

THE MIDWATCH

USSVI Perch Base Phoenix, Arizona Quarterly Newsletter Summer 2023



Preparing to launch a water slug

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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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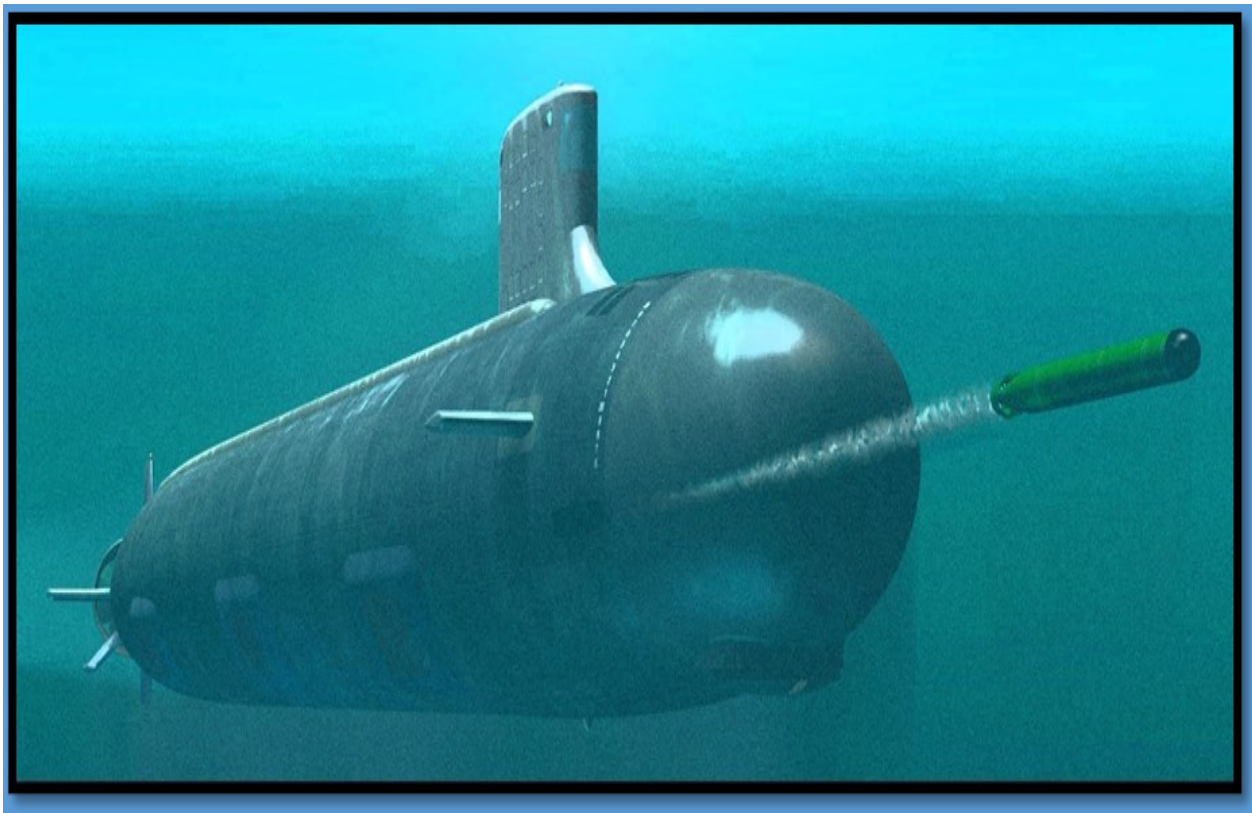
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From the Wardroom:

As you read the current issue of the Midwatch we have almost reached the midway point of 2023. Our April meeting was our annual picnic lunch and it was well received at a new location in Peoria at the Paloma Community Park and thanks to Don Robertson, Stan Reinhold and John Beckett for shopping and preparing most of the food, we had a wonderful day. It was great to see friends from Gudgeon and Tucson bases as well.

The Western Regional Round Up April 26 to 29 2023 was held in Sacramento CA. Perch base was represented by Dan Marks, Don and Marcia Unser and George and Alice Woods. Once again Don Unser was the Chaplain for the luncheon and dinner, good job Don!

Over the past few months, we have received a donation of submarine related books and a shadow box donated by TMCS(SS) Art Clement of Sun City West, a big thank you to Art.

Perch Base members will have participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, presenting wreaths for WWII and Perch Base Submarine Veterans, as well as the Tolling of the Boats at the Founders Circle.

On July 1st. we will participate in the Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Parade along with Gudgeon and Tucson bases grouped together in the parade. Doc Dawkins will tow the USS Phoenix float with his very patriotic truck. Thank you, Doc.

2023 National Convention August 28th to September 2nd. 2023 at the El Conquistador Tucson Resort, 100 miles south of the Phoenix Metro area will be the site of the 2023 National Submarine Veterans Convention August 28 to September 3 2023. Our base is co-host with Tucson Base, we need a good turnout of our members to make this convention a success. The convention will offer a little bit of activities for all attendee's and their guests.

Unfortunately, we have heard of three members of Perch Base that have gone on Eternal Patrol. Our thought and prayers are with the families of Capt. Dick Noreika, Cdr. Harry Ellis and Cdr. Royce Pettit.

Have a wonderful summer, enjoy your family and friends and see you at the convention.

George Woods



Past Commander Howard Doyle

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Writing this on 15 May, 2023 brings back memories of when I was much younger and getting ready for a new spring and upcoming summer. My Grandmother and Mother started working on the spring flowers, hoping that they would be ready for Decoration Day. My Grandmother had lost two sons and my Mother two brothers in WWII, both buried in France and Belgium and my Grandmother insisted we decorate the graves of soldiers in our local cemetery as she could not go to Europe to visit her son's graves. On Monday, 29 May, we will gather at the Arizona National Cemetery to take part in a wreath presentation and remembrance ceremony, followed by a tolling of the boats, remembering all those lost in submarines in WWII and since. This is one of the MOST IMPORTANT aspects of USSVI and I am requesting your presence at this event.

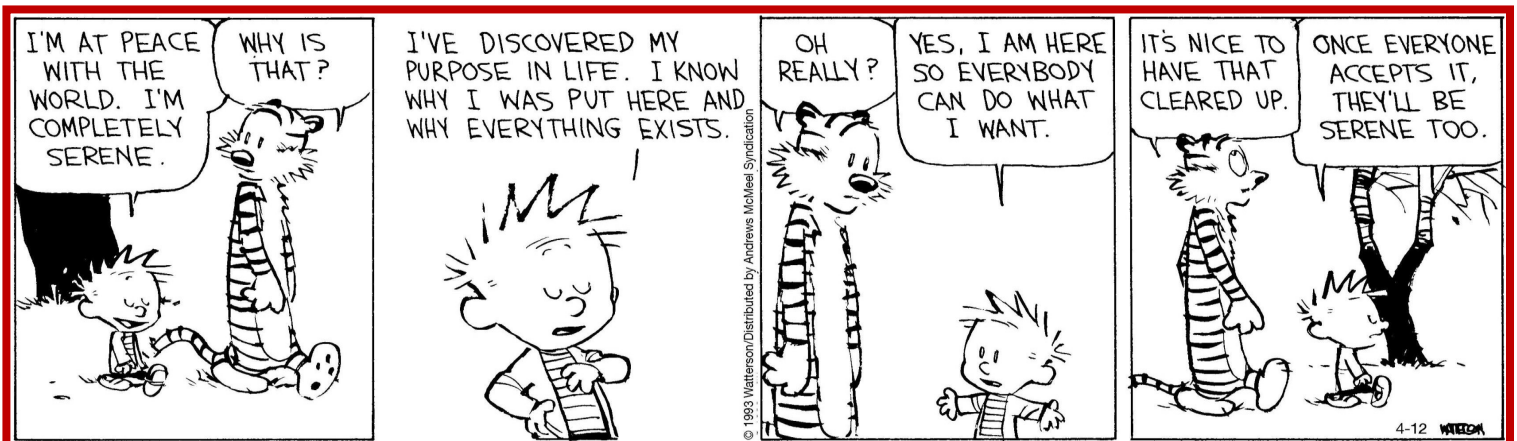
Moving on, Saturday, 1 July, we will be taking part in the parade in Prescott, a "good" excuse to get out of the heat in the Valley and enjoy taking part in one of the biggest parades in the state [maybe the largest].

Lastly, in retrospect, a big BZ, to both Don Robertson and Stan Reinhold for their efforts in overseeing the annual Perch Base picnic.

"Remember the ALAMO - FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!"

"PRIDE RUNS DEEP"

Howard





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Perch Base has been busy during the past quarter, so I've been busy too! If you weren't at some of our base events, come visit our website at <https://www.perch-base.org> and see what you missed.

There are new photos and pages added for the Eternal Patrols of Capt. Dick Noreika, Cdr. Harry Ellis, and Cdr. Royce Pettit. There are also new photos and pages added for the scholarship presentation, the Sea Chanters presentation in Goodyear, AZ, our Annual Base Picnic, the Cold War Memorial "Big Reveal" in the Steele Indian School Park and the Western Region Roundup in Sacramento, CA.

During the quarter, there were 2,848 page views on the Perch Base website during 1,515 sessions by 1,049 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 Sailing Orders page, 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 3 new Likes (158) and 4 new Followers (178).

If you have any suggestions for the website, send an email to webmaster@perch-base.org.

Subject: Math 1950s to Today...

1. Teaching Math In 1950: A logger sells a truckload of timber for \$100. His cost of production is $\frac{4}{5}$ of the price. What is his profit? \$___
2. Teaching Math In 1970: A logger sells a truckload of timber for \$100. His cost of production is $\frac{4}{5}$ of the price, or \$80. What is his profit? \$___
3. Teaching Math In 1990: A logger sells a truckload of timber for \$100. His cost of production is \$80. Did he make a profit? __Yes or __No
4. Teaching Math In 2000: A logger sells a truckload of timber for \$100. His cost of production is \$80 and his profit is \$20. Your assignment: Underline the number 20.
5. Teaching Math In 2015: A logger cuts down a beautiful forest because he is selfish and inconsiderate and cares nothing for the habitat of animals or the preservation of our woodlands. He does this so he can make a profit of \$20. What do you think of this way of making a living? Topic for class participation after answering the question: How did the birds and squirrels feel as the logger cut down their homes? What % of minorities and transgenders were employed by the logger?
6. Teaching Math in 2022: Math is Racist. Students no longer need any math skills to go to Graduate school. $2+2 = 4$, or 22, or what ever you feel is correct. There are no wrong answers, feel free to express your feelings e.g., anger, anxiety, inadequacy, helplessness etc. Should you require debriefing at the conclusion of the exam there are Counselors available to assist you to adjust back into the real world.



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2023 USSVI National Convention

The national convention, which is being cosponsored by Tucson and Perch Bases, is just around the corner. Some of the key events in addition to the standard convention meetings include:

- Venue is the El Conquistador Tucson, a Hilton resort in Oro Valley, AZ. For those of you who have never been here, this is a beautiful resort nestled into the hills just west of Tucson.
- Dates are from Sunday 27 August to Sunday 3 September
- Some of the sponsored events are included. (Those with an asterisk require advance reservation with your registration and include a fee.)
 - ◇ Tuesday 29 Aug
 - Tour of Biosphere II*
 - Welcome aboard reception*
 - ◇ Wednesday 30 Aug
 - Holland Club breakfast*
 - Motorcycle run
 - Shopping show case
 - Tour Pima Air & Space Museum*
 - Line dancing instruction
 - ◇ Thursday 31 August
 - Shopping show case
 - Tour Gaslight Music Hall*
 - ◇ Friday 1 September
 - Tour Sonoran Desert Museum*
 - Tolling of the Boats Memorial Service
 - ◇ Saturday 2 September
 - USSVI Awards Banquet*
 - ◇ Sunday 3 September
 - Farewell coffee social

More detailed information including a list of other interesting local venues to explore on your own can be found on the USSVI National website. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the new website layout, this information can be found by going to www.ussvi.org click on the "Visitors" button then select 2023 National Convention from the dropdown list. We are still experiencing some growing pains with the new website which may hamper your attempts to register on line, but fear not, you can always download a paper registration form from the website and mail it in. As a cosponsoring base we are providing personnel to assist with Registration/ check-in, selling raffle tickets, and meal ticket takers. This is a great way to meet more people and old shipmates. If you would like to volunteer for an hour or two providing these services or if you have any other convention questions contact Joe Trotter at Jwt728@gmail.com or 724-854-0514. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the El Conquistador!



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This newsletter is published to inform and entertain the Perch Base membership. The wardroom always submits articles for the newsletter. Nevertheless, every Perch Base member is encouraged to participate also. Subject matter can range from sea stories, media stories about the Navy but especially submarines, cartoons, opinions, general announcements of interest to the Perch Base community. Ramp up your creative juices and let's make every edition of the "Midwatch" an anticipated document in your email inbox.

We can learn much from observing geese in flight. First, geese share a common sense of direction and a sense of community to get where they are going more quickly and easily because they rely on strength of each other.

Second, geese stay in formation and accept help when it is needed, and offer help when others need it.

Third, geese instinctively share the task of leadership and do not resent the leader.

Fourth, when a goose gets sick, wounded, or shot down, two others drop out of formation to follow it down to earth to protect it. They remain with the wounded bird until it is well or dies.

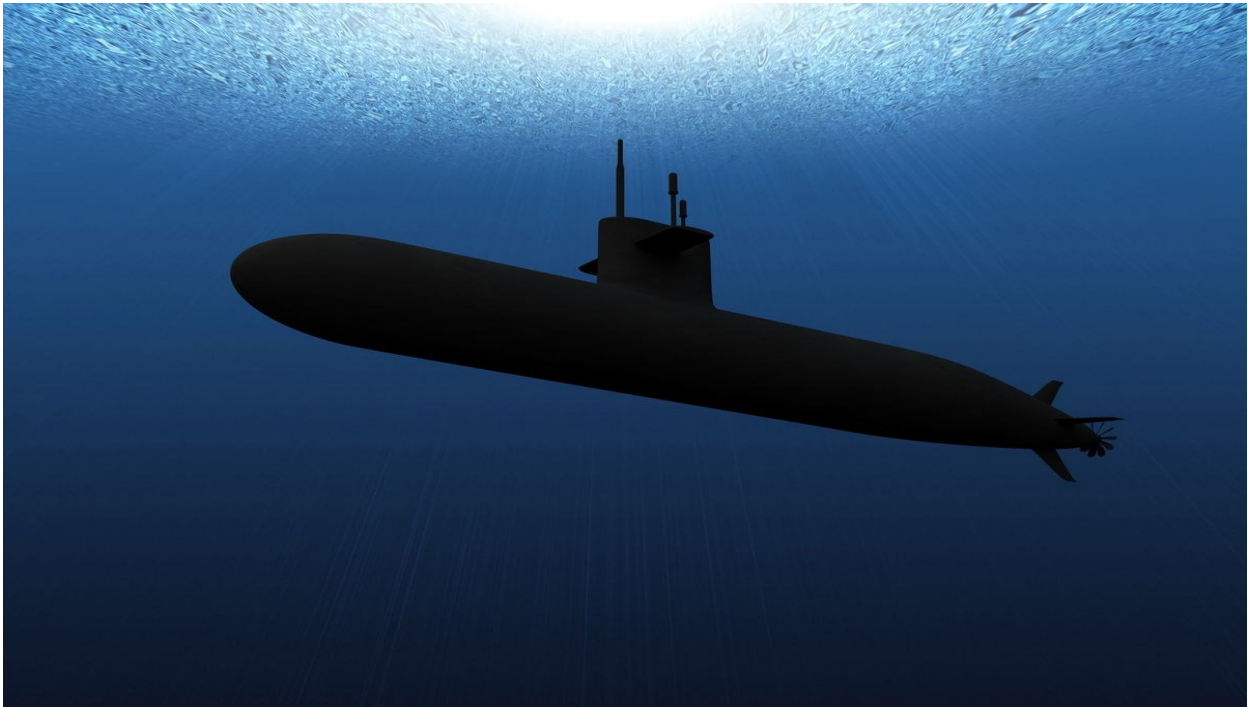
Does this sound vaguely familiar?

"the formula for success is simple: practice and concentration then more practice and concentration."

Babe Didrikson Zaharias: American Athlete and golfing Hall of Famer (1911-1956)

UNDERSEA WARFARE NEWS

With Russia's Land Invasion Bogged Down, Moscow May Turn to Submarine Warfare. But resorting to submarine warfare reflects Russian weakness more than strength.



With Russia's land invasion bogged down, it may turn to the sea as another way of hurting Ukraine. [Russian submarines](#) in the Black Sea could target ships exporting Ukrainian wheat and other resources, according to experts at a British think tank.

This would be a problem for Ukraine, which already has its hands full, waging a ground war against a massive Russian army. "The skills and capabilities needed for Ukraine to conduct anti-submarine warfare (ASW) along Western lines would be time-consuming and expensive to generate," Sidharth Kaushal and Kevin Rowlands write in a March 7 [essay for the Royal United Services Institute](#) (RUSI).

To be clear, resorting to submarine warfare reflects Russian weakness more than strength. Russia's navy dwarfs Ukraine's motley collection of light Soviet-era warships. Yet Ukrainian resourcefulness—such as using locally made Neptune anti-ship missiles to [sink the Black Sea fleet flagship *Moskva*](#)—has kept Russian surface ships from operating near the Ukrainian coast. This has deprived [Russian ground troops](#) of the fruits of naval superiority, such as naval gunfire and amphibious landings behind Ukrainian lines.

But with its invasion halted after a subpar performance from both the army and air force, Russia may have few other options left. “Should the conflict reach a point of enduring, frozen stalemate, Russia may shift its military focus to wearing down the Ukrainian economy,” Kaushal and Rowlands said.

Missile and drone [bombardment of Ukraine’s electrical grid](#) hasn’t broken down morale. But strangling Ukrainian exports could be devastating. The world depends on Ukrainian wheat, corn, and sunflower products; the war has resulted in a [30 percent drop](#) in Ukrainian grain exports, resulting in rising global food prices and food insecurity. Equally important, Ukraine needs export revenue to sustain its economy and pay for weapons.

Under fierce criticism for creating global hunger, Russia agreed to a [United Nations-sponsored deal](#) that allowed shipping of some Ukrainian grain through safe corridors in the Black Sea. While Russia could withdraw from the agreement, the Kremlin would pay a political price.

Submarines offer a less risky option. So far, the Black Sea Fleet’s handful of Kilo and Improved Kilo-class diesel subs have only been used to fire cruise missiles at Ukrainian land targets. But they can also lay [mines](#). The boats “can clandestinely lay [up to 24 naval mines](#) each during a single sortie,” noted the RUSI essay. They could even sink ships with torpedoes and anti-ship missiles.

Of course, the world would know who was responsible. But mines and submarines are [stealthier](#) than surface ships; this anonymity allows deniability. Moscow could deny responsibility for any attack or try to pin the blame on Ukraine while some Western governments would be happy for an excuse to avoid military confrontation with a nuclear-armed Russia.

In fact, the precedent is already there. During the Spanish Civil War, ships bringing supplies to the Spanish Republican government were attacked by [“pirate” submarines](#). Britain and France were well aware that the “pirates” were German and Italian subs supporting Franco’s Nationalist faction, but the appeasement-minded democracies had a pretext for merely [sponsoring a symbolic resolution](#) calling for the pirate subs to be attacked.



Russian submarines take part in the Vostok 2022 military exercises at the Peter the Great Gulf of the Sea of Japan outside the city of Vladivostok on September 5, 2022.

Whether Russian subs would actually sink any ships is almost immaterial. The threat of mine and submarine attack would raise maritime insurance rates so high as to discourage trade. In 2019, “insurance rates in the Strait of Hormuz rose tenfold after Iran’s limpet mine attacks—even though a convoy system was put in place,” the RUSI article noted.

Should Russia resort to a submarine blockade, Ukraine has few good options. The country has minimal anti-submarine warfare equipment or experience, and other priorities for its resources.

Nor can the West fill the gap. “The platforms involved are too expensive and small in number to be gifted,” RUSI said. “Assets such as the P-8 maritime patrol aircraft or specialist ASW frigates are unlikely to be transferred, and the Ukrainian armed forces would struggle to crew, operate and protect them in any case.”

But rather than destroying Russian submarines—an arduous task even for advanced navies like the U.S.—Ukraine could simply attempt to harass them, argues RUSI. Ukraine could deploy anti-submarine mines such as the U.S. [Hammerhead](#), or unmanned aircraft equipped with dipping [sonar](#) and anti-submarine torpedoes. This would be made easier by the shallow depth of the Black Sea near the Ukrainian coast.

This approach might not destroy many submarines. Yet hearing a sonar ping from a drone —or knowing mines are in the area—might compel a Russian sub skipper to behave less aggressively.

“Ukraine can impose upon the Kilos and their operators a set of conditions which—though they may not end the submarine threat—will strain both vessels and crews,” conclude the RUSI experts.

It’s not a perfect solution, but it’s one that Ukraine can afford.

You can find Michael Peck on Twitter at [@Mipec1](#).

The Submariner

Only a submariner realizes to what great extent an entire ship depends on him as an individual. To a landsman this is not understandable, and sometimes it is even difficult for us to comprehend, but it is so!

A submarine at sea is a different world in itself, and in consideration of the protracted and distant operations of submarines, the Navy must place responsibility and trust in the hands of those who take such ships to sea.

In each submarine there are men and women who, in the hour of emergency or peril on the sea, can turn to each other for all aspects of operation of their submarine. They are the crew. They are the ship.

This is perhaps the most difficult and demanding assignment in the Navy. There is not an instant during their tour as a submariner that can escape the grasp of responsibility. Their privileges in view of their obligations are almost ludicrously small, nevertheless, it is the catalyst which has given the Navy its greatest mariners — the men and women of the Submarines Service.

It is a duty which most richly deserve the proud and time honors title of "Submariner".

Heat Induced Humor

You are in the Valley of the Sun in the summer if:

- ◆ You wash your hair , then go to the mailbox to dry it.
- ◆ Even the duck pond is a “hot tub”.
- ◆ The temperature is 90° at 5:00 am and 99° at 9:00 pm.
- ◆ You understand the phrase. “Thank You, Jesus, it’s only 103° today.”
- ◆ No one parks their car facing the sun and any shaded parking space is precious.
- ◆ You fry an egg on the sidewalk.
- ◆ You take a cold shower before sex.
- ◆ Cut down a shade tree and go to jail.
- ◆ Your electric bill is half the amount of your house payment.
- ◆ The three most important words in gardening are : “It’s drought resistant”.
- ◆ You never use your oven from April to October.
- ◆ You open your refrigerator and your pet climbs in.
- ◆ You spend half the year in damp underwear.
- ◆ You pull over for ambulances and HVAC repair trucks.

But—” it’s a dry heat!”

The Priest and the Rabbi

An Irish Priest and a Rabbi found themselves sharing a compartment on a train. After a while, the Priest opens the conversation by saying, “ I know that in your religion, you are not to eat pork. Have you actually ever tasted pork? ”

The Rabbi said, “I must tell the truth. Yes, I have on odd occasions .” The Rabbi had his turn to interrogate. He asked, “your religion too...I know you are supposed to be celebrate. But....”

The Priest replied, “ Yes, I know what you are going to ask. I have succumbed once or twice.”

There was silence for a while. Then the Rabbi peeped around the newspaper he was reading and said, “Better than pork, Isn’t it ?”

Previous Quarter Highlights



U.S. NAVY SEA CHANTERS

The US Navy Sea Chanters performed in the Phoenix, AZ, area at the Goodyear, AZ, Civic Center on March 28, 2023. The Navy Band Sea Chanters are the United States Navy's official chorus. The ensemble performed a variety of music including traditional choral music, sea chanteys, patriotic fare, opera, Broadway and contemporary music.

ANNUAL PICNIC MEETING

After 50 years, I finally found that 30 feet of "chow line" that my sea daddy sent me for before I qualified.

Perch Base held its Annual Picnic meeting on Saturday, April 8, 2023.

This was the first picnic at the Paloma Community Park in Peoria, AZ, instead of the White Tanks Park in Waddell and it was a great change.

The "duty chef," Stan Reinhold cooked the burgers and hotdogs. Our Perch

Base Chief of the Boat (COB,) Don Robertson also "mess cranked" for Stan. Special thanks to both Stan and Don for their contribution to the success of the picnic.



Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)

THE BIG REVEAL

Perch Base Submarine Veterans (USSVI) participated in the USS Phoenix (SSN-702) Cold War Monument Foundation "Big Sign Reveal" on the "Submarine Force Birthday," Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at the Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix, Arizona. The purpose of the event was to reveal a large sign to kickoff the (hopefully) final fundraising drive. Several Perch Base members who rode the USS Phoenix (SSN-702) including Ed Henry, Chuck Luna, Jim Ratte and Bob Saenz. Ed was present at this ceremony.



Some of the Perch Base members present included:
Front row (l-r): Jerry Benham, Howard Doyle.
Back row (l-r): Carl Miner, Joe Trotter, Chris Gahan, Bob Gilmore.

(l-r) Col Wanda Wright, Capt. Pete Lumianski & Councilperson Laura Pastor.



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Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)

Big Reveal (Cont.)

Perch Base supported the reveal by bringing our float, a 1/15th scale model of the USS Phoenix. Speakers included Capt. Pete Lumianski (ret), the Executive Director of the USS Phoenix (SSN-702) Cold War Monument Foundation; Col. Wanda Wright (ret), Former Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services; and Laura Pastor, Phoenix City Council Member, District 4. Free refreshments were provided by Port of Subs. A fundraiser day will be held by participating Arizona Port of Subs locations on Tuesday, April 18th, 2023, from 2:00 PM to closing. 15% of all purchases will be donated to the USS Phoenix (SSN-702) Cold War Memorial.

WESTERN REGION ROUNDUP:

The Western Region Roundup was held in Sacramento, CA from April 27 – 29, 2023. Perch Base members attending the Roundup were George & Alice Woods, Don & Marcia Unser and Dan Marks



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Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)

(Western Regional Roundup Cont.)

105 attendees (including submarine veterans' guests) were present.

Activities included Memorabilia Auctions, presentations, workshops, a movie night (*Hunter Killer* and *Operation Petticoat*), a luncheon, a dinner banquet, a Tolling of the Boats Ceremony, and more.

THE HOSPITALITY ROOM

The Hospitality Room was a common area where the attendees came to register and meet between other events. This is where sea stories are shared! There were other tables with vendors and representatives, including Jenny Dugan, The Vest Lady, Ken Earls, representing the USSVI Charitable Fund, Dennis Nardone, representing the USSVI National Office, George Wallace presenting his books and the 2023 Tucson National Convention Committee represented by Romie Ortiz and Alice Woods.

Refreshments were always available.

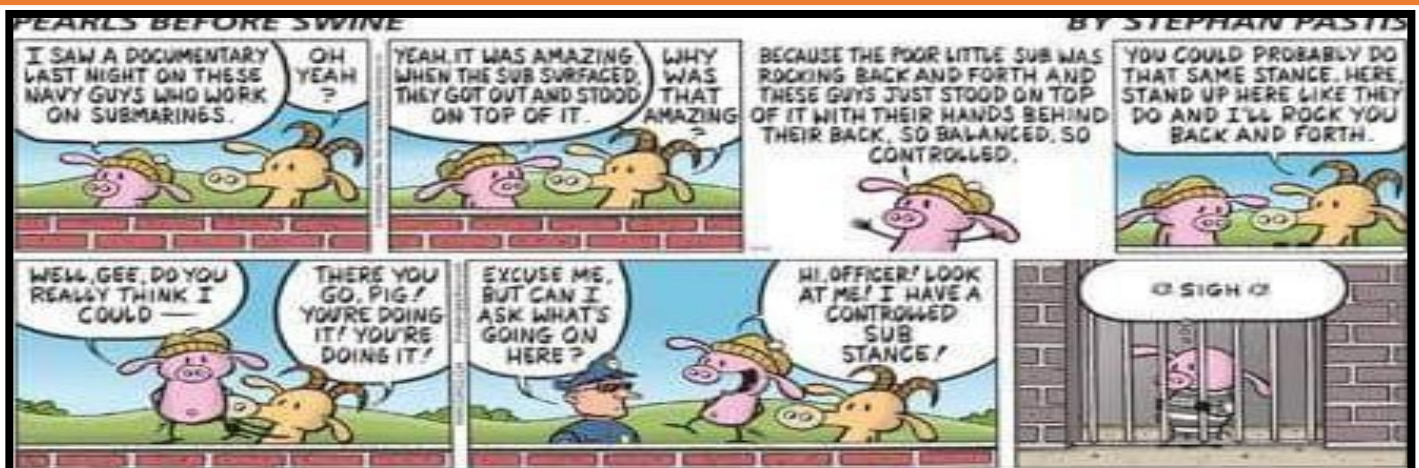
WELCOME LUNCHEON

The Welcome Luncheon was opened by the WRR Committee Chairman, Barry Wyatt, who was followed by the Western Division Director Pete Juhos. After lunch, George Wallace, CDR (ret) gave a presentation on how his Navy experiences on the submarines, including the USS John Adams (SSBN-620), USS Woodrow Wilson (SSBN-624), Executive Officer on the USS Spadefish (SSN-668), and Commanding Officer of the USS Houston (SSN-713) led to his becoming an author.

WELCOME ROUNDTABLE

The Welcome Roundtable is a great way to meet other Western Region Roundup participants. Those who come to the Roundup tend to spend their time with other former shipmates or other members from their own Bases. The Roundtable event rotates everyone with others that they may not know. Each table tells each other about themselves and then rotate after a preset time to another table and, cycle repeats until everyone has met everyone else. Barry Wyatt kept time and coordinate the rotations.

For More Information and Photos on this event go to the Perch Base Website



Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)



MEMORIAL DAY:

Perch Base USSVI participated in the Memorial Day Ceremonies at the National Cemetery of Arizona, including Tolling of the Boats, on Monday, May 29, 2023.

Carl Miner and Dan Marks placed the wreaths for the Submarine Veterans of WW2 and the Perch Base Submarine Veterans at the Memorial Day ceremony. Governor Joy and Howard Doyle conducted the Tolling of the Boats ceremony. The following photos are from the both the Memorial Day Ceremony and the Tolling of the Boats.



PAINTING PRESENTATION

Perch Base Submarine Veterans (USSVI) Base Commander, George Woods, presented a painting of the USS Phoenix (SSN-702) with the WW2 light cruiser USS Phoenix (CL-46) in the background to the Dillon's BBQ Restaurant Manager, Fernando Fernandez, during the Base meeting on May 13, 2023.

The painting will be hung in our meeting room for as long as we continue meeting there.

The painting was provided by Holland Club & Life Member Bob (Bob da COB) Saenz, QMCM (SS) (ret), who was formerly the Chief of the Boat (COB) aboard the USS Phoenix (SSN-702). The painting was from an exhibit when the City of Phoenix adopted the USS Phoenix (SSN-702) on March 19, 1989.

Come to our next meeting to see where the painting was hung!



Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)



(l-r) Perch Base Holland Club, Life Member and Vice Commander Carl Miner presented the US SubVets of WW2 wreath and Perch Base Life Member and Webmaster Dan Marks presented the Perch Base wreath.



(l-r) Howard Doyle tolled the bell and Governor Joy recited the Lost Boats.

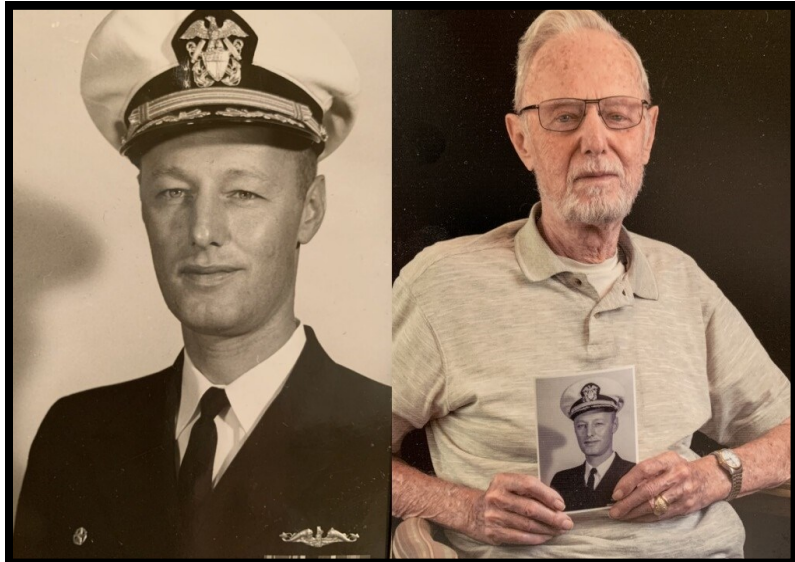


After the Memorial Day Ceremony, several of us met at the Sunshine Breakfast Bar. (clockwise from l-r) Dan Marks, Chris Gahan, Howard Doyle, Jim Denzien, Chad Millette, Elise Millette, George Woods. Someone in the restaurant anonymously picked up our tab! Thanks!



A few of our Perch Base members in attendance: (l-r) Life Member and Event Coordinator David Heighway, Life Member and Treasurer Joe Trotter, & Past Commander Howard Doyle. Beyond Howard are his guests Chad Millette, an Air Force Retiree and his wife Elise Millette.

In the Spotlight



SAILOR, REST YOUR OAR! YOUR WATCH HAS ENDED.

**Your Brothers of the 'Phin Have the Watch.
Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shipmate.**



CDR ROYCE PETTIT ETERNAL PATROL

Royce qualified in submarines on the USS Barracuda (was K-1) (SSK-1) in 1953 and was a CDR when he left the Navy. Royce E. Pettit Jr. of Phoenix, AZ, formerly of Reynolds, IL, passed peacefully on April 17th. He was born on February 1, 1928 and was the eldest child of Royce E. Pettit and Dorothy Clarke Waite Pettit. Foregoing his senior year of high school in Reynolds, he attended a military prep school. Royce attended the U.S. Naval Academy from which he graduated in 1950. His specialty was as a submariner and anti-submarine warfare specialist. Upon graduation he served on the destroyer USS Perry as the ASW officer. He then spent time at the submarine school in New London CT, upon graduation there he was assigned to his first submarine USS K-1 then the USS Picuda. In 1956-1958 he was in charge of the Naval ROTC at the University of Louisville. He was then assigned to the submarines USS Tang followed by the USS Ronquil. In November 1959, he married his wife Odile Simats whom he met in Vancouver, Canada during shore leave. From 1961-1963 he was seconded to the Royal Australian Navy as an ASW instructor. He then became the commanding officer of the USS Baya. Moving to Hawaii he was on the staff of the USN ASW Force, Pacific. Royce then moved to the East Coast to become the ASW officer on CV-18 USS Wasp. Moving to West Germany in 1969 he was the information officer for Joint Defense Headquarters Europe. His last duty station was as Executive Officer for Great Lakes Naval Training Center. While there he earned his MBA in business management from Roosevelt University. Royce retired from the Navy as a Commander in June 1976.

In the Spotlight



SAILOR, REST YOUR OAR! YOUR WATCH HAS ENDED.

Your Brothers of the 'Phin Have the Watch.
Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shipmate.



CDR HARRY ELLIS ETERNAL PATROL

Perch Base Holland Club Member and Life Member CDR Harry B. Ellis, USN (ret), 87, passed away February 14, 2020. Harry was born August 26, 1927, and joined the Navy, serving in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Harry joined Perch Base USSVI in August 2000. Perch Base officers had been trying unsuccessfully to make contact with Harry, but the assisted living facility where he was living would not allow access during the COVID lockdown period and would not discuss his status. Sadly, it was not until we discovered the location of his inurnment, with his wife, Marjory, in the National Cemetery of Arizona (Section F7, Row B, Site 25) that we learned he had passed onto Eternal Patrol. Harry's first submarine assignment was when he reported to the USS Raton (SSR-270). He later qualified and served on the USS Sea Devil (SS-400) in 1953 and again in 1960 as its Commanding Officer. Harry also commanded the USS Tilefish (SS-307) in 1960.

In the Spotlight

SAILOR, REST YOUR OAR! YOUR WATCH HAS ENDED.

**Your Brothers of the 'Phin Have the Watch.
Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shipmate.**



CAPT. DICK NOREIKA ETERNAL PATROL

Perch Base Holland Club Member and Life Member Capt. Richard John Noreika, USN (Retired), 85, passed away April 5, 2023, after a long battle with Alzheimer's and dementia. Richard was born May 25, 1937. Richard earned a degree in engineering from the United States Naval Academy, Class of '59, 3rd Company. Richard proudly served his country as an officer in the U.S. Navy for 26 years. He had a distinguished naval career serving on the destroyer the USS Bailey and many submarines including the USS Patrick Henry, USS Tinosa, USS Batfish (as the executive officer), USS Kamehameha (as the commanding officer), and the USS Michigan Trident submarine (as the commanding officer). Richard was assigned sea duty for every Navy assignment from the time he graduated from the Naval Academy in 1959, until he took command of the Trident Refit Facility in Bangor, Wash. in 1982. He spent over seven years underwater and was away from his family over 65 percent of the time. Richard's last duty of assignment was at the Pentagon as head of electronics in Washington, D.C. Richard's individual accomplishments are too numerous to mention here. Richard was very proud to have served in the U.S. Navy, and his family was just as proud of him. Richard's only regret was that it was a difficult life for his family. Dick will be inurned at the Naval Academy Columbarium in Annapolis, Md., in a family service at a later date.

Upcoming Events

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

Monthly General Meetings

Saturday's, June 10th, July 8th, Aug 12th & Sep 9th

At Dillion's KC BBQ 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).

Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Parade on Saturday July 1st.

Very Little details at this time. Watch for Flash Traffic and website updates for additional information on this event.

USSVI 2023 National Convention in Tucson from Aug 27th - Sep 3rd.

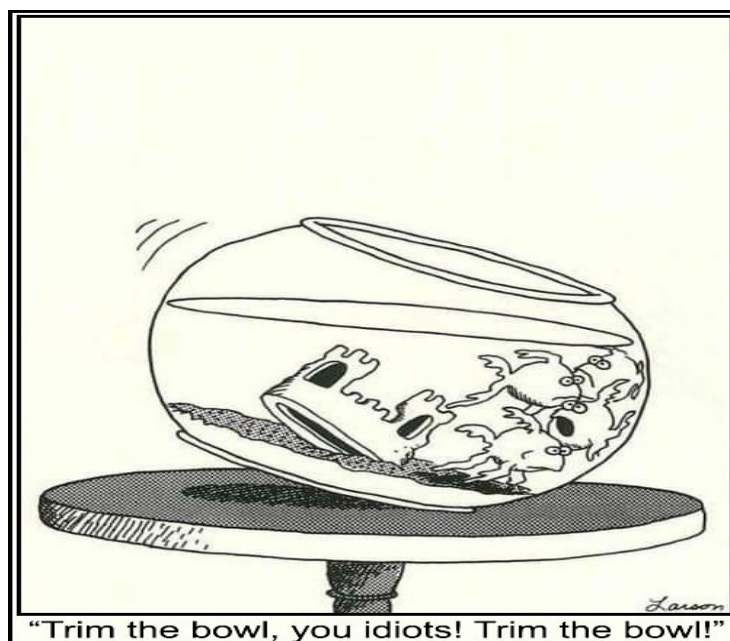
For more information refer to the website— www.USSVI.org/2023ch and the Treasurer's report in this issue.

Deadline for the Winter Quarter's MidWatch

Friday, Sep 15th, 2023

All input must be into Chris Gahan, Perch Base Newsletter Editor, to be included in the next MidWatch Newsletter to be published on Friday, October 13th, 2023.

Please watch for updates on the [Perch Base website](#) and **Flash Traffic emails as events may be added or amended.**



Third Quarter Birthdays

JULY

2 Dave Heighway
7 Wayne Braastad
7 Bernard Juracka
8 Chuck Luna
8 Matt McDonald
8 Carl Miner
12 James Foote
16 Nick Povio Jr.
21 Richard Bernier
25 Larry Speight
29 Joe Trotter
30 Howard Goldman
31 Jack Messersmith

AUGUST

3 Bob Denton
5 John Carpentier
6 Joshua Whitmore
7 Bryan Pellegrini
8 Bob Smith
8 Charles Kotan
9 Richard Hicks
10 Drad Siedel
10 Chris Urness
12 Bob Lancendorfer
15 Ray Villa Sr.
18 John Zaichkin
19 Mike Bryant
19 William Grisson
19 Doug LaRock
20 Bob Roberts
25 Chris Gahan
26 John Mannetti
29 Harold Heller

SEPTEMBER

1 Edward Wolf
4 Alan Miller
5 Fred Fuller
6 Wayne Smith
7 Heather Pittman
10 Bob Wright
24 Howard Enloe



Binnacle List

Keep these shipmates in your prayers

**Howard Doyle Jr.
Chuck Emmett
Wayne Hembree
Davy Jones
DeWayne Lober
Mary Denzien**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Base Ride Share

In need of a ride to a base meeting or event? Like to help a shipmate in need of a lift? Please contact: Dan Marks at

webmaster@perch-base.org

Tolling of the Boats



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 Boat 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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Don Unser	Marcia Unser	Chris Urness
Janice Van Horn	Holly Walker	Alice Woods
John Zaichkin	Henry Fernandez	DeWayne Lober
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