walks into a bank and asks for a loan. "I am sorry ma'am but the Loan Arranger is out for the day, said the teller. She replied. "That's OK. I'll speak to Tonto then."

Perch Base CLASSIFIEDS

Your chance to advertise for free! Items from Base Members to other Members, and almost anything is far game. Exceptions: alcohol, drugs, illegal, commercial items or anything in general poor taste. Send your ad to: newsletter@perch-base.org

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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.

LEST WE FORGET THOSE STILL ON PATROL



Tolling of the Boats for October

3	USS Seawolf (SS-197)	1944	100 men lost
7	USS S-44 (SS-155)	1943	56 men lost
11	USS Wahoo (SS-238)	1943	80 men lost
12	USS Dorado (SS-248)	1943	77 men lost
17	USS Escolar (SS-294)	1944	82 men lost
24	USS Shark (SS-314)	1944	87 men lost
24	USS Darter (SS-227)	1944	no loss of life
25	USS Tang (SS-306)	1944	78 men lost, 9 POWs survived
29	USS O-5 (SS-66)	1923	3 men lost

Tolling of the Boats for November

7	USS Albacore (SS-218)	1944	85 men lost
8	USS Growler (SS-215)	1944	86 men lost
16	USS Scamp (SS-277)	1944	83 men lost
16	USS Corvina (SS-226)	1943	82 men lost
19	USS Sculpin (SS-191)	1943	12 men lost

51 POWs later lost, 21 POWs survived

Tolling of the Boats for December

2	USS Capelin (SS-289)	1943	78 men lost
10	USS Sealion (SS-195)	1941	5 men lost
17	USS F-1 (SS-20)	1917	19 men lost
17	USS S-4 (SS-109)	1927	40 men lost



Thank You Shipmates and Friends

One of the fundraising promotions we started for the *Arizona Silent Service Memorial* project was the Lost Boat Sponsorship Program which was launched in August 2015. For a \$500 donation, individuals, businesses and veteran's organizations could sponsor one of the 65 U.S. Navy submarines that we have lost since the inception of the Submarine Service in 1900.

We first contacted USSVI bases around the country who that are named for Lost Boats as we wanted these bases to have the first opportunity to sponsor their namesake boats. That same month, on August 15, 2015, we received the first \$500 Lost Boat Sponsorship check from Bob Sommer, Treasurer for the USSVI Tang Base in Pinellas Park, FL. This was for the Memorial Sponsorship of the USS Tang SS-306 which was lost on 25 Oct 1944. This past August 13, 2018 almost three years later to the day, we received the final \$500 Lost Boat Sponsorship check from Curtis Grant on behalf of the USSVI Twin Lakes Base in Mountain Home, AR. This was for the Memorial Sponsorship of the USS S-51 SS-162 lost on 25 Sep 1925.

We are extremely grateful to all the individuals, businesses and veteran's organizations who have contributed to this worthy cause. They will all be duly recognized at the memorial site in Wesley Bolin Plaza, in front of the State Capitol Building in Phoenix, AZ. To see a complete list of our Lost Boat Sponsors, visit our website at; www.arizonasilentservicememorial.org.

Tim Moore, Chairman
Arizona Silent Service Memorial

2018 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.

Jerry Allston	Robert Hartman	Royce Pettit
Ken Anderson	David Heighway	James Ratte
Steven Balthazor	Harry Heller	Stanley Reinhold
Gary Bartlett	Glenn Harold	Louis Reynolds
Ronald Beyer	Steve Hough	Donald Robertson
John Carpentier	Davy Jones	Robie Robinson
Roger Cousin	Governor Joy	Larry Ruggles
Eugene Crabb	Mike Keating	Pete Sattig
George Crider	Doug LaRock	Donald Schafer
George Debo	Bob Lancendorfer	Carl Scott
Don Demarte	DeWayne Lober	Garry Shumann
Jim Denzien	Dan Marks	Rick Simmons
Mary Denzien	Charles Marshall	Wayne Smith
Billy DeShong	Ray Marshall	Steve Stanger
Howard Doyle	Dennis McComb	William Tippet
James Edwards	Angus McPherson	James Trail
James Evans	Ken Meeks	Marcia Unser
Douglas Ewen	Carl Miner	Donald Walbaum
Tom Farley	Frank Morris	James Wall
David Fyock	John Mosher	Forrest Watson
Robert Gregg	Dan Moss	Joshua Whitmore
Tom Gregory	James Newman	George Woods
William Grissom	Dick Noreika	Bill Woolcott
Mike Haler	Mike Olsen	John Zaichkin