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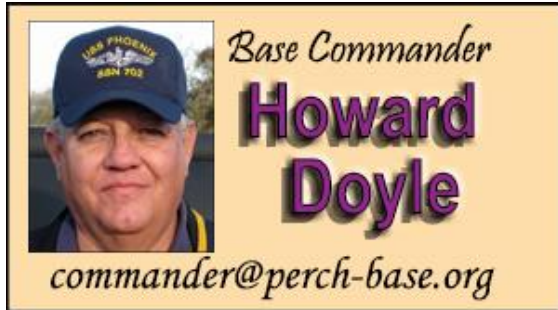
Our organization's purpose is . . .

"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."



From "Snipes Castle"

Again, the summer is upon us, even if we are not ready for it; little league baseball games, dance recitals, 114 degrees with only 7% humidity, I really love living here in Arizona. Along with summer comes the annual parade in Prescott, this year on Saturday, the 6th of July. When we have

the details as to where we will stage, we will put out a Flash Traffic. I will take the float up on the morning of the parade as motel rooms are almost impossible to locate in the Prescott area because of the rodeo. After the parade, Tom Warner and his wife are having a "FREE" cookout at their home for anyone wanting to attend. It is always a great gathering and a nice way to wind down after the parade. A map to Tom's house will be with the Flash Traffic.

The national USSVI convention is coming up in August and the deadline for signing up is fast approaching; so, if you plan on attending, now is the time to get your application in.



This past March after being elected Vice Commander, I attended the 2019 Western Regional Roundup representing Perch Base. During the 4-day Annual Meeting in Laughlin, NV there were two meetings of particular interest. The format was round table workshop sessions on recruitment of new members and retention of current and future members.

Perch Base has been effective in recruiting new members through public events such as parades, school static displays, Memorial Day and Pearl Harbor Remembrance events.

The monthly Perch Base meetings over the past year have had an average attendance of 43 members per meeting. Perch Base currently has 180 members. The Perch Base webpage and the "MidWatch" has information on a carpool and ride sharing program, the meeting dates and location.

The Perch Base Officers are open to member suggestions on what you as a base member would like to see as part of our monthly meetings. I encourage all base members to email your ideas of what you would to see as part of the meeting agenda, or complaint with the meeting format, to vice-commander@perch-base.org or bring it up at the monthly meeting.



I am always adding content to the website. Since the last MidWatch, I have added photos of the Memorial Day/Tolling of the Boats Ceremony, Flagstaff Armed Forces Day parade, a Happy 55th USSVI Birthday (chartered), photos from the Annual Picnic, an article on the main page about moving Capt. Dick Noreika, the addition of an eternal patrol obituary page for Dewey

Reed, the vintage 1996 cookbook “Dishes From the Deep,” the installation of George Woods as the Vice Commander, the induction of Vic Van Horn into the Holland Club. Also, posting the Western Regional Roundup photos, posting the 2019 Scholarship information, posting the April 11 Submarine Force Birthday. If you haven’t seen these photos, I suggest a peek.

During the past 3 months, there were 3,642-page views on the Perch Base website during 1,396 sessions by 799 users based on Google Analytics.

If you use Facebook, we have 51 of our members that are also signed up our Facebook page, “Perch Base, United States Submarine Veterans Inc.” The Rideshare/Carpooling effort now has its first two successes. Thanks to our Membership Chairman, Jim Andrews who provided the pickup service to two different members for two different events.



Having trouble reading websites? Wondering why they design them using such small text? Fortunately, there is an easy tool to fix this and it is supported by all browsers. By opening the browsers menu (usually shown as three horizontal or vertical dots or lines) you will see zoom with a ‘+’ and ‘-’ next to it. Clicking the + will zoom in and the – will zoom out.

You can also use your mouse wheel by holding the ctrl key and scrolling up to zoom in, or down to zoom out. And to make it even easier, you can use your keyboard.

Again, holding the ctrl key you can press the ‘+’ sign to zoom in, or the ‘-’ sign to zoom out plus you get the added bonus of pressing the 0 (zero) key to reset to your default setting (usually 100%). Using the keys will work with either your number pad or the keys above the letters and it doesn’t matter if you use the right or left ctrl key.

Extra tip: The mouse wheel will also work for your office suite programs such as Word or Excel.



THE MILITARY WIFE VOWS I SHOULD HAVE SAID....

I, _____, take you to be my lawfully wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness (with a Tricare referral) and in health, until deployments do us part. I do solemnly swear to be your wife.

I promise to remember:

Remember your social security, so much so, that I will forget mine,
Remember how to get around on base without any street signs,
Remember the name of your co-worker what's-his-name?
Remember that the only constant thing in military life is change.

I promise to remind you:

Remind you that we have a skype date,
Remind you not to forget your cover/pt belt/I.D.,
Remind you when birthdays or anniversaries, or other special memories are coming up.
Remind you that I'm not here to wash your stinky uniform.
Remind you that I love you regardless of your stinky uniform.

I promise to move:

Move houses, move cars,
Move furniture, move careers,
Move away from family,
Move away from friends,
Move towards a new adventure with you!!!

I promise to try:

Try to make friends at each new duty station,
Try to be more patient with the obstacles the military throws at us
Try to have fun at the mandatory fun command-sponsored events
Try to keep trying when times get rough.

I promise to wait:

Wait for you during deployment,
Wait for orders, wait for housing,
Wait for phone calls, wait for our forever home,
Wait for that 'first kiss' all over again.

I promise to live:

Live with the white walls,
Live with the uniform gear that takes over the hallway closet,
Live with the piece of furniture that movers scratched,
Live and find a place to store all of our precious memories,

I promise to be there:

Be there at your promotion ceremonies,
Be there for the kids when you're gone,
Be there at the pier when you return,
Be there on face time,
Be there for you whenever you need me.

I promise to love:

Love you for the life we create together, not the life we left behind,
Love you for you, not your uniform,
Love you for who you are today, not who I want you to be.



Worst Nightmare

In late October 1985, Swordfish was delayed in departing Pearl Harbor due to the failure of the drain pump. A replacement was obtained from USS Skate, in the shipyard for decommissioning, but Swordfish put to sea before the pump was fully connected and tested, and the crew could not get the pump

to operate. Since the engine room bilges could not be pumped, by the evening of 23 October, the first day at sea, the water in the engine room lower level bilge was over the deck plates (more than four feet). The crew tried to use a portable submersible pump but were not successful.

When the water level got high enough to get up into the bottoms of the motors for the main lube oil pumps, causing grounds, the captain came aft and saw the situation and decided to take the boat shallow to allow pumping bilges. When the planesmen put a slight up-angle on the boat to come shallow the water in the bilges instantly rushed aft, greatly increasing its effect on trim (this is known as "free surface effect", later classes of subs have flood control bulkheads in engineroom lower level to prevent this) and causing an up-angle of about 45 degrees.

When "fire in engineroom lower level" was announced, due to water in the main lube oil pump motors, a man in the aft end of engineroom upper level opened the watertight door into the stern room, which swung into the stern room, to retrieve a fire extinguisher. Just then the up angle increased dramatically, and the bilge water began pouring in. The door was shut before the boat surfaced. With the boat on an even keel, the water came up to the deadlight in the door.

The maneuvering watchstanders began to take the immediate actions for loss of shaft lube oil; the throttleman began to shut the throttles for the main engines. Without propulsion, the extreme up-angle caused the ship to quickly stop and begin moving backwards, sinking stern first. When the fire was announced, the Engineer had gone to Maneuvering (the control center of the engine room). He saw the depth gauge indicating a rapid increase in depth, ordered "Ahead Full" on his own initiative, and opened the starboard forward throttle himself in an effort to drive the ship to the surface. In Control, the Captain saw similar indications, and ordered "Blow Aft!". Before the Chief of the Watch could initiate the blow on the aft group the up angle became so steep that he was unable to maintain footing and slid to the rear of the Control compartment. He quickly climbed back up to the emergency blow "chicken switches" and opened the after-group valve.

Swordfish surfaced successfully. However, during the up angle the freshwater drain collecting tank vents were submerged and sucked contaminated water into the feed system. The steam generator water could not

be analyzed immediately because nucleonics laboratory in the stern room had been inundated by the wave of bilge water. After a while, the leading ELT found the necessary reagents and analyzed samples from both steam generators on the top hat in reactor compartment upper level. By this time the boat was in direct communication with Naval Reactors, which ordered the reactor shut down and cooled down and steam generators drained and refilled. The emergency diesel generator, located in engine room lower level, initially had water in the generator from the incident but it was drained, and the diesel was online before the reactor was shut down. The reactor was cooled down and steam generators were blown down with service air and refilled until all fresh water on the boat was exhausted, which was a couple of hours before arriving back in Pearl Harbor. Subsequent analysis of steam generator water revealed no leakage of reactor coolant into the steam generators.

Three of the boat's four air conditioning compressors were shut down as part of the rig for reduced electrical. The temperature in the ship exceeded 80 °F (27 °C) with near 100% humidity for the several hours required for a tugboat to be dispatched from Pearl Harbor and tow Swordfish home. The tugboat, USS Reclaimer arrived the next morning and began the tow around noon, arriving back in Pearl Harbor just after midnight.

The actions of the Chief of the Watch and the Engineer saved Swordfish and her crew. The boat spent the rest of 1985 in port making repairs and returned to sea in January 1986, making a successful deployment to the western Pacific later in 1986.



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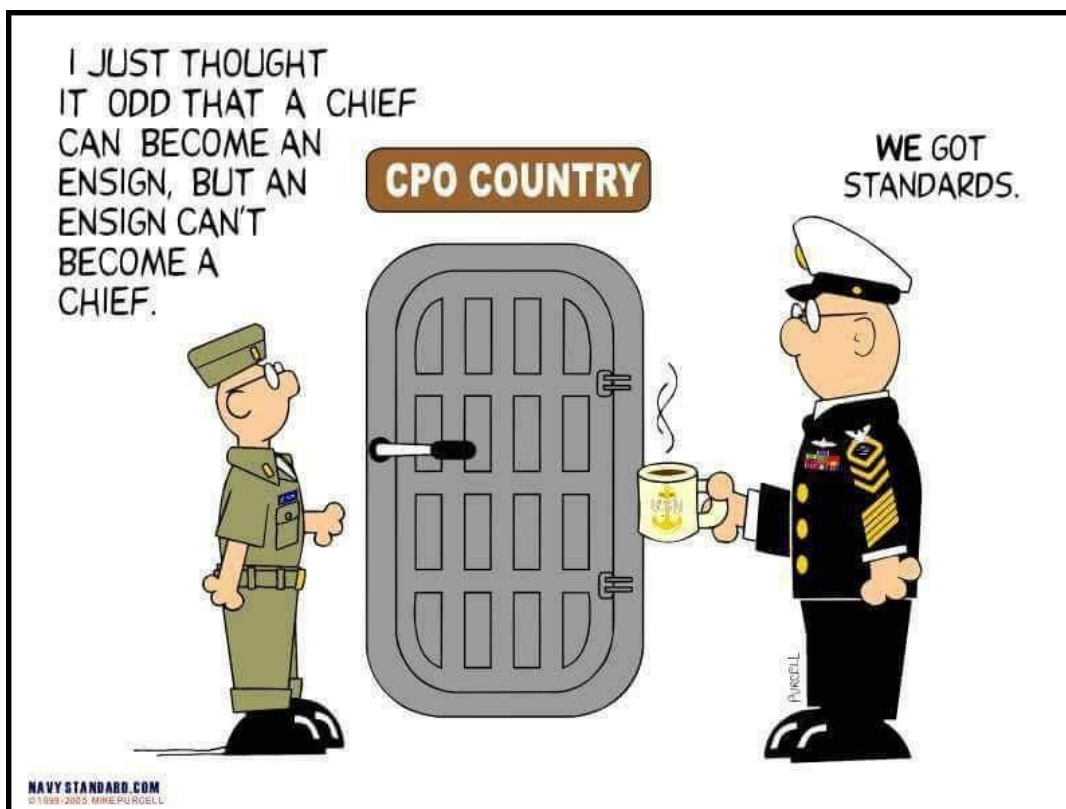
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A very rich man once found the way that he could take it with him when he died. So, he called in 3 men, a surface sailor an airdale and a submariner.

After explaining the process to them, he gave each of them 1/3 of his wealth, with strict instructions that it be deposited in his grave as he was buried. Well, the day came, and each man dutifully deposited his package into the grave, as the casket was being covered.

Later, while having a few drinks, the surface sailor burst out and explained that he had to confess, that he had kept out \$20,000. At that point the airdale wiped his brow and acknowledged that he too had retained some of the funds - \$30K in his case. The two men then turned to look at the sub sailor. As he set his beer down, the submariner calmly looked each of them in the eye and said "No, I did not keep out anything . . . I wrote that check for the full amount".

U.S. Undersea Warfare News

3-year overhaul at Puget Sound shipyard propels USS Maine back to service

Josh Farley, Kitsap Sun Online, June 14

BREMERTON -- Another of the Navy's ballistic missile submarines has gotten a new lease on life thanks to nearly three years' worth of work at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

The USS Maine recently emerged capable of 20 additional years of service, enabling the Navy to shore up its top priority of "strategic deterrence" with a submarine capable of stealthy nuclear strikes.

The refueling of the Maine's nuclear reactor required 700,000 worker-days of maintenance and cost \$371 million. The submarine was commissioned in 1995.

"The slogan 'Remember the Maine' is often attributed to this ship's name," Chris Byron, the shipyard's project superintendent, said, referencing the rallying cry after the former ship Maine sank in Havana harbor in 1898, precipitating the Spanish-American War. "And (it's) a fitting slogan to carry forward as we continue our journey to new projects and jobs in the shipyard."

The Maine and its 13 fellow "boomers" of the Ohio-class are the largest submarines the country has built. Each can carry 20 Trident ballistic missiles with "multiple, independently targeted warheads," according to the Department of Defense. (It is customary that before the work like the USS Maine's overhaul, the submarine's nuclear weapons are deposited at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor for safekeeping).

Eight of the 14 subs, including the Maine, are homeported at Naval Base-Kitsap Bangor. Their role: provide a decisive counterstrike should the need ever arise — creating, as the Navy calls it, "strategic deterrence."

The Navy views strategic deterrence as its top priority. In the country's "nuclear triad" —consisting of the subs, bombers and land launchers — it is the "most survivable leg," given its clandestine location under the waves.

But there was a time not long ago the Navy was unsure how it would bridge the Ohio class to the next generation of strategic deterrence submarine, which has been branded the Columbia class.

The 12 submarines of the new class are expected to join the fleet between 2031 and 2042, according to the Department of Defense's Inspector General in a report in June 2018. The Navy budget proposal for 2020 includes about \$2.3 billion in funding, on the road to an estimated \$313 billion for the whole program, according to the United States Naval Institute.

In the meantime, the Ohio-class must stick it out. The first "Engineered Refueling Overhaul" was the USS Ohio in 2002 and will conclude at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard — which has conducted nine of them — with the USS Louisiana, scheduled for 2021, according to the Inspector General report.

In 2015, the Navy formally designated strategic deterrence its top priority. Commanders of shipyards, including Puget Sound's, did the same for maintenance of them, placing the subs above aircraft carriers in importance, the inspector general's report said.

Navy leaders prioritized the Ohio-class overhauls after the USS Nebraska's took 40 months ending in 2017. On June 3, the Maine completed what was expected to be a 30-month overhaul in 32 months, still eight months shaved off the time it took for the Nebraska.

Shipyards officials said the Maine's overhaul included a number of innovations in the process of completing the work, along with better methods for "removing the superstructure, completing refueling hull cuts, installing shielding and employing a new training model and problem-solving strategy that halved the number of issues that arose on previous projects."

Cianbro wins \$12.2M contract at Portsmouth Navy Shipyard

Dave Kovaleski, Homeland Preparedness News, June 19

Cianbro was awarded a \$12.2 million contract to expand the warehouse facility at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) in Portsmouth, N.H.

"I have long advocated for the Navy to address the modernization needs at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and I am so pleased to announce that the contract has been officially awarded for this critically needed upgrade," U.S. Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME), a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said.

The funding for the project was included in the fiscal year 2019 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill, which was signed into law in September of 2018.

"PNSY is critical to southern Maine's economy and our national security," Collins continued. "This expansion will help ensure the readiness of our nation's submarine fleet and provide valuable support to the hardworking employees at the shipyard as they repair and modernize Navy submarines."

The warehouse facility will help the shipyard receive, inspect, and distribute submarine components for worldwide fleet support.

Collins, a member of the Senate Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, has long championed the funding for this project.

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's primary mission is to overhaul, repair and modernize the US Navy's submarine fleet.

Previous Quarter Highlights

Second Quarter events for Perch Base.

For more Pictures and details check out our [website](#).

Perch Base Annual Picnic

April 13, 2019 the base held its Annual Picnic meeting. Some members from Tautog Base (Casa Grande) and Gudgeon Base (Prescott Valley) joined us.



Ceremonies included Western Region District 1 Commander Vic Van Horn awarding our Perch Base Commander, Howard Doyle, his Base Commander Manual.

The celebrations included a cake celebrating The "Submarine Force Birthday". Holland VI was purchased by the U.S. government for the sum of \$150,000 on 11 April 1900 from John Phillip Holland's Holland Torpedo Boat Company.



Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)

Flagstaff Armed Forces Day Parade



A good turnout of Perch Base Members and wives participated in the 13th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Flagstaff on Saturday, May 18, 2019. The parade theme was "veteran pride."

Memorial Day



Perch Base USSVI participated in Memorial Day Ceremonies at the National Cemetery of Arizona on Monday, May 27, 2019.

Following the general Memorial Day Ceremony, Perch Base SubVets performed the Tolling of the Boats ceremony.



Upcoming Events

Remember to check the [Perch Base website](#) and watch for Flash Traffic emails for the most up-to-date information.

Prescott Frontier Days© rodeo parade

Saturday, July 6, staging at 0800, roll at 0900
Parade Theme: "Authentic Western Tradition(s)"
Sherry and Tom Warner of Gudgeon Base will sponsor a BBQ at their house after the parade. Left click [here](#) for a Google map.

Monthly General Meetings

Saturday's, July 13, August 10, & September 14
At Dillon's KC Bar-B-Que restaurant
[20585 North 59th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona.](#)
(Left click address, above, for a Google map to Dillon's.)
The official meeting starts at Noon but come join us at 1100 for lunch!
50/50 Raffle drawing (Must be present to win).

2019 USSVI National Convention

Wednesday, August 14 to Tuesday, August 20, 2019
Information, Registration and the hotel room block are available on the convention website: ussviconvention.org/2019

Gudgeon Base Picnic

Saturday, September 21, 1100 to 1500
Escape the Phoenix heat at the Gudgeon Base Picnic at Bob Edwards Park in Prescott Valley, AZ
[7201 E Long Look Drive, Prescott Valley, AZ](#)
(Left click address, above, for a Google map to Bob Edwards Park.)

Deadline for the Winter Quarter MidWatch

Friday, September 20, 2019
All input must be into Chuck Luna, Perch Base [Communications Officer](#), to be included in the next MidWatch Newsletter to be published on Friday, October 4, 2019.

Luke AFB Retiree Appreciation Day

Saturday, October 26, 0800 to 1130
Luke AFB Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) will be held at the Navy Operational Support Center (Building 300).

Third Quarter Birthdays

JULY

1 Mike Olsen
2 David Heighway
2 Carl Miner
5 Leo Avalos
7 Bernard Juracka
7 Wayne Braastad
8 Chuck Luna
12 Jim Foote
16 Nick Povio
21 Richard Bernier
22 Bill Woolcott
25 Larry Speight
27 Forrest Watson
30 Howard Goldman
31 Jack Messersmith

AUGUST

1 Angus McPherson
3 Raymond Marshall
5 John Carpentier
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 Robert Roberts
20 Jim Trail
20 Robert Wilson
21 Eugene Crabb
21 Daniel Luellig
25 Tim Gregory
26 John Mannetti
26 Jack Patterson
29 Harold Heller

SEPTEMBER

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



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



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(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.

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Base Ride Share

In need of a ride to a base meeting or event?

Like to help a shipmate in need of a lift?

Please contact:

Dan Marks at webmaster@perch-base.org

Or

Marcus Hensley at storekeeper@perch-base.org

Scholarships Available

Do you know a young adult who is the son, daughter, step son, step daughter, grandson, granddaughter or under the legal guardianship of a Regular Member in good standing of Perch Base who could use extra money for schooling? (Not just college.) See the Perch Base instruction on our website at

http://www.perch-base.org/Total_Perch_Base_Scholarship_Package.pdf

for details.) You can also access the instructions in the Navigation Menu in the upper left corner of any Perch Base webpage and drop down to "Docs and Forms".

The deadline is July 31 so don't delay!

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

2019 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 Allston	Robert Gregg	Frank Morris
Ken Anderson	Tom Gregory	John Mosher
Jim Andrews	Kelly Grissom	Brent Nelson
Steven Balthazor	Mike Haler	Jim Nelson
Richard Bernier	Robert Hayball	Donald Robertson
Ronald Beyer	David Heighway	Robie Robinson
Edgar Brooks	Harry Heller	Russy Rutowski
John Carpentier	Glenn Harold	Pete Sattig
John Cash	Davy Jones	Emil Schoonejans
Anthony Christianson	Governor Joy	Rick Simmons
Roger Cousin	David Kleinz	Wayne Smith
Eugene Crabb	Charles Kotan	Steve Stanger
Don Demarte	Doug LaRock	William Tippet
Jim Denzien	Bob Lancendorfer	Jim Tolsma
Mary Denzien	DeWayne Lober	James Trail
Billy DeShong	Burtis Loftin	Chris Urness
Howard Doyle	Dan Marks	Janice VanHorn
Charles Emmett	Charles Marshall	Victor VanHorn
Howard Enloe	Ray Marshall	James Wall
Douglas Ewen	Dennis McComb	Joshua Whitmore
Tom Farley	Angus McPherson	Bill Woolcott
George Gillette	Ken Meeks	John Zaichkin
	Alan Miller	