

# The MidWatch

The Quarterly Newsletter

**Perch Base, USSVI  
Phoenix, Arizona**

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## USSVI Creed:

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."**



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Starting out my term as Commander of Perch Base I would like to send a “bravo zulu” to Chuck Emmett for his reign as Base Commander the last two years.

The Perch Base \$1000.00 scholarship program is now open for applications. Eligibility requirements information, applications and instructions can be found on the web page (<http://www.perch-base.org/>) by clicking on NAV MENU + doc and forms + scholarship programs package. The scholarship can be used for a higher education entity such as University, College, Trade or Vocational Training Schools. The deadline for submission of applications is July 31, 2017. Scholarship winner will be announced at the August monthly Base meeting.

Submit applications to the following address:

Richard Kunze  
Perch Scholarship  
734 E Calle Chulo Road  
Goodyear AZ 85338-1030

Our monthly meeting on May 13th is our annual all-base picnic meeting at White Tanks Mountain Regional Park (NOT at Dillon’s). The base provides the food, soft drinks, and water. The only cost to members is the \$6.00 per vehicle entry fee into the park. We will be in Area 4 as in the past. If you wish to bring your own beverage it must be cans (NO BOTTLES). This is a family event, not just members only. There will be a meeting with 50/50 drawing, ASSM raffle and a Holland Club Induction Ceremony if any inductees are present. The deadline for a head count for food and drink is May 5, 2017.

Memorial Day May 29th (observed) is one of the two most important events of the year for us. The USSVI creed “To perpetuate the memory of those who gave their lives...”) is celebrated by our base by presenting wreaths for the United States Submarine Veterans of World War II and Perch Base Submarine Veterans at the Memorial Day Program put on at the Phoenix National Veterans Cemetery. At the conclusion of the Cemetery’s program Perch Base conducts the Tolling of the Boats ceremony at the Circle of Remembrance at the cemetery. All members are urged to attend this event and wear your vest and hats. The program starts at 8am and all are encouraged to be there before 7am if you want to park fairly close to the event.

If you have any suggestions for a speaker at a meeting contact myself or one of the other officers and we will try to schedule them in. I am also looking for someone to take over the position of Chief of the Boat (COB) since my assuming the position of Base Commander.



## The Vice-Commander

**Howard Doyle**

vice-commander@perch-base.org



- 1st - Thanks to everyone who voted for me as vice-commander, I'll continue to uphold our creed. Pride runs deep!
- 2nd - Upcoming events - Armed Forces Day in Flagstaff, WRRU in Las Vegas, parade in Prescott, and annual convention in Florida. These are all a lot of fun and a chance to see "old" shipmates.
- 3rd - Communications - if you have an idea for Perch Base/USSVI, speak up; things will not change if we don't know change is wanted.



## Communications Officer

*Chuck Luna*

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First, I want to say thanks to Past Commander, Chuck Emmett for covering the Flash Traffic's while I was recovering from my spinal surgery.

Second, I have updated my distribution list with the latest email addresses but I am still receiving 'bounce backs' for various reasons. Now I know that since this is emailed none of those people will see this but I'm hoping that some of you who do will pass it along by word of mouth. I've said it in the meetings and I'm sure you're all getting tired of hearing it; If you are not receiving any Flash Traffic's or the MidWatch, then email me from your correct address and I will update it. If you have a quota, please empty your box more frequently.

Third, if you have any input or suggestions for something you'd like to see in the MidWatch, let me know. Maybe an idea for a new section or the over-all look. I'm always making minor changes. For instance, this edition you can click on the officer logo's and it will open an email for you. I want this to be something you look forward to getting, not just a reminder that three more months have passed.






**“Member Mogul”**  
**Membership Chairman**  
**JIM ANDREWS**  
 membership@perch-base.org



Currently we have 171 members in Perch Base. We are doing well with our current members getting prospective members to join. Last year we had one particular member do more than his fair share and was rewarded for it. I do not think he will have to pay for a lunch for some time. This member was Davey Jones. All our members who actively participate in the recruiting function of the Perch Base can equally benefit from bringing in new members. If you have not forgotten, if you sponsor a new member and he makes it through the membership process, the Base will buy your lunch at the next monthly meeting. If you bring someone in and he makes it through the process, make sure you tell me so I can make sure you receive credit for that recruit.



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If you have any SubVet related input you would like me to promote, simply send a note to me at [webmaster@perch-base.org](mailto:webmaster@perch-base.org) with some details. Recent examples have included Dick Noreika's request to promote the Veterans Heritage Project, and several notes about the Arizona Silent Service Memorial.

Check out the additions to our website, [www.perch-base.org](http://www.perch-base.org), since the last newsletter. The home page is always updated to reflect recent happenings and the [Sailing Orders](#) page will display upcoming events. Among those additions, pictures have been posted for Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, the awarding of the USS Ray (SSR-271) planking to Bob Wright, the Annual Awards Banquet, Tale of Two Cities parade, the David (Flapper) Fledderjohn memorial ceremony and the Base Float painting work party. To view our photo archives, left-click the "Nav Menu" button in the upper left corner of any Perch Base webpage and then the upper button titled, "Special Section – Perch Base Event Photos." You will see the satisfaction by our members who attended and I encourage more members to come out for these events.

During the past 90 days, our Perch Base website page views were about 5,515. About 55% of that traffic is from within Arizona, so I will assume that is from YOU.

Also, don't forget to visit our Facebook page, which can only be accessed by current members. If you want me to add you to our "[Perch Base, United States Submarine Veterans Inc](#)". Facebook group, you can either go to the group page and request to join the group, or you can send me an email and I will send back an invite.



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**Sage Words of Wisdom . . .**  
 from the past Base Commander  
**Chuck Emmett**  
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My first week (as of this MidWatch's deadline date) as a past commander it doesn't seem all that different. Of course, it doesn't and I didn't expect it to. This was just a line that gets used in all the books and I had to try it. Enough cutesy.

I think that as Commander I left the Base at least as good as when I was elected two years ago, if not better. Membership is up slightly, our static events and parades remain top level and we've had good picnics and award banquets over the past two years. Most importantly, we get a good turnout in our base meetings every month and this is great! And with Richard Kunze as our new commander these trends should continue upward.

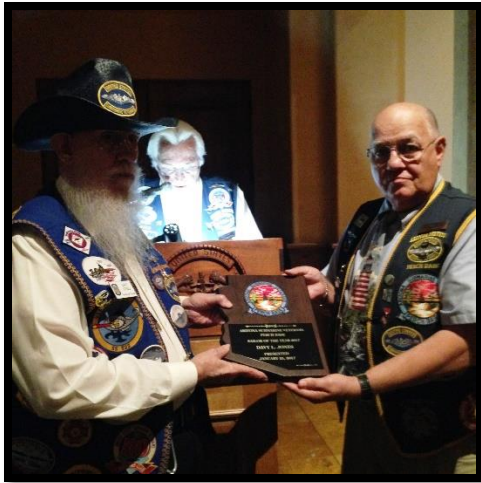
And speaking of our new commander, very few have ever come to the position with as good a background as Richard. Not only has he been vice commander for the past two years but he has been the Base COB for as long as most of us can remember. So, smooth sailing Richard and you'll have the support of all of us especially myself.

I mentioned Richard being the COB and that's something we really must correct and very soon. It's just too much for one man to take on for Richard to be both the COB and the Base Commander. We need a replacement for the COB just as soon as we possibly can. Come on shipmates, the Base has been good to you, be good to the base by stepping forward to be our new COB.

Now turning to the other hat I still wear. As editor of the **American Submariner** I get many extra printed copies every time a new volume comes out. If you ever need one or several extra magazines don't hesitate to give me a call. I've always got some to spare.



# Previous Quarter Highlights



Davey Jones awarded the Sailor of the Year at the annual awards banquet.



Congratulations to new Holland Club members from the qual year of 1967. Pictured is Steve Stanger. Not pictured, Thomas Gregory, Dennis McComb, Bryan Pellegrini and Robert Roberts.



Andrews, John Carpentier, Kelly Grissom, Bill Woolcott and the COB Richard Kunze. It was an easy chore to complete and an enjoyable time. On Friday March 3rd, Richard and Howard Doyle met and attached the draft markings and hull numbers. View more details and pictures [Here](#).

## Field Day!

Base members who volunteered to assist with the Base Float painting work party met at the Goodyear Self-Storage on Wednesday, February 22nd and repainted the float. The working party consisted of Jim

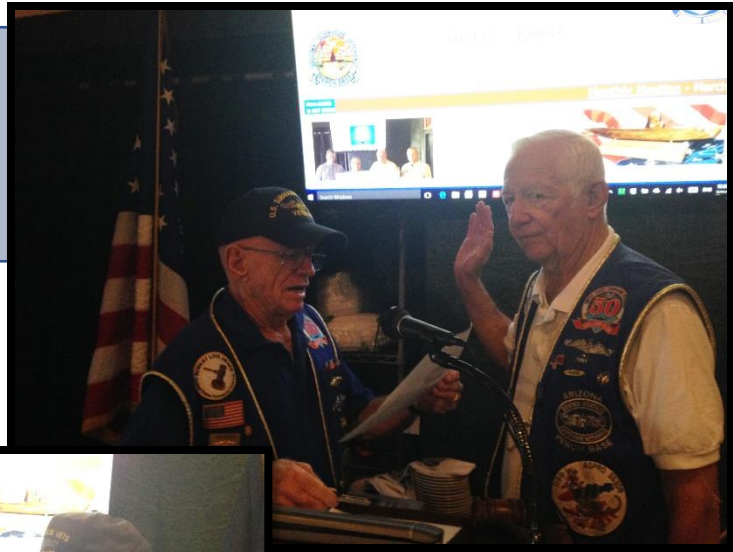




## Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)

# *New Officers Sworn in!*

At the March 11, 2017 General Meeting, Richard Kunze was elected and sworn in by Jim Denzien, Western Region District 1 Commander, as the new Base Commander.



Afterwards a special election was held to fill the now vacant Base Vice-Commander position. Howard Doyle was elected and sworn in by Jim Denzien, Western Region District 1 Commander.

For more information and photos of what happened last quarter, be sure and visit the activities page on the base website at:

[http://www.perch-base.org/Events/Selection\\_Menu.htm](http://www.perch-base.org/Events/Selection_Menu.htm)

# Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 8 & June 10 **Monthly General Meeting**

At Dillon's KC Bar-B-Que restaurant

[20585 North 59th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona.](#)

The official meeting starts at Noon but come join us at 1100 for lunch!

50/50 Raffle drawing (Must be present to win).

Sunday, April 23-28 **Western Regional Roundup**

Western Region Round Up to be held at Sam's Town in Las Vegas.

Details are on the [Western Regional Roundup website](#).

Saturday, May 13 **Annual Lunch Picnic Meeting at White Tanks Park**

There will be no meeting at Dillon's. Perch Base will be providing the picnic meal, including soft drinks and water, however there is a \$6.00 fee per vehicle to enter the park which must be paid by the driver. All Arizona sub vets and their families are cordially invited! You are allowed to bring your own beer! But no glass containers, please. If you're coming, we'll need a head count by May 7.

[20304 West White Tank Mountain Road, Waddell, AZ 85355](#), Ramada 4F.

Saturday, May 20 **The 11th Annual "Flagstaff Armed Forces Day Parade"**

We have been invited to parade the USS Phoenix (SSN-702) float.

The theme will be "Proud To Serve." "Parade Check-In" begins at 8:00 AM at San Francisco de Asis Catholic School. We won't know our staging location until check-in, but it should be within a block or two of this location.

[320 N HUMPHREYS STREET, FLAGSTAFF, AZ 86001](#)

*The Webmaster won't be there, so please take lots of pictures and forward to [Dan Marks](#).*

6:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Have a pancake breakfast at the American Legion Post 3,

[204 W. Birch Ave.](#) Staging from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Roll at 11: a.m.

Monday, May 29 **Memorial Day**

8:00 a.m. Perch Base will attend the Memorial Day ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. This is one of the two most important events of our yearly calendar. Because of the large crowds at this event, and the scarcity of available seating, it is strongly urged that everyone get there no later than 7 a.m.

As in previous years, we will follow with the Tolling of the Boats in the Circle of Remembrance at the World War II Submarine Torpedo monument.

[23029 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85024](#)

*The Webmaster will be at his qual boat's reunion, so please take pictures and forward to [Dan Marks](#), [webmaster@perch-base.org](mailto:webmaster@perch-base.org)*

After the ceremonies, all shipmates (and family/spouses) are invited to stop by the Deer Valley Airport restaurant and have brunch with the rest of us. The restaurant is at the junction of Deer Valley Road and 7th Ave.

Friday, June 16 **Deadline for the Summer Quarter MidWatch**

All input must be in to Chuck Luna, [Communications Officer](#), to be included

In the next MidWatch Newsletter to be published on June 30, 2017.





### **Conning Tower Quartermaster Watch**

USS Tunny SS-282, Somewhere in the Pacific in the late 50's, location not disclosed. Perch Base member Danny R Moss QM2(SS), alertly standing the Conning Tower Quartermaster watch during an ORI. Note that even at this tender young age in the late 50's, you can see the beginning of greying hair at the temples due to the daily stress of submarine duty.



## **Want to Go on an Adventure?**

Consider joining the ISA-USA which is the US affiliation for the International Submariners association. The last two ISA congresses were held in Portsmouth, England and Pula, Croatia. This year, the 54<sup>th</sup> ISA Congress, will be held in St. Petersburg, Russia where we will enjoy the company of some 300 ISA members from 30 countries. If you want to go on a memorable trip, consider joining us in the ISA-USA. For more information visit our website (currently being modified) at [www.isausa.org](http://www.isausa.org) or, contact Tim Moore, Perch Base, via email at: [seawolfssn63@gmail.com](mailto:seawolfssn63@gmail.com).

## **U.S. Undersea Warfare News**

### **Navy Plans More Submarine Maintenance At Private Shipyards**

Marc Selinger, Defense Daily, March 16

The U.S. Navy plans to continue relying on private shipyards for scheduled submarine maintenance periods due to a work backlog at public shipyards, according to a service official.

The Navy sought bids for the USS Columbus, a Los Angeles-class attack submarine, to undergo a maintenance availability in fiscal year 2017, and it plans to do the same for at least two more submarines in FY 2018, said Vice Adm. Joseph Mulloy, deputy chief of naval operations for integration of capabilities and resources.

The Navy has already conducted six submarine maintenance availabilities at two private yards -- General Dynamics [GD] Electric Boat and Huntington Ingalls Industries [HII] Newport News Shipbuilding - since 2012.

"It'll make a total of nine [submarines] since 2012, potentially," that undergo maintenance availabilities at private shipyards, Mulloy testified before the House Armed Services Committee's readiness panel March 16. While the Navy would prefer to do the work in-house, it is going outside "because we need to get the boats done."

Mulloy said it often takes public shipyards too long to complete attack-submarine maintenance work because they are busy with ballistic missile submarines and aircraft carriers, which are considered higher priorities.

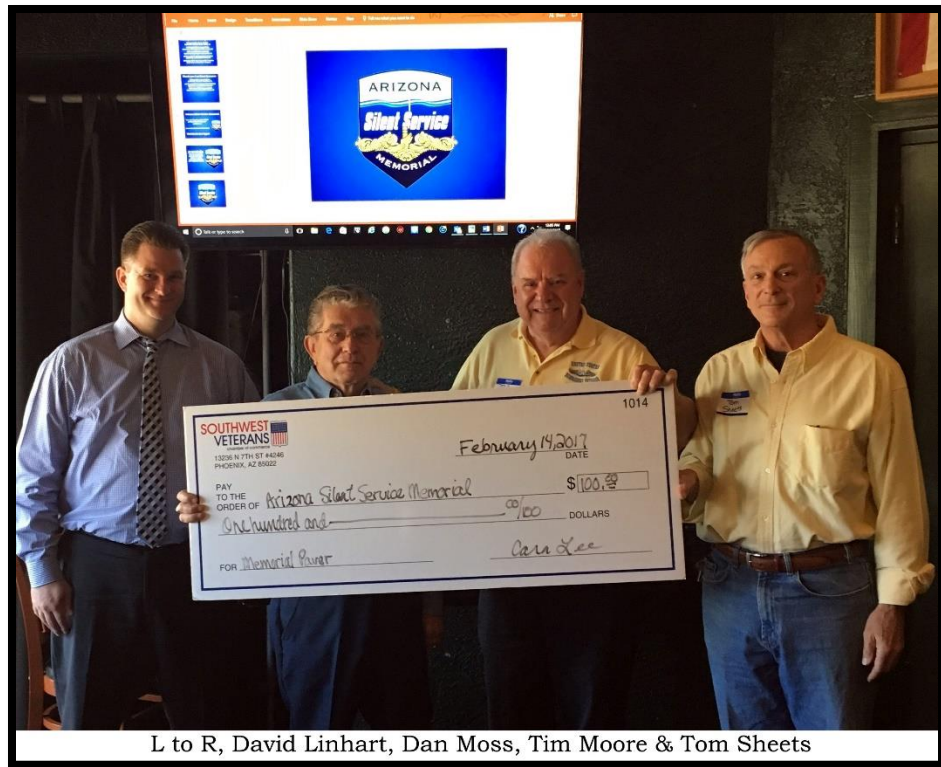
A Navy official told reporters in November that an overhaul of the Los Angeles-class USS Boise might be contracted out to the private sector. The official said that doing the work at Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Virginia would be less expensive but would take almost four years (Defense Daily, Nov. 7, 2016). The Navy is hiring thousands of workers to help reduce its shipyard backlog.



# The Southwest Veterans Chamber of Commerce Supports the Arizona Silent Service Memorial

Submitted by: Tim Moore

In 2016 the **ASSM** joined the Southwest Veteran's Chamber of Commerce (SWVCC) to promote the **Arizona Silent Service Memorial** project. The SWVCC currently has three chapters in the valley one of which is the North Glendale SWVCC Chapter which meets at our 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue Dillon's. As stated on their website, "The vision of the Southwest Veterans Chamber of Commerce is to be the most Veteran supportive organization in the state of Arizona and for Arizona to be the most Veteran supportive state in the nation". All three SWVCC chapters have been very supportive of our memorial project and have assisted us with



fundraising. Pictured here is David Linhart, President of the North Glendale Chapter of the SWVCC, far left, and, Tom Sheets, Executive Director of the SWVCC, far right, presenting us with a \$100 check from the Southwest Veterans Chamber of Commerce for a memorial paver. I highly recommend that any of our members who own their own businesses or, know others who, do and are supportive of veterans, consider joining this organization. It is an excellent networking opportunity.

# Second Quarter Birthdays

APRIL	
1	Robert Faulkner
12	George Crider
13	James Wall
14	Rick Simmons
16	James Edwards
16	Richard Kunze
16	Donald Walbaum
18	Tom Farley III
22	John Messier
22	Tim Moore
25	Bruce Williams
28	Anthony Christianson
30	Davy Jones

MAY	
2	Donald Shafer
3	Doyle Egg
7	Stanley Reinhold
8	Ramon Samson
11	George Woods
17	Steven Balthazor
18	Joseph Hawkins
21	George Debo
24	George Gillette
25	Donald Robertson
25	Richard Noreika
30	Carl Scott

JUNE	
3	James F. Newman
7	Robert "Matt" Hayball
7	Dan Marks
9	Garry Shumann
11	Glenn Posniack
19	Tom Carrier
20	David Fyock
20	James Ratte
23	Donald DeMarte
27	James Evans
30	Ed Gonsowski

## Perch Base CLASSIFIEDS

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: [newsletter@perch-base.org](mailto:newsletter@perch-base.org)



*(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.)*

**Classified Size Limit: Four lines of 10 pt Arial font, one column wide.** Pictures may be included -- and are encouraged -- 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.



# LEST WE FORGET THOSE STILL ON PATROL



## Tolling of the Boats for April

3	USS Pickerel (SS-177)	1943	74 men lost
8	USS Snook (SS-279)	1945	84 men lost
10	USS Thresher (SSN-593)	1963	129 men lost
18	USS Gudgeon (SS-211)	1944	80 men lost
22	USS Grenadier (SS-210)	1943	4 men lost as POWs

## Tolling of the Boats for May

3	USS Lagarto (SS-371)	1945	86 men lost
22	USS Scorpion (SSN-589)	1968	99 men lost
23	USS Squalus (SS-192)	1939	26 men lost
29	USS Stickleback (SS-415)	1958	no loss of life

## Tolling of the Boats for June

1	USS Herring (SS-233)	1944	83 men lost
12	USS R-12 (SS-89)	1943	42 men lost
14	USS Golet (SS-361)	1944	82 men lost
18	USS Bonefish (SS-223)	1945	85 men lost
19	USS S-27 (SS-132)	1942	no loss of life
20	USS O-9 (SS-70)	1941	34 men lost
30	USS Runner (SS-275)	1943	78 men lost

# **ASSM WESTERN REGIONAL ROUNDUP RAFFLE**

## **WRRR 2017**

***Are you ready for our ASSM Western Regional Roundup Raffle?*** The *Arizona Silent Service Memorial* Foundation is sponsoring a **WRRR 2017** fund raising project and you are invited and encouraged to participate.

**Three prizes to be awarded.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up** – A \$100.00 pre-paid gift card.

**1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up** – An 8”x 8” *Arizona Silent Service Memorial* paver. A \$250.00 value.

**Grand Prize** – A wood carving of the boat of your choice. A \$300.00 value.

The drawing winner will have his or her choice of a hand carved submarine model made from exotic woods (see photos below). The drawing will be held at the April 2017 Western Regional Roundup in Las Vegas. You **need not be present** to win!



***But wait, there's more!*** You may also extend this promotional offer to your shipmates, friends, family, and business associates.

Ticket prices for the *ASSM Western Regional Roundup Raffle* are as follows:

**1 Ticket - \$5.00**

**3 Tickets - \$10.00**

**8 Tickets - \$20.00**

You can purchase your tickets at March & April Perch Base meetings, the 2017 Western Regional Roundup, or, by sending checks **made payable to the ASSM** and mailed to:

**Arizona Silent Service Memorial**

**PO Box 86155**

**Phoenix, AZ 85080**

**Mail in ticket purchases must be received by NO LATER THAN 04/20/17. Raffle tickets will either be mailed back purchasers via U.S. Mail or copies will be sent by e-mail. Please include your names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses with all mail in raffle ticket orders.**

**Thank you for supporting the *Arizona Silent Service Memorial* project.**

**[www.arizonasilentservicememorial.org](http://www.arizonasilentservicememorial.org)**

# ***2017 Perch Base Operations Supporters***

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

Jerry N. Allston	Eldon L. Hartman	Richard Noreika
Kenneth R. Anderson	David Heighway	Mike Olsen
James C. Andrews	Harry Heller	Jim Paper
Gary Bartlett	Glenn A. Herold	Bryan Pellegrini
Richard Bernier	Steve Hough	Royce E. Pettit
Ronald B. Beyer	Theodore Hunt	Glenn Posniack
Edgar T. Brooks	David L. Jones	Stanley N. Reinhold
John Carpentier	Mike Keating	Louis Reynolds
Roger J. Cousin	Dennis Kerton	Robie Robinson
Eugene V. Crabb	Richard F. Kunze	Larry D. Ruggles
Lawrence Cummings	Douglas M. La Rock	Russ Rutowski
George Debo	Robert A. Lancendorfer	Pete Sattig
Donald Demarte	Albert Landeck	Donald Schafer
James R. Denzien	Brad Lawrence	Edward Schafer III
Mary L. Denzien	DeWayne Lober	Rick Simmons
Howard Doyle	Burtis W. Loftin	Wayne Kirk Smith
James Edwards	Daniel G. Marks	Lawrence Speight
Charles Emmett	Charles F. Marshall	Steven Stanger
Howard M. Enloe	Raymond Marshall	William M. Tippet
James Evans	Dennis McComb	James Trail
Douglas Ewen	Angus H. McPherson	Donald Unser
Thomas J. Farley III	Kenneth Meeks	Marcia Unser
Fred Fuller	Alan H. Miller	Chris Urness
David J. Fyock	Frank S. Morris	James L. Wall
Tim Gregory	John Mosher	Forrest J. Watson
Kelly Grissom	Danny Moss	George C. Woods
Michael J. Haler	Jim A. Nelson	John G. Zaichkin
Robert Hanson	James W. Newman	Ronald J. Zomok