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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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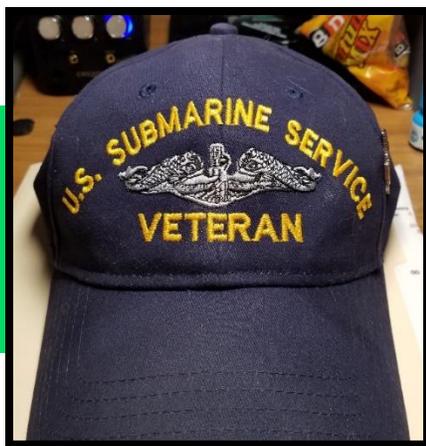




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Well, you my shipmates in Perch Base have done it! By so many indicators, our Base is on track to have the best year ever! We're up to 170 members – the biggest crew ever for Perch Base and firmly planting us in the USSVI "Big Boy" Class I category. It almost seems like we add members at each monthly meeting.

So what's the reason for the growing spurt? Because we are interested in our Base and it's contagious to those submariners we talk to who haven't yet joined USSVI. We show our spirit by what we wear, proud to have our custom (front and back) hat.



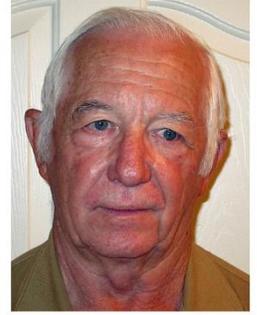
But we are an active Base and plan to remain that way. Our static displays and parades, both with the USS Phoenix float, are a great way to pal around with each other and talk to the public about who we are and what we did. If you haven't participated in these, you really should. It's sometimes amazing to people when we crack open the door to the, "Silent Service."

But what else has changed. We (and I mean a group of us) finally came to the long delayed "discovery" of putting in the Base and members for awards and recognition. It was worth it. A "Golden Anchor" for the Base and a "Robert Link" to me and a "Silver Anchor" for Howard Doyle and Keith Post. A worthy rainfall.

So good work and a "Bravo Zulu" to all of you. And . . . ideas? Always ideas? We always need ideas from everyone. Pass them along to me or any Base Officer. And keep doing what we're doing. It's working!

The Vice-Commander/ COB's Comments

Thoughts from the Officer with Two Hats
Richard Kunze



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The fourth quarter of the year is always busy for our members. We have many parades and static displays around Veteran's Day and then Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year holidays. Keep watching the "Upcoming Events" page on the "perch-base.org" Web page for updates for times, maps and added events.

This Midwatch will come out after the Gudgeon/Perch picnic in Prescott Valley. I have attended the picnic in the past and everyone there seems to enjoy themselves. The weather is a little cooler than Phoenix and the food is plentiful and good. Plan to attend the Old Congress Days parade on Saturday October First. It is not a very long parade but the local people there show their appreciation of our participation.

The parades in Anthem and Black Canyon celebrating Veteran's Day are a good way to spend a Saturday. We usually stop for lunch at the Rock Springs Café between the two parades.

Remember, we do not
walk in parades, **we ride.**

Until the next issue of the
Midwatch I wish all of you
and your families a
Happy and Safe Holiday
season.





"Member Mogul"

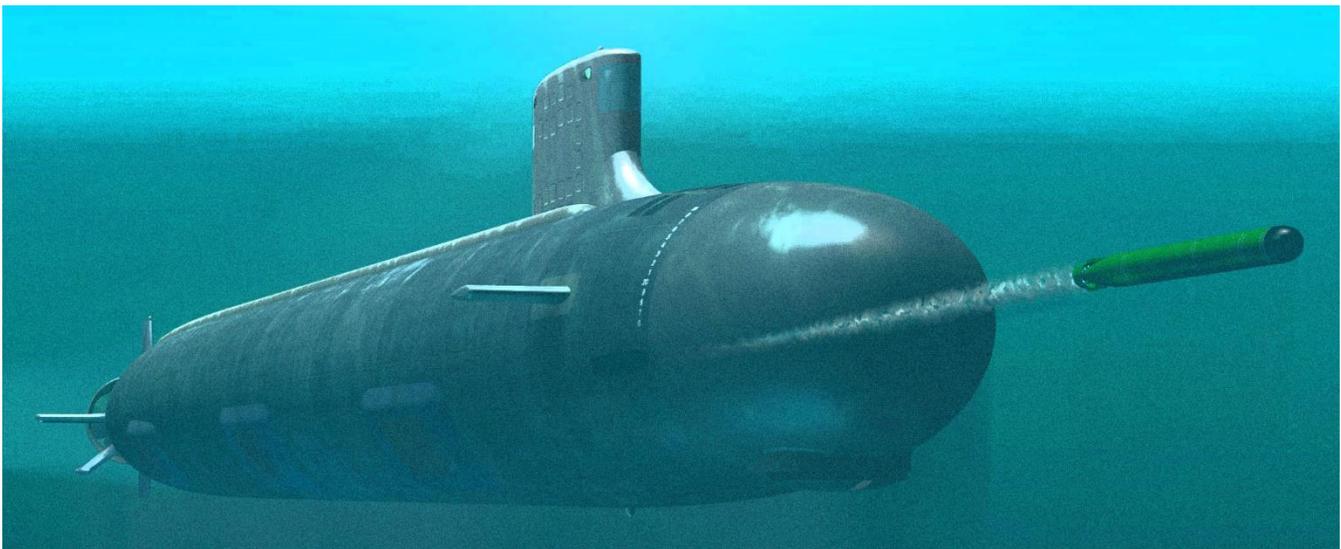
Membership Chairman's Message

JIM ANDREWS



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As of October 1, 2016, we will be officially into our 2017 Annual Membership Renewal Drive. It will be three months of me bugging you about renewing your membership in the USSVI and Perch Base. I will also be bugging you for the Annual TAX FREE Donations, which keeps our base afloat. Without these most important TAX FREE donations, Perch Base would be hard pressed in making the Perch Base a success that it is. So, when the time comes to renew your annual dues or even if you are a Life member, give generously. For those members, both new and old, if you pay your annual Perch Base dues BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 2016, you will automatically be placed in our EARLY BIRD Raffle. If your name is drawn during the Annual Banquet in January, your 2018 Perch Base dues will be paid by the base. All you will have to renew is your USSVI Dues during the 2018 renewal drive in October 2017. Just ask Bill Maida. He was picked at the 2016 Annual Banquet and all he will need to pay is his USSVI Renewal Dues. During the last week of September, you all will receive renewal reminder letters from me explaining the steps for the annual drive. Keep an eye out for it. Email/call or ask me if you have any questions.



"Bits of Bytes"

Base Webmaster

Dan Marks



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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 3,833. About 35% 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.

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 Prescott Parade,



USS Phoenix (SSN-702) sail arrival,

Davy Jones Quilt of Valor presentation,



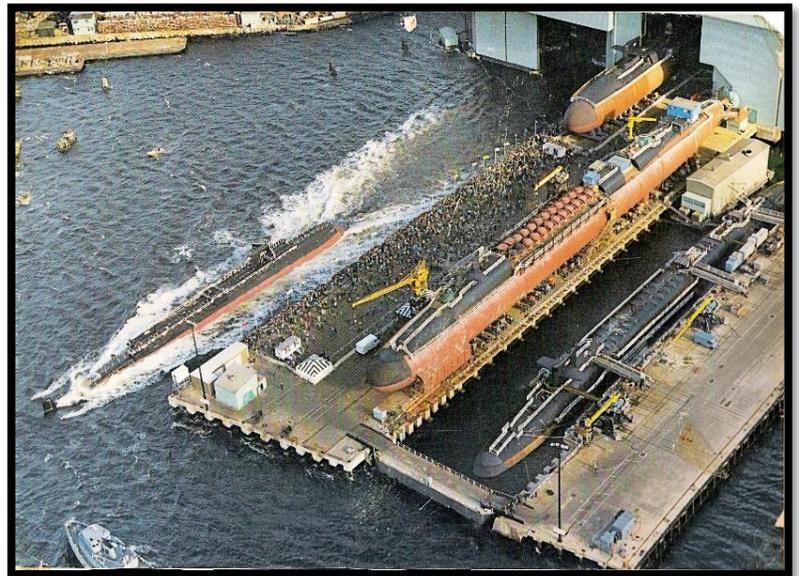
and the USSVI Reno National Convention.



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On September 20, 2016 the city of Phoenix officially welcomed home parts of the USS Phoenix (SSN 702) in a ceremony at the Papago National Guard Armory. The sail, planes and rudder will be stored there until placed on permanent display as part of the Cold War Memorial at Steele Indian School Park.

It was a moving tribute to a great boat. I say this not only as a submariner but as a plankowner. I reported onboard in 1979 while she was being built at Electric Boat and was lucky enough to ride



her down into the water for the first time.

Some of my fondest memories are of my time and the men I served with on her. I was not able to make her de-commissioning which made the welcome home ceremony even more special for me. It was sad to see her cut up like that but I look forward to seeing her at the memorial.



Report from the
Treasurer

David Heighway



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The third quarter of 2016 has seen the expenses for our base exceed the income. This is a normally expected event and should not be a worry to our members. Most years we see the expenses higher than income during the first through third quarters. Revenue increases during the fourth quarter due to our membership renewal drive, which includes a push for donations.

Perch Base does not hold fund raising activities. This is solely because of the annual giving from our members. Please remember to include the additional funds that YOUR base needs in order to function in a fiscally sound manner throughout the year.

All members will be receiving notifications from Jim Andrews about dues renewal for 2017. As Life Members do not have to pay annual dues, they will receive the same information to allow them to participate in the donation process necessary to keep our members from having to perform other fund raising activities.

Many members will wonder why we need to donate when the Base has so much money within the checking account. Much of this balance is due to outside donations received last year. The Board is exploring appropriate uses for these funds in a manner that will not adversely affect the routine function of the Base. Do not let this healthy status of the checkbook deter you from participating in keeping the Base in a fiscally sound condition.

Life is Simple 

...either you're qualified or you're not!

OFFICERS MISSING IN ACTION



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U.S. Undersea Warfare News

New Attack Submarine Named U.S.S. Indiana

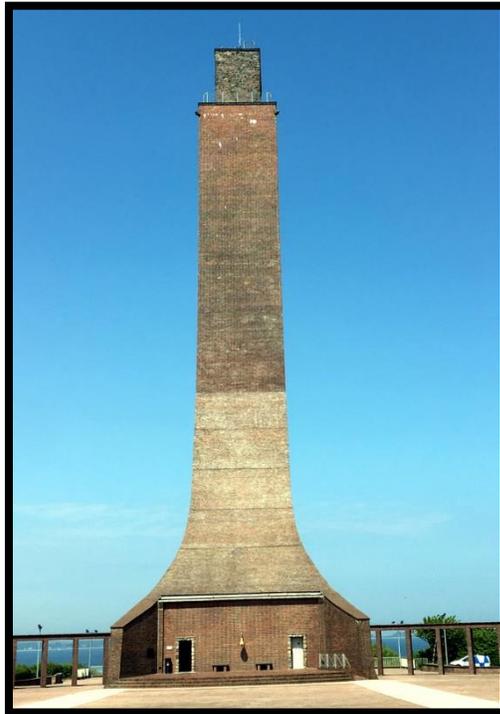
Staff, WBIW, September 27, 2016

There is a new attack submarine being built for the Navy called the U.S.S. Indiana. The sub's captain has just made his fifth trip to the Hoosier State to meet some of the people who are helping build it. "We're getting a pretty good sample of some of the 50 manufacturers that manufacture something that goes into building my submarine," said Jesse Zimbauer, commander of the Indiana. Zimbauer said those manufacturers span the entire state. "All the way from the Caterpillar plant, USSI and the different manufactures throughout the state." The submarine, which is a Virginia Class vessel, is expected to be operational and on trial runs by this time next year. Until then, Zimbauer will help supervise its construction, train his crew and see first-hand some of the people who are helping see it gets to sea. "I got to go to the place that manufactures the trucks that the submarine is transported on before we go waterborne." "Every aspect of it is bringing back to my crew and saying, 'I walked the plant where that diesel was getting made and I shook the hands of the Hoosiers that made that piece of equipment.'" The last U.S.S. Indiana was commissioned in 1941. The Navy expects to commission the vessel now being built in January or February 2018.

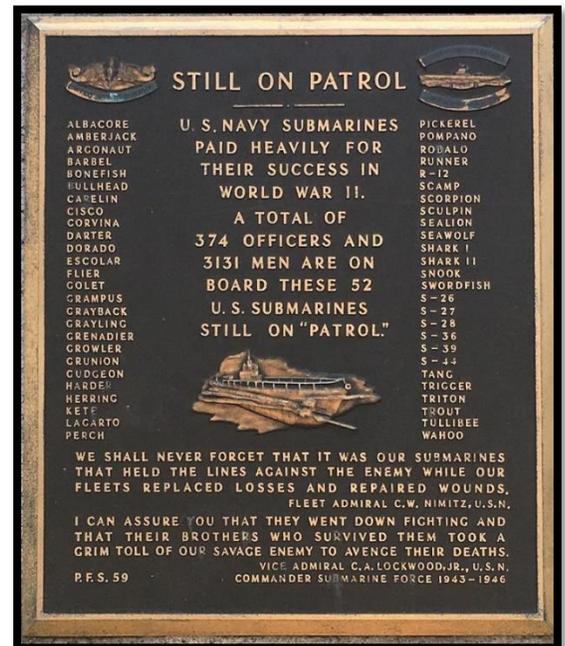
The Laboe Naval Memorial - Schleswig-Holstein, Germany

This past May, I had the good fortune of attending the International Submariners Association (ISA) 53rd Congress in Pula, Croatia. I spent about three weeks in Europe, two of which were in Germany. I stayed in Hamburg with a good friend who lives there and he gave me a personal guided tour of some historical military memorial sites in Northern Germany, one of which is the Laboe Naval Memorial.

The **Laboe Naval Memorial** (aka **Laboe Tower**) is a memorial located in Laboe, near Germany on the Baltic Sea. Started in 1927 and completed in 1936, the monument memorialized the WWI war Kriegsmarine dead of WWII 1945. In 1954, it was rededicated to all nationalities who died during the World Wars.



The monument consists of a 72-metre-high (236 ft.) tower topped by an observation deck. The observation deck stands a total of 85 m (279 ft.) above sea level. A hall of remembrance and a World War II-era German Submarine, *U-995*, are both near the foot of the monument. The site is a popular tourist venue. The *U-995* is the world's only remaining Type VII U-Boat.



Not too far from The Laboe Naval Memorial in Heikendorf near Kiel, is Germany's U-Boat Memorial. In WWI (1914-1918), Germany lost 200 U-Boats with 4,744 lives lost. In WWII (1939-1945) they lost 739 U-Boats with 30,002 lives lost which was 75% of all seafarers who went to sea on U-boats. They are all remembered here.



The *U-995* is the world's only remaining Type VII U-Boat

Next June, our 54th ISA Congress will be held in St. Petersburg Russia. If you can work it into your schedule and budget, I would encourage you to join the ISA-USA and attend this event. You will meet submarine veterans from all over the world who share the same common goal and that is continuing our pursuit of peace, love and forgiveness throughout the world.

Tim Moore
Perch Base USSVI
Phoenix, AZ



The USSVI Convention

Twenty-nine Perch Base Submarine Veterans (USSVI) and wives went to the 2016 USSVI National Convention held from August 14 through 20, 2016 in Reno, Nevada, hosted by Corvina Base.

The Convention was opened with a Proclamation by Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval



proclaiming August 15-20, 2016 as U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS APPRECIATION WEEK IN NEVADA



Base Awards



Chuck Emmett received a Robert Link Award



Perch Base received a Golden Anchor Award



**Howard Doyle
And
Keith Post
each received a
Silver Anchor
Award**



Fourth Quarter Birthdays

OCTOBER

1 Michael Haler
 5 Kennth 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

NOVEMBER

2 Nichols 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
 22 Keith Post
 25 Roger Miller
 30 Bob Gilmore, Jr.

DECEMBER

4 Paul Miller
 5 Ronald Beyer
 12 James Cooper
 12 Pete Sattig
 12 Lou Reynolds
 12 Ronald Zomok
 16 Donald Unser
 16 Wayne Clark
 20 Chuck Emmett
 22 Thomas Fooshee
 22 Karl Krull
 26 Ken Meeks
 28 Dewayne Lober
 29 Dale Holland
 29 Gary Waterbury
 31 Dewey Ree

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: 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.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, October 1 Old Congress Days
Save the date - more details will follow
We have entered the USS Phoenix float in this parade in Congress, AZ for the past 3 years.
- Saturday, October 8 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, October 8 Phoenix Navy Ball
241st U.S. Navy Birthday
Celebrating the U.S. Navy's Submarine Force "Silent Service"
And the coming home of the USS Phoenix (SSN-702)
Arizona Grand Resort & Spa
8000 Arizona Grand Pkwy, Phoenix, AZ 85044
(Left-click address, above, for a Google map to Arizona Grand Resort & Spa.)
No Host cocktails - 5:30 PM
Program and Dinner - 6:30 PM
Entertainment by DJ Ray Mar
Raffle & Door Prizes
Attire: Dinner dress blue (miniature medals)
Formal attire
To register, visit <http://www.phoenixnavyball.com>
- Saturday, November 5 Daisy Mountain and Black Canyon City Veterans Parades
Save the date - more details will follow
Daisy Mountain Veterans Parade to be held on November 5, 2015, at 10 a.m. in Anthem, Arizona.
Perch Base will tow the USS Phoenix float in the parade as in previous years.
The parade is free and open to the public.
After Anthem, we go up to Black Canyon City for their parade.
- Saturday, November 12 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).
- Friday, December 16 Deadline for the Winter Quarter MidWatch
Due to the Holidays, all input must be in to Chuck Luna, Communications Officer, to be included
In the next MidWatch Newsletter to be published on January 6, 2017.

LEST WE FORGET THOSE STILL ON PATROL



Tolling of the Boats for October

3	USS Seawolf (SS-197) 1944	100 men lost
7	USS S-44 (SS-155) 1943	56 men lost
11	USS Wahoo (SS-238) 1943	80 men lost
12	USS Dorado (SS-248) 1943	77 men lost
17	USS Escolar (SS-294) 1944	82 men lost
24	USS Shark (SS-314) 1944	87 men lost
	USS Darter (SS-227) 1944	no loss of life
25	USS Tang (SS-306) 1944	78 men lost 9 POWs survived
29	USS O-5 (SS-66) 1923	3 men lost

Tolling of the Boats for November

7	USS Albacore (SS-218) 1944	85 men lost
8	USS Growler (SS-215) 1944	86 men lost
16	USS Scamp (SS-277) 1944	83 men lost
	USS Corvina (SS-226) 1943	82 men lost
19	USS Sculpin (SS-191) 1943	12 men lost
		51 POWs later lost 21 POWs survived

Tolling of the Boats for December

2	USS Capelin (SS-289) 1943	78 men lost
10	USS Sealion (SS-195) 1941	5 men lost
17	USS F-1 (SS-20) 1917	19 men lost
	USS S-4 (SS-109) 1927	40 men lost

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.

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