

## From the Wardroom

Dear Shipmates,

This month I owe a number of you my sincere gratitude and... many thanks. First, I want to thank Past Commander Glenn Herold for stepping up to the plate on a moments notice and taking care of our last board meeting for me. I had an emergency work issue I had to deal with which made it necessary for me to make a quick exit just as our board meeting was about to begin.

Next I want to thank Dave Harnish, Jim Denzien and Jim Nelson for their help with "tuning up" the float for the White Mountain 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. We met at the Railroad Park at 0600 on June 25 and completed the task of painting and making the float shipshape for the parade. I've got to say it looked pretty darn good when we finished and it only took us about two hours. On a follow-up note, I want to remind everyone that we are continuing to seek an enclosed shelter as permanent storage for the float. Although we keep it covered, the Arizona heat is taking its toll.

I received an e-mail from Dick Jarenski, Vice Commander White Mountain Base, and he was extremely grateful for our participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. He said we "dazzled the community" with the Perch Base float and that about 3000 were in attendance. My work schedule prevented my attending but I do want to especially thank Dave and Kay Harnish, Jim and Mary Denzien, Jim and Nancy Nelson and Ed Brooks for representing us so well at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. Your continued contributions and dedication to Perch Base and our fellow organizations are greatly appreciated by all.

And my final thanks go out to you, the membership, for your cash contribution of \$122.00 to help our stricken shipmate, Tom Gilbert from Drum Base in Florida. In addition to monies collected when we "passed the hat" you approved of another \$200 from our treasury. I know Tom's family is grateful.

Lastly, on behalf of Perch Base, I would like to wish Jim Clewett, White Mountain Base Commander, a speedy and successful recovery from his back surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Fratemally,

Tim Moore, Commander Perch Base USSVI

## June Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #62 Peoria, AZ at 1304 hours, 18 June 2005. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander, Tim Moore.

Shipmate Joe Bernard led the members in a Prayer of Invocation, was followed by the ceremonial events prescribed in the SubVets meeting ritual.

According to the sailing list, there were 26 members and one guest present at the meeting. The guest, Fred Saunders, was asked to introduce himself and tell the members of his experiences in the Submarine Force. Fred graduated from US Navy Submarine School in 1960 and served on USS Sablefish and Cavalla. The members welcomed Fred with a round of applause.

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

A Treasurer report of the Base's financial status as of the first day of June, 2005 was read by Base Treasurer, Jim Denzien.

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**

**Base Vice Commander** – Stan Reinhold had nothing to report.

**Base Chief of the Boat** – Bob Gilmore was not at the meeting.

**Base Chaplain** – Howard Doyle was not at the meeting. However, it was announced that Shipmate Red Crider had departed on eternal patrol and everyone was asked to keep his wife Dorothy in their prayers.

**Membership Chairman and WebMaster** – Ramon Samson reported that Perch Base now has 145 members. Ray also indicated that the Web Site is being updated and is still in progress.

**Ship's Storekeeper** – Jim Nelson indicated that the Ship's Store has a number of new shirts and hats available. He also introduced the gold buttons gifted by Jim Denzien. The buttons come in a pair – one of which is the uniform button worn by Union sailors and the other worn by the Confederate sailors. The buttons are being sold for \$20.

**Past Base Commander** - Glenn Herold read a letter from the Commanding Officer of U.S.S. Honolulu (SSN-718,) thanking Perch Base for sponsoring the ship again this year.

**Newsletter Editor** – Chuck Emmett reported that the Base Newsletter has been entered in the competition for USSVI Newsletter of the Year.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Tim Moore reminded the members to submit their vote for the Western Region's District One Commander. Ballots were available at the meeting.

Tim Moore also informed members of the upcoming National Convention in Kansas City. He suggested that those planning to fly to Kansas City should book their travel early and explore internet providers such as Cheaptickets.com, Travelocity.com, etc.

A working party has been formed to refurbish the Perch Base Parade Float. The group will meet at 0600 hours on June 25 at the Maricopa Live Steamers Railroad Park. Anyone interested in helping out are more than welcome.

He also announced that the Perch Base would be participating in the Memorial Day Services at the Phoenix National Cemetery starting at 0800 hours May 30. Those planning to attend should plan on arriving prior to 0700 hours if they want to ensure they obtain a seat in the shade.

It was also announced that the Long Range/Short Range Planning Committee had held its first meeting and was well on the way to fulfilling its function to put together a Base budget and events schedule including things such as parties and picnics. The members are encouraged to provide input to the committee.

The first event that has been firmly set is the annual Christmas Party which is scheduled for December 11 this year.

It was also announced that we are still looking for information regarding the CSS HUNLEY display that is rumored to be visiting Phoenix during the month of June.

We are also still waiting on information that would allow Perch Base to show support for the Medal of Honor Society members during their gathering in Phoenix this fall.

Tim Moore asked that members consider providing biographical information for recording and publishing. Information such as that provided by Billy Grieves would be a great benefit to the membership at large. Knowing our shipmates is of benefit to us all.

Joe Bernard announced that Shipmate Dale Martin's widow Phyllis expressed thanks to the SubVets WWII and Perch Base for their expression of condolences following Dale's departure on eternal patrol.

Tim Moore asked the members to consider helping restore the Perch Parade Float by participating in a working party at the Maricopa Live Steamer's Railroad Park. He included that the search for a good storage location is still ongoing. Al Landeck agreed to investigate the price and availability for a space at the Mirage RV Storage facility and report back to the members.

It was announced that the Board of Directors had voted to suspend efforts to determine ways to become involved with the "Medal of Honor Society" convention in Phoenix this fall. This action was called for after attempts to make contact and arrangements for involvement received little or no interest on the part of the planners.

The Long Range/Short Range Planning Committee – chaired by Jim Denzien will meet in July. The date and times will be announced at a later date.

Tim Moore announced that author Clive Cussler and his son Dirk are now Associate Members of the Perch Base and USSVI. Arrangements for them to attend a Base meeting are still pending.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

Base Chief of the Boat - Bob Gilmore has requested that Perch Base sponsor the American Legion Post #62 dunk tank at a street carnival to raise money for the Post Building Fund. The price to sponsor the tank event is \$135. A motion was made and seconded to spend the \$135 to sponsor the dunk tank. The motion carried by voice vote.

A request was made via email from USSVI Drum Base in Florida to help a USSVI shipmate who has fallen on hard times. The member, Tom Gilbert lost his home in a recent hurricane and is now on the waiting list for a heart transplant. Both these events have taken a tremendous toll on the family's finances and his shipmates at Drum Base are asking for help. A collection was taken from the members after which, it was moved and seconded that Perch Base treasury kick in an additional \$200 to help Tom Gilbert with his finances. The motion carried by voice vote.

An announcement was made that, on June 8, 2005, Shipmate Red Crider departed on eternal patrol. No memorial services are imminent, however his ashes will be inurned sometime after June 26. Joe Bernard will perform a formal service at the cemetery at that time. It was also announced that Shipmate Slade Cutter has also departed on eternal patrol. Everyone is asked to remember their families in their prayers.

Ramon Samson announced that Perch Base has seven members who become eligible for membership in the USSVI Holland Club. One of which is Shipmate Ed Hawkins. All the names of the eligibles will be published in the Base Newsletter.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Tim Moore announced that Monday, June 20 is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Perch Base's formation.

It has been announced that the American Submariner magazine will soon have a new editor. His name is T. Michael Berkenshaw.

A process is being organized by the USS Torsk memorial whereby stories from WWII and Cold War submariners are being recorded for posterity. Anyone with special sea stories should make contact with that group.

Brad Veek announced that Mike Keating has successfully repaired Brad's model of the USS Tirante anyone wanting to admire Mike's craftsmanship is invited to do so.

Dave Harnish (Western Regional Director) announced that he has literature for the 2007 National Convention (ocean cruise to Alaska). He also added that those planning to go on the cruise must have a valid US Passport.

Dave read a thank you email from Judy Patterson (wife of deceased Shipmate Gary Patterson) thanking Perch Base for creating the Gary Patterson Memorial Scholarship.

It was announced that interested Perch Base members are invited to participate in the July 2 Independence Day Parade at Heber/Obergaard (White Mountain Base). The Perch Base Parade Float is entered in the parade and all members are invited to participate with the White Mountain Base members.

Tim Moore called Stan Reinhold to the front and center, where Stan was recognized for his significant contributions to Perch Base. Stan was presented a wood carving representing the Deep Submergence Crew breast pin (dolphins). The



mahogany carving, produced by Shipmate Ed Brooks, is a replica of the dolphins awarded to Stan as a qualified crew member on the Deep Submergence Research Vessels.

Dave Harnish announced widows of SubVets who wish to receive the American Submariner Magazine can do so for \$10 per year.

**50/50 DRAWING**

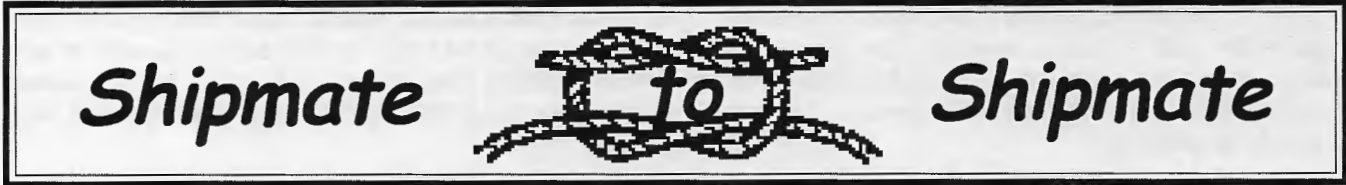
The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Ed Hawkins.

**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 Joe Bernard and the meeting was adjourned at 1355 hours.

Signed: Edgar T. Brooks, Base Secretary



**Perch Base Library Books**

Over the years, we have accumulated a considerable number of volumes in the Perch Base library. Unfortunately we do not have a good place to store them which also provides reasonable access for the membership. As a result we will either return the books to their owners or dispose of them as a base fund raiser. This can be accomplished as follows:

1. If you have donated a book to the library and wish to have it returned to your personal library, please let one of the Perch Base Officers know by our 16 July 2005 general meeting and we will see that it is returned to the rightful owner. All volumes not claimed by 16 July 2005 will be sold or put up for auction.
2. If Perch Base members wish to purchase any of the books, they will be made available to the membership after the 16 July 2005 meeting. You will have until the end of July to make your purchases. Any volumes remaining unclaimed or not purchased by 31 July 2005 will be put up for auction on e-bay or some other such service.
3. After we have exhausted all attempts to sell or auction off the books, it is recommended that any remaining unclaimed volumes be donated to the Veteran's Home here in Phoenix.



**Our Fellow Vets Can Use Our Help**

Our fellow veterans who reside in the Veteran's Home here in Phoenix could use our assistance. For any of you who are willing and able to participate in some volunteer work, your help would be greatly appreciated. Resident's activities include:

1. Bingo every Saturday at 0900.
2. Card playing (poker, etc.) every Monday at 0930.
3. Movies the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1400.

Volunteers help in moving residents from their units to Liberty Hall for these activities. They also play cards with the residents and help serve ice cream, pop corn, etc.

Extra help will especially be needed this coming March 30. Beginning March 30, and every 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday thereafter, we will be going to a local casino. The time for this event will be from 0930 until 1430. Again, extra help here would be especially appreciated.

For details regarding volunteer services, contact:

Carrie Langford, CTRS  
Recreational Therapy Program Manager  
Volunteer Services  
Phone - 602-248-1575  
E-mail - [clangford@azvets.com](mailto:clangford@azvets.com)

Thank you for your assistance!

An advertisement for Ariat Services, Inc. It features a central illustration of a beetle. To the left is the Termidor logo with the text "TERMIDOR TERMITE CONTROL". To the right is the BBB logo with the text "Member Central/Northern Arizona". Below the beetle is the text "ARIAT SERVICES, INC." and "Termite &amp; Pest Control". At the bottom, it lists "Paul Peaty" with contact information: "P.O. Box 5785 Peoria, AZ 85385-5785 License # 8319", "(623) 594-5360", and "Fax (623) 594-5361".