

Shipmates,

This has been a very trying month for me. Both my mother and older brother — father-figure for me since I was 15 — passed away. My mind just hasn't been on the MidWatch, which is why it's rather skimpy this time.

Please bear with me and I hope to be back to Perch Base's high standards next month.

Chuck Emmett
MidWatch Editor

From the Wardroom

Congratulations!

Dear Shipmates,

It's with a great deal of pleasure that I have the honor of passing along congratulations to some of our shipmates. For those of you who didn't attend our last Perch Base meeting, we announced some awards that were presented at this year's national convention.

Most of you should be aware that we submitted nominations for Newsletter of the Year and Website of the Year for 2005. The competition was fierce and there were a significant number of quality nominees. Perch Base received the following:

Newsletter of the Year – 1st Runner-up in our class.

Website of the Year – 1st Runner-up in our class.

Our newsletter editor, Chuck Emmett, and Webmaster, Ray Samson, deserve a hearty round of applause and a big time Bravo Zulu for their contributions. While these awards were presented to Perch Base at the convention, we all know that the kudos for these awards belong to Chuck and Ray. We are extremely fortunate to have them associated with our organization and I know you all will join me in passing along our congratulations and thanks for their many, many contributions.

But wait! There's more! I also have the honor of recognizing another shipmate. Ed Brooks was one of the seven recipients of the National Commander's Award. This award is also known as the Robert Link Award. This is second in national significance to the Joe Negri award. The inscription on the plaque best sums it up. The plaque states:

"Robert Link was the First National Commander of USSVI. This award is presented in his name to Ed Brooks for superior performance and contributions to USSVI. His significant voluntary contribution to his Base and USSVI membership has made a major impact on the success of our organization."

I am extremely proud to be associated with these three fine and deserving gentlemen and feel fortunate that I can call them shipmates and friends.

Fraternally,

Tim Moore, commander, Perch Base USSVI

September Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans B Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #62 Peoria, AZ, Sep. 17, 2005. Base Commander – Tim Moore called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Shipmate Joe Bernard led the members in a prayer of Invocation. The prayer was followed with the standard ceremonial opening.

According to the sailing list, there were twenty-three (23) members and one guest at the meeting. Our guest; Jim Dunn, who is Commander, Western District Three, and a member of the Idaho Farragut Base, was asked to tell the members something about himself. After which, Jim was welcomed with a warm round of applause.

A call was made for a motion to accept the minutes for the August meeting as published in the Base Newsletter; "The MidWatch". The motion was made and seconded and voted upon. The motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer (Jim Denzien) reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of September, 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 – Stan Reinhold had nothing to report.

Base Chief of the Boat – Bob Gilmore informed the members that the new building for American Legion Post 62 was nearly complete and would be ready to occupy in the near future. Bob also indicated that the Base has received a thank-you letter from the Post expressing their appreciation for Perch Base's sponsorship of their street pageant. Bob invited Perch Base members to participate as volunteers for the Post's special dinner that would begin at 1630 hours today (September 17th).

Base Chaplain – Howard Doyle was not at the meeting.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson had nothing new to report.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett was not at the meeting.

Ship's Storekeeper – Jim Nelson had nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Moore announced that the quarterly meeting of the Long Range/Short Range Planning Committee would take place during the month of October. The date and time will be provided at a later time.

Tim also indicated that he had a supply of raffle tickets for a free cabin on the 2007 USSVI Convention Cruise to Alaska. The raffle also included subordinate prizes of money and other considerations. The raffle drawing is to be held at the 2006 Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Tim encouraged Perch Base members to become involved as members of the Phoenix Commission that was formed to create a submarine memorial in Phoenix and bring the U.S.S. Phoenix sail to the area as the focal point of the memorial. Roger Cousin has membership applications and instructions for joining.

It was announced that the "Tom Gilbert" Brotherhood Fund has been closed. The final check was presented to Tom at his Base's meeting on September 10th. Tom is still awaiting an organ transplant for his damaged heart.

Tim informed the members that the Base has invited Marshall Tremble to our meeting of October 15th. Unless something comes up Marshall will attend. Because of the special guest, the Perch SubVettes will hold their meeting in conjunction with the men's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A hat was passed among the members to collect donations for the US Submarine Veteran's Charitable Foundation – Katrina Fund to benefit members living in the hurricane's path who will need our help and support. As the Board of Directors had voted earlier, each dollar contributed by the members would be matched from the Base Treasury.

Tim Moore informed the members that he would be appointing a "Selection Committee" to encourage and recommend members to become candidates for Base Officers.

It was also announced that the National Office will be holding a raffle for National Life Membership. Regular annual members can enter the raffle for the Life Membership. Details of the event are on the USSVI web site.

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Harold Lister announced that he will be using the venue of an upcoming gun show to recruit new members to USSVI. He also encouraged other members to actively pursue new members to the Perch Base.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tim Moore briefed the membership on his attendance at the USSVI National Convention in Kansas City. He also informed the members of the special awards given to Perch Base for the quality and effectiveness of the Base's Newsletter (first runner-up in its class) and Web Site (first runner-up in its class). He also read an award presented to Ed Brooks at the Convention Banquet.

Jim Denzien announced that the donations gathered at the meeting, for the Katrina Fund had totaled \$231 when matched by the Base Treasury, the total came to \$462. A check in that amount will be sent to the USSVI National Office.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 drawing was preceded by drawings for special pins created by Shipmate Herold Lister. A sterling silver submariner's dolphin pin was won by Jim Dunn, A sterling silver "Silent Service" dolphin pin was won by Dave Hamish. A sterling silver WWII combat pin was also won by Joe Bernard. The money from the drawing was won by Stan Reinhold.

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 1346 hours.

Ed Brooks, Perch Base Secretary

From Beyond the Wardroom Perch Base SubVettes

Dear SubVettes,

Our meeting this month is October 15th at the Chowhound Restaurant at 12 Noon.

The meeting may be short as we will want to join the men and hear their guest speaker Marshall Trimble, a renowned Arizona Historian.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY GIRL!!

Nov. 25 - MILLIE HILLMAN

Hope to see you then.

Nancy Nelson, president, SubVettes of Perch Base

SUBVETTES MEETING MINUTES September Meeting

The twentieth Monthly Meeting of the SUBVETTS OF PERCH BASE convened at the Chowhound Cafe, 11101 N. 99th Ave, Peoria at 1246 hours, on September 17, 2005. the members were led in the pledge of allegiance by the president, Nancy Nelson. There were eight members in attendance and one guest. The guest was Jean Dunn from Idaho Base.

For the second month in a row, the minutes didn't make the MidWatch. Members discussed the many reasons and a motion to accept the minutes as printed was made by Sandy Bernard. The motion was seconded by Kay and approved by the members present.

Hiromi was asked to give the Treasury Report. It was read and a motion to accept was made by Jackie, and seconded by Mary Lou Nance. This motion also carried

OLD BUSINESS

The base was reminded that nominations were still being taken for member of the year. If desired, nominations can be confidential by writing it down and giving it to any Officer, now through our November meeting.

The convention in Kansas City is over and we've heard from everyone who attended that it was really nice. Nancy gave us a replay tour of the steamboat Arabia Museum. Members were very appreciative, especially those of us who were not able to make the convention.

At the National Ladies Luncheon, Nancy presented Ella

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