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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.

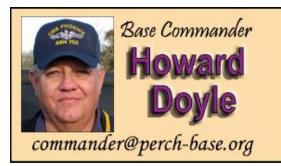
In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

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."





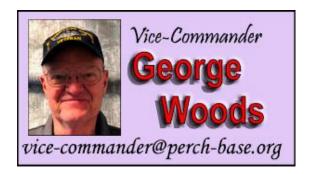


First: Bravo Zulo to those who were able to attend and assist with the services for Shipmate Harold Weber at the National Cemetery, the family was very appreciative. We also had another shipmate pass, Karl Bergstrom. Shipmates, rest your oar, we have the watch!

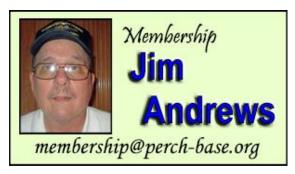
I attended the 2019 USSVI national convention in Austin, Texas and discovered there is someplace with more road construction and crazier drivers than here in the Phoenix area, not to mention that there are so many "trees" that you have trouble figuring out just where the torn up roads are going or went in the past. Being from Texas [many years ago] I had been to the ALAMO many times, done the River Walk in San Antonio, and been to Fredericksburg and the Admiral Nimitz WWII museum, so the tourist part of the trip did not interest me but I'm sure those there for the first time were suitably impressed. As far as USSVI business, there was not much of significance, but the fact that the 2020 convention will be in Tucson in AUGUST, with a request from Tucson Base for assistance from Perch Base. If you are able and interested please contact myself, Jim Denzien or Vic VanHorn.

We are coming up on the fall parade season and several Veteran's Day static displays; watch the "Midwatch" and / or the Flash Traffic's for locations and times. On that subject, The Anthem / Daisy Mountain parade has designated the Perch Base Submariners as the "Grand Marshals" for their parade so come ride in the parade and enjoy the recognition.

With October being just ahead, we again are looking at membership renewal. Please respond as soon as you receive the renewal notice and if possible, make a contribution to Perch Base or the Perch Base Foundation. Help make Jim Andrew's job just a little easier.







Currently we have 183 members in Perch Base. Let's get down to business. As I mentioned on the September 14, 2018, we are about to start our annual membership renewal drive for 2020. As most of you already know, you will be receiving your renewal letters in the mail. Read the letter very carefully as there have been changes.

You will also receive a Dues Return Slip. Fill out the sections that apply to you. Tear off the right-hand side of record and mail the larger portion along with your dues/donation payment in the envelope I provided for you. If you have any further questions, give me a call and I will help where I can. If you are not a life member of either National or Perch Base, you must renew your dues for both National and Perch Base. The cost has not changed: National dues is \$25; and Perch Base is \$10. The process is easy and needs to be completed by December 31, 2019. If you fail to get pay your dues on or before 12/31/2019, I will be forced to remove you from the Perch Base Membership. This is something I do not want to do. I really get no pleasure it. Again, I am available if you need help or have any questions. For those of you who were not at the General meeting missed the announcement of my resignation as Membership Chairman. Joan Miner, Carl Miner's (COB) wife will be taking over. The actual date will be announced later.



Amassing great wealth does not guarantee a rich life. If you want a rich life open your hearts to freely give and receive love, find a way to make a difference in someone's life, cherish your experiences and make every moment count, accept change and adapt to new challenges and learn to forgive swiftly as anger steals away hope

and happiness. Have a great day. I plan on it!!







Sometimes, especially during the summer months, it doesn't seem like Perch Base SubVets has much activity, but when I look at the changes and additions to our website, I realize there has been a lot happening. Since the last MidWatch, I have added photos of Prescott Parade photos (We were the winning entry in the "Fraternal /

Church / Non-Profit" category!) and an update to the Agent Orange information for 'Blue Water' ships (including submarines) during the Vietnam War on the homepage. Since the Submarine Service Vietnam activities were primarily 'Blue Water,' they were previously excluded from Agent Orange evaluation by the VA. (See SubVet News-2019-030.) I also added several items to the Glossary recommended by a visitor to the webpage. Additional updates included a pitch for help with Davy Jones' yard sale, a reminder for the Base Scholarship deadline on July 31, the District Commander election window, and an article about the Base's 24th birthday and a promotion for the "Pinups For Vets" charity recommended by Rick Simmons at the July meeting. Based on input from the Gudgeon Base Commander, the date listed for the Gudgeon Base Picnic was updated to Saturday, September 21. A photo was added of Jim Andrews as a Sun City West Posse member, scholarship presentations, Dr. Tim Sekosky's diabetic foot care presentation, pictures from the USSVI National Convention in Austin, TX, Eternal Patrol notices for Karl Bergstrom and Harold Weber, a photo of Captain Noreika doing a Hula Dance, and Tim Moore at the Submariner Meeting in München (Munich), Germany. If you haven't seen these photos, I suggest a visit to the website or our Facebook group page.

During the past 3 months, there were 3,554 page views on the Perch Base website during 1,424 sessions by 876 users based on Google Analytics.

If you use Facebook, we have 55 of our members that are also signed up our Facebook page, "Perch Base, United States Submarine Veterans Inc."

As always, if you have photos or suggestions for the website, please email them to me at webmaster@perch-base.org.





Here is a list of some handy hotkeys for Windows 10.

- Win + (left or right arrow) to pin the current window to the left/right screen edge.
- Win + m to minimize all your desktop windows.
- Win + x to open Windows Quick Access Menu.
- Alt + Tab to switch between open programs.
- Ctrl + A to select all items in a document or window
- Ctrl + C to copy the selected text.
- Ctrl + V to paste the selected text.
- Ctrl + right arrow to move the cursor to the beginning of the next word.
- Ctrl + left arrow to move the cursor to the beginning of the previous word.

For a comprehensive list of keyboard shortcuts, click <u>here</u> or copy and paste this address into your browsers address bar:

https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/12445/windows-keyboard-shortcuts.

I hope everyone finds these PC tips helpful, if you have something you'd like covered please email me and I'll see what I can do.







Navy Pushes To Slash Repair Times, Get Ships To Sea Faster; Creates New Position

Paul McLeay, Breaking Defense, September 16

THE PENTAGON: We don't know who it will be yet but the Navy is creating a new position, deputy assistant secretary for sustainment, to make sure more ships are fitted out and ready to leave port on time after they come in for repairs.

Last year, only 16 percent of the Navy's workhorse guided missile destroyer fleet managed to get through planned repairs on time. Those slippages have forced combatant commanders to keep tired crews and worn-out ships on patrol for longer periods of time. Those extended deployments on patched-together ships in many ways helped set the conditions that led to accidents like the twin tragedies in 2017 that saw the USS John S. McCain and USS Fitzgerald collide with commercial ships, leaving 17 sailors dead.

While Navy officials insist the backlog is improving, the new deputy assistant secretary for sustainment will be tasked with keeping that trend heading in the right direction. Navy acquisition chief James Geurts told reporters in his Pentagon office Friday afternoon he envisions the new office working as the "synchronizer" between the service's logistics, maintenance, research and development, and sustainment arms, keeping the various offices moving in the same direction.

"Where there are opportunities or things we need to do here at the secretariat level, this will make sure the sustainment functions throughout the Navy and the Marine Corps have an advocate and can help accelerate those," he said. The idea is to draw the different back-end functions closer together "so we can ensure we're fully leveraging all the things we're doing in science and technology and R&D to help sustainment, taking lessons learned from sustainment into new construction so that we don't have handoff issues there."

Vice Adm. Tom Moore, head of Naval Sea Systems Command, added that the number of destroyers getting out of their repair availabilities on time has shot up to 40 percent this year, due partially to new contracting methods that have allowed shipyards and industry to plan more efficiently for coming work.

"Six out of the next eight DDGs will be one time so we're headed in the right direction there," Moore said, chalking up the better performance to a closer discussion between maintainers, the defense industry, and fleet commanders, along with a push to give industry more lead time to prepare for when ships would come in to dock.

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Until recently, shipyards did not know from one ship availability to the next if they would win the contract for repair work, meaning they would wait to hire workers until they received a contract and a ship was ready to pull in.

"What we found was, industry was reluctant to hire so their hiring always lagged behind the work," Moore said. "The other piece was, the fleet would give us a deployment schedule, and we would then build the maintenance schedules to exactly meet that, and then we would look at the workload of the port and often see that it was completely overloaded."

The solution to smoothing over these tensions was to have deeper conversations with fleet commanders about schedules and where to do the work, rather than just plugging in data and trying to smooth it out later. This has created a more free-flowing discussion between the operational commanders and the maintainers and logistics arm of the service about what is possible, and what kind of work to do and where.

Thanks in part to the new fixed-price contracts the Navy is awarding, "if you win, you're going to win availabilities over a 2 to 4 year period head-to-toe, so you can then go and make capital investments, and you can hire," Moore said.

The moves have given shipyards better visibility over work schedules. Over the past three years, employment at shipyards has risen from 33,800 to 36,100.

The push to turn ships around more quickly isn't just to keep fleet and combatant commanders happy; it's a key part in the Navy's plan to reach its goal of a 355-ship fleet in the next several decades. Budget realities being what they are, it's just not possible for the service to simply build its way to 355. Instead, the admirals have long recognized they'll have to extend the lives of dozens of ships — and do so at a time when shipyard space and capacity are already stretched.

As Geurts pointed out, the service is about to kick off "a generational-level of submarine work," building new Columbia-class subs and performing major upgrade work on existing Virginia-class boats at the same time. The two programs share a single industrial base, and their interwoven schedules present a difficult logistical issue for the Navy as, beginning in the early 2020s, plans call for shipbuilders to churn out one Columbia and two to three Virginia subs per year.

Those builds come as the Navy is also building two more Ford-class aircraft carriers, and deciding how it can also begin building a new class of frigates, and a number of large unmanned vessels. There's a lot of shipbuilding to be done in the coming years, but there's also work to be complete.

Previous Quarter Highlights

Second Quarter events for Perch Base.

For more Pictures and details check out perch-base.org.

Prescott Frontier Days® Parade



Perch Base took the USS Phoenix float up to Prescott for the Prescott Frontier Days® Parade. We were in the parade with Gudgeon Base and Tucson Base. Fifty members and family rode or walked in the parade from the 3 bases!



Our combined entry was the winner of the "Sombrero Hat" award in the "Fraternal / Church / Non-Profit" category!

After the parade, we had a BBQ lunch at Sherry and Tom Warner's home in Prescott Valley.



Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)

Scholarship Presentation



Congratulations to the scholarship winners, who each received \$1,000 during the August 10, 2019 general meeting. The recipients were Jaid Urness, Cameron Millette and Jacen Millette. The photo, (l-r) shows Chris Urness (Jaid was already at school), Howard Doyle, Jacen Millette and Cameron Millette.

2019 USSVI National Convention

Fifteen Perch Base Submarine Veterans (USSVI) and wives went to the 2019 USSVI National Convention held from August 14 through 20, 2019 in Austin, Texas, hosted by Central Texas Base and Brazos Valley Base.



Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)

Gudgeon Base Picnic

The Perch Base escaped the Phoenix summer heat while attending the Gudgeon Base Picnic at Bob Edwards Park on September 21, 2019 in Prescott Valley, AZ. Ten Perch Base members and wives attended (some are dual members of both bases.)





Among the fine food and company, Gary (Wink) Winkelman, the Gudgeon Base Commander

showed off the award that the "US Submarine Veterans Gudgeon Base/Perch Base/Tucson Base" entry won in the "Fraternal - Church - Non-Profit - Municipal" category at the Prescott Frontier Days® Parade.

Adjacent to Bob Edwards Park at City Hall is the Military Service Monument, completed and then dedicated on Veterans Day 2012. Gudgeon (and Perch) Base Life Member and Holland Club Member Jack Messersmith was the Treasurer for the Military Service Monument.



Spotlight Spotlight

What our shipmates were up to last quarter.

For more Pictures and details check out perch-base.org.

Perch Base Life Member and Membership Chairman Jim Andrews is back in uniform!



Jim helps keep his fellow residents in Sun City West, AZ safe since he's joined the Sun City West Sheriff's Posse. Working closely with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, they are the eyes and ears that provide the day to day patrolling coverage and theft deterrent that comes from having their patrol cars on the street virtually 24 hours per day. Leading to a safer community.

Cap'n Noreika Hula Warrior!

A Hula dancer came to where Perch Base USSVI Life and Holland Club Member Captain Dick Noreika lives, to perform for the residents. She happened to see Dick wearing his USS Kamehameha cap and promptly invited him to perform with her. Captain Noreika was commanding officer of the USS Kamehameha (SSBN-642) from 1974 to 1978.



Shipmate Spotlight (cont.)

Tim Moore In München (Munich), Germany



Perch Base Life and Holland Club Member Tim Moore went to München (Munich), Germany for a gathering of Submariners on 09/05/2019.
Tim is the Foundation Chairman of the Arizona Silent Service Memorial (ASSM) that will be erected in Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza located in the "front yard" of the Arizona State Capitol Complex, 1700 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ.

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Departed shipmates from previous quarter.

For more Pictures and details check out perch-base.org.

Karl G. Bergstrom, AWC(SS)(AW) (ret)



Perch Base Life Member and Holland Club Member Karl G. Bergstrom departed on Eternal Patrol on August 5, 2019. Our condolences to his wife, Susan, and the rest of the family. Karl enlisted in 1952 and was assigned to

his first boat, the USS Segundo (SS-398) from June 1953 to March 1954. Karl then rode the USS Bashaw (SSK-241) in 1954 and the USS Catfish (SS-339) which was his assignment in November

1954 when he Qualified in Submarines.

After qualification, Karl was assigned to the USS Tilefish (SS-307). Karl left active duty and continued to serve in the US Naval Reserve until 1985, achieving the rank of Chief Petty Officer as an Aviation Warfare Systems Operator in anti-submarine operations. Karl retired from the Navy in 1985. Services were not announced.

Departed shipmates (cont.)

Harold H. Weber, ETC(SS) (ret)



Former Perch Base Member Harold Weber, ETC(SS) departed on Eternal Patrol on August 24, 2019.

Our condolences to his sisters, Jan Harding and Beverly Henson, and the rest of the family.

Harold enlisted in 1973 and was assigned to his qual boat, the USS Bluefish (SSN-675) from 1973 to 1979. Harold then rode the USS Seawolf (SSN-575) from 1983 to 1985. He was promoted to Chief while assigned aboard the Seawolf.

He was assigned to the Sub Tender USS Orion (AS-18) from 1985 to 1988 and finally to the USS Parche (SSN-683) from 1988 to 1991 and retired in 1993.

Harold Weber was a member of Perch Base in 2016.

A military service was held at the

National Cemetery of Arizona, on September 9th, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

SAILORS, REST YOUR OAR! YOUR WATCH HAS ENDED.

Your Brothers of the 'Phin Have the Watch. Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shipmates.

Vpcoming Events

Remember to check Perch-Base.org often for up-to-date information on all events.

Monthly General Meetings

Saturday, October 12 & Saturday, December 14

At Dillon's KC Bar-B-Que restaurant

20585 North 59th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona.

(Left click address, above, for a Google map.)

The official meeting starts at Noon but come join us at 1100 for lunch! 50/50 Raffle drawing (Must be present to win).

Monday, November 11 will be before the Phoenix Veterans Parade.

Mesa Market Place Military Day Event

Saturday, October 19, 2017, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The Mesa Market Place is located on Baseline Rd, just south of the Superstition Highway (US-60) and Signal Butte Rd (Exit 193.)

10550 E Baseline Rd, Mesa, AZ 85209

(Left click address, above, for a Google map.)

Perch Base will display the USS Phoenix float in a static display.

There will be a Beirut Barracks Remembrance at 11:00 am.

The POW MIA KIA Honor Guard will officiate and lead the remembrance. See the Event Program HERE.

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Daisy Mountain Veterans Parade

Saturday, November 9

PERCH BASE USSVI SUBMARINERS WILL BE THIS YEAR'S GRAND MARSHAL! Staging area is in the Cross of Christ Church parking lot.

39808 N. Gavilan Peak Pkwy, Anthem, AZ 85086

(Left click address, above, for a Google map.)

Access to the staging area will not be permitted after about 8:30 AM.

Phoenix Veterans Day Parade

Monday, November 11

Organizers anticipate 2,500 participants in the parade and more than 45,000 spectators with eight Veteran Grand Marshals, representing each era of military service from World War II to present day.

Staging area is in the rear parking lot of the Firestone Tire Store at 8:00 a.m. <u>241 W Osborn Rd Phoenix</u>, <u>AZ 85013-3942</u>. (Left click address, above, for a Google map.)

Deadline for the Winter Quarter MidWatch

Friday, December 20

All input must be in to Chuck Luna, <u>Communications Officer</u>, to be included in the Winter Quarter MidWatch Newsletter to be published on Friday, January 3, 2019.

Fourth Quarter Birthdays

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

- 3 Ed Schafer
- 5 Bill Maida
- 6 Mike Keating
- 9 Charles Hooper
- 11 Larry Rankin
- 14 William Tippett
- 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
- 9 Wayne Hembree
- 12 James Cooper
- 12 Pete Sattig
- 12 Lou Reynolds
- 12 Ronald Zomok
- 15 Robert Gregg
- 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

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



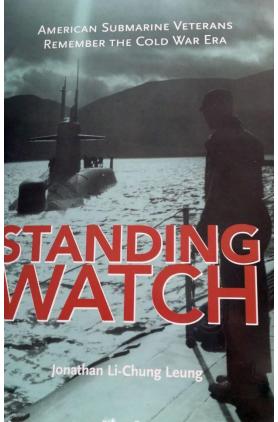


(This card is from the store that graciously gives us space to stage and park for the November Phoenix Veterans Day Parade. Give them a thought if you need tires or service.)

<u>Classified Size Limite Four lines of 10 pt Arial font, one column wide.</u> Pictures may be included -- <u>and are encouraged</u> -- 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.

Book Review: Standing Watch Author: Johnathan Li-Chung Leung

by Herb Herman



This is a unique book written by a Tour guide on the USS Blueback (SS-681).

There is little about spooks and a lot about what the submariners on the Blueback experienced. The boat is moored behind Oregon Museum Of Science and Industry (OMSI) in the Willamette river, Portland, Or. You can get to it when visiting, by a ramp, come on down when in the neighborhood. The volunteers maintain the torpedo tube doors, Sound system which replicates Whale, Shrimp and Diesel noises. Also, there are some overnight sleepovers by scouts.

The maintenance volunteers are there on Monday AM normally. It was a test boat having the tear drop shaped hull, but diesel powered. One of the B Girls.

Three people passed during the writing of the book and Johnathan was able to preserve a portion of their life. There is some short stories as to how we wound up in the Navy and Submarines. Also, it is filled with memories that will have you laughing out loud but no one around you will know why. Here is an example from Collie Collins a former Marine and Corpsman. It is an Escape tower experience. "I felt sorry for the shorter guy. Collins happened to be one of the shorter guys. "When we went through the chamber, I am the shortest guy and had to get two guys to support me. And I am up there saying who wants to be first?" I had to go or else I would drown!" you will find these personal experiences though out the book. There are a few old photos and yours truly is there standing watch on the USS Baya (AGSS=318).

A little more about Jonathan, he is an excellent writer and would have made a good Submariner. I have heard be told all sub sailors are half crazy. I am totally crazy as I qualified in subs and retired as an Air Traffic controller, the other half. Well Jonathan is 3/4 crazy He isn't a qualified submariner but understands what made us tick during the Cold War and is now a Journeyman Air traffic Controller at Honolulu CERAP.

If you would like to look at the book, I will bring it to the next Perc Base meeting.



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 <u>webmaster@perch-base.org</u> Or

Marcus Hensley at storekeeper@perch-base.org

Contact Information

A reminder during the membership renewal drive to please verify that your contact information is correct, including your point of contact information.

Now something no one likes to talk about, but is extremely important, please make sure your loved ones know to contact us in case of any hospitalization or passing. As past events have shown we only know if someone tells us and it does no good to find out days or even weeks afterward. Contact any base officer and we will get the information to the proper people.



The reason the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines bicker amongst themselves is that they don't speak the same language. For instance, take the simple phrase "secure the building":

The Army will post guards around the place.

The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the doors.

The Marines will kill everybody inside and establish a command post.

The Air Force will take out a 5-year lease with an option to buy.

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
24	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

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	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
	16	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
17	USS S-4 (SS-109)	1927	40 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 Ken Anderson Jim Andrews Steven Balthazor Richard Bernier Ronald Beyer Edgar Brooks John Carpentier John Cash Anthony Christianson Roger Cousin Eugene Crabb Don Demarte Jim Denzien Mary Denzien Billy DeShong Howard Doyle Charles Emmett Howard Enloe Douglas Ewen Tom Farley George Gillette

Robert Gregg Tom Gregory Kelly Grissom Mike Haler Robert Hayball David Heighway Harry Heller Glenn Harold Davy Jones Governor Joy David Kleinz Charles Kotan Doug LaRock Bob Lancendorfer DeWayne Lober Burtis Loftin Dan Marks Charles Marshall Ray Marshall Dennis McComb Angus McPherson Ken Meeks Alan Miller

Frank Morris John Mosher Brent Nelson Jim Nelson Donald Robertson Robie Robinson Russy Rutowski Pete Sattig Emil Schoonejans Rick Simmons Wayne Smith Steve Stanger William Tippett Jim Tolsma James Trail Chris Urness Janice VanHorn Victor VanHorn James Wall Joshua Whitmore Bill Woolcott John Zaichkin