

From the Wardroom

Change of Venue

Dear Shipmates,

You all should have gotten the word by now, but if you haven't heard, we have had a change of venue for our Perch Base meetings. The American Legion Post #62 in Peoria is no longer going to be able to accommodate our meeting needs. That's the bad news. You need to be at our next meeting this coming Saturday, 18 February 2006, and we will discuss how this all came down.

Now, the good news. Thanks to some scrambling and quick work on the part of shipmate Jim Edwards, we do have another facility in which we can meet. Our new facility is the American Legion Post #105. See the announcement on page ## of this newsletter for the location and instructions on how to get there.

I would like to see a good turnout of the membership so you can see this facility and we can make a determination on if it will meet either or short term or long term meeting needs. You all have a voice in this and I and the other officers and board members value your opinion. Additionally, shipmate Glenn Herold has made arrangements for a special guest speaker that I know you will enjoy hearing.

There are two short term objectives that I brought up last month but want to reiterate. First, if you haven't "re-upped" then I encourage you to do so immediately. We want you continue to be participating members of the Perch Base and the USSVI. I also want to encourage you to participate in our Booster Club program. We value your continued support and most importantly, value your friendship.

Also keep in mind, that we will have our Perch Base elections in March. Your participation is extremely important. The decisions you make today will significantly impact our direction for tomorrow. We want you to participate in these decisions and help us formulate our plans and direction for Perch Base.

I look forward to seeing you this coming Saturday.

Fraternally,

Tim Moore, Commander, Perch Base USSVI

January 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, 21 January 2006. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Tim Moore.

The members were led in a prayer of Invocation followed by the standard ceremonial opening.

According to the sailing list, there were twenty-six (26) members and seven (7) guests at the meeting. Guests included; Bernie Fromm, Ron Tibideau, George Debo, Bern Juracka, Al Sanders (Bremerton Base), Jack Kimball (transfer from Gudgeon Base), and George Anderlohr. All the guests were welcomed with a resounding round of applause.

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

Jim Denzien reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of January, 2006. 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 to report.

Base Chief of the Boat – Bob Gilmore was not at the meeting. However, Tim Moore reported that the possibility for difficulties in meeting at the American Legion Post #62 on Saturdays is becoming questionable, since the Post holds Bingo in the only space available on that day.

Base Chaplain – Howard Doyle was not at the meeting. However, several members reported on the sickness and distress of several of our members including; Joe O'treba, Harold Lister and Kay Hamish. Everyone was encouraged to remember them in our prayers as they battle to overcome their individual ailments.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson had nothing to report.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett was not at the meeting.

Ship's Storekeeper – Jim Nelson was not at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Moore announced that Perch Base will be sending thank-you letters to several people and organizations that helped with the Perch Base entry in the Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade. He also suggested that the Base needs to send a special thank-you to Harold Lister for his generous donations to the Perch Base raffles.

Jim Denzien announced that he has paid for and received the 100 copies of the National Publication; "American Submariner" for use in informing the public

of our organization and to recruit new members. Anyone with good ideas for using the copies should contact Jim.

Tim Moore reminded the members of the on-going raffle of money and cruise upgrades for the 2007 USSVI Convention Cruise to Alaska. A portion of the sale price for the raffle tickets bought by Perch Base members is contributed back to the Base treasury.

The members were informed of the actions being taken by the Perch Parade Float Committee to evaluate the current equipment, prepare the float for future parades, and look for possible replacement equipment for taking to parades in the area.

Members were also reminded that Base elections will take place at the March meeting. Any nominations for Base offices should be brought forward as soon as possible.

Tim Moore and Roger Cousin reported the current status of the Phoenix Society's efforts to establish a submarine memorial in Phoenix using the sail from the decommissioned U.S.S. Phoenix. Everyone was again encouraged to join the Society and help add power to the effort.

NEW BUSINESS

The spring celebration and parade held each year in Yamell, AZ will not be attended by Perch Base. Instead, Perch Base will encourage Gudgeon Base (Prescott Valley) to sign up for the event.


Dave Harnish reminded members of the upcoming USSVI Western Region Conference to be held in Reno, Nevada on March 6th, 7th and 8th.

Tim Moore asked members to consider providing help at the US SubVets WWII regional conference held each year in Laughlin, Nevada in April. It was also suggested that if you show up at the conference and offer your help, it will be graciously accepted.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Glenn Herold announced that Mr. John McDonald will attend the February Perch Base meeting and give a short presentation to the members. John is an active author and an

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Associate Member of the White Mountain Base. He has a good deal of varied experiences and is a valued speaker with groups such as SubVets.

Tim Moore announced that the Perch Base Annual Picnic will be held on March 25th at the Maricopa Live Steamers Park near Pinnacle Peak.

Ed Brooks briefed the members on the U.S. Submarine Veterans' Charitable Foundation and the efforts to raise money through member contributions.

50/50 DRAWING

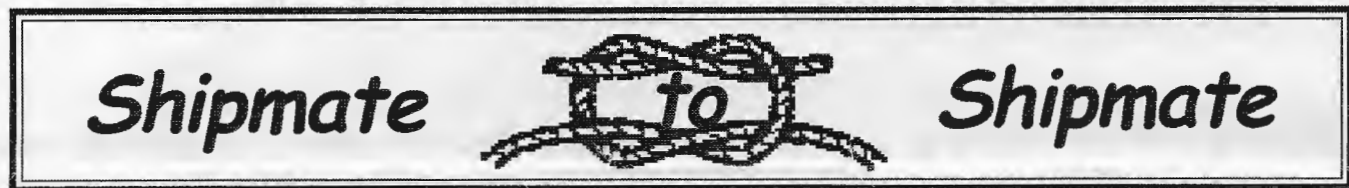
The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Jack Kimball.

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 1404 hours.

Ed Brooks, secretary, Perch Base USSVI



Editor:

On the next page, I have printed the registration form for U.S. Submarine Veterans, World War II Southwest Regional Convention in April. Billy Grieves was kind enough to send this to me. Billy said he had received requests for information and I concurred that a re-print in the MidWatch would be a good idea.

If you need additional information, contact Gloria Unrein whose address and contact info is listed at the bottom of the form

