

## February Meeting Minutes

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 1300 hours, 14 February 2004. Base Commander – Glenn Herold, called the meeting to order.

Base Chaplain Howard Doyle led the members in a prayer of Invocation. The members were then led in the "Pledge of Allegiance" followed by a reading of the "Purpose of the Organization", Dedication, a Moment of Silence for our departed shipmates and the "Tolling of the Boats@ ceremony for submarines lost during the month of February.

According to the sailing list, there were 36 Perch Base members and 1 guest at the meeting. Those present welcomed our guest – Shipmate Paul Miller's son Christopher.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the January meeting be approved as published in the Base Newsletter "The MidWatch". The motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer (Robert May) reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of February 2004.

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 was not present.

Base Chief of the Boat – Doug LaRock had nothing to report

Chaplain – Howard Doyle informed the members that three Perch Base Shipmates had departed on eternal patrol during the last month and asked members to remember them and their families in our prayers. Shipmate Don Wannamaker, Milan Moncilovich and Herold Ballenger had departed on eternal patrol during the past month. Howard read a letter from Don Wannamaker's wife Judy thanking the members that attended the open house she conducted to commemorate Don's life. Howard also announced the date and time for services to be held for Herold Ballenger.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson reported that there were on 16% of the existing members who had not renewed their membership for 2004. Ray also asked that everyone whose personal information (address, phone, email, etc.) changes notify him so he can keep the membership data current.

Ray also reported that the Perch Base Web Site continues to be updated and noted that the site is proving to be effective in recruiting new members.

News Letter Editor – Chuck Emmett announced that the Perch Base was now offering advertising in the monthly newsletter. The Board of Directors has approved the sale of business card sized ads at the rate of \$100 per year. Chuck asked the members to help identify businesses and organizations that would be interested in taking advantage of the opportunity to advertise in our newsletter.

Chuck also responded that the newsletter would again be entered in the contest for recognition as the best newsletter in USSVI for 2004.

Dave Harnish reminded the members that applications for the USSVI Scholarship Awards must reach the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee by March 15 if they are to be considered. Application forms are available from the Chairman and can be downloaded from the Internet web site ([www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org)).

Ship's Storekeeper – Jim Nelson reported that the store is stocked with shirts and special order jackets that may be attractive to the members. Jim again thanked the members for buying items from the Ship's Store and supporting the Perch Base through their purchases.

Dave Harnish read the draft of a letter Ed Brooks had prepared to be sent to the remaining survivors of the U.S.S. Perch SS-176, notifying them that Perch Base had appointed them as honorary members of the Base and regular members of USSVI with their dues paid by Perch Base. The members agreed that the letter was appropriate and fitting.

Dave also informed the members that the Board of Directors had voted to submit Ed Brooks' name for consideration as the recipient for the 2004 Joe Negri Award.

### OLD BUSINESS

Dave Harnish informed the members that nominations for the USSVI District 8 Commander were due by March 31. Dave indicated that the current Commander, Lief Larsen is seeking another term and has been nominated to once again run for election to the position.

Dave also asked the members to send their nominations for Perch Base Sailor of the Year to Jim Newman prior to the end of June.

Glenn Herold announced that all the elected officers' positions of the Perch Base are open for nominations, except Base Commander. The existing office holders have agreed to run for reelection. However, any member for any of the elected positions may make nominations. Glenn then asked for nominations from the floor. There were none offered. The

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election of officers and their installation will occur at the March meeting of Perch Base.

Glenn also announced that the Board of Directors had approved the expenditure of funds (\$350) to modify and repair the cover for the parade float. The work will add vents to the cover so it behaves better in transit and repair damage done over the past two years. He also indicated that the float needs another storage facility. Anyone who has an idea for storing the trailer and model should contact Glenn. The Board of Directors has also approved an expenditure of \$250 to purchase equipment to upgrade and modify the sound system used on the float. Ed Brooks will purchase the equipment and assemble it into a unitized system for use in parades.

The members were briefed the members on the 2003 Perch Base Christmas Party. Including the fact that Ramon Samson was honored as Perch Base Sailor of the Year. Other members were also cited for their contribution to the organization by receiving Letters of Commendation.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Shipmate Bob Gilmore volunteered to act as Liaison between Perch Base and American Legion Post #62, keeping the Base informed and representing us in their governing bodies. Bob indicated that he is the Post's Master at Arms and would accept that appointed position. The Base Commander - Glenn Herold obliged by appointing Bob to that position. In that position, Bob will also become a member of the Perch Base Board of Directors. Bob was then challenged to see if Perch Base members could volunteer to help serve breakfast on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month.

Bob informed the members that the Post's efforts to build a new building had been held up due to changes in the permitting process. However, things are back on track and work start sometime around the middle of the month (February).

The plans for the Perch Base annual picnic were announced. The members were asked to decide the location for the picnic. A motion was made and seconded that the picnic be held at the Railroad Park (Maricopa Live Steamers). The motion was approved by voice vote.

A motion was then made that the picnic be held in the month of April in lieu of a monthly meeting. After further discussion, the motion was amended to state that the picnic be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> following the monthly meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed by voice vote.

Another motion was made that the summer meeting be

held in Snowflake, AZ instead of holding it in Prescott. Shipmate Jim Clewett volunteered his property for campers and RV owners. The motion was amended to indicate that the summer meeting would be held in Snowflake, AZ on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004. This motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Dave Harnish announced that this year's USSVI District 8 meeting will take place on May 14 and 15 in Denver Colorado with the Banquet Dinner taking place on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The business meeting will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> along with a memorial service at the National Cemetery in Denver and a barbeque at the American Legion Post. The USSVI National Convention will take place in Sarasota, New York on September 15 through 19. Those planning to attend should make reservations at the earliest date.

Ed Brooks drew the winning tickets for the raffle of a small set of hand carved dolphins and the book; "U.S. Submarines". Nick Pappas won the dolphins and Lee Lloyd won the book.

#### **50/50 DRAWING**

The 50/50 drawing was held and Dick Weber was the winner.

#### **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.

Howard Doyle offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 1410 hours.

Edgar T. (Ed) Brooks B Base Secretary



**Nautical Nuances  
or,  
Did You Know?**

#### **Before the mast**

Literally, the position of the crew whose living quarters on board were in the forecastle (the section of a ship forward of the foremast). The term is also used more generally to describe seamen as compared with officers, in phrases such as "he sailed before the mast."