

From the Wardroom

Happy New Year!!

Dear Shipmates,

It's hard to believe that we are already into the New Year and 2005 is history. None the less, it's time to establish our priorities and prepare for the challenges we will be facing in 2006. One of the first things you all need to think about is the upcoming election for base officers. If any of you know of any members who you think might be good candidates for any of the positions, first find out if they are interested in running and give them the opportunity to investigate what the position is all about. I would like to also add that I am extremely pleased with our current crew and hope they will consider running again and keep the continuity we have established this past year, moving forward. Also, I want to encourage all current members to "re-up" for 2006. Let's keep our membership thriving with a 100% renewal rate this year and also consider joining the Booster's Club. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

For those of you who missed it, we had a great time and a very successful Annual Awards Banquet in December. Good food, good friends and a good time were had by all. There were a number of highlights that evening but one that was especially meaningful for me was having the honor to announce the commendation and read the Shipmate of the Year commendation letter. Like last year, we had co-recipients again this year. Our co-winners this year were Frank Rumbaugh and Dave Harnish. If memory serves, I think that is two in a row for Dave. I know you all will join me in congratulating these two fine shipmates. They certainly deserve these awards and it is a privilege for me to be associated with them. I want to thank both of you, Dave and Frank, for your many, many contributions to our local organization and the USSVI.

While I am sure we will have a number of worthwhile projects in which we will participate this year, two that I would like to continue to pursue include; programs to promote membership growth and participating with and supporting the Phoenix Society in pursuing the acquisition of the USS Phoenix SSN-702 sail and rudder and hopefully establishing a memorial at Steele Indian School Park. I think you all would agree that a submarine memorial in Phoenix is a most worthwhile project.

Lastly, the officers and board members welcome your ideas for new projects as well as your participation in the same. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Saturday, January 21, 2006. We will be meeting at the American Legion Post #62 in the old facility. Hopefully our February meeting will be in the new facility. We will keep you posted.

Fraternally,

Tim Moore, Commander, Perch Base USSVI

November 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 1300 hours, 19 November 2005. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander, Tim Moore.

The members were led in a prayer of Invocation followed by the standard ceremonial opening.

According to the sailing list, there were twenty-five (25) members and six (6) guests at the meeting. Guests included; John Dudas (USSVI Veterans' Affairs Chairman and member Gudgeon Base), Allan Miller (transfer from Gold Coast Base), Matt Schmell, Dick Bernier, Donald Reinhold and Jack Messersmith (Commander, Gudgeon Base). All the guests were welcomed with an resounding round of applause.

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

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Jim Denzien reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of November, 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 was not at the meeting

Base Chaplain – Howard Doyle had nothing to report.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson was not at the meeting.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett was not at the meeting.

Ship's Storekeeper – Jim Nelson announced a reduction in the prices for certain items in the Ship's Store.

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Moore reminded members of the Base Christmas Party being held at Luke AFB Enlisted Club on December 10. Tim also recited the specifics for attending the party.



The members were reminded of the on-going sale of raffle tickets for free accommodations and cruise cash prizes for use on the 2007 USSVI Convention Cruise to Alaska.

Tim also announced that Jim Denzien has ordered 100 extra copies of the USSVI publication "American Submariner" to be used as a tool for recruiting new members.

The members were informed that the combined entry (Perch Base and Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station) in the Phoenix Veterans' Day Parade was awarded 1st Place for Veterans Organization Entries. He also expressed thanks to Sanderson Ford and Palo Verde for their continuing support for the parade.

Base Commander Moore reminded the members of

the goals and objectives of the local Phoenix Society and encouraged members to become a member or otherwise involved with efforts to locate the sail of the U.S.S. Phoenix in the area.

NEW BUSINESS

Tim Moore initiated a discussion with regard to whether or not Perch Base should have a membership meeting in the month of December. Especially since the Base Christmas Party will take place on the 10th of the month. Following a short discussion, a motion was made and seconded to cancel the December Membership Meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

Tim Moore announced that a Parade Committee has been formed to look at the schedule of involvement for the Base and its float, alternatives to the current float structure, and control and maintenance of the equipment. The committee Chairman is Jim Denzien with Jim Nelson and Howard Doyle as members.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ed Brooks briefed the members on new efforts to raise money for the U.S. Submarine Veterans' Charitable Foundation. This included a program to recycle used cell phones and inkjet cartridges which will generate a contribution from the recycler. There is also an on-line auction of submarine memorabilia being conducted to benefit the Charitable Foundation's Brotherhood Fund.

Dave Harnish also encouraged members to be active in raising funds for the Charitable Foundation.

It was announced that the membership dues renewal letters have been mailed and everyone was encouraged to support the Base Booster Fund with additional donations.

Howard Doyle informed the members that the Pearl Harbor Arizona Memorial is seeking financial help to stabilize the sunken hull. It is continuing to sink into the silt of the harbor and it will require nearly \$300 million to complete the project.

There will be a meeting of the Southwest Caucus of the Submarine Veterans of WWII in April of next year. It was suggested that Perch Base members volunteer to help at the meeting.

Dave Harnish also announced that members that are capable of attending should try to attend the USSVI Western Region/Western Districts Meeting in Reno, Nevada on March 7, 8, and 9, 2006. The meeting will be held at the El Dorado Hotel.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Allan Miller.

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 1330 hours.

Ed Brooks, secretary, Perch Base USSVI



From Behind the Wardroom - SubVettes

Happy New Year!!

Hope everyone had a joyful and healthy holiday time and are excited about the New Year.

Our Annual Awards Banquet was a great celebration. It was my honor to present Kay Harnish with our "MEMBER of the YEAR" award. Thank you SubVettes, for your attendance and participation in 2005.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Chowhound on Jan. 21 at 12:30, for our first meeting of 2006.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

JoAnne Norwood – 1/24

Mary Denzien – 2/3

Delores Neuman – 2/15

Hiromi Povio – 2/26

With all my best wishes,

Nancy Nelson, President, SubVettes of Perch Base

SUBVETTES MEETING MINUTES ***November***

The twenty second Monthly Meeting of the SUBVETTES OF PERCH BASE convened at the Chowhound Cafe, 11101 N 99th Ave. Peoria at 12:45 hours on November 19th 2005. Our President Nancy Nelson called the meeting to order and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our Chaplain, Sandy Bernard gave the opening prayer. We had 11 members in attendance.

Our Raffle Prize was a moving dolphin sculpture donated by Jacque Hawkins. Tickets were \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00

We are also starting a raffle on a set of Dolphins carved by Ed Brooks. These are beautiful carvings. You will have a chance to pick up some more tickets at the Holiday Awards Banquet on the 10th of December. The Drawing for this carving will be held at the banquet, Hiromi was appointed to take charge of the raffle tickets and for this drawing and Hiromi appointed Brandi Hershey (who has returned to us after a long summer) to take over the Sculpture drawing.