

# THE MIDWATCH

USSVI Perch-Base Phoenix, Arizona Quarterly Newsletter

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## USSVI Creed

Our organization's purpose is...

"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment.

Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie.

We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."



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**From the Wardroom:**

The first half of 2022 is behind us. It's summer in AZ, whether you love it or are just counting the days for the heat to be over.

Several base members and spouses enjoyed five days in Reno NV at the Western Regional Roundup, and we are looking forward to participating July 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2022 Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Parade and the hospitality of Tom Warner and his wife Sherry for a BBQ lunch after the parade.

In August, several Perch Base members will attend the 2022 USSVI National Convention in Buffalo, NY.

It's not too late to register and represent Perch Base. Perch and Tucson Base members will man a registration table promoting the 2023 Tucson USSVI Convention.

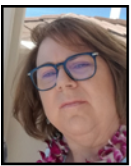
In September, we participate in the Williams Patriot Parade in Historic Downtown Williams, AZ and the following week, we escape the valley heat for the Gudgeon Base Potluck Lunch at the Pronghorn Ranch Clubhouse in Prescott Valley, AZ be sure to check the Perch Base website for the most current information on events.

The future of Perch Base depends on the participation of our members. We need volunteers to replace long-serving board members, communications officer, and events coordinator. If you are interested in helping, speak up and contact a base officer.

On behalf of Perch Base, a special thanks to Bob Gilmore for cleaning and painting the Mark 18 Torpedo Monument at Founders Circle in the National Cemetery of Arizona.

Have a wonderful summer. Hope many of you can enjoy happy times with family and friends.

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*Secretary* **Laura Luna**  
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Hello. My name is Laura Luna, and I am the new Secretary of the Perch Base. I am looking forward to working with all of you. Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns about the base meeting minutes.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Marsha Unser. She served as base secretary for the past several years and did a wonderful job of helping me transition into this role. I thank her for all her help and support.

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This year I have been approached by several Perch Base members who have asked why their names did not appear on the 2022 Perch Base Operations Supporters list shown in the Winter and Spring issues of the Mid Watch. In each case the member had made a donation in the previous year but not within the time frame to be considered for the current year's list. We base inclusion on the list all those persons making donations during the current membership drive year which runs from 1 October through 30 September. We have added the dates for the membership drive/ donation period to the list to clarify this issue for the future. As always, your donations are greatly appreciated and are critically important to the successful operation of Perch Base.

On a different topic, many of you know Tom Denton a fellow submarine veteran and artist. For those of you not familiar with Tom or his nautical art, he specializes in submarines. I recently asked Tom to paint a picture capturing one of my first moments aboard a submarine. When first reporting aboard the Kamehameha I was given a tour of the boat by the COB starting in the torpedo room. Upon seeing the "Warning Warshot Loaded" tags hanging on the torpedo tubes I became instantly and profoundly aware that my Navy school days were over and that I was now truly a part of our national defense. Tom did a great job of capturing this moment for me and you will soon be able to see a copy of this painting in the meeting room at Dillon's. Tom's contact information is in the Perch Base Classifieds portion of this newsletter. Prints of the "Warning Warshot Loaded" painting are available for purchase from Tom or you may have your own special moment that Tom can capture for you. My thanks to Tom for a job well done and I hope all of you enjoy the picture.



*Past Commander* Howard Doyle

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June. Temperature is 114 degrees with at least three more months to come. So far, we are still enjoying single digit humidity and low dew point but if we have a "normal" monsoon season that will soon change. Now if you don't like those conditions, you can pack up and move to Idaho or northern California, personally I really like Arizona and have never had to scrape sunshine off my windshield or shovel it out of my driveway.

July 2nd will be the annual rodeo / 4th of July parade in Prescott with the Perch Base float and "people" trailer making the trip part way up the hill to present Perch Base in the best parade in Arizona where we have always been accepted by one of the largest parade crowds in Arizona followed by a nice cookout at Tom Warner's home. If you haven't been there make it this year, it makes you proud.

August will be the USSVI national convention in Buffalo, New York and as my wife just pointed out to me, "That you are not getting any younger, and you may not be able to make those long trips in the future". Yes, that applies to me but it also applies to all of you, so, consider making the trip to Buffalo and listen to someone other than Davy Jones' sea stories. And if you do go, remember your passport so that you can see Niagra Falls from the Canadian side. Stay hydrated and park in the shade!



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## *The* **Barents Observer**

**Russia's newest strategic sub shoots torpedos through Arctic ice**



**Five months after it was commissioned by the Navy, the "Knyaz Oleg" engages in torpedo shooting and battle training in the Barents Sea.**

By Atle Staalesen

May 20, 2022

The "Knyaz Oleg" was commissioned on 21st of December 2021. Photo: Ministry of Defense

The brand new strategic Borei-class sub has taken part in a series of exercises aimed at preparing vessel and crew for Arctic operations.

According to the Northern Fleet, the Knyaz Oleg last week engaged in torpedo shooting at a closed shooting range in the Barents Sea. The training was to prepare the crew for opening of holes in the Arctic sea-ice for vessel emersion.

Parts of the torpedo shooting was done in team-play with a Northern Fleet submarine. The Knyaz Oleg also trained counteractions against enemy subs under the sea-ice.

The Northern Fleet has long experience from operations under the ice. In March 2021, three nuclear-powered subs surfaced from under the ice inside an area with a radius of 300 meters near Franz Josef Land. The operation was part of Exercise Umka-21, one of Russia's most complex military drills ever in the high Arctic.

The Knyaz Oleg is Russia's newest strategic submarine. It was on the 21st of December 2021 officially handed over by the Sevmash Yard to the Russian Navy.

Both President Putin and Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu participated at the ceremony in Severodvinsk via video link from the Defense Ministry Collegium in Moscow.

The ceremony included the commissioning also of multi-purpose Yasen-sub Novosibirsk.

"The new submarines have a formidable striking force," Putin said in his congratulation speech to the shipyard and navy.

The Knyaz Oleg is the 5th submarine of the Borei class now in service. Another five are still at different stages of construction at the Sevmash yard. When all are delivered, the Borei

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class will be the backbone of Russia's navy nuclear deterrence. Each of the vessels can carry 16 Bulava missiles, said to have an operational range of more than 8,000 kilometers. Each missile can carry six nuclear warheads.

During test-sailings this autumn, the Knyaz Oleg test-fired a Bulava missile from the White Sea towards a target on Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula in the Far East.

Following training in the Barents Sea, the submarine is expected to sail under the Arctic sea-ice to the Russian Far East where it will become part of Russia's Pacific Fleet.



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Amongst other happenings, since the last MidWatch was issued, I posted photos for Cdr Gene Crabb's Eternal Patrol ceremony, the Perch Base Annual Picnic at the White Tanks Park, the Western Regional Roundup in Reno, NV, Brody Schafer's (Ed Schafer's grandson) Eagle Scout Court of Honor, and the Memorial Day ceremony at the National Cemetery of AZ, including our Tolling of the Boats ceremony. The previous MidWatch newsletter was posted and snail-mailed to the 6 members without email. As always, I encourage all who haven't visited the website to check out the photos for those events.

During the previous three months, there were 5,012 page views on the Perch Base website during 2,648 sessions by 1,991 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are generally typical and are the reason I am willing to keep putting effort into maintaining our website. Besides entering the website via the homepage, the Glossary and the Eternal Patrol page receive the most visits.

During the previous three months, the Facebook PAGE has also been busy and the PAGE has 122 Likes.

Just a reminder, on the Perch Base website homepage is an offer to help arrange carpools or pickups to go to monthly meetings or Perch Base events. Send an email to webmaster@perch-base.org if you need help. We set up a rideshare for one of our members just last week. Just remember that if you call for rideshare help the day before an event, it might be hard to arrange.



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**Fun History Facts:**

Alexander the Great was accidentally buried alive. Scientists believe Alexander suffered from a neurological disorder called Guillain-Barré Syndrome. They believe that when he died he was actually just paralyzed and mentally aware!

There were female Gladiators in Ancient Rome! A female gladiator was called a Gladiatrix, or Gladiatrices. They were extremely rare, unlike their male counterparts.



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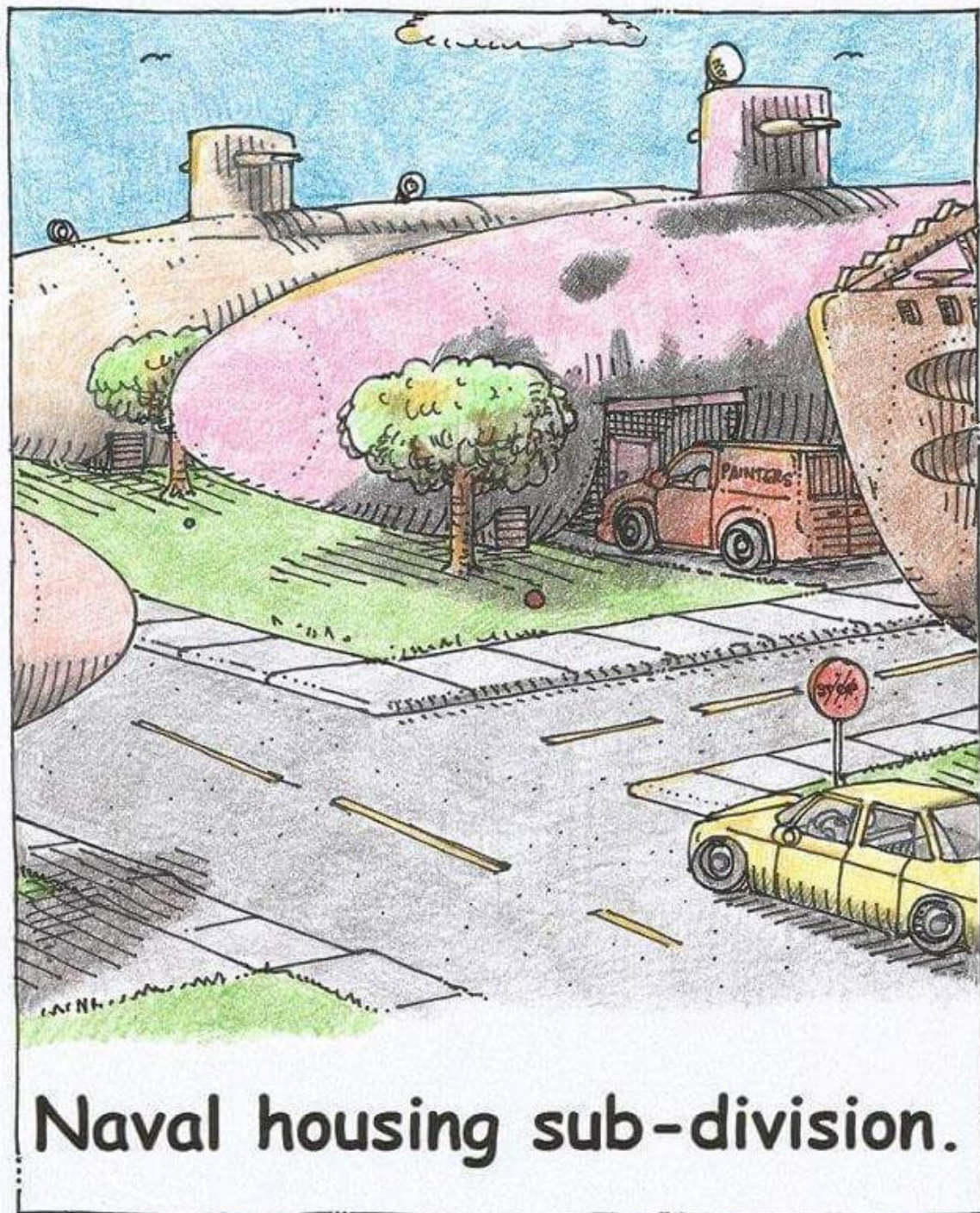
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# Navy commissions USS Oregon (SSN 793)

28 May 2022

From Submarine Readiness Squadron (SRS) 32

GROTON, Connecticut – The Navy commissioned the fast-attack submarine USS Oregon (SSN 793) in a traditional ceremony held Saturday, May 28, at Naval Submarine Base New London.



“Oregonians are deeply honored that the 20th Virginia-class submarine will bear the name of our state,” said Gov. Kate Brown of Oregon, the ceremony’s keynote speaker.

The Memorial Day Weekend event for USS Oregon – the second of the Block IV Virginia-class subs – represented the first in-person submarine commissioning ceremony since the commissioning of the USS South Dakota (SSN 790) on Feb. 2, 2019.

“This is the first in-person commissioning ceremony of a submarine in more than three years, and that’s a long time to delay celebrations like this one,” Tommy Ross, performing the duties of Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, told the assembled audience Saturday, adding: “As we honor the fallen this Memorial Day Weekend, I’d also like to remember the many service members who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep this great nation free.”

Because of restrictions on large gatherings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 commissionings of USS Vermont (SSN 792) and USS Delaware (SSN 791) were completed administratively, with ceremonies held at later dates in 2021 and 2022 to celebrate the milestones retroactively.

SSN 793 is the third U.S. Navy ship launched to bear the name Oregon, but first in more than a century. The first, named after the Oregon Territory before Oregon became a state, was a brigantine in service from 1841-1845. The second was an Indiana-class battleship commissioned in 1896 and ultimately decommissioned for the final time in 1919.

“As we commission Oregon today, the torch is passed from our storied naval history to the present,” said Ross. “First a brig bearing the name Oregon served as an exploration vessel in the mid-19th century, and later as an Indiana-class battleship, Oregon served in the Spanish-American War and helped destroy (famed Spanish Adm. Pascual Cervera y Topete’s) fleet. Today, Oregon breaks her flag again and returns to sea, reborn as an extraordinarily capable fast-attack submarine.”

USS Oregon is 377 feet long, has a 34-foot beam and is able to dive to depths greater than 800 feet and operate at speeds in excess of 25 knots. She has a crew of nearly 140 Navy personnel.

“The passion, grit and enthusiasm of Oregon’s crew has carried the ship to sea and were vital to the completion of construction and testing,” said Cmdr. Lacy Lodmell, commanding

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officer of USS Oregon. “I have been deeply honored to see you grow into a team that is ready to undertake any mission we are assigned. This is without a doubt the finest crew I have ever had the pleasure to serve with.”

The submarine Oregon was previously christened in a traditional ceremony at General Dynamics Corp.’s Electric Boat shipyard in Groton, Connecticut, on Oct. 5, 2019.

Dana L. Richardson, the wife of former Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson, is the ship sponsor. During Saturday’s commissioning event, Dana Richardson gave the crew the traditional order to “man our ship and bring her to life,” after which Oregon’s Sailors ceremonially ran aboard the submarine.

Fast-attack submarines are multi-mission platforms enabling five of the six Navy maritime strategy core capabilities – sea control, power projection, forward presence, maritime security and deterrence. They are designed to excel in anti-submarine warfare, anti-ship warfare, strike warfare, special operations, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, irregular warfare and mine warfare. Fast-attack submarines project power ashore with special operations forces and Tomahawk cruise missiles in the prevention or preparation of regional crises.

“Oregon and the other Virginia-class submarines will not only sustain, but exploit our edge in undersea warfare,” said Adm. Frank Caldwell, director of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, at the Saturday ceremony. “Soon Oregon will employ her stealth, her flexibility, her superior firepower and her endurance to travel silently throughout the world’s oceans undetected, collecting intelligence, preparing for battle and – if necessary – striking from the deep swiftly without warning to answer the nation’s call.”

Block IV Virginia-class submarines incorporate design changes focused on reduced total ownership cost. By making these smaller-scale design changes to increase the component-level lifecycle of the submarine, the Navy will increase the periodicity between depot maintenance availabilities and increase the number of deployments.

Blocks I-III Virginia-class submarines are planned to undergo four depot maintenance availabilities and conduct 14 deployments. Block IV design changes are intended to reduce planned availabilities by one to three, and increase deployments to 15.

Other speakers at the commissioning ceremony included Kevin Graney, president of General Dynamics Corp.’s Electric Boat shipyard, as well as U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal and U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney of Connecticut. The master of ceremonies was Lt. Cmdr. Collin Hedges, executive officer of the USS Oregon.

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## **USS Alabama Conducts Crew Change at Sea**

03 June 2022

From Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brian G. Reynolds, Submarine Group Nine Public Affairs

NAVAL BASE KITSAP-BANGOR, Wash. – The Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS Alabama (SSBN 731) conducted a full crew change while at sea that concluded May 24, 2022.

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This previously uncommon underway change of crew demonstrates how the Navy and its strategic forces have evolved to think, act, and operate differently in order to meet deterrent mission tasking while simultaneously executing necessary ship lifecycle events.

“This event demonstrated our ability to completely change out the crew of an SSBN at sea and in a location of our choosing,” said Rear Adm. Robert M. Gaucher, commander Submarine Group 9 and Task Group 114.3.

“The readiness and flexibility we demonstrated

today adds another layer of uncertainty to adversary efforts to monitor our SSBN force, and continues to send a strong message to our adversaries that ‘Today is not the day.’”

Each ballistic missile submarine has two crews, a blue crew and a gold crew, which alternate manning. Previously, the crews would alternate and resupply between patrols while in port. The ability to change crews while underway adds a new dynamic of flexibility and sustainability while the submarine is executing their mission.

“This provides an opportunity to keep the nuclear deterrent at sea survivable by exchanging the crews and replenishing the ship’s supplies in any port or location across the world,” said Capt. Kelly Laing, director of maritime operations at Commander, Task Group 114.3. “Our SSBNs are no longer tied to their homeport of record or another naval port to keep them at sea, ensuring that we are always executing the deterrent mission for the U.S. and our allies.”

Alabama is one of eight Ohio-class ballistic missile submarines homeported at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor and the eighth U.S. Navy ship to bear the name. The class is designed for extended, undetectable deterrent patrols and as a launch platform for intercontinental ballistic missiles.

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## **Keel Laying Ceremony Held for First Columbia-Class Ballistic Missile Submarine**

04 June 2022

From Naval Sea Systems and Commander, Submarine Forces Public Affairs

QUONSET POINT, R.I. – General Dynamics Electric Boat conducted a keel laying ceremony for the first Columbia-class ballistic missile submarine, USS District of Columbia (SSBN 826) at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, June 4.

Keel laying is an event in which the initials of the boat’s sponsor are welded onto a plate attached to the submarine, signifying a major milestone in the construction of a boat.

District of Columbia is the first Columbia-class ballistic missile submarine being constructed in the minimum 12-ship class, which will replace the existing 14 Ohio-class nuclear-ballistic submarine force due to begin retiring from service in 2027.

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Adm. Daryl Caudle, commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, highlighted the significance of ballistic missile submarines as the most survivable leg of the U.S. military's nuclear triad.



“As every ballistic-missile submarine has since the keel laying of USS George Washington (SSBN 598) here at Electric Boat in November 1958 – the District of Columbia, and all those in its class will continue to serve as the most survivable leg of the nuclear triad – standing constant watch far beneath the waves, as we have done for over 63 years – a stalwart deterrent against those who would seek to do the unspeakable,” said Caudle.

Caudle also spoke on the keel laying of District of Columbia as a historic occasion in ensuring American's freedom and way of life for the foreseeable future.

“Laying the keel of the future USS District of Columbia truly is a historic occasion – not only for the countless designers, welders, metal workers, electricians, and master craftsmen whose unmatched expertise, ingenuity, hard work, and dedication will bring this modern marvel to life – but for the future Sailors who will prowl the deep inside her hull, protecting our nation, deterring strategic attacks, and ensuring our freedom and way of life for decades to come,” said Caudle.

Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro, the event's principal speaker, echoed Caudle's sentiment on the importance of the Columbia-class being the largest, most capable and most advanced submarine produced by the U.S. as an insurance policy.

“As Admiral Caudle detailed, the Columbia class will be the cornerstone of our strategic deterrence, the ultimate guarantor of our National Security,” said Del Toro. “Our strategic submarines represent approximately 70 percent of America's deployed nuclear arsenal.”

Del Toro continued to speak on the need to modernize our Submarine Force to ensure the safety and security of the world.

“Potential adversaries know the silent service is on patrol at this very moment, but they don't know where and that protects us all,” said Del Toro. “The venerable Ohio-class that has guarded us for decades is nearing the end of its service life. For the safety of our Sailors, and the security of our world, we must modernize our fleet, and our nuclear command, control, and communications systems.”

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), the boat's sponsor and the delegate to the House of Representatives from the ship's name, the District of Columbia, attended the ceremony. Her initials were welded onto a plate by Electric Boat welder Maria Betance-Pizarro. “As a third-generation Washingtonian, I am excited and honored to be the sponsor of the future USS Columbia,” said Norton. “I look forward to meeting and establishing relationships with the men and women who will serve aboard her.”

The U.S. Navy, alongside Electric Boat, began the conceptual designs for Columbia in 2007 as a replacement for the Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarines. The Columbia-class will carry 16 missiles each, which in total represents approximately 70 percent of the U.S. nuclear triad.

The Columbia-class remains the Navy's number one acquisition priority and is scheduled to see its first delivery in 2027. The transition from the Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarines to the new Columbia-class will ensure continuous sea-based strategic deterrence into the 2080s.

At a length of 560 feet and displacing 20,810 tons, the Columbia will be the largest submarine ever built by the U.S. Its reactor will not require refueling during the lifetime of planned service making the ship more cost-effective to operate and maximizing its time in deployment. In addition to its complement of missiles, the submarine will be armed with Mk 48 torpedoes and will feature superior acoustic performance and state-of-the-art sensors to make it the most capable and quiet submarine ever built.

The Submarine Force executes the Department of the Navy's mission in and from the undersea domain. In addition to lending added capacity to naval forces, the Submarine Force, in particular, is expected to leverage those special advantages that come with undersea concealment to permit operational, deterrent and combat effects that the Navy and the nation could not otherwise achieve.

The Submarine Force and supporting organizations constitute the primary undersea arm of the Navy. Submarines and their crews remain the tip of the undersea spear.



# Previous Quarter Highlights

## Third Quarter events for Perch Base.

For more Pictures and details check out our [website](#).

The base held its Annual Picnic meeting. This was the first picnic we'd had since COVID set in after the 2019 picnic!



(l-r) Don Unser, Charles Tobias, Vic Van Horn (Western Region Director) & Jan Van Horn.



(l-r) Denny Honodel (Tautog Base Commander), Nick Fabrello, & Vincent DeGon (Tautog Base Treasurer).



## Perch Base Annual Picnic

April 9, 2022

Everyone had a Great time, including Don Robertson's dog, Foo-Zoo.



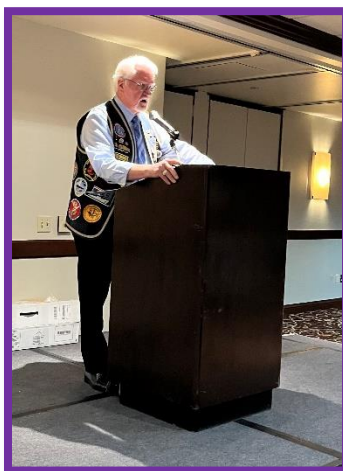
(l-r, front row) Julie Jenson (Davy Jones' daughter), Davy Jones, & Jason Tobias. (back row) Charles & Hazel Tobias.

## Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)



Group Picture Credit o Rod Stark

Our past & current Base Commanders studying hard at the "Applying for USSVI Awards" workshop.



Wayne Standerfer, USSVI National Commander, gave the keynote address after dinner.

(l-r) Howard Doyle, Past Commander, Dan Marks, Webmaster, & Marcia Unser, Secretary, seem to be shrinking.



## Western Regional Roundup

April 25/April 28, 2022

## Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)



Vice Commander Carl Miner & Webmaster Dan Marks placed the wreaths for the Submarine Veterans of WW2 and the Perch Base Submarine Veterans.

(l-r sitting) Pamm Allston, Jerry Allston, Storekeeper John Beckett, Chris Gahan, Treasurer Joe Trotter.  
(standing) former Commander Roger Cousin, Lee Cousin.



Historian Chuck Emmett and Chief of the Boat Don Robertson conducted the Tolling of the Boats ceremony as Base Commander George Woods watched.



## Memorial Day

May 30, 2022



Volunteers placed over 90,000 Flags on the grave markers at the National Cemetery of Arizona.

# In the Spotlight

What our shipmates were up to last quarter.

For more Pictures and details check out [perch-base.org](http://perch-base.org).

## Eagle Scout Court of Honor - May 14, 2022



Ed Schafer's grandson, Brody Schafer's Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held at the Friends Church of Phoenix in Phoenix, AZ. Past Commander Jim Denzien presented Brody the USSVI Certificate of Achievement and Brody's parents pinned on the Eagle Scout Award. Congratulations to both Ed and Brody Schafer!





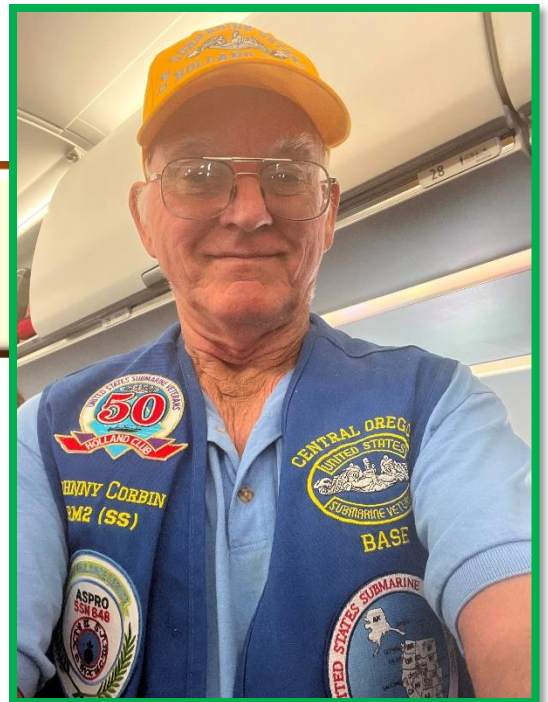
# Shipmate Spotlight (cont.)

## USS Oregon Commissioning - May 28, 2022



Perch Base Holland Club and Life member Johnny Corbin attended the commissioning ceremony in Groton, CT.

Johnny has been a long-time participant on the Christening and Commissioning Committees, and was the point man for fundraising in Central Oregon.



# Upcoming Events

Remember to check the [Perch Base website](#) and watch for Flash Traffic emails for the most up-to-date information.

## Prescott Frontier Days© rodeo parade

Saturday, July 2, staging at 0700, roll at 0900

Parade Theme: "Celebrating 50 Years of Junior Bonner"

Sherry and Tom Warner of Gudgeon Base will sponsor a BBQ at their house after the parade. Left click [here](#) for a Google map.

## Monthly General Meetings

Saturday's, July 9 and August 13

At Dillon's KC Bar-B-Que restaurant

[20585 North 59th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona.](#)

(Left click above address for a Google map.)

The official meeting starts at Noon but come join us at 1100 for lunch!

50/50 Raffle drawing (Must be present to win).

## 2022 USSVI National Convention

Wednesday, August 24 to Saturday, August 27

The USSVI Buffalo Base is your host for the 2022 USSVI National Convention in Buffalo, NY.

Information, Registration and the hotel room block are available on the convention website: [ussviconvention.org/2022](http://ussviconvention.org/2022)

## Williams Patriot Day Parade

Saturday, September 10, staging at 0930, roll at 1100

**THIS IS "IN LIEU" OF OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING AT DILLON'S**

We won't know our staging location until check-in, but it should be within a block or two of this location.

[900 W Grant Ave, Williams, AZ 86046](#)

(Left click above address for a Google map.)

## Gudgeon Base Potluck

Friday, September 16, 1100 to 1400

Escape the Phoenix heat at the Pronghorn Ranch Clubhouse in Prescott Valley, AZ

[7051 North Antelope Meadows Drive Prescott Valley, AZ 86315](#)

(Left click above address for a Google map.)

## Deadline for the Winter Quarter MidWatch

Friday, September 16, 2022

All input must be into Chuck Luna, Perch Base Communications Officer, to be included in the next MidWatch Newsletter to be published on Friday, September 30, 2022.

# Third Quarter Birthdays

## JULY

1 Mike Olsen  
2 David Heighway  
7 Bernard Juracka  
7 Wayne Braastad  
8 Carl Miner  
8 Chuck Luna  
12 Jim Foote  
16 Nick Povio  
21 Richard Bernier  
25 Larry Speight  
29 Joe Trotter  
30 Howard Goldman  
31 'Jack' Messersmith

## AUGUST

5 John Carpentier  
6 Josh Whitmore  
7 Bryan Pellegrini  
8 Charles Kotan  
8 Robert Smith  
9 Richard Hicks  
10 Brad Seidel  
10 Chris Urness  
12 Robert Lancendorfer  
15 Ray Villa  
18 John Zaichkin  
19 Doug La Rock  
19 'Kelly' Grissom  
19 Michael Bryant  
20 Robert Roberts  
26 John Mannetti  
29 Harold Heller

## SEPTEMBER

1 Edward Wolf  
4 Michael Bennett  
4 Alan Miller  
5 Fred Fuller  
6 Wayne Kirk Smith  
7 Heather Lynn Pittman  
10 Robert Wright  
13 Steven Stanger  
24 Charles Marshall  
24 Howard Enloe  
26 Gary Bartlett



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This Firestone card is from the store that graciously gives us space to stage the trailers and park for the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade. Give them a thought the next time you need tires or service.

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sheila@desertsunembroidery.com

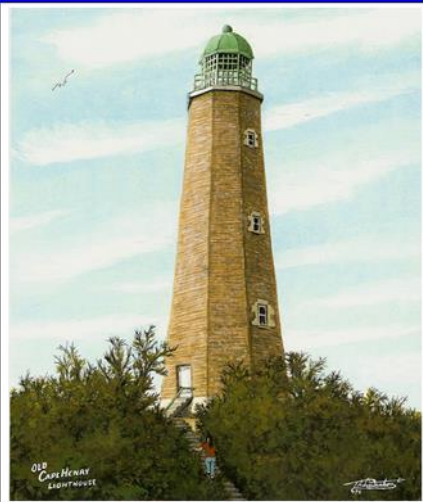
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## Tolling of the Boats for July

4	USS S-28 (SS-133)	1944	49 men lost
26	USS Robalo (SS-273)	1944	81 men lost
30	USS Grunion (SS-216)	1942	70 men lost

## Tolling of the Boats for August

6	USS Bullhead (SS-332)	1945	84 men lost
13	USS Flier (SS-250)	1944	78 men lost
13	USS S-39 (SS-144)	1942	no loss of life
24	USS Harder (SS-257)	1944	79 men lost
26	USS Cochino (SS-345)	1949	7 men lost

## Tolling of the Boats for September

1	USS S-5 (SS-110)	1920	no loss of life
9	USS Grayling (SS-209)	1943	76 men lost
25	USS S-51 (SS-162)	1925	33 men lost
25	USS Pompano (SS-181)	1943	77 men lost
28	USS Cisco (SS-290)	1943	76 men lost

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