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USSVI Creed:

"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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A Message from the

Base Commander

Chuck Emmett



Email: commander@perch-base.org

Another three-months of 2016 have passed and Perch Base has grown, again this time by almost 10 members. But I didn't do this. I can't take any credit at all for this. (Well, maybe a little.) The credit belongs to you, the shipmates who are members of the finest USSVI base in the West.

We've pretty much tracked down the common item that's focusing people to ask about, "submarines," "submariners" and life after submarines! We've nailed it down. Its hats! HATS!

Our blue baseball caps with dolphins on them catch people's eye and they look closer and they are curious. Some text is better than others. The name of a boat may be very personal to the wearer, it doesn't attract a viewer as much as the word, "veteran." With dolphins and some text, more and more qualified ex-submariners are stopping and finding out about SubVets. It works! The numbers of new members don't lie.

So we are working on a standardized hat that will be available to all members. Base comments have been included in our

standardized design to reduce trying to find a vendor that make them at a reasonable price. Stay tuned for Flash Traffics and other methods of communication that will keep you informed of where we stand.



I'm still continually proud of our MidWatch and express this pride to other submariners at every chance I get. There's no question it will be so honored when an award at the upcoming convention is bestowed upon it. And if we don't get one, it's as the old Brooklyn Dodgers fans used to say, "We was robbed!"



The Vice-Commander/ COB's





Thoughts from the Officer with Two Hats Richard Kunze



Email: Vice-Commander@perch-base.org

The month of May was filled with many events that the base and base members participated in starting with the Western Regional roundup in Laughlin, NV the first week of the month. Perch Base members made up a large percentage of personnel attending the Roundup. The weather was nice, plenty of camaraderie with other Subvets, interesting information presented, nice dinner and just a good time. The next Roundup is being tentative scheduled to be the last week in April 2017 at Sam's Town in Las Vegas. See if you can plan to attend. The next event was a Static Display of our float at Akimel-a-Al Middle School at their annual Patriots Day celebration. After their program we were treated to a brunch and then had a class of students come outside to the float where we described the boat, life aboard submarines and answered questions.



Our May monthly meeting was held as our annual picnic at White Tanks Mountain Regional Park. We had representatives from Gudgeon Base, Tautog, and White Mountain Base attending. Tautog Base ended up stealing the Traveling Dolphins with their sea story beating out Gudgeon base's sea story. We had around 100 shipmates and guests in attendance. Congratulations to our new Holland Club members inducted at the picnic. The next weekend we participated in the Armed Forces Day Parade in Flagstaff. It was a little breezy and chilly there (downright windy). We really appreciate the 16 members and guests that were able to make this event.

Memorial Day we took the boat to the Phoenix National Veterans Cemetery for the City of Phoenix Memorial Day Program. After their program we conducted the Tolling of the Boats for all United States Submarines that have been lost. This is one of the most important events we do in the year in upholding the purpose of USSVI. I wish that we could have had more base members participate.

If anyone has any suggestions or changes for next year's picnic (second Saturday in May) let you base officers know and we will try to incorporate them. Also, our annual awards dinner is the Third Saturday in January 2017 and if you know of anyone we can obtain as a speaker let your base officers know.

I am looking for a base member who can help me pick up and return the equipment we use at the meetings and be a standby if I am out of town

I am looking forward to seeing a lot of you at the Frontier Days Rodeo Parade in Prescott on July 2nd. This is one of the biggest and enjoyable parades we go to each year.



Member Mogul Membership Chairman's Message JIM ANDREWS



Currently we have 166 members enrolled in the Perch Base. What I want to let all our members know is if you come across a potential member who is qualified in submarines, please talk to him about joining the USSVI and joining the Perch Base. Dual membership is also a great thing. Especially for you snowbirds. Let's talk recruiting for a minute. If you come across a member of the phin and he indicates he might be interested in joining, try and get his email address. With his name and email address, I can send him an application; directions to Dillon's; and a copy of our latest newsletter. We want to make him feel welcome to the USSVI and the Perch Base. It all starts with a handshake from you and an application from me.





Report from the

Treasurer

David Heighway



Perch Base monthly income mostly comes from the purchases that base members make at the Base Store or the "earned" funds from our 50/50 raffle. However, our biggest funding for the year is the donations received from members. While most donations are received during the Membership Drive that will start in October, you can donate to the base at any time throughout the year.

Our base has added the ability to accept credit and debit cards for store purchases, membership fees, and donations. Currently, we only accept these types of payments when the card and purchaser are present so you will need to be at a Base meeting to use this. We will soon be upgrading the card reader to accept chipped cards so that we help limit liability and minimize potential fraud through acceptance of these cards. With this tool, we are moving into the 21st Century for payment methods. If you are interested in using another method of payment such as PayPal, Android Pay, Apple Pay, or other method, please let a Board member know of your preference and we will research if these methods are worthwhile pursuing.

Blies of Byles Base Webmaster Dan Marks





Help! I'm running out of new ideas for our website and Facebook page. If there is something you would like to see included, let me know with an email to webmaster@perch-base.org

During the past quarter, our PERCH BASE WEBSITE page views were about 5,468. About 32% of that traffic is from within Arizona, so I will assume that is from YOU.

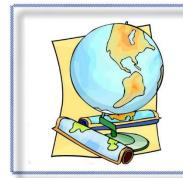
Anyone can view the website. However, our Perch Base, United States Submarine Veterans Inc. Facebook Group, unlike the website, has limited access to Perch Base members only. New Perch Base members are invited to join. Existing members who are not already in the Facebook group can ask the Webmaster to 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 Glenn Posniack's post that he visited Walt Blomgren at the hospital.

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

Don't forget to check out the EVENT PHOTO section of the website, (http://www.perch-base.org/Events/Selection Menu.htm), which includes not only photos, but also a brief narrative of each event. Check out the recently added photos from the Annual Picnic and the Flagstaff Armed Forces Day parade.

The website also includes links to entertaining, humorous and historical informational videos (http://www.perch-base.org/Base Videos/Submarine Videos 01.htm), such as The Silent Service TV series, first aired in 1957 and 1958. Those videos were probably a major influence on your webmaster becoming a submariner! You can get Base Officers Names and Contact Information by clicking the BASE OFFICERS button (http://www.perch-base.org/Base-Officers.htm) from the Nav Menu button.





A Word from the

Historian Chuck Luna



At our June meeting we had a guest speaker Gerald Strickland – Director, Veterans Heritage Project and we learned that for the past twelve years in Arizona they have been interviewing veterans from all branches of service. The stories are then collected, printed and bound in a hard cover book titled "Since you asked". They are available for purchase but more importantly, a copy is also stored in the Library of Congress. Currently there are over 1,200 veterans who have shared their stories for posterity ranging from WWI through todays War on Terror but what struck me the most was to find out that not one of those was a submariner. Brothers of the Phin, I understand that we are members of the Silent Service but if you have a story that can be told, I urge you to contact http://VeteransHeritage.org and share.

The submissions deadline for the next MidWatch is Friday, Sep. 16, 2016.







Email: events@perch-base.org

See the most recent information on upcoming events at http://perch-base.org/Hot_Items.htm
If contacted by someone wishing Perch Base to participate in their event, please forward the request to Don.



Email: Chaplain@perch-base.org



Email: Storekeeper@perch-base.org





Email: secretary@perch-base.org

Please see http://perch-base.org/regular meeting minutes/Minutes Selection.htm for meeting minutes.





Email: past-commander@perch-base.org

The Five Most Dangerous Things You'll Ever Hear in the US Navy...

A Seaman saying, "I learned this in Boot Camp..."
A Petty Officer saying, "Trust me, Sir..."
A Lieutenant (JG) saying, "Based on my experience..."
A Lieutenant saying, "I was just thinking..."
A Chief chuckling, "Watch this shit..."



Upcoming frents

Saturday, July 2 Prescott Frontier Days© Rodeo Parade

2016 Parade Theme: "Let your voice be heard... Vote, it's the American Way!"

Per the staging plan, we will stage in area #6 on Willis St. between Mt. Vernon Ave.

and Virginia St. We are in position 67 out of 154 entrees.

Staging is between 6-8AM and the parade rolls at 9AM

Gudgeon Base will sponsor a BBQ after the parade

Saturday, July 9 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).

Saturday, August 13 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).

Monday, August 15 thru Saturday, August 20

USSVI National Convention

At the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno. NV.

2500 E 2nd St, Reno, NV 89502

(Left-click address, above, for a Google map to the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino.)

Link to the Convention website with the agenda, news, activities and registration:

http://www.ussviconvention.org/2016/

The cut-off date for getting a hotel room at the convention rate is July 14, 2016.

Any reservations after that date may be at a higher rate.

Friday, September 16 Deadline for the Winter Quarter MidWatch
All input must be in to Chuck Luna, Communications Officer, to be included
In the next MidWatch Newsletter to be published on September 30th.





BIRTHDAYS FOR THE QUARTE



July

- 1 Mike Olsen
- 2 David Heighway
- 7 Bernard Juracka
- 7 Wayne Braastad
- 8 Chuck Luna
- 10 Howard Casebolt
- 12 Jim Foote
- 16 Nick Povio
- 16 David Fledderjohn
- 21 Richard Bernier
- 22 William 'Bill' Woolcott
- 25 Larry Speight
- 27 Forrest Watson
- 30 Howard Goldman
- 31 'Jack' Messersmith

August

- 1 Angus McPherson
- 3 Raymond Marshall
- 5 Jerry Pittman Jr.
- **6 Theodore Hunt**
- **6 Josh Whitmore**
- 7 Bryan Pellegrini
- **8 Robert Smith**
- 9 Russ Rutowski
- 10 Chris Urness
- 12 Robert Lancendorfer
- 14 Brad Lawrence
- 18 John Zaichkin
- 19 Doug La Rock
- 19 'Kelly' Grissom
- 20 George Long
- 21 Eugene Crabb
- 21 Daniel Luellig
- 25 'Tim' Gregory
- 26 John Mannetti
- 29 Harold Heller

September

- 1 Herbert Herman
- 1 Edward Wolf
- **4 Michael Bennett**
- 4 Joe Errante
- 4 Alan Miller
- 5 Eugene Veek
- **5 Fred Fuller**
- 6 Wayne Kirk Smith
- 7 Heather Lynn Pittman
- 10 Robert Wright
- 12 Ron Dutcher
- 13 Steven Stanger
- 24 Howard Enloe
- 24 Charles Marshall
- **26 Gary Bartlett**
- 26 Patricia Warner
- 29 Stephen Hough

UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS

2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION







USVET Convention rate of Standard Room \$79.00+TAX/night Delux Room \$99.00+TAX/night Reservation #1-800-648-5080

Use code USVET





Free hotel shuttle from airport Convenient free hotel parking RV Park on hotel property Park Reservations 1-775-789-2147



Send registration to:
Convention Activities
16 Hardy Orive
Sparks, NY 189431
CONVENTION
7579 1766-1687
Face (775) 1838-0237
Tours 2016



Ways to Register:

- Visit www.conventionactivities.com and complete registration online
 Complete registration form and
- Complete registration form and mail to above address
- mail to above address

 3. Complete registration form and fax to number above
 Totophone reservations will be accepted.
 Full payment must be received to confirm your registration. Confirmation will be sent via email, or gost.

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Convention Authorities receives the right to cancel four and refund the event, price due to weather or lack of registration.

Cancellations refunds will be handled on an incividual besis. All intrastrate fours are conducted through CPCN companies.

Please call or note on form if you have dielary or accessibility restrictions

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Historic Virginia City Tour Victorian homes, duels in the street, fortunes made and lost. Virginia City is the town that tamed the Wild West. Discover its charms, its blomistics, and its unique shopping on this fascinating tour.

Lake Tahoe Sightseeing
Luncheon Cruise
Nowhere else in the world will you find
the spectacular beauty of Lake Tahoe.

Nowhere else in the world will you find the specifacular beauty of Lake Tahne Majestic mountains, clear blue water, as an authentic paciete wheeler, combine make this fully narrated tour a "not to b missed" adventure. Lunch on-board.

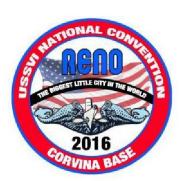


Experience a delightful day of panorarii c view as the narrated tour complements the natural beauty of Lake Tahoe. See 1920's homes, Baldwin Muscum and the Velhailla Grand Hall with its 20 toot high stone freplace, built in 1923. Box lunch at the beautiful Kiva nimia avea included.



Registration must be received by July 17, 2016

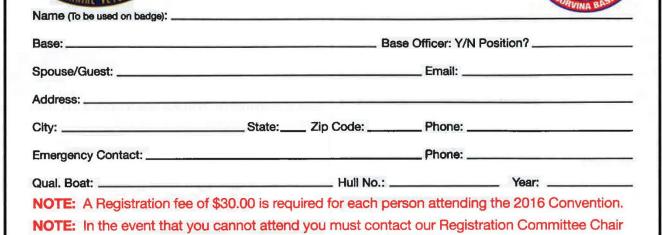
Visit our Web Site for detailed information on the 2016 Convention. www.ussviconvention.org/2016/



USSVI 2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 15th through the 20th
Grand Sierra Resort and Casino (1-800-501-2651)
2500 East 2nd Street, Reno NV 89502

2016 Convention Registration Form



NOTE: Attendance at any USSVI sponsored activity requires paid 2016 Convention Registration.

in writing prior to July 14th 2016 and request a full refund.

Date	Event	Cost	Qty	Total
	Registration Fee (Note see above)	\$30.00		\$ 0.00
Aug 16	Welcome Aboard Party	\$25.00	opt of	\$ 0.00
Aug 17	WWII & Holland Club Breakfast	\$30.00		\$ 0.00
Aug 18	Ladies Luncheon	\$35.00		\$ 0.00
Aug 18	Men's Luncheon	\$35.00		\$ 0.00
Aug 20	Awards Banquet/Entertainment			
	Grilled Salmon & Grilled Petite Filet Mignon	\$60.00		\$ 0.00
	Vegetarian (Chef's Choice)	\$60.00		\$ 0.00
Aug 20	Cash Drawing Tickets: (at Awards Banquet)			
	1 Ticket	\$5.00		\$ 0.00
	5 Tickets	\$20.00		\$ 0.00
		Grand	Total	\$ 0.00

After completing your Registration Form review and then print it prior to leaving this site.

Make Check or Money Order Payable to: 2016 USSVI National Convention

Mail Registration Form and Check or Money Order to: 2016 USSVI Convention

P.O. Box 13325 Reno, NV 89507

LEST WE FORGET THOSE STILL ON PATROL



Tolling of the Boats for July

4 USS S-28 (SS-133) 1944, 49 men lost 26 USS Robalo (SS-273) 1944, 81 men lost 30 USS Grunion (SS-216) 1942, 70 men lost

Tolling of the Boats for August

6 USS Bullhead (SS-332) 1945, 84 men lost 13 USS Flier (SS-250) 1944, 78 men lost 13 USS S-39 (SS-144) 1942, no loss of life 24 USS Harder (SS-257) 1944, 79 men lost 26 USS Cochino (SS-345) 1949, *7 men lost

Tolling of the Boats for September

1 USS S-5 (SS-110) 1920, no loss of life 9 USS Grayling (SS-209) 1943, 76 men lost 25 USS S-51 (SS-162) 1925, 33 men lost 25 USS Pompano (SS-181) 1943, 77 men lost 28 USS Cisco (SS-290) 1943, 76 men lost

*The USS Tusk rescued all of Cochino's men except for Robert Wellington Philo, a civilian engineer. Six sailors from Tusk were lost during the rescue.

DIESEL IN THE MORNING

I just love the smell of diesel in the morning.
It's almost like I'm on the boat again.
I swear I taste the diesel flavoured coffee and hear the constant banter of the men.

I close my eyes and hear the bow planes moaning like I'm laying half asleep in my old rack.
In that moment I could touch the damned torpedo that was always pressed up hard against my back.

The elixir that they poured us boys at tot time could prompt the best damned stories ever told. In the background is the dit-dah of the broadcast for yes, the boat and gear were all that old.

My ear drums almost billow like we're snorkelling; I could see their grizzled faces, if I try. Ya, I love the smell of diesel in morning 'cuz for just a moment I'm that younger guy.

Paul Hansen
President
SAOC West
Victoria, BC, Canada
Submitted by:
Jim Denzien Sr.

The OTHER Perch

Dan Marks

When we discuss our USSVI Base namesake, the USS Perch, we tend to relate to SS-176, which went on Eternal Patrol on March 3, 1942 with six men lost as POWs. Some of you might not be aware that a second USS Perch (SS-313) was commissioned on January 7, 1944, and completed seven war patrols in the Pacific involving action with both Japanese merchant ships and warships, including taking some severe depth charging. She also conducted lifeguard duty for fighters and bombers returning from raids in Japan and some commando activities ashore prior to the end of WW2.

Later, she was converted to a troop transport, including dropping a force of British Commandos in a successful raid on a train tunnel that earned Lieutenant Commander R. D. Quinn the Bronze Star, the only submarine commanding officer to receive a combat award during the Korean War. She also participated in numerous reconnaissance, search and rescue operations, and amphibious landings during the war in Vietnam.

I had the honor of discussing the USS Perch (SS-313) with Allen Dahmer, a retired Chief Signalman, who participated as a Beachmaster during some of her transport training activities in Hawaii and Alaska in 1956 and 1957. He shared a news article with photos of the Marine platoon in the boat. Diesel boats are cramped with the normal crew, but she carried both the crew and the platoon. I thought hot bunking was tough on my nuke boat! She also commonly had a large hanger on her aft deck that could carry amphibious boats or a helicopter, similar to what you now see on the new generation submarines when carrying special forces. I wonder if the Marines knew that the diesel boat coffee pots were hardpiped into the sanitary tank. The old submariners always told me that backleakage while blowing san tanks is what made the coffee "special."

Allen also discussed his cousin Dennis Gilbert, TM2(SS), who served on the Batfish (SS-310), Sennet (SS-408), Chivo (SS-341), Picuda (SS-382), Abraham Lincoln (SSBN-602), and the Entemedor (SS-340). Dennis was a member of the Redfish Base USSVI in Slidell, LA and passed on Eternal Patrol on March 28, 2014. "Sailor, rest your oar, we have the watch."



Photos & Captions: Story by SGT. Bob McLean, photos by SSGT. Hank Head, "Silent Approach By Sub Recon." Windward Marine USMC Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, HI 30 March1956: 4-5

COLD WAR RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE

Anyone who served from Sept. 2, 1945 through Dec. 26, 1991 is eligible to receive a Cold War Recognition Certificate. Listed below is the information necessary to apply along with the required documentation:

- The easiest way to apply is via the internet at http://coldwar.army.mil.
- If you do not have access to the internet you can mail the documents to CWRS, 4035 Ridgetop Road, Fairfax, VA 22030-7445 or fax the information to 1-800-723-9262.
- Documentation required:
 - The name of the recipient.
 - o Social Security Number, Military Service Number, or Foreign Service Number.
 - Dates of Service.
 - Some examples of acceptable documents are:
 - LES for military
 - DD-214
 - Travel Orders
 - You must send documentation even if you are still active duty military or a government employee.
 - SEND COPIES ONLY! No documents will be returned. The copy does not require notarization.
- Your certificate will arrive approximately 20 weeks after approval.
- Only one certificate per person. This certificate will only have the name of the recipient, no rank or title.
- All privacy act data will be used ONLY for the purpose of identification of eligibility. Documents will be handled with care and destroyed as soon as practical.
- DO NOT SEND MONEY
- No associated medal has been authorized or issued at this time.
- You can request this certificate on behalf of a relative (living or deceased).

U.S. SUBMARINE FORCE COLD WAR



REACH

VETERANS WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY ARE NOW SERVING OUR CLASSROOMS

A PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR HIRING VETERANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF THOSE
THAT SERVED OUR COUNTRY WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE
TO BE GUEST TEACHER SUBSTITUTES IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA.

GET PAID WHILE YOU GET CERTIFIED

















ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
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2016 Perch Base Operations Supporters

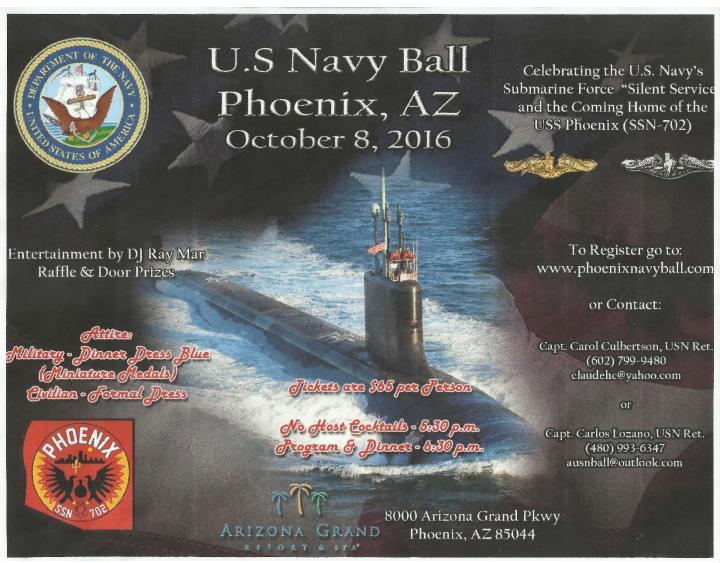
These are the Base members and Friends who donate monies or efforts to allow for Base operations while keeping our dues low and avoid raising money through member labor as most other organizations do.

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Glenn Posniack

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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





(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.