



Base Commander
Chuck Emmett

For the past few quarterly issues, the printing and distribution of our Base newsletter, the "MidWatch," has been erratic and unpredictable. There's a couple of reasons this has happened.

First, we were trying to pass the job, with all of its quirks and complicated idiosyncrasies over to a new editor for the newsletter. After many years of producing the MidWatch, it was time to pass this responsibility on to get fresh ideas in place. Looking back, the timing for this transfer was less-than-perfect, but once we were into it, we had to keep going.

Second, early on I lost the master copy of the entire newsletter -- attachments, photographs, everything -- to places unknown so not retrievable. We had to start over by first re-creating the missing MidWatch when the second one was just about due to come out itself.

By far, the biggest challenge I and the Base faced was the selection of the MidWatch editor. The Base Treasurer, David Heighway, stepped up and volunteered to take on the additional duties. I should have said "no. The Treasurer is one of the busiest Base jobs by itself. And here, David wanted to take on another equally "hueveous busting" job.

The Base officers said to go ahead and see what happens. It didn't work out. Not because David and the others weren't working very, very hard, it just was too much with different tasks to get everything done. And members decided they wanted a life. Go figure!

Another Base officer, Chuck Luna, Base Historian, normally has a very light task load. He will take on the duties of Communications Officer with me available as his backup. We will not be back on track this year, but we should have an issue out within a week and the final 2015 issue later next month. 2016 should be on track and great!

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."



Celebrate With Your Shipmates!

October Birthdays November Birthdays December Birthdays

1-Michael Haler
5-Kenneth Anderson
6-Robie Robinson
8-Jim Andrews
8-Jim Nelson
10-John Cash
10-Robert Lents
22-Albert Landeck
23-Billy Deshong
26-Jim Paper
27-Bill Larime
29-James W Newman
31-Martin Zipser

2-Nicholas Daley
3-Ed Schafer
5-Bill Maida
6-Mike Keating
9-Charles Hooper
11-Larry Rankin
14-William Tippet
15-Larry Ruggles
17-Harry Ellis
21-Samuel Mecham
25-Roger Miller
30-Bob Gilmore, Jr.

4-Paul Miller
5-Ronald Beyer
12-Walter Blomgren
12-James Cooper
12-Pete Sattig
12-Lou Reynolds
12-Ronald Zomok
16-Don Unser
20-Chuck Emmett
22-Thomas Fooshee
22-Karl Krull
26-Ken Meeks
28-DeWayne Lober
29-Dale Holland
29-Gary Waterbury
31-Dewey Reed





The annual dues drive is in full swing, but we still need all Perch Members to submit payment and get ahead of this so no one goes “DINK”. Remember, by getting your Perch dues in before the 31st of October gives you a shot at having your base dues paid for 2017. If you are a member who tends to put things off, remember that dues paid after January 1st will cost an extra \$5.00 dink charge for your base dues. National dues will cost an extra \$10.00 (a \$5.00 dink charge and the \$5.00 increase in National dues taking effect on 1/1/2016).

I am not going to forget those of you who do not pay any dues (you lucky stiff) because you are Life Members. As I said in the letters I sent every member, Perch Base cannot survive on dues alone. We need everyone to dig into their pocket and donate what your conscience dictates. Every amount helps. Besides, it is tax deductible.

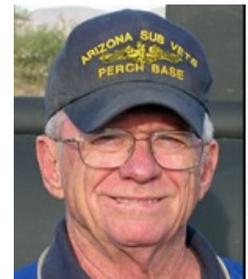
For those of you who have paid your dues and/or made a donation, the Perch Base Members Thank You!!!



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I appreciate the vote of confidence you have expressed in me by reelecting me as your District Commander for another two years. As in the past, I will continue to work for the betterment of all the bases in District 1. Perch Base, with nearly 170 members, needs to continue a leadership position in the District. We, in Perch, are the “Parent” of all Arizona bases. Let us show all of the rest how “we lead”. Look ahead for next year’s convention to be held in Reno, NV in mid-August 2016. It is so close to home that we need to go in large numbers to have a good showing.

Participate in your base. Without all of us we will not continue to grow. We need you!!!



During the past quarter, there were about 10,202 page views on our Perch Base website. I continue to be staggered by the magnitude of the traffic and about 18% of that traffic is from within Arizona, so I will assume that is from YOU.

The PERCH BASE WEBSITE, <http://www.perch-base.org>, 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 parades and static display opportunities with the USS PHOENIX, SSN-702 float. Additionally, the CALENDAR link, http://www.perch-base.org/Hot_Items/Newsletter_calendar.pdf, at the top of the HOT ITEMS page also includes member birthdays and anniversary dates of boats on Eternal Patrol.

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. If you missed a meeting, you will find out what happened in the MEETING MINUTES page, http://www.perch-base.org/regular_meeting_minutes/Minutes_Selection.htm, and everything you need to know about the next meeting, such as date, time and location, is on the left column of almost every page.

http://www.perch-base.org/Base_Videos/Submarine_Videos_01.htm

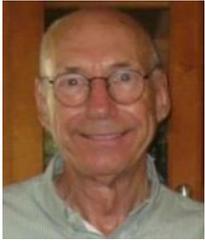
The website also includes links to entertaining, humorous and historical informational videos (http://www.perch-base.org/Base_Videos/Submarine_Videos_01.htm), such as The Silent Service TV series, first aired in 1957 and 1958. Those videos were probably a major influence on your webmaster becoming a submariner! You can even learn about our Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures by clicking the POLICIES/PROCEDURES button (http://www.perch-base.org/Policies_Procedures/Policies_Procedures.htm) in the left column of almost every page. You can get Base Officers Names and Contact Information by clicking the BASE OFFICERS button (<http://www.perch-base.org/Base-Officers.htm>) in the left column of almost every page.

Believe it, or not, we are still finding new information about lost boats, even those lost during WW2. I have maintained communication with the Director of Education & Outreach at the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum to update our Eternal Patrol page (http://www.perch-base.org/Eternal_Patrol.htm).

The website meets the newest HTML5 coding standard and conforms to standards that ensure the content can be accessed by people with disabilities.

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 John Mosher's post and pictures from his recent trip to The Submarine Force Museum & Library in Groton, CT.

You can reach me at webmaster@perch-base.org, or talk to me at a meeting.



Member News

Phoenix Veterans Day Parade 2015 Grand Marshall (Cold War Era: 1945-1991)

Congratulations to Perch Base and Holland Club Member, Charles Marshall.

For 2015, the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade will have several Grand Marshals who represent various conflict eras.

Charles was selected as the Cold War Era (1945 to 1991) Grand Marshal. He was nominated by his daughter, Amy Satterfield. Nominators provided complete write-ups about the Veteran, including where they served, what conflicts they were in, medals and awards earned, how military service impacted their life, and touching requests about why they should be selected as a marshal this year.

A bio based on Amy's application can be viewed by visiting the www.Perch-Base.org homepage and following the provided link.

The Perch Base's USS Phoenix (SSN-702) float and members also participated and received the 1st place trophy for "Service Volunteer Organization Float". This award was received by Perch Base Vice Commander Richard Kunze and Past Base Commander Howard Doyle at a special awards dinner on November 18th.

VICE COMMANDER/COB RICHARD KUNZE



It is unbelievable that last quarter of 2015 is already here. Halloween, Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays will be upon us before we know it. But, we must not forget Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Day. Veterans Day is one of the most important days of the year for our base.

We have a static display of our float and three parades in which we participate every year for Veterans Day. I encourage each member to check your calendar and attend as many as you can. All of these happen before our November monthly base meeting. For new members, we do not walk in parades: we ride.

December 7th is Pearl Harbor Day, when we participate in the Pearl Harbor Remembrance ceremony at Wesley Bolin Plaza. We present wreaths for the Submarine Veterans of World War II and Perch Base.

If you need transportation to one of the events contact one of the base officers.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

LEST WE FORGET THOSE STILL ON PATROL

Tolling of the Boats for October

3 October 1944 - *USS Seawolf, SS197* - 100 men lost
7 October 1943 - *USS S-44, SS155* - 56 men lost
11 October 1943 - *USS Wahoo, SS238* - 80 men lost
12 October 1943 - *USS Dorado, SS248* - 77 men lost
17 October 1944 - *USS Escolar, SS294* - 82 men lost
24 October 1944 - *USS Shark, SS314* - 87 men lost
24 October 1944 - *USS Darter, SS227* - no loss of life
25 October 1944 - *USS Tang, SS306* - 78 men lost and 9 survivors who became POWs
29 October 1923 - *USS O-5, SS66* - 3 men lost

Tolling of the Boats for November

7 November 1944 - *USS Albacore, SS218* - 85 men lost
8 November 1944 - *USS Growler, SS215* - 86 men lost
16 November 1943 - *USS Corvina, SS226* - 82 men lost
16 November 1944 - *USS Scamp, SS277* - 83 men lost
19 November 1943 - *USS Sculpin, SS191* - 12 men lost, 72 men taken POW of which only 21 survived the war

Tolling of the Boats for December

2 December 1943 - *USS Capelin, SS289* - 78 men lost
10 December 1941 - *USS Sealion, SS195* - 5 men lost
17 December 1917 - *USS F-1, SS20* - 19 men lost
17 December 1927 - *USS S-4, SS109* - 40 men lost

Tolling of the Boats for January

5 January 1944 - *USS Scorpion, SS278* - 77 men lost
10 January 1943 - *USS Argonaut, SS166* - 102 men lost
12 January 1945 - *USS Swordfish, SS193* - 89 men lost
20 January 1942 - *USS S-36, SS141* - no loss of life



THE YOUNGEST FATALITY OF WORLD WAR II

Rubin MacNeil Raiford of Georgetown, SC is purported to be the youngest serviceman to pay the ultimate sacrifice during World War II.

Rubin enlisted on October 13, 1942, at the age of thirteen and was subsequently assigned to the submarine, *USS TANG* (SS306), one of our most famous submarines of the war. During her short life, *TANG* made five war patrols one of which was spent on lifeguard duty. During the other four patrols, *TANG* sank more enemy vessels than any submarine during the war. For their daring exploits, her Captain, CDR Richard H. O’Kane was awarded the Medal of Honor.

On the night of October 23, 1944 in the Straits of Formosa, *TANG* was completing a very successful fifth war patrol. While proceeding on the surface, *TANG* fired her last torpedo at an enemy ship. Immediately after firing the torpedo, it malfunctioned and began a circular run to the left, striking *TANG* on the after port side. *TANG* began to sink immediately in 180 feet of water taking with her the lives of 77 gallant submariners including one CS2(SS) Rubin MacNeil Raiford at age 15 years, 5 months and 11 days.



Arizona Silent Service Memorial

ASSM UPDATE

Fundraising has started!

Visit the ASSM website at: ArizonaSilentServiceMemorial.org

Buy a brick! This is a great way "To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country".



2015 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 N. Allston	Glenn A. Herold	Pete Sattig
Kenneth R. Anderson	Theodore Hunt	Donald Schafer
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Reynaldo F. Atos	Mike Keating	Carl Scott
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Eldon L. Hartman	Robie Robinson	
Harry Heller	Larry D. Ruggles	

Shipmates,

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as your new communications officer. As the communications officer, my highest priority is to ensure that everyone receives USSVI and Perch Base information in a timely manner. But in order to do this I will need your help. Any change in address, phone number or email will either slow down or make it impossible for us to get any notifications to you, so please take a moment and make sure that your contact information is up to date. Those of you with an email account can just send the corrected info to communications@perch-base.org. If you do not have an email account then either see me or one of the other officers at a meeting so we can update our records. I look forward to serving you this coming new year.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Chuck Luna



Treasurer

Outgoing Newsletter Editor

David Heighway

With the Membership Renewal drive underway, Perch Base Funds are increasing. However, dues alone do not pay the bills. If you have not yet thought of doing so, Please consider donating to the Base. Credit/Debit cards can be used if you see Marcus Hensley, Base Storekeeper. Make sure Jim Andrews, Membership Chair, is kept informed of Dues and Donations!

As this is my last go-around as the MidWatch Editor, I will state that I have learned much about the need for this great communication tool for our base to stay informed. Please give Chuck Luna your full support and input to make future MidWatch issues more fully your newsletter.



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

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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.

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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

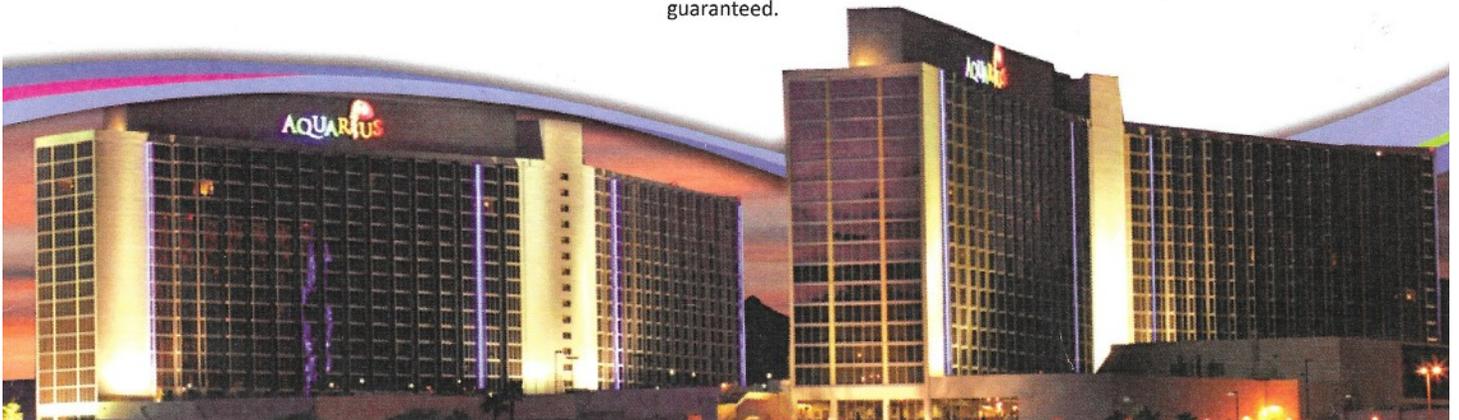
FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL

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.



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

Name (To be used on badge): _____ Base Officer: Y/N Position? _____

Spouse/Guest: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Qual. Boat: _____ Hull No.: _____ Year: _____

NOTE: A Registration fee of \$30.00 is required for each person attending the 2016 Convention. After July 14th the Registration fee increases to \$50.00 per person.

NOTE: In the event that you cannot attend you must contact our Registration Committee Chair in writing prior to July 14th 2016 and request a full refund.

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

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

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

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Upcoming Events

Perch Base Calendar

Monday, December 7, 2015

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremony to be held on Monday, December 7, 2015, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the , Wesley Bolin Plaza, 17th St & Washington, Phoenix, AZ

Perch Base members will place two wreaths, one for the Submarine Veterans of World War II and the other for the United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI).

Saturday, January 23, 2016

Perch Base Annual Awards Banquet:

Save the date, January 23, 2016, 6PM, for the Perch Base Annual Awards Banquet. It will be held at the same location and time as last year, the Pebble Creek Tuscan Country Club, 16262 Clubhouse Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85395

- 1. Take the I-10 westbound to the "Pebble Creek Parkway."*
- 2. "Pebble Creek Parkway" northbound to "Clubhouse Drive." Left on "Clubhouse Drive."*
- 3. You will come to a manned gatehouse. 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 Tuscan Country Club sign.*
- 5. Turn right and see a parking lot on the right. Enter this lot and continue through towards the far end.*
- 6. Park as available.*
- 7. 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 no-host cocktails and social hour.

Second Saturday of the Month

Perch Base regular meetings are held the Second Saturday of the month at Dillon's KC Bar-B-Que Restaurant Arrowhead, 20585 North 59th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona.

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

50/50 Raffle Drawing held each meeting. Must be present to win!



