

outstanding. He also states that any purchases from small stores must be through the Base SK because of pricing structure. The Storekeeper buys in bulk and sells at a small markup going to the general fund. Bases can follow suit.

The National Membership Chairman says membership stands at 5287 annual members, 2500 life members, 379 Members at Large and 96 Associate Members. The Member at Large issue surfaced again with the reiteration that MAL's are low maintenance members.

Scholarships: - The daughter of Kenny Wayne, a Perch Base Member, was the recipient of an award.

Constitution and By-law:

Ten proposed changers were received, six were returned, four were recommended.

Four new bases were approved, Ohlo, Dover, Yakama, and Reno.

All Incumbents accepted nominations. A resolution that was a carry-over from the Mobile Convention (1997) to provide the American Submariner to widows of members if they choose to receive it free of charge was carried.

Boat sponsorship - 95 boats and crews received sponsorship with none being turned down. There were 24 dual sponsorships and 2 museum sponsorship. The program is being expanded to sponsor Submarine Commands any other the donors wish. 11/15/99 is the deadline for sponsorships.

Base Commanders Meeting Report - The waiver of 50/50 rule splitting with National for the three bases hosting the '98, '99, '00 conventions was questioned. It was determined that the contracts with these bases, although verbal, were binding. The ruling was made at the Mobile Convention (1997) and the bids were accepted under that rule. The bases will share 10% of the convention revenues. After debate, the issue was tabled for further study.

An effort to standardize the "official" USSVI hat was made. Presently the hats are purchased through the National Storekeeper at a Navy NX. Hats purchased in another market are of different material and looks. Boston Base has an original hat that may act as a pattern for the Storekeeper's procurement. National advertising in the magazine "Modern Maturity" (magazine of AARP) was suggested. No action was taken.

Convention 2000: - The date for the 2000 Centennial Convention is firm, October 16-20, 2000 in Atlantic City. The **Grouper** reunion attendees presented a resolution to have USSVI support the NC Historical Society in raising the **CSS HUNLEY** with appropriate honors being paid to the lost crew. Motioned and passed. (It's about time we honor those men)

Perch Base Minutes of 10 Oct 1999 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 1300; Vice Commander Roger Cousin presiding.

Opening ceremonies observed. It was announced that Perch Base Centennial Calendar was for sale. All hands are urged to purchase same or take them on consignment for resale.

The question was raised regarding Perch Base involvement in some kind of centennial event either by ourselves or in conjunction with local WWII Vets. A discussion followed describing events planned nationally by USSVI, the Submarine League, and The Navy League. No resolutions were adopted and the matter tabled.

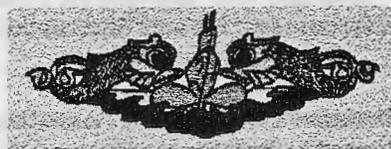
VC Cousin displayed several items received on consignment from Ron Martini's ship store. Object was to see if there was base interest in these items. A discussion followed regarding the procurement of inventory by Perch Base Storekeeper. The ground rules laid down by the former e-board regarding procurement were reiterated. A lively discussion ensued. Storekeeper Harnish requested status of hats ordered by shipmate Glen Herrold. Hats are being made in Prescott and will be expedited. Gary Patterson will attempt to solve this problem.

VC Cousin sent a press release to the Arizona Republic, Wester, and Independent, reference the meeting notice with a request that they publish same at no cost to the base.

****Please insert the following under "Club Calendar" for November 13th. I understand this is a free community service and would appreciate having it appear in all Valley issues.**

We could use your help by asking your local paper to run this ad.

Arizona Submarine Veterans
Did you wear these?



Then come join your shipmates at their monthly meeting on Saturday, November 13 (and the 2nd Saturday of every month) at 1300 at the Disabled American Vets Post 8447 N. 61st Avenue, Glendale, between Dunlap (Olive) & Northern. All invited from S Boats to Nukes. Contact Roger Cousin (623) 546-9980 or e-mail: rleecousin@aol.com for more information.

A motion was made seconded and passed to expend \$75 for an ad in the American Submariner for the sale of Perch Base calendars. A second motion was passed to expend a second \$75 for an ad in the American Submariner to sell Perch Base cookbooks. A 50/50 drawing was held, Royce Pettit won. The report of the National Business Meeting was read.

Benediction followed, meeting adjourned and socializing followed.

Annual Picnic

In the past, we have always had a great turnout and participation with our Subvet Annual Picnic which has been held at Thumb Butte Park in Prescott.

Well, this year's picnic on August 14, was a total bust and it is still a mystery to us why so few people showed up for this year's event. If anyone thinks they have the answer, please let us know. It certainly wasn't for lack of advance notification.

We bought for 70 people and had a grand total of **17 people** turned out! That number includes all guests. Fortunately, we were able to keep the meat frozen and will use it at a later date, but a lot of beer, soda and buns were given away to the small number of attendees.

Our plans are to utilize what we saved and have another picnic in Phoenix sometime after the first of the year. Hopefully, we will see a much larger turnout with the large majority of our members living in the Phoenix area.

We will get the word out when we have a firm date and place to have the Winter Picnic.

Membership

We've had quite a few new members sign up since the first of the year and I'm way overdue in recognizing the new members in our newsletter. Since I'm not sure where we stopped, I'm going back to the first of the year to include all that have joined Perch Base since January 1.

Woods, George C., Quartermaster to Lieutenant, qualified on **USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSBN598)** in 1968. George also served on **CROAKER (SS246)** and the **FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (SSBN657)**. He is a National Life Member and transferred from the Long Island Base. George and his wife Alice make their home in Phoenix.

Fooshee, Thomas E. is our first "Associate Member" and is sponsored by Bob Moore. Tom and his wife Lita, live in Glendale.

Wannamaker, Donald, MMC(SS), (Ret), qualified on **SAILFISH (SS572)** in 1958. Don also served on **USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSBN598)**, **GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER (SSBN656)** and **QUEENFISH (SSN651)**. Don came down from the Minneappolis- St. Paul Base where he was Base Commander. He and his wife Judith make their home in Sun City.

Jones, David P., STSCS(SS), (Ret), qualified on the **USS AMBERJACK (SS522)** in 1960. Davy also served on **HENRY CLAY (SSBN625)**, **SARGO (SSN583)**, **JOHN MARSHALL (SSBN611)** and **NATHAN HALE (SSBN623)**. Davy came over from the San Diego Base and now lives in Phoenix. He was sponsored by Frank

Rumbaugh.

Anderson, Kenneth R., EM3(SS), qualified on **GREENFISH (SS351)**, year unknown. Ken also served on **CORPORAL (SS346)**. He is sponsored by Roger Cousin and makes his home with wife, Noreen, in Sun City West.

Grosseta, Warren A., Captain, U.S. Navy (Retired), qualified on **USS CABRILLA (SS288)** in 1944. Warren also served on **BRILL (SS330)**, **SEALION II (ASPP315)**, **CREVALE (SS291)** and **BERGALL (SS320)**. Captain Grosseta is a National Life Member and makes his home with his wife, Margaret, in Tucson.

Jones, David C., ET1(SS), qualified on **USS NATHAN HALE (SSBN623)** in 1964. He also served on **SCULPIN (SSN590)**. David and his wife, Patricia, live in St. Albans, Mo. and he is sponsored by his cousin, our own Jim Newman. David is also a National Life Member.

Patterson, Larry R., IC3(SS), qualified on **USS SCAMP (SSN588)** in 1962. He is the brother of Perch Base Membership Chairman, Gary Patterson, and is also a National Life Member. With the startup of the Topeka-Jefferson City Base, Larry will probably shift his base membership back a little closer to home where he and his wife, Pat, live in Manhattan, KS.

Butler, Bradley L., SK2(SS), qualified on **USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN629)** in 1967. He also served on board **USS SENNET (SS408)**. Brad is sponsored by Kenny Wayne and makes his home in Glendale with wife Peggy.

Bowman, Edward A., EM2(SS), qualified on **USS BLACKFIN (SS322)** in 1960. Ed is sponsored by John Redding. He and his wife, Frances, make their home in Phoenix.

Oakley, Ronald T., MM1(SS), qualified on board **USS ASPRO (SSN648)** in 1976. Ron also served on **USS DRUM (SSN677)**. Ron and his wife, Kathy, make their home in Phoenix and he is sponsored by Roger Cousin. Perch Base Membership now stands at 85.

Gary Patterson
Prescott

SSN 774 Virginia-Class Nuclear-Powered Attack Submarine

Overview: Formerly dubbed the "New Attack Submarine," the Virginia-class (SSN774) nuclear-powered attack submarine will provide advanced war-fighting and acoustic superiority and sustain minimum attack-submarine force levels as early units of the Los Angeles-class SSNs continue to leave the fleet. Although the Virginia class has been designed and engineered for traditional open ocean antisubmarine and