

From the Wardroom

Shipmates,

Our March meeting was another great meeting.

Our guest speaker was Mike Edwards, Royal Navy Submarine Service, Scottish Branch, with his wife Joann. He made a presentation to our very own "Master Craftsman and Carver of Dolphins," Ed Brooks. Ed received a lovely plaque, along with a letter of commendation thanking him for his hands across the waters donation, of the Royal Navy Submarine Dolphins. Shipmate Brooks had donated the dolphins for their fund-raising project for challenged children.

With the award went a bottle of British Navy Rum. As 'tis the custom of "the passing of the rum," Ed shared with his shipmates. It was passed around the room for each to partake. Ed, I still have your balance of the bottle . . . for safe keeping of course. This is a true test of the honesty of the Base Commander. What the hell, I've flunked a few tests in my time!

Finally, the Holland Club patch designer receives his patch! Frank Rumbaugh designed the patch for those qualified for 50 years shortly after Perch Base was started. Frank, it is great to have you back with us.

The Pigboaters, WW2 SubVets, and Perch Base vote to have a combined meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month starting July 17.

Some additional thoughts: we had re-election of past Base officers, with Tim Moore as new Vice Commander. Thanks Tim for stepping up. Our membership continues to grow. Ramon Samson tells the board that we are getting very close to 100% retention of membership for this year. Ramon this Bravo Zulu is for you, thanks. Chuck, you have done it again. Another great newsletter, BZ's to you again. We have received our first advertising fee of \$ 100.00.

See you at the April meeting.

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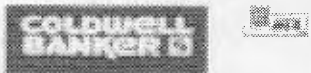
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Base Commander



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March Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans B Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #62 Peoria, AZ at 1302 hours, 14 March 2004. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Glenn Herold.

Base Chaplain Howard Doyle led the members in a prayer of Invocation. The members were then led in the "Pledge of Allegiance" followed by a reading of the "Purpose of the Organization", Dedication, a Moment of Silence for our departed shipmates and the "Tolling of the Boats@ ceremony for submarines lost during the month of March.

According to the sailing list, there were 34 Perch Base members and 2 guests at the meeting. Those present welcomed our guests – Shipmates Buck Crouch and a guest from Royal Navy Submarine Veteran's Association – Michael Edwards. Our guests were welcomed with a resounding round of applause from the membership.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the February meeting be approved as published in the Base newsletter, "The MidWatch." The motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer (Robert May) reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of March, 2004.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The process whereby Officers and Committee Chairmen make their monthly reports was dispensed with in the interest of conserving time.

OLD BUSINESS

Ed Brooks reported that two of the seven survivors from service on U.S.S. Perch SS-176 during WWII had returned the applications for Honorary Membership in Arizona SubVets – Perch Base and regular members of USSVI.

Glenn Herold announced that work to restore and redesign the cover for the Perch Base Parade Float was proceeding and would result in a much better cover for storage and transport of the float trailer. Ed Brooks announced that the components for the float's new sound system had all been procured and will soon be tested and configured for the next parade event.

The members were reminded to look for potential advertisers for the Perch Base Newsletter. The business card size ads are to be offered at \$100 per year.

Dave Harnish reminded members that applications for Schol-

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arship Grants from the USSV-Charitable Foundation's Scholarship Fund are currently due (the cut-off date is March 15).

Ed Brooks announced that the efforts to gain approval for the temporary removal and refurbishment of the Mk 14 torpedo at the Submarine Memorial on the grounds of the National Cemetery – Phoenix had been successful. The U.S. Veteran's Administration has responded to the Perch Base letter with their approval. A committee of two (Frank Rumbaugh and Dave Harnish) will pursue finding a contractor to perform bead blasting and powder coating the torpedo body as well as lifting and transporting the assembly to and from the National Cemetery.

Glenn Herold informed the membership that the Arizona Pigboat Chapter – SubVets WWII had voted to hold their monthly meetings in conjunction with Perch Base starting with the May meeting. It has been proposed that both groups will then meet at American Legion Post 62 in Peoria. If the proposal is approved by the members, the next meeting will be on Saturday April 10th, the following meeting will be on Saturday May 8th, the June meeting will be our summer meeting in Snowflake, AZ on June 12th. Then beginning in July, the meeting date will shift to the third Saturday of the month (July 17th). Future meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting changes as indicated. The motion carried by voice vote.

Glenn Herold announced that three of the Base Officers terms (Vice Commander, Secretary and Treasurer) were expiring and the floor was opened for the nomination of candidates for those positions. Current nominees are:

Secretary – Ed Brooks

Treasurer – Bob May

Vice Commander – Adrian Stuke elected not to serve any additional terms as Vice Commander, and withdrew his name for consideration as a candidate for that post.

Shipmate Tim Moore then agreed to offer his services in that position. His name was then placed before the members as a candidate for Vice Commander.

No more nominations being offered from the floor, the nomination process was closed.

A motion was made and seconded to elect the nominees through acclamation. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The newly elected officers are:

Base Vice Commander – Tim Moore

Base Secretary – Ed Brooks

Base Treasurer – Bob May

NEW BUSINESS

The newly elected Perch Base Officers were asked to assemble front and center. They were then sworn in by USSVI Western Regional Director – Dave Harnish. The membership welcomed the new officers to their positions for the next year.

Perch Base's special guest, Michael Edwards was then introduced and asked to speak to the membership regarding his services in the Royal Navy Submarine Service. Michael



gave the members an inside view of submarine duty in the Royal Navy including the specialized training, qualification requirements, at sea activities, and distinctive differences between the two submarine services.

As a final gesture, Michael asked Ed Brooks to join him at the front of the group. Michael then presented Ed with a Plaque and framed letter from the President of the Royal Navy Submariner's Association - Scottish Branch. The letter thanked Ed for carving and donating a replica of the

Royal Navy Submariner's Dolphins to benefit the Scottish Branch's charitable aims and made him an Honorary Member of the organization. Ed was also given a bottle of fine English Rum.



Following the presentation, Ed was asked to follow Perch Base tradition of passing the bottle. By tradition, Ed uncorked the bottle, took the first drink and passed the bottle from member to member.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

USSVI Western Regional Director - Dave Harnish asked all Perch Base Holland Club members to assemble front and center. After their assembly, Dave informed the members that the USSVI Holland Club logo was designed by a Perch Base member who would today receive the honor or induction into that group of submarine veterans who qualified more than 50 years ago. Dave then asked Frank Rumbaugh

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to present himself in front of the Holland Club members. Frank was then inducted into the group through a special ceremony.

After the induction ceremony, Frank was given a Holland Club Patch, membership card, lapel pin, coffee mug, certificate, Perch Base patch and letter from Bill Britt (President of the USSVI Holland Club). The existing Holland Club members welcomed Frank into their group and the membership showed him their appreciation with a resounding round of applause.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 drawing was held and Ed Brooks was the winner of a \$60 share. Ed announced that the winnings would be donated to the "Gary Patterson Memorial Scholarship" and the USSV-Charitable Foundation's Scholarship Fund.

ADJOURNMENT

All the outstanding business being concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

The closing prayer was offered by Howard Doyle and the meeting was adjourned at 1403 hours.

Edgar T. Brooks B Base Secretary



This Old Boat . . .

No one guessed last month's boat so I'm back to batting 1000! The boat was the USS Argonaut (SS-166.) SEE PAGE 12 FOR DETAILS ON THE ARGONAUT.

Now, try your luck on this one.



Do you recognize this old boat? Send your answer to the editor

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SHIPMATES COLUMN

EDITOR: My I take this opportunity to also extend my congratulations to Ed Brooks. My job took me out of town for the last meeting. I'm sorry I missed it.

Please keep articles and ideas for the newsletter coming. To keep it fresh and interesting, we need your input.



Birthdays

- April 2 Jerome Becker
- April 7 Jim Thomson
- April 8 Larry Patterson
- April 12 George Crider
- April 13 James Wall
- April 16 Steven Coe
- April 16 James Edwards
- April 17 Clair Prokupek
- April 19 James Johns
- April 19 Rick Simmons
- April 20 David Carpenter
- April 21 John Welsh
- April 22 Gerald Holloway
- April 22 Tim Moore
- April 25 Ron Young
- April 30 Davy Jones



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