The Quarterly Newletter Perch Base, USSVI Phoenix, Arizona

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Our organization's purpose is . . .

"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."



Birthdays for the First Quarter





It's been a memorable year by any account. At least for me. The most significant event, of course, was my election as Base Commander. As I said then, this is my biggest sub vet responsibility and I will continue to give it my highest attention. And one of my goals is already working. You shipmates are coming to me – by e-mail, phone and especially in person – with ideas, concerns and (occasionally) Atta boys. Please, keep it up!

Next month's meeting has a special event. Bill Larime will display and discuss his one-of-a-kind (we think!) collection of world-wide submarine service insignia. Bill is also a member of Gudgeon Base so we don't see him as much as we would want.

January 23 is our annual Awards Banquet. We are on track to have it just as interesting, informative and entertaining as ever. And don't forget, a major part of the Banquet is the Silent Auction supporting the Arizona Silent Service Memorial. If you haven't donated items for auction, bring them to the January Base Meeting. At the Banquet, bring lots of money to buy and support the project.

Highlights for next year covering, more than our Base, are the Western Regional Roundup (May 1 - 6) and the Annual Convention in Reno, NV (Aug. 15 - 20.)

You're reading this newsletter but this only gets you part of Perch Base's great communication package. The web page (<u>www.perch-base.org</u>) for just about everything on anything and Flash Traffics for quick, up-to-the-minute information. To all shipmates and their families, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Good Kwanzaa and a Happy New Year.





I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. I am looking forward to a productive and happy new year. At the December Monthly Base Meeting our winning First Place in the Phoenix Veterans Day parade was overlooked. We placed First in the Veterans Service Organizations Groups category. Past Base Commander W. H. Doyle Jr. and I attended the Veterans Day Parade Awards Dinner December 19th at which time we were presented with the Trophy for our entry in the parade. We had 23 members and relatives ride in this parade. The trophy is placed in the display cabinet in the back of the meeting room at Dillons. I am looking forward to having many members participating in the events coming up in 2016.

This year is election year for the National Officers of USSVI. Nominee information, voting forms and instructions can be found on the National Web Site (ussvi.org) and will be published in the next issue of the AMERICAN SUBMARINER magazine. Voting will be able to be performed On-Line or by paper mail-in ballots. The voting deadline is not out yet, but normally is the week before the National Convention which is being held in the middle of August 2016 in Reno, NV.

Speaking of elections, this year is also the year for Perch Base Vice Commander election. I am submitting my name Richard Kunze as a nominee to be put on the ballot for the position of Vice Commander Perch Base in the upcoming election for the 2016-2017 term.



Well the holiday season is finally over and so is our annual dues renewal drive for 2016. For those who participated, the Perch Base membership thanks you. For those members who thought enough to donate needed dollars to help the base continue to grow, CONGRATULATIONS. As of January 1, 2016, our donations grand total amounted to \$3,885.00, which is \$94.00 more than 2015. Pat yourselves on the back. Also, in 2015 we gained 15 new members, which is outstanding. I am sure in 2016 we can do a lot better to increase our membership with all our members help.

Remember, if you recruit a former submariner for membership into Perch Base and the USSVI, we will buy you lunch at the next meeting you attend. All your recruit or recruits needs to do is fill out our application and pay their initial base and USSVI dues. Remember USSVI dues increased to \$25.00 so initial membership will cost the prospective member: \$10.00 for Perch Base and \$25.00 for USSVI National. I hope that 2016 is very successful to you and your family.





The change to make our PERCH BASE WEBSITE, <u>http://www.perch-base.org</u>, easier to view with smartphones and tablets is now complete. The most obvious change is a Nav Menu button for the navigation menu in the upper left corner of every page that replaced the old menu that took a lot of space on your small smartphone screens. The smartphone upgrade also reduces the download size, thus helping you avoid exceeding your phone's data limits, reducing your cost, and speeding up each page load. The website has also been upgraded to the newest web development standards, including improvements for people with disabilities.

During the past quarter, our PERCH BASE WEBSITE page views have risen from about 10,457 to 12,195. About 51% of that traffic is from within Arizona, so I will assume that is from YOU.

Anyone can view the website. However, our Perch Base, United States Submarine Veterans Inc. Facebook Group, unlike the website, has limited access to Perch Base members only. New Perch Base members are invited to join. Existing members who are not already in the Facebook group can ask the Webmaster to be invited. Because of the increased privacy, members can discuss personal matters, such as the Binnacle List, and can post their own comments, such as Jerry Allston's post with pictures of the new Navy Academy football helmets that were used for the Navy-Army game in December. If you didn't see it, the wide receiver helmets are submarines because the wide receivers "take on a stealth-like persona as they blend into the rhythm of the offense but bring significant fire power when called upon, just like a Naval submarine."

The PERCH BASE WEBSITE is an integral part of our newsletter communication. The HOT ITEMS page, <u>http://www.perch-base.org/Hot_Items.htm</u>, provides a list of all our upcoming outings and base activities, such as parades and static display opportunities with the USS PHOENIX, SSN-702 float. Additionally, the CALENDAR link, <u>http://www.perch-base.org/Newsletter_calendar.pdf</u>, at the top of the HOT ITEMS page also includes anniversary dates of boats on Eternal Patrol. The CALENDAR link also includes member birthdays.



So, here it is my inaugural newsletter. Not having a lot of experience in this field, I encourage all of you to email me with any input, suggestions or creative ideas at <u>newsletter@perch-base.org</u>. I'm looking forward to the experience and sharing it with all of you.



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Our present Storekeeper, Marcus Hensley, is relocating to Michigan. We wish him luck and BZ for a job well done but that also means we need a replacement. Please read the description and list of duties below and if you are interested, contact Chuck Emmett at commander@perch-base.org.

The Storekeeper is a member of the BOD and as such, must have direct and personal access to a computer, an established e-mail address and ready connection to the internet. He is responsible for the merchandise the Base maintains for sale and awards purposes. He is the sole-source for identifying, locating, purchasing, storing and selling all such merchandise.

His duties include:

- The Storekeeper will identify items that he thinks should be purchased and stocked by that would sell and support the principles of Perch Base and USSVI.
- He will seek the advice and approval of the BOD prior to purchase of new items.
- He will be receptive to requests for stocking new items but will at all times use his best judgment and the sense of the BOD in purchasing decisions.
- He will maintain inventory of items as deemed adequate with the advice and consent of the BOD.
- The Storekeeper will maintain an inventory of all items in the Store and present this inventory to the BOD twice each year. He shall maintain a running inventory at all times that would allow a reasonable "snapshot" of goods at any time.
- He will always try to negotiate the best price and/or deal on all items purchased.
- The Storekeeper will act as the primary interface for any member wanting a vest made.

From Navy Times dated December 27, 2015

Enlisted women report to submarines in early 2016

The first four enlisted women completed the intensive basic enlisted submarine course in October and, starting next year, will report for duty to the blue and gold crew of the guided missile submarine Michigan.

The first cadre of 38 enlisted women selected for the program were announced this summer; the second round of selectees will be announced in January. The Michigan is the first sub to integrate enlisted women and the guided missile sub Florida will follow later that year.

In October, the Atlantic Fleet's top enlisted submariner said they were still working on the instruction that will govern the integration, revising it down from 49 pages to something more concise — especially when it comes to equal opportunity matters.

"We are revising our instruction that was — no kidding — 49 pages long of excruciating detail on what you wear on the treadmill and how you manage the head," said Force Master Chief Wes Koshoffer at the annual gathering of the Submarine League in Northern Virginia.

"The instruction just ought to read: We will treat each other with dignity and respect because we are professionals. We have a fraternization policy and until we cross those lines, proceed."

The Navy wants women to make up about 20 percent of the crews of seven of the 18 Ohio-class submarines by 2020, at which point they will start to send enlisted women to Virginia-class attack submarines.

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http://www.navytimes.com/story/military/2015/12/27/enlisted-women-join-subs-in-2016-16-things/77311456/

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Jaunuary 9 - February 13 - March 12

Monthly General Meetings, the second Saturday of every month:

Held at Dillon's KC Bar-B-Que Restaurant

20585 North 59th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona.

The official meeting starts at Noon. Come at 1100 and join your shipmates for lunch!

50/50 Raffle Drawing held each meeting. Must be present to win! Special treat for our January meeting! Shipmate Bill Larime has collected hundreds of Submariner's breast pins from all the nations of the world and is bringing the six shadow boxes, displaying this unique collection, for everyone to view and admire. Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting and view this unique display.



Saturday, Jaunary 23 Perch Base Annual Awards Banquet starting at 6PM:

It will be held at the same location and time as last year,

the Pebble Creek Tuscany Country Club in the Chianti Room.

This years gueat speaker will be Admiral Vern Clark, the CNO on 9/11/2001.

The menu is detailed in Flash Traffic 12-04-2015.

A reservation is needed to get a head count and ensure every reservation has a menu selection. Directions to Pebble Creek Tuscany Country Club 16262 Clubhouse Dr, Goodyear, AZ 85395:

- 1. Take the I-10 westbound to the "Pebblecreek Parkway."
- 2. "Pebblecreek Parkway" northbound to "Clubhouse Drive." Left on "Clubhouse Drive."
- 3. You will come to a manned gate house. Tell the guard where you are going and you'll be allowed to pass.
- 4. Continue approximately ½ mile and you'll see the Pebble Creek Tuscany Country Club sign.
- 6. Turn right and you'll immediately see a parking lot on the right. Enter this lot and continue through towards the far end.
- 7. Park as available.
- 8. The building at the far end (north end) of this lot is where the banquet is held.

We will have our Perch Base signs from the float placed to help locate the facility. Muster on station for nohost cocktails and social hour.

Saturday, February 6 Laveen Parade:

Details will be sent out by Flash Traffic.

Saturday, February 20 Tale of Two Cities Parade:

Parade rolls at 10AM

Join the fun and show your community spirit by partnering with the Cities of Avondale and Goodyear. As in previous years, staging will be in the Goodyear Community Park.

Shuttle service is expected to be provided to the staging area from the Dysart Commons shopping center at the northeast corner of Dysart and Thomas Roads, which is also the end point of the parade. Further details will be sent out by Flash Traffic.

Tuesday, March 17 Paradise RV Park Parade:

Starting time TBD Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Perch Base Shipmate Bill Woolcott's neighbors. The Paradise RV Park is located at 10950 W Union Hills Dr, Sun City, AZ 85373. Further details will be sent out by Flash Traffic.



2016 Perch Base Operations Supporters

These are the Base members and friends who donate monies or efforts to allow for Base operation while keeping our dues low and avoid raising money through member labor as most other organizations do.

Jerry Allston	Marcus Hensley	Louis Reynolds
Kenneth Anderson	Glenn Herold	Robie Robinson
Jim Andrews	Charles Hooper	Larry Ruggles
Steve Balthazor	Theodore Hunt	Russ Rutowski
Gary Bartlett	Davey Jones	Pete Sattig
Richard Bernier	Mike Keating	Donald Schafer
Ronald Beyer	Richard Kunze	Edward Schafer III
Edgar Brooks	Douglas La Rock	Emil Schoonejans
Thomas Carrier	Robert Lancendorfer	Carl Scott
Roger Cousin	Albert Landeck	Gary Schumann
Eugene Crabb	Bill Larime	Rick Simmons
Michael Dahl	DeWayne Lober	Wayne Smith
James Denzien	Burtis Loftin	Steven Stanger
Mary Denzien	George Long	William Tippett
Howard Doyle	Daniel Marks	Don Unser
James Edwards	Charles Marshall	Marcia Unser
Howard Enloe	Raymond Marshall	James Wall
James Evans	Dennis McComb	Forest Watson
Thomas Farley III	Angus McPherson	David Wickline
Thomas Fooshee	Allen Miller	Bruce Williams
David Fyock	Frank Morris	George Woods
George Gillette III	John Mosher	William Woolcott
John Graves	Jim Nelson	John Zaichkin
Thomas Gregory	James Newman	Ronald Zomok
Billy Grieves	Richard Noreika	
William Grissom	Michael Olsen	Mike & Lisa Doubleday -
Michael Haler	Royce Pettit	Private Donation
Eldon Hartmann	Ernie Plantz	
David Heighway	Glenn Posniack	





Tolling of the Boats for January

5 January 1944 – USS Scorpion SS-278 – 77 men lost 10 January 1943 – USS Argonaut SS-166 – 102 men lost 12 January 1945 – USS Swordfish SS-193 – 89 Men lost 20 January 1942 – USS S-36 SS-141 – no loss of life 24 January 1942 – USS S-26 SS-131 – 46 men lost

Tolling of the Boats for February

4 February 1945 – USS Barbel SS-316 – 81 men lost 11 February 1942 – USS Shark SS-174 – 59 men lost 16 February 1943 – USS Amberjack SS-219 – 72 men lost 26 February 1944 – USS Grayback SS-208 – 80 men lost 29 February 1944 – USS Trout SS-202 – 81 men lost

Tolling of the Boats for March

3 March 1942 – USS Perch SS-176 – 6 men lost as POW's
5 March 1943 – USS Grampus SS-207 – 71 men lost
12 March 1920 – USS H-1 SS-28 – 71 men lost
15 March 1943 – USS Triton SS-201 – 74 men lost
20 March 1945 – USS Kete SS-369 – 87 men lost
25 March 1915 – USS F-4 (Skate) SS-23 – 21 men lost
26 March 1945 – USS Tritoger SS-284 – 79 men lost
26 March 1945 – USS Tritoger SS-237 – 89 men lost





Arizona Silent Service Memorial Update

2015 was a year of significant progress for our *Arizona Silent Service Memorial (ASSM)* project. Renee Palmer-Jones and her design and construction team have done a phenomenal job in soliciting in-kind donations for construction and services which will significantly reduce our overall project costs. We have also been very fortunate in receiving other in-kind of contributions, such as grant writing and printing services, all of which are needed for the overall success of this project.

In the last quarter of 2015, we officially launched our fundraising campaign. We are actively seeking grants, cash and in-kind donations, sponsorships and brick paver sales. We are making good progress, but still have a long way to go and would like your support. We need to raise another \$85,000 and our goal is to do this by the fall of 2016. This message has the potential to reach 160 to 170 Perch Base members and perhaps more people who read the MidWatch. My guess is you all have family members, friends, business associates, shipmates, and any number of other contacts who would probably support this effort if asked. If you would reach out to these people and promote 4 paver sales per member, we could easily fund this project. You all should have received a special Year End/Annual Awards Banquet promotion via e-mail with a paver discount coupon and order form attached. If you did not receive this, please feel free to contact me at the e-mail address below. You may use this promotion for all of your contacts until the expiration date of February 15, 2016. This will be sent out to you again and will also be available at our Annual Awards Banquet. We will continue to pursue paver sales from other USSVI bases around the country, many of whom are already supporting this project.

Lastly, I would like to announce that we have three additional Perch Base members who joined our team. Ken Meeks has volunteered to take on the Paver Administrator duties. Glenn Posniack has agreed to fill the Secretary position vacated by Marcus Hensley who is relocating to Michigan. Thank you, Marcus, for your past support of the *ASSM* committee and we want to wish you and your family the best of luck with your new venture. And finally, we want to welcome Dave "Flapper" Fledderjohn aboard. He has volunteered to fill one of our Fundraiser Coordinator positions. Thank you shipmates for stepping up, it is greatly appreciated.

Tim Moore

Vice Chairman *Arizona Silent Service Memorial* E-Mail: seawolfssn@q.com



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Annual United States Submarine Veterans Western Regional Roundup

May 1st, 2016 – May 6th, 2016

ASK FOR GROUP CODE "C-SUB16" WHEN BOOKING

ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS

Sunday – Thursday \$30.99 per room, per night Friday- Saturday \$60.99 per room, per night

CHECK IN TIME IS AT 3:00 PM - CHECK OUT TIME IS 11:00AM

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL

1-800-662-5825

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE GROUP RATE ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE BOOKED BY

April 17th, 2016

**If you use a debit/credit card to check in, a hold may be placed on your card account for the full anticipated amount for 72 hours from the date of check out or longer at the discretion of your card issuer. Rates do not include 12% room tax. Shoulder rates are based on availability and are subject to change at any time. All room types are based on availability and are not guaranteed.



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Goodyear Fire Fighter Fund Raiser

One of our First Responders needs our help! Goodyear Fire Fighter Gilbert Aguirre is fighting Leukemia and also fighting to save lives by bringing awareness to the importance of bone marrow donation.

AZFirearms and Gun Freedom Radio are helping

to raise money for Gilbert's medical care with a raffle for a

Head Down PV9 in 5.56 MM Semi Auto Rifle

VALUED at \$1395.00

Please show your support by purchasing a ticket

TICKETS \$10 (NO LIMIT)

Purchase online at AZFirearms.com search word RAFFLE

OR at AZFirearms 215 E Western Ave Avondale



Raffle starts November 6, 2015 * No more than 3,000 tickets will be sold * Winner must pass back ground check for gun transfer * Drawing date for the winning ticket to be announced in the future*

See Howard Doyle for tickets.





Your chance to advertise for free! Items from Base Members to other Members, and almost anything is far game. Exceptions: alcohol, drugs, illegal, commercial items or anything in general poor taste. Send your ad to:

Communications@Perch-Base.org

Classified Size Limit: Four lines of 10 pt Arial fort, one column wide. Pictures may be included -- <u>and are encour-aged</u> -- but make the picture a separate "jpg" or "png" file. If we can't format your ad as a Word document, it won't run.

FOR SALE: 1978 RUGER Security Six revolver, stainless, 6" barrel, 357 magnum (or 38 special.) Still with original box, original owner w/paperwork for proof. Only 163 rounds fired.

Will throw in leather holster & a few rounds of leftover ammo. \$375 obo. Dan Marks: (602) 463-4167







(This card is from the store that graciously gives us space to stage and park for the November Phoenix Veterans Day Parade. Give them a thought if you need tires or service.)



