

From the Wardroom

Dear Shipmates,

A year and a half ago, I didn't know the USSVI, Arizona Pigboaters or Perch Base even existed. A year ago last month, Glenn asked me if I would consider the nomination and filling in as vice Commander if elected. In a moment of weakness I said I would and I haven't quite yet decided whether or not I should thank Glenn. A year ago this month, you approved that nomination. And now, barely out of my "rookie year" with the organization, you have elected me as Base Commander. It is extremely gratifying for me and I am deeply honored to be able to serve. I hope that I am worthy of the position as my predecessor has left big shoes for me to fill.

In addition to me, you elected two other new officers, Stan Reinhold, Vice Commander and Jim Denzien as Treasurer. Along with you, I want to personally congratulate these two fine gentlemen on their election and look forward to working with them in the future. Also, we all need to thank the other officers, board members and volunteers for their past contributions and continued support; as they continue to contribute so very much to the success of the Perch Base.

I am only just beginning to find out what lies below the surface and what it takes to maintain a zero bubble and keep our base on an even keel. However I do know this. Although I spent only a little over four years on active duty, I did learn that it takes the entire crew, not just the commander and the officers, to run an effective and efficient operation. This is an exciting opportunity for me and I want to humbly ask the support and participation of our entire membership to get actively involved in Perch Base. You have accomplished a great deal over the past years and I firmly believe there is a great deal more we can do to promote the growth of Perch Base, our other Arizona bases, the USSVI and continue to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades who remain on eternal patrol. I look forward to the challenge.

Fraternally Yours,

Tim Moore, commander, Perch Base USSVI

March Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #62 Peoria, AZ at 1300 hours, 19 March 2005. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Glenn Herold.

Shipmate Joe Bernard 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 March.

According to the sailing list, there were 31 persons at the meeting. Guest shipmate Charles Farley (Past Base Commander and member of the Southern Colorado Base) was introduced and welcomed by the members.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the February 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 March, 2005.

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

Base Vice Commander – had nothing new to report.

Base Chief of the Boat – Bob Gilmore announced that the construction for the new American Legion Post 62 has been slow to proceed due to the rains. Bob also announced that he will most likely be vying for election as Second vice Commander for the American Legion Post. It was suggested that all the post members of Perch Base cast a vote for Bob.

(continued on next page)



JUDY WANNAMAKER
REALTOR®
(623) 933-1122 BUSINESS
(623) 933-0009 FAX
(800) 729-8706 TOLL FREE
(602) 818-9395 CELLULAR
jwannamaker@chsucceess.com

COLDWELL BANKER

SUCCESS REALTY
10032 W Bell Road, Suite 106
Sun City, AZ 85331
www.chsucceess.com

Each Office is Independently Owned And Operated

Base Chaplain – Howard Doyle was not at the meeting.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson reported that membership renewals were at the 93% level. Only 10 members are left to renew their USSVI/Perch Base membership.

Ship's Storekeeper – Jim Nelson announced that the ship's store has several new items for sale, and encouraged everyone to view the merchandise and purchase items from the store.

OLD BUSINESS

Glenn Herold announced that the fund raising efforts involving "Yard Sales", etc. is being put "on hold" until the Fall.

Shipmate Tim Moore has taken the lead on identifying a storage location for the Perch Base Parade Float.

Glenn announced that the Annual Perch Base Picnic would take place on April 30 and the regular monthly meeting will take place at the American Legion Post on April 16. Those that plan to attend the picnic should notify Tim Moore by email or telephone or Ray Samson via the email link on the Perch Base web site. The charge for attending the picnic is \$10 per person.

As previously announced, Perch Base will be participating in the Yarnell Daze Parade on May 21. The May meeting would normally be held on that day and plans are being made to combine the event and that meeting. Further information will be forthcoming.

Efforts are underway to get Marshall Tremble to attend a Perch Base meeting in October and the efforts to draft the author, Clive Cussler, as an Associate Member of Perch Base are continuing.

Dave Harnish reported that his trip to California to attend the District 10 meeting on March 2 was particularly gratifying. Dave suggested that anyone traveling near the San Joaquin National Cemetery should drop in and visit this site. The 65 Mondel Pines (one for each submarine lost since 1900) that the subvets planted line the entry to the cemetery and are a fitting memorial to the lost boats.

NEW BUSINESS

Glenn Herold announced that ~~Gudgeon Base had offered to repay the \$500 in seed money Perch Base had donated to help the members form that new base.~~ He also informed the members that the Board of Directors had voted to allow Gudgeon Base to donate the funds to the US Submarine Veteran's Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Dave Harnish – USSVI Western Regional Director – informed the members that efforts are in the mill to realign the Western Region by splitting up and creating new Districts. The proposal will be made to the USSVI Board of Directors at their Mid-Year meeting in May. If the realignment is approved and becomes effective, candidates will be needed for election of a commander for the new district that will then encompass Arizona.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Shipmate Joe Bernard took the floor and informed the members that the Submarine Veteran community lost one of its finest with the recent passing of Dale Martin. Dale was buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Joe asked that we include Dale and his family in our prayers.

Glenn Herold opened the floor for nominations to serve as officers to Perch Base. Glenn informed the members that current nominees for the officer positions included; Commander – Tim Moore; Vice Commander – Stan Reinhold; Treasurer – Jim Denzien; and Secretary – Ed Brooks. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Glenn then asked for a motion that the mentioned candidates, being the only nominees for their respective offices, be elected by acclamation. The motion was made and seconded and approved by voice vote.

USSVI Western Regional Director - Dave Harnish asked the newly elected officers of Perch Base and the Perch Base Auxiliary to assemble front and center. He then administered the "oath of office" to the officers.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Ed Hawkins.

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 closing prayer was offered by Joe Bernard and the meeting was adjourned at 1343 hours.

Signed: Edgar T. Brooks, Base Secretary