

From the Wardroom

Dear Shipmates,

It is with a great deal of pride that I have the distinct privilege of writing this month's *From the Wardroom* article. On this sixtieth anniversary of VJ Day, my primary objective in writing this piece is to recognize the achievements of our World War II brothers... those with whom we share time on a monthly basis at our Perch Base meetings and especially those who made the supreme sacrifice and remain on eternal patrol. We honor you and thank you all for your service to our country. You have been an inspiration to those of us who followed in your footsteps in the past and have set the standard for those who are currently serving and will continue to serve in the future. I have read countless numbers of stories of your heroics, close encounters and sacrifices, and will always marvel at your unselfish contributions and deeds.

Sixty years ago today, on 6 August 1945, the B-29 Super Fortress Bomber Enola Gay embarked on the mission that marked the beginning of the end of World War II. There are only three crewmembers remaining today including 90 year old retired General Paul W. Tibbets who piloted the plane named for his mother. Sixty years ago this historic event and the end of the war were headline news. While you and I are familiar with and can relate to these events on a more personal level, I am finding that our children and grandchildren do not have the same familiarity. As time goes on, these events will continue to fade from our memories. My purpose in making these statements is to emphasize the importance of our mission in perpetuating the memory of all of those who have served before. When I think about how very, very fortunate we are to be able to live the kind of life style with which we are blessed living in this country; I can't think of anything more important or worthwhile than remembering and honoring those who made it possible. To my WWII brothers and sisters... ***I salute you!***

Faternally,

Tim Moore, commander, Perch Base USSVI

July 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 1300 hours, 16 July 2005. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Tim Moore.

Shipmate Joe Bernard led the members in a prayer of Invocation followed by the standard ceremonial opening.

According to the sailing list, there were 24 members at the meeting. As a special introduction, Ray Samson asked Shipmate Ken Becker to tell the members of his experiences in the Submarine Service having qualified on a captured German U-Boat in Key West, Florida. Ken detailed his experiences to the delight of all the members.

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

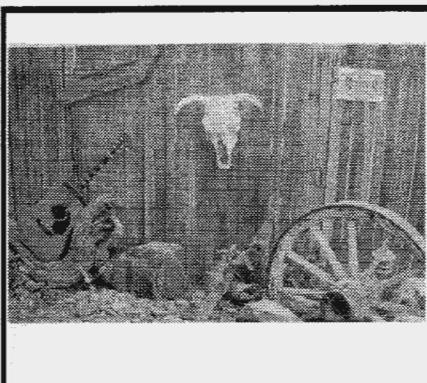
Treasurer (Jim Denzien) reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of July, 2005.

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 was not at the meeting.

Base Chief of the Boat – Bob Gilmore announced that the new American Legion Post 62 was getting ever nearer completion with a project completion of September, 2005. Bob also briefed the members on the celebration to be held



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by Post 62 on July 31 which will include fund raising activities.

Base Chaplain – Howard Doyle was not at the meeting. Shipmate Joe Bernard relayed a message from Dorothy Crider thanking the Base for the support and prayers during the trying times associated with Shipmate Red Crider's departure on eternal patrol.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson had nothing new to report regarding membership and that there was no change in status of the Web Site.

Ship's Storekeeper – Jim Nelson announced that the ship's store now has some new products including decals commemorating WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War. Jim also announced that the Ship's Store sold many items at the Overgaard Independence Day celebration.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Hamish (USSVI Western Regional Director) announced the results of the recent elections for the District Commander positions in the Western Region. Of most importance was the fact that Shipmate Glenn Herold was elected as District Commander for District One; followed by Dave Linker for District two; Jim Dunn for District three; Bob Wester for District four; and Rocky Rockers for District five.

Dave also announced that there will be a Western Region meeting in Reno, Nevada that will take place on March 6 thru 8, 2006. In addition, the Southwest Districts of USSVI have been invited to participate with the Southwest Caucus of SubVets – WWII holding meetings in conjunction with theirs in Laughlin, Nevada. These meetings take place in April of each year.

Base Treasurer – Jim Denzien reported to the members that a \$100 commemorative brick has been purchased in support of the USS Lapon submarine memorial. The inscription on the brick will pay tribute to Perch Base members who have departed on eternal patrol. Jim also reported that Perch Base contributed a total of \$322 in support of the Gilbert fund. Tom lost his home and belongings in one of Florida's hurricanes and is now waiting for a organ donor and a heart transplant.

Tim Moore reminded the members of the efforts to sell books from the Perch Base Library. Anyone who contributed books to the library and would like the book or books returned should contact Ray Samson. Otherwise, the books are to be offered to members and the general public at a price to be determined. The library listing is contained on the Base Web Site.

Dave Harnish informed the members that the USSV Charitable Foundation is now giving a special patch to those that contribute more than a base amount to the Foundation's different funds. Dave showed the members the patch from the Scholarship Fund.

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NEW BUSINESS

Tim Moore announced the formation of an adhoc committee to explore ideas for rehabilitation, replacement and use of the Perch Base Parade Float. Dave Harnish will serve as Chairman of the committee with Mike Keating as a charter member. Other members with an interest in the project should contact Dave Harnish.

Members were also informed that the Board of Directors had voted to restrict the floats use to local events. Towing the unit more than short distances causes too much damage.

Tim also announced that he will be attending the August reunion of the USS Sea Wolf along with Stan Reinhold and John Cash. The event will take place over the days of August 11 thru 14 and is held in Silverdale, Washington.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Members were asked to show their thanks to Jane Reinhold (Mrs. Stan Reinhold) for standing in for her husband and providing lunch for the members. Jane received a rousing round of applause from the members.

Tim Moore informed the members that Shipmate Billy Grieves second article of submarine action in WWII was published in the latest issue of the "American Submariner".

Mike Keating informed any members interested in submarine model construction can buy supplies and parts from www.ironbottomsound.com on the Internet.

Dave Harnish reminded members to review and update their personal data by going online at the USSVI website, if they see any discrepancy in the information they receive from the USSVI National Office. Otherwise, contact Perch Base WebMaster – Ray Samson for assistance.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was John Zaichkin.

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 1347 hours.

Signed: Edgar T. Brooks, Perch Base Secretary

Shipmate



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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 3rd 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 5th 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:

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Volunteer Services
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Thank you for your assistance!