

for future meetings. The Board expressed some concern regarding real estate taxes, insurance, utilities and other expenses associated with having a lease on the property and other expenses relating to a building. It was moved, seconded and approved by voice vote to authorize further exploration of the idea without any formal commitment to a lease or contract.

2002 USSVI Calendar

Perch Base is prepared to order 2000 printed calendars for 2002. USSVI national organization is going to pay the expenses associated with printing the 2000 calendars. Perch Base will be responsible for composing, printing, and distributing the calendars to all the Base Storekeepers in USSVI. Profits from the sale will be split evenly between USSVI national and Perch Base. Mr. **Harnish** issued a call for any and all pictures of Fleet Boats, Guppies, or Nuclear Powered Boats to include as photos in the calendar.

"Subs Against the Sun" - Book

Mr. **May** informed the Board of the availability of the book and agreed to notify members at the meeting and through the Base Secretary of points where the book may be purchased. For those that are interested, there are at least two sources; the publisher and Amazon.com. The publisher's address is; Yucca Tree Press, 2130 Hixon Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88005-3305. Of course, you can go to Amazon.com's web site and order it from them on the "net". The price is \$30 at both sources. The author (Keith Milton) served in the Merchant Marine during WWII. His fascination with submarines resulted in years of combing naval archives and other records for information about the U. S. Submarines in the Pacific.

A motion to adjourn the Executive Board meeting was seconded and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1225 hours.

Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #29; Glendale, AZ at 1303 hours, 14 April 2001. The meeting was called to order by Mr. **David Harnish** - Base Commander. Mr. **Ramon Samson** led the members in the "Pledge of Allegiance"; followed by the dedication, moment of silence for our departed shipmates, "Tolling of the Boats", and invocation. There were 25 members and two guests attending the meeting. The members welcomed newcomers and those returning from prolonged absences. This included: Mr. **Rick Haddow**, Mr. **Bob Bailey**, Mr. **Dan Reel**, Mr. **Tom Tilley**, Mr. **Adrian Stuke**, and Mr. **Ted Fields**. Base Secretary (Mr. **Ed Brooks**) read the minutes from the March 10 meeting. The minutes were amended and accepted as amended by voice vote of the membership. Mr. **Harnish** read a letter of thanks from the Ramada Inn Express; Laughlin, NV with regard to the District 8 meeting held there. Base Treasurer (Mr. **Robert May**) reported the Base's financial status as the of the first day of April, 2001. Mr. **May** also reported that the year 2000 Calendar sales netted \$823.91 after expenses.

Reports of Committee Chairmen

Mr. **Ramon Samson** - Chairman and Author of the Base Newsletter "Midwatch" reported on the status of the newsletter and solicited the members for

personal stories to be included in the newsletter. **Ray** also introduced Mr. **John Wilson** (newsletter editor & publisher), who was attending the meeting as a guest. **Ray** also reported the status of the development of two Base Web Sites; one for the Ship's Store and one for the Base - in general. A completion date is yet to be announced.

Mr. **Glenn Herold** - Base Storekeeper reported on the status of the small stores available from the Storekeeper and future acquisitions. **Glenn** also asked the members to approve expenditures for acquiring flags, flag stands, flag staffs, and parade harnesses. A motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure of up to \$300 for these items. The Storekeeper is still looking for a local manufacturer to produce the USSVI Vest for sale to members. There is a possibility of having vests made in Scottsdale. Mr. **Herold** also reported on the status of the Parade Float/Trailer being constructed by member volunteers. A proposal was presented to install a silhouette model of the **USS BANG (SS385)** on the trailer. A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote to proceed with construction of the silhouette of **USS BANG** for use on the float

New Business

Mr. **Harnish** announced that the USSVI Point of Contact (POC) internet newsletters will be printed and archived in a notebook which will be made available to all members at the regular monthly meetings. Mr. **Glenn Herold** has also began keeping Base Photos in a binder to create a photo history for Perch Base. This album will also be available to the membership at the regular monthly meetings.

The subject of advertising for recognition and recruiting was opened for discussion. Members and officers reviewed current efforts in that area encouraged further exploration for new ways to reach submarine veterans in Arizona. It was announced that the Base had received an invitation, from shipmate **Kenny "Snakewake" Wayne**, to provide a Submarine Veterans Color Guard for the Yarnell, AZ "Spring Festival Parade". The membership agreed that the Base Commander should respond positively to the parade organizers and several members volunteered to participate in the 2 June 2001 parade. Members were encouraged to participate in the Memorial Day Services at the National Cemetery on May 30th. Perch Base will conduct a "Laying of the Wreath" ceremony and other events as appropriate. The Base must respond by application by May 2, 2001. The membership agreed that the Base Commander should submit the application for participation. It was also suggested that the participants agree on some form of uniform appearance prior to the event. Mr. **Frank Rumbaugh** (USSVI District 8 Commander) reminded the membership that it is our obligation as veterans and as Americans to honor those that have gone before us. Participating in Memorial Day services should be thought of as an obligation.

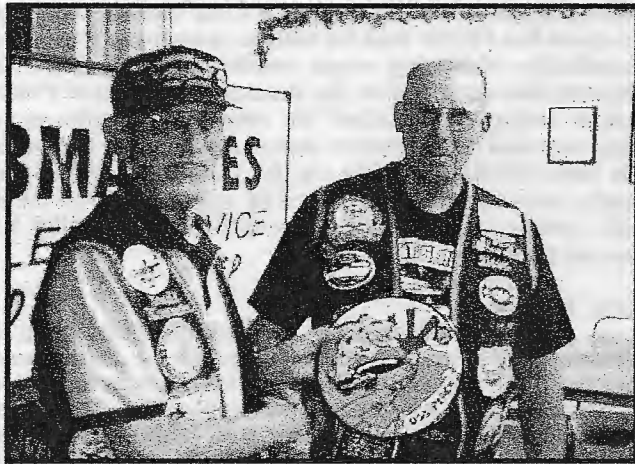
Mr. **Joe Otreba** provided the members with the current status of fellow member **Gary Patterson** whose medical condition prevents him from attending meetings. **Joe** indicated that he would visit **Gary** in the near future and the members asked **Joe** to relay to **Gary** that our prayers are with him.

For The Good Of The Order

Mr. **Harnish** summoned **Don Wannamaker** front and center where he presented him with a hand carved set of Submariner's dolphins and a Plaque of the **USS PERCH**. The dolphins and plaque were presented to

Don from the Perch Base members for his contributions and dedication to the mission of the organization. The 50/50 raffle conducted at the meeting grossed \$127. The winner's share of the raffle was won by Brandi Crouse (**Mike Keating's** grand daughter) who attended the meeting as **Mike's** guest. Mr. **Harnish** gave the Benediction followed by a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. The meeting ended with the closing prayer and was adjourned at 1355 hours.

Edgar T. Brooks - Base Secretary



Welcome Aboard New Members:

We can't give these newbie's the ol-heave ho, and hope they clear the ballast tanks, but we can welcome them as new members.

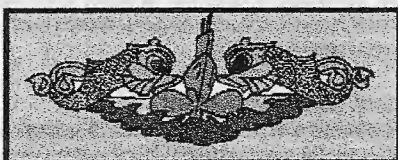
For the month of March from Phoenix we have **Joe Errante**, and his wife Brenda. **Joe** qualified on **USS BARB (SSN596)**, in '82 and left the Navy as a IC1(SS). He can be reached at sidewinder459@aol.com.

From Chandler we have **Edwin Brzezinski** and his wife Alix. **Edwin** qualified on **USS DANIEL WEBSTER (Blue) (SSBN626)** in 90 and he left the Navy as a LT.

Hailing all the way from San Jose CA we have **George Marions**, and his wife Gay. George qualified on **USS SALMON (SSR573)** in '60, he also served on **USS SPINAX (SS489)** and **USS STONEWALL JACKSON (SSBN634)** (Gold). He left the Navy as ET2(SS).

For the month of April, we have **Rick Haddow** and his wife Robbie, who reside in Tempe. Rick qualified on the **USS WOODROW WILSON (SSBN624)** (Gold) in 1980 as a STS3. **Rick** also served on **USS STURGEON (SSN637)** **USS GRAYLING (SSN646)** **USS SUNFISH (SSN649)** **USS BATFISH (SSN681)** and **USS SEAHORSE (SSN669)** He can be reached at rrhaddow@aol.com. Rick left the Navy as STS2(SS).

Welcome aboard gentlemen and go see the COB for, berthing, stowing of gear and work assignments. We'll be getting underway at 1645.



Perch Base Booster Club 2001:

There has been much said for the members

who have given generously, for the betterment of their base. This base only exists because people have given, and given and given some more. No volunteer organization can succeed without these kind of members. Perch Base says "Hand Salute" to all of you.

Ben Acosta, Jerry N. Allston, Kenneth R. Anderson, Jerry F. Becker, Kenneth E. Becker, Joseph A. Bernard, Harold J. Bidigare, Wayne A. Braastad, Michael J. Breitner, Thomas P. Burke, Greg A. Camron, James F. Clewett, Roger J. Cousin, Earl J. Crowley III, Stephen F. Day, Warner H Doyle Jr., Jeff Duncan, Ron "Doug" Eddy, Harry Ellis, Thomas E. Fooshee, Ray "Lee" Graybeal, Billy A. Grieves, Warren A. Grossetta, David R. Harnish, William L. Hatcher, J Tom Hellem, Glenn Herold, Lester R. Hillman, Stephen F. Hough, Ron Kloch, Larry L. Krieger, Douglas M. La Rock, Robert A. Lancendorfer, Robert E. May, Hubert W. Maxey, Dennis McComb, John H. Michaud, Paul V Miller, Roger M Miller, Robert E. Mitchell, Joseph R. Mullins, Jim A. Nelson, James W. Newman Sr., Joseph S. Otreba, Thomas B. Patterson, Raymond A. Perron, Royce E Pettit, Phil Phillips, W Scott Prothero, Larry M. Rankin, Frank W. Rumbaugh, Ramon Samson, Douglas F. Schultz, Tyler C. Smith, Robert G. Sothern, Adrian M. Stuke, Donald Wannamaker, Kenny Wayne, George Woods, Donald J Whitehead, Jerry D. Yowell.

Small Stores:

Last months newsletter included a inventory list of items available, with prices, of Perch Base small stores. Please place this list in a handy place where it can be retrieved in time of need. Our new storekeeper **Glenn Herold**, will continue to carry a wide array, consisting of hats, belt buckles, mugs, glasses, dolphin stickers, polo shirts, and a mess of other memorabilia. Come to the meetings and see it all first hand or give him a call. (Phone number on front cover).

Perch Base Scuttlebutt:

Back in January, new member **Wayne K. Smith**, down Sierra Vista way, donated to Perch Base a real true to life Klaxon with switch. Now boys, this ain't one of them electronic gizzmo's that sets off a buzzer like the "new" Navy's got. This is one that you can hear above the sounds of two, 16-278A's making turns for home. Even those boy's having tea while their 38D 8-1/8 were making turns, could hear it "sound off", thru their ear muffs. I have gotten her all sandblasted and ready for a new paint job and hope to have it up and loud for the May picnic. **Stephen Day** has loaned us the use of his brass Dolphins. These are a thing of beauty some 20" in length. My intention is to make a couple molds, that can be used to produce a urethane product. The trailer is still alive and well, **Jim "Nellie" Newman** has it stored in his back 40. We need a crew to help in wire brushing some of the rust off, getting her primed and painted. Anyone who would like to donate some of their time, contact any of the officers listed on front cover.

At the April meeting a comment was made about "can't make chicken salad, from chicken shit", pertaining to the subject lines of this newsletter. The comment is not without some merit. This newsletter is Perch Bases letter not mine. I try my best to make it interesting, but if there are different subject lines you want pursued, I need to know about them. You members that may have some ideas that I can use send em-down. As I stated at the meeting, there are a ka-zillion stories in our memory banks. How about making a withdraw or two.