

From the Wardroom

Shipmates,

Well as I look at the calendar, summer officially is on us. I thought it was here the first triple digit days we had several weeks ago. Many of you will be taking your leave of the valley, and Phoenix.

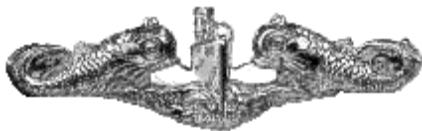
While getting out of the heat is your main goal, the rest of us, that didn't pay enough of our "dues" have to sweat it out here in the valley. Oh well that's life, here's my hope that you that you have a great time and a safe trip both ways.

Several Board members had a chance to set down with the powers to be, at American Legion Post # 62, Tuesday night after our June meeting. What we found out was that person I had talked with over a month ago, is no longer in charge of our luncheon buffet, for our meetings.

We were told that the price would remain the same as we have been paying. They would also improve on the selections of food for our future meetings. We were very pleased to learn that every thing was going well with the building fund, and that the progress of the Post's building schedule is on track.

I would like to remind everyone that was thinking about the trip on the S. S. Lane Victory that Dave Harnish is putting together for September 13 out of San Pedro, CA, you need to get your deposits to Dave by July 18. A number of us are planning on going. It should be fun and a great time to visit with shipmates and ride on the last of a kind, a World War II Victory ship. For more information please contact Dave Harnish at 623 846 0367 or e-mail him.

Fraternally Yours,
Glenn Herold
Base Commander



WWII - Boats

Short Facts

Plunger, SS-179 carried the first radar set into battle. She also suffered the very first depth charging of any U.S. Submarine.

June Meeting Minutes

*Minutes of a Meeting
of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base*

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans B Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #62; Peoria, AZ at 1306 hours, 14 June 2003. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Glenn Herold.

Adrian Stuke read the "Purpose" of the organization. The members were then led in the Pledge of Allegiance; followed by the Dedication, Moment of Silence for our departed shipmates, Tolling of the Boats, and the Invocation by Base Chaplain, Howard Doyle.

There were 25 members and 2 guests attending the meeting according to the sailing list.

The members welcomed new members – Stanley Reinhold and John Zaichkin. The members also greeted Shipmate Bob Gilmore who has returned to attending the meetings. Stanley and John briefed the membership on their interesting backgrounds and experiences following which they were welcomed to Perch Base with a round of applause.

The members also welcomed guest Brandi Hershey and her friend Alysa Galboth.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the May meeting be approved as published in the Base newsletter, "The MidWatch." The motion carried by voice vote of the members present.

Treasurer - Robert May reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of June, 2003.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Vice Commander – Adrian Stuke updated the members with regard to acquiring individual engraved plastic name tags. It was suggested that the Base Treasury pay the cost associated with the name tags and each member be asked to donate a reasonable amount to the treasury for having them engraved. A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote to accept this procedure.

Chief of the Boat – Doug LaRock had nothing to report. However, Glenn Herold asked the members to join him in

commending Doug for his successful efforts in preparing the Submarine Memorial for the 2003 Memorial Day ceremonies. The members gave Doug a huge round of applause.

Chaplain – Warner Doyle reported that Shipmate Don Wannamaker was still ill and asked the members to remember Don in their prayers. Warner also reported that Sandi Prophet has undergone surgery and will be released from the hospital in the next couple of days. Glenn Herold thanked the members on Sandi's behalf for the flowers and cards sent to her in the hospital.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson reported that the drive to enlist new members is doing well. The Base Web Site is obviously a big part of letting prospective new members know how to reach us and where we meet. The link from the USSVI Web Pages makes this function extremely well for those from outside Arizona.

Ramon also reminded the members of the Base Library and the availability of many good books about the Navy and submarines. The selection of books is on the Base Web Site (www.perch-base.org). There is no charge for borrowing the books and all you have to do is let Ramon know which book(s) you want to borrow and he will bring them to the next meeting.

Newsletter Editor - Chuck Emmett asked the members to provide him with information relating to members and their spouses, historical submarine facts and other information that can be printed in the newsletter.

Base Storekeeper – Jim Nelson announced that he has placed an order for a number of new items for the Ship's Store and expects to receive them in the next few days. Everyone was encouraged to support the Ship's Store by buying the memorabilia being sold. The proceeds from Ship's Store sales all go to the Base Treasury.

OLD BUSINESS

Glenn Herold reported that the working party to do maintenance on the Perch Base parade float and trailer was a big success. Most of the work was completed and only a couple of items still remain to be done.

Glenn also announced that the Base has received the documents for entering the 2003 Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade. Warner Doyle and Ben Acosta will coordinate with Palo Verde and submit the Base's application as soon as the arrangements are firmed up. The parade will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2003. Tentatively, the elements of the Palo Verde/Perch Base entry will include the USS Bang Float, the submarine flags, the Goodyear classic fire truck and the Naval Reserve Unit Color Guard.

WWII - Boats

Short Facts

A total of 93 Presidential Unit Citations were awarded to 35 different boats during WWII.

Perch Base will also be combining efforts with the Phoenix Chapter of the Submarine Veterans – WWII who will be participating as a part of the Perch Base procession.

Glenn informed the members that the 2003 Memorial Day services at the National Cemetery went well. The Submarine Memorial was in excellent shape thanks to Doug LaRock. As of this year, Perch Base will assume responsibility for maintaining the torpedo and plaques associated with the Submarine Memorial. Perch Base will also be responsible for the Memorial Day Ceremony (Tolling of the Boats, etc.).

Dave Harnish read a recent announcement from the USSVI Point of Contact Broadcast which indicated that the sail from the USS Hawkbill SSN-666 will be dedicated as a part of the Hawkbill Submarine Memorial in Arco, Idaho. USSVI – Hawkbill Base is sponsoring the memorial and has asked for donations to fund the construction. Individuals or organizations can purchase an inscribed brick for a yet to be determined unit price.

Chuck Emmett reported that the Palo Verde outage parade was a success, in large part because of the Perch Base parade float. Chuck commented that the float has always been the highlight of the parade.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Harnish briefed the members on the June meeting of the Submarine Veterans – WWII – Pigboaters Chapter. Dave indicated that the Pigboaters had voted to buy a \$350 maintenance kit for cleaning and coating the plaques associated with the Submarine Memorial at the National Cemetery. The kit will be given to Perch Base for our use. Dave also reported that the Pigboaters had tabled an item to donate \$1,000 to the American Legion Post #62 building fund. The proposal will be published in their newsletter to allow comment by the entire membership prior to being voted on.

the Submarine Veterans – WWII as associate members. The yearly dues are \$5 for national and \$5 for the Chapter

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dues. The meetings are held in Scottsdale the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Dave also briefed the members on his Memorial Day participation at the Denver, Colorado National Cemetery and its Grayling Memorial. Dave was visiting with USSVI Rocky Mountain Base and attended the memorial services as their guest.

50/50 DRAWING

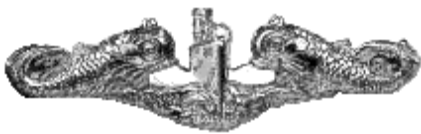
The 50/50 raffle was conducted and Glenn Herold was the winner. The winner's share of the drawing was \$45. Glenn donated the winnings to the Base treasury.

ADJOURNMENT

All the outstanding business being concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1355 hours.

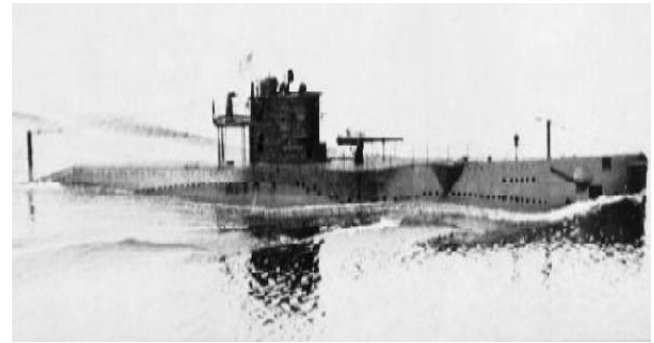
Edgar (Ed) Brooks - Perch Base Secretary



Eternal Patrol July 4, 1944

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

U.S.S. S-28 (SS-133) 58 men lost



On June 20, 1944, LCDR J.G. Campbell assumed command of S-28, his first command. The ship had finished a normal upkeep period on June 12 and continued on her assigned duty of training enlisted personnel and engaging in sonar exercises with ships under control of COMDESPAC.

On July 3, S-28, in accordance with orders from COMDESPAC, got underway from the Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, to conduct a week's normal operations. During the day on July 3, S-28 acted as a target for anti-submarine warfare vessels until about 1700 local time. At that time she made two practice torpedo approaches on the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter RELIANCE. On July 4 S-28 again carried out sonar exercises as on the previous day, and at 1730 again undertook a practice approach on RELIANCE.

At 1730 S-28 dived about four miles distant from RELIANCE. At about 1805 RELIANCE made sound contact with S-28 at a range of 1700 yards. The range decreased to about 1500 yards and then steadily increased, as the bearing drifted aft. Although sound contact was temporarily lost by RELIANCE at 3,000 yards, she picked up the submarine again at 3,300 yards. At 1820, with range 4,700 yards, RELIANCE permanently lost sound contact with S-28. At no time during the approach or the ensuing sound search were distress signals from S-28 seen or heard, nor was any sound heard which indicated an explosion in S-28.

When by 1830, S-28 had not surfaced or sent any

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