

THE MIDWATCH

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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."





Base Commander George Woods

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From the Wardroom:

Three quarters of 2022 are behind us, we have several special parades ahead of us along with the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day December 7th. Details will be announced soon, so check your emails regularly for Flash Traffic.

The USSVI National Convention in Buffalo, NY at the end of August, a few members of Perch Base attended including John Beckett, Brad Seidel, Joseph Trotter, Janice and Victor Van Horn, Alice Woods and myself as members of the 2023 National Convention Committee along with Tucson Base, most of us manned the information table for the 2023 convention and made \$500 selling chances on two diamond paintings and metal dolphins.

Congratulations to Victor Van Horn who completed his term as Western Regional Director and received the Robert Link National Commanders Award, and our own Events Coordinator, Don Unser, received the 2022 Silver Anchor award. Congratulations to both of them for their outstanding service.

On September 10th Perch Base took part in the Williams Patriot Parade with 14 base members and family. The weather was not exactly on our side, but we enjoyed the comradeship and cooler temps.

Several base members will be attending the September 16th Gudgeon Base meeting, picnic and auction.

We are seeking a new Events Coordinator. If anyone is interested contact the Base Commander or a Base Officer.

We will be participating in the Phoenix Veterans parade and the Anthem-Daisy Mountain parade. As always, we need to recruit new members and our membership drive is underway, get those dues in, don't be a dink.

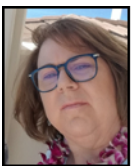
Have a wonderful holiday season. Best wishes to all of you as we look forward to 2023.



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As we bid adieu to summer and with the Buffalo national convention behind us, it is time to kick our planning for the 2023 national convention into high gear. As most of you know, Perch Base is co-sponsoring next year's convention in Tucson with the Tucson Base. Members of Perch Base on the convention committee include George and Alice Woods, Vic and Janice Van Horn, Jim and Mary Denzien, Dan Marks, and yours truly.

The convention next summer will be held August 28 – September 23 at the El Conquistador Tucson, a Hilton Resort in Oro Valley. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to visit this resort, it is a beautiful venue for the convention and will allow us to put our best foot forward in hosting this event and showing our western hospitality.

The committee is working on finalizing the plan of the day for the convention as well as the sponsored off-site events. We will be reaching out to base members to support the convention in roles such as manning the check in desk, ticket takers for scheduled dinners and luncheons and guides to support off site events to ensure we get everyone on and off the buses. I will have signup sheets at base meetings so you can volunteer for your desired role.

I am really looking forward to this event as I hope you are. So, mark your calendars now and get ready to have a great time with our fellow submariners and their spouses from across the nation.



Webmaster

Dan Marks

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The summer months don't usually have as much activity because of the heat, but there are still quite a few additions to the website, including the Prescott Frontier Days® Parade, the David Metje Eternal Patrol Notice, the D-Day veteran Arthur Herzberg Funeral, National Convention photos and the Williams Patriot Day Parade. 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 4,401 page views on the Perch Base website during 2,323 sessions by 1695 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 140 Likes.

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



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The **Barents Observer**

Russia tests latest underwater warfare technology in the Barents Sea



The “Krasnoyarsk” and “Generalissimo Suvorov” are the most advanced nuclear submarines ever built by the Sevmash yard.

By Thomas Nilsen

September 13, 2022

The "Kazan" is the sister vessel to "Krasnoyarsk". Photo: Sevmash

Protection is ensured by “Dmitry Donskoy”, the only Typhoon-class submarine still in operation, state-affiliated news agency TASS on Tuesday reported.

“Krasnoyarsk” is the third of the upgraded Yasen-M multi-purpose subs armed with cruise missiles, torpedoes, and surface-to-air missiles. The vessel was launched last summer and set out from Severodvinsk to the White Sea for the first sea trials this spring.

For weapons testing and when performing the cat-and-mouse game, hiding and detecting, the larger Barents Sea is more suitable.

The other new submarine currently on sea trials in the waters north of the Kola Peninsula is “Generalissimo Suvorov”. This is the third of the Borei-A class ballistic missile submarines armed with the Bulava intercontinental missile.

“Generalissimo Suvorov” started sea trials about the same time as “Krasnoyarsk”.

When final approvals are given, both submarines are expected to be part of Russia’s Pacific Fleet.

This weekend, the press service of the Northern Fleet said anti-submarine aviation was conducting exercises over the Barents Sea. Il-38 and Tu-142 aircraft, along with Ka-27 anti-submarine helicopters flew tactical search- and tracing training.

Yasen-class is Russia’s 4th generation multi-purpose submarine and is of big concern for NATO in the North Atlantic. Its weapon capacities and ability to sail quietly and avoid detection could pose a threat to both military installations on land and enemy navy vessels.

Last fall, the first vessel of the class, the “Severodvinsk”, made a first-time test launch of the hypersonic Tsirkon cruise missile in the Barents Sea.

Also armed with Kalibr missiles, the Yasen class subs could make big trouble for NATO’s reinforcement plans for Europe in case of conflict by effectively hitting NATO navy ships in the North Atlantic.



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My naval career was a 24-year odyssey which started in December of 1970 right after High School. I was nuclear designated, so my first two years were consumed with schooling. After Nuclear Power Training in Idaho, I was assigned to the USS Sculpin (SSN-590) home ported in San Diego. I qualified in submarines in April of 1974 and completed my sea tour in December of 1976. I had two additional sea tours. The USS Patrick Henry (SSBN-599) Gold from December of 1979 to December of 1983 and the USS Drum (SSN-677) from March of 1986 to August of 1988.

Shore duty assignments were Naples, Italy where I was promoted to E-7 in October of 1979. Also, later in 1984 served at another shore duty assignments at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard as a Nuclear Ship Superintendent.

I applied for and was promoted to CWO2 in September 1988. Duty assignments included Nuclear Repair at Subbase Pearl Harbor and Portsmouth Naval shipyard as a Reactor Plant Supervisor. I was promoted to CWO3 in October of 1992 and retired from the naval service in August of 1994.

My family settled in Mesa and my civilian profession was facilities engineering. I work for a couple of named companies but spent 20 years at Arizona State University with the Facilities Management Department. I was an operator then supervisor of the campus Central Plant and Utility Services. I retired from ASU in February of 2021.

I married Georgianne a little over 40 years ago and am presently residing in Mesa. Georgianne worked at Rio Salado college and retired a couple of years ago. We raised three children and enjoy our four grandchildren. After full retirement, I have invested much time in the valley of the sun veteran community and am a proud member of the Perch Base USSVI.



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Fun Facts:

Hawaiian pizza was created in Ontario, Canada, by Greek immigrant Sam Panopoulos in 1962.

Doritos are flammable. Once the world as we know it meets its end – whether through aliens, zombies, or other causes – you can rely on Doritos for survival. These famous corn chips actually make a long-lasting fire due to hydrocarbons and oil content. The more powder-flavoring, the longer the fire will last.

No real astronaut ever said, "Houston, we have a problem,"
The famous line was only said by Tom Hanks in the movie Apollo 13.

Lightning kills about 10,000 people a year worldwide, more people than tornadoes or flooding.



Past Commander Howard Doyle

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From "Snipes Castle":

September 2022, what a change from previous years, a monsoon that was [almost], only 0.65 inches of rain at my home and no broken trees or bushes and I don't think that the temperature ever got over 110 degrees. Don't you just LOVE Arizona?

The month started with a trip to Williams on September 10th for the Patriots Day Parade. Five members, an associate member, two wives and two family members, and a dog enjoyed the parade with the temperature in the low 70's, overcast and no rain until after the parade. Then on the 16th four members made it up the hill to Prescott for the Gudgeon Base picnic, another break from the valleys heat, only 74 degrees when we headed home.

The Arizona Submarine Veteran's Perch Base Foundation was able to assist Perch Base in the awarding of four scholarships again this year to students continuing their higher education. This is made possible by the contributions of shipmates to the foundation whose only purpose is to support the activities of Perch Base. In addition to that help, those contributions become a tax deduction on both the federal and state income tax as the foundation is a 501-C3 tax deductible organization while Perch Base is not tax deductible as it is a 501-C19 veterans' organization, so this year when you are doing your taxes, remember to give an amount to the foundation and receive a tax deduction.

As of this writing we still don't have the details for the Veteran's Day parades in Phoenix, Anthem, and Black Canyon City so be watching for the flash traffic with the details.



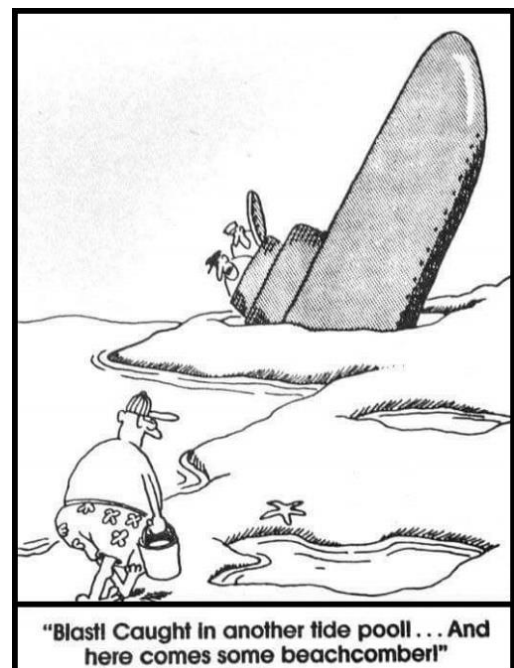
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First Woman to Serve as 'Chief of the Boat' on a Submarine Reports for Duty

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Military.com | By Konstantin Toropin



U.S. Navy Master Chief Information Systems Technician Angela Koogler poses for an environmental portrait aboard the Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS Louisiana. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brian G. Reynolds)

The Navy's submarine community has announced a new historic first for women in the silent service: the first top enlisted sailor on a submarine.

In a statement released Wednesday, the Navy announced that Master Chief Information Systems Technician (Submarine) Angela Koogler joined the Gold crew of ballistic missile

submarine USS Louisiana as their Chief of the Boat on Aug. 22, 2022.

Koogler, who has been in the Navy for 20 years, remarked that both her journey and that of female sailors is far from over. "We need to keep breaking down the barriers so that it just becomes all Sailors," she said in the statement. "It's important to integrate everybody and it shouldn't matter as long as they get the job done."

The history of women aboard U.S. Navy submarines is limited, as female officers were only allowed to serve on submarines starting in 2011. Enlisted sailors followed in 2016. The process was also not without trouble and controversy.

There was an incident aboard the USS Wyoming in 2014 where sailors were caught secretly video-taping female submariners undressing and showering. Then, in 2019, sailors aboard the USS Florida were investigated and punished over allegations of a "rape list" of female sailors stationed aboard the submarine. That boat was the second submarine to integrate women.

Koogler was one of the first enlisted sailors to volunteer to serve on submarines. Wednesday's press release noted that she reported to her first submarine, the guided-missile submarine USS Michigan, in May 2016.

"Every time I was up for orders, I was always looking for something different and challenging," Koogler said. "When it was announced that enlisted women could apply for submarines, with some encouragement from my Sailors, I went ahead and applied."

Submarine Squadron 19's Command Master Chief, Travis Brown, called Koogler's appointment to Louisiana's top enlisted spot "a huge glass ceiling busted in the submarine force."

"Now there's a path to the top of the submarine force," he added.

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The news also comes only weeks after another major first for the Navy. The service's first female aircraft carrier commanding officer, Capt. Amy Bauernschmidt, just returned home from her first deployment earlier this month.

For her part, Koogler said she is not ready to rest on her achievements. The sailor now has her eyes set on becoming a Command Master Chief -- a top enlisted leader in a Navy command.

"Now that I've converted to the submarine force I have to serve as chief of the boat before I can go into the CMC world, so this is just another stepping stone," she said.

World's Most Advanced Attack Submarine Joins British Navy

02 Sep 2022

By Simona Kitanovska, Zenger News



The HMS Anson, pictured in an undated photo. The submarine was welcomed into the Royal Navy fleet at a ceremony in Barrow, England, on Wednesday, August 31, 2022. (LPhoto Kevin Walton, MOD Crown Copyright, SWNS/Zenger)

A submarine touted as the world's most advanced hunter-killer submersible has joined the United Kingdom's Royal Navy fleet.

The submarine was welcomed Wednesday at a ceremony in Barrow, England.

The £1.3 billion (\$1.5 billion) HMS Anson is touted as offering naval stealth and striking power, and is able to gather vital intelligence, protect other Royal Navy vessels from threats above and below the waves, and destroy enemy military infrastructure with pinpoint accuracy.

The submarine was commissioned at BAE Systems' yard in Cumbria in England's northwest in front of her crew and their families, plus naval leaders, Secretary of State for Defense Ben Wallace, Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Australian Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles, and the patron, Julie Weale.

It has taken more than 11 years - and some 20 million hours' work by an estimated 10,000 people from 400 firms and organizations across the U.K. - for the 8,000-ton vessel to be ready for action. Anson is the fifth of the new Astute-class submarines to join the Royal Navy fleet, joining HMS Astute, Ambush, Artful, and Audacious.

The submarine's first commanding officer, Commander David Crosby, said that given the effort, skill and enterprise invested in constructing the submarine, made more challenging over the past two and a half years by the restrictions imposed by the pandemic: "HMS Anson would go on to be the best Astute-class submarine yet."

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He continued: "Among tough competition that is a bold claim, but I fully believe it; she will be successful on operations for years to come and be envied by nations across the globe. The good fortune to be commanding officer of the most advanced and capable attack submarine ever built in the U.K. on her commissioning day is the greatest honor of my submarine career."



Commander David Crosby escorts Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Sponsor (Patron) Julie Weale at the welcoming of the new submarine HMS Anson, on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, in Barrow, England. LPhot Kevin Walton, MOD Crown Copyright, SWNS/Zenger

Also among those eager to see Anson in action is the new head of the Royal Navy Submarine Service, Commodore Paul Dunn.

"The commissioning is a significant milestone for both Anson and the Submarine Service and I would like to thank the crew, BAE Systems and the 'submarine enterprise' for the delivery of our fifth Astute class," Dunn said. "I look forward to welcoming Anson to Her Majesty's Naval Base Clyde, the home of the Submarine Service, in the near future."

Armed with a combination of up to 38 Spearfish torpedoes and Tomahawk Block V cruise missiles, Anson can take out enemy ships/submarines, destroy land targets up to 1,000 miles away, and launch and recover Royal Marines raiding and reconnaissance teams, among other capabilities.

"Given the world we live in, there is no more important tool in the United Kingdom's arsenal: silent, unseen, and a key instrument of our global, modern, ready Royal Navy. HMS Anson is the cutting edge in submarine design and construction... ensuring operational advantage in the underwater battlespace, the last great stealth domain.

"The Royal Navy's nuclear submarines: protecting critical national infrastructure, securing the nuclear deterrent, and ready to deliver firepower against those who would do us harm," said First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Ben Key.

The Astute program is one of the most complex engineering projects in the world. Anson will remain in Barrow for several more weeks undergoing final checks, tests and tweaks to her system before she sails for her future home at HM Naval Base Clyde in Faslane, Scotland, where she will prepare for sea trials.

The chaplain of the fleet, the Venerable Andrew Hillier, blessed Anson and her 98 crew after Crosby read out instructions received from the Navy's Fleet Commander to commission the submarine and prepare her for frontline service.

Proceedings ended with the White Ensign being hoisted for the first time and a commissioning cake cut by Weale and the youngest member of the crew. Anson's patron, Weale - whose husband was head of the Silent Service before retiring in 2020 - told those present that the boat was "fabulous," and she was keen now to see the submarine at sea and enter service.

"I wish you all the best of luck with what is to follow and will be in full support of everything you do," she added.

Anson was officially named by Weale in the same yard in December 2020 with a bottle of cider smashed against the hull. Cider was favored by her namesake, 18th century Admiral George Anson, as a cure for scurvy. HMS Anson was rolled out of the cavernous Devonshire Dock Hall in April last year and slowly lowered into wet dock, where engineers and crew have been working on her systems and testing equipment.

In February, the boat conducted a dive in Barrow to ensure the dive/surface systems and ballast tanks, depth sensors and sonars were in full working order and Anson was accurately balanced and stable when submerged.

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Delayed Repairs Shrink the U.S Navy Submarine Fleet

Amid China's threats to Taiwan, maintenance
woes hobble a key weapon in the Indo-Pacific.

By Seth Cropsey

Sept. 14, 2022

The U.S. Navy's submarine fleet, America's essential war-fighting instrument in the Indo-Pacific, is about three-fifths the size it should be, chiefly because of maintenance and production delays. This comes amid stepped-up threats to Taiwan by China.

Contesting such an assault would require a submarine force at maximum strength. Congress and the White House should act swiftly to integrate private shipyards that repair submarines into the Navy's maintenance plans.

American strategists rarely concern themselves with the material issues that determine victory or defeat. They tend to regard international strategy as a question of will, not means. This takes for granted the traditional and outsize U.S. economic-material advantage.

America's objective in a struggle over Taiwan would be to deny China a rapid victory. The war must become a slog, one that China labors to sustain in a geographically limited form. Generating this situation requires contesting China's ability to stage an amphibious assault on Taiwan. Submarines would be crucial in such a contest.

The U.S. military today lacks the air forces, air defenses, and surface combatants with sufficient range to contest Chinese air control over Taiwan indefinitely, absent an interdiction campaign against the Chinese mainland that the U.S. has signaled it doesn't wish to wage. Chinese anti-ship and ground-attack missiles, moreover, would cause damage. Recent war

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games suggest that in defending Taiwan, the U.S. would lose half its active air force and at least one carrier strike group—a collection of warships defending the aircraft carrier and its air wing. In such a scenario, China would lose 150 to 200 warships and tens of thousands of men.

Given Chinese force structure and military objectives, U.S. submarines are the most effective tool to counter an assault on Taiwan. China lacks ground-based aviation with robust antisubmarine capabilities, leaving its military and civilian transports vulnerable to submarine attack. The U.S. has a world-leading attack submarine force of 49 nuclear-powered boats, along with four guided-missile submarines each packed with 154 cruise missiles. In theory, around 42 of these boats should be deployable at a given time, with some 25 to 30 in the Pacific and 10 to 15 in the Atlantic, Mediterranean and Middle East. Normal schedules dictate that at any point 10% of the fleet is in dry dock, under repair or in overhaul.

A major submarine surge to the Indo-Pacific, keeping in mind the U.S. forward-support facilities in Guam, could number about 35 subs. A handful of Japanese and Australian subs could be added to the mix, and perhaps one from Taiwan. Taiwan currently has two aging operational submarines, but its Indigenous Defense Submarine program is promising. That means the PLA would face a 40-plus strong submarine force that can sink transports as they move men and materiel across the Taiwan Strait. That could erode a naval blockade enough to enable an American counterattack. China's 53 attack submarines, roughly 40 to 45 of them deployable, may have numerical parity, but several are aging, and few have the advanced capabilities of U.S. subs. For China, that would make a Taiwan war a close-run thing.

Rear Adm. Jeffrey Jablon, the U.S. Pacific Fleet's submarine commander, said at a conference this year that maintenance delays hamstringing the submarine force. As of fiscal 2022, the U.S. submarine fleet spent about 1,500 days waiting for maintenance or repair. That is equivalent to losing four submarines in the fleet. In the past year, the Navy lost the equivalent of another 3.5 submarines to maintenance that took longer than expected. The Navy's submarine force is eight boats under strength on average. Combined with standard maintenance expectations of one-tenth of the fleet, this brings the U.S. submarine force down to about 30 deployable attack boats.

The U.S. can't build its way out. On average, it takes American shipyards two years to deliver three subs. Meanwhile, the Navy retires two older Los Angeles-class subs a year owing to wear and tear. The fleet will shrink on average by one submarine every two years until the 2040s, when new subs are delivered in greater numbers than retiring ones.

Even with faster delivery and better production capacity, combat damage must be considered. More construction won't overcome the repair delays at shipyards. In wartime, when those yards are overworked—and possibly targeted—the U.S. submarine fleet likely will shrink even more, and faster, than anticipated. All the while, China will be relying on massive yards with civilian and military production capabilities. These large facilities can repair ships at a pace that gives China an advantage.

More resources are necessary for shipyards to bring the U.S. submarine force to the level of preparedness that China's provocations in the Western Pacific demand. The U.S. should invest in maintenance, extend the life of older submarines, and regularize maintenance so shipyards are ready to work on many subs.

The Navy should integrate private shipyards into its repair and maintenance plans. It takes at least a year, more likely several, for a yard to prepare to overhaul several ships at the same time. It is more efficient, financially and temporally, to turn to shipyards that can expand maintenance today, rather than scaling up public yards exclusively.

A nation goes to war with the military it has, not the one it will have in five, 10, or 20 years. The executive and legislative branches face a choice between continued inaction and a conflict that calls on the military we wish we had.

Mr. Cropsey is founder and president of the Yorktown Institute. He served as a naval officer and as deputy undersecretary of the Navy and is author of "Mayday" and "Seablindness."



Crew members board the USS Delaware nuclear submarine during a commissioning ceremony at the Port of Wilmington, Del., April 2. Photo: Elizabeth Frantz/Reuters



Previous Quarter Highlights

Fourth Quarter events for Perch Base.

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



(l-r) John Beckett, Dan Marks, Don Robertson, Joe Trotter, Marcie & Jim Andrews, Howard Doyle, Marcia & Don Unser, Chuck Luna, George Woods, Jerry & Pamm Allston, Cathy & Alan Bombardier.



Perch Base
Joined forces with
Gudgeon Base and
Tucson Base with
their USS Tucson
(SSN-770) float.



Prescott Frontier Days Parade

July 2, 2022



There was a large and very appreciative crowd of spectators lining both sides of the Parade route.

The parade had many entries but perhaps the most important entry...

After the parade, we had a BBQ lunch at Sherry and Tom Warner's home in Prescott Valley but unfortunately, we have no pictures of it this year. Thanks to Tom & Sherry Warner for opening their home to us for great eats and fellowship.



Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)



Five Perch Base Submarine Veterans (USSVI) and some of their wives & family went to the 2022 USSVI National Convention held from August 24 to August 27, 2022, in Buffalo, New York at the Hyatt Regency® Buffalo Hotel, hosted by the USSVI Buffalo Base:

John Beckett (Perch Base Storekeeper), Brad Seidel, Joe Trotter (Perch Base Treasurer), Vic VanHorn (outgoing Western Region Director), George Woods (Perch Base Commander)

National Convention Buffalo, NY

Aug 24 - 27, 2022

Some of the "Arizona Contingent" lining up sponsors for next year's Convention in Tucson, AZ. (Standing, 1-r) George Woods, Vic & Jan VanHorn, Mike & Romie Ortiz. (Sitting, 1-r) Dennis Ottley, Alice Woods.



Perch Base Storekeeper John Beckett (right) and his son, John, Jr.

Joe Trotter, Perch Base Treasurer



Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)



Fourteen Perch Base Members and family (that's including 2 dogs, as family!) participated in the 3rd Annual Patriot Day Parade in Historic Downtown Williams, AZ. The parade theme was "GOD BLESS AMERICA" as a way to remember those injured and killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Williams Parade

September 10, 2022

Joan Miner, with her family, Sharn, River, and Ky, the whippet.



Our Perch Base COB, Don Robertson, shared some of our donuts with the Rangers.

Some other parade participants.



In the Spotlight

What our shipmates were up to last quarter.

For more Pictures and details check out perch-base.org.

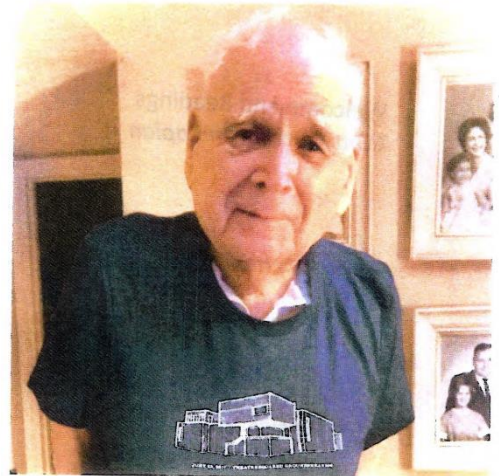
Arthur Herzberg Funeral - August 10, 2022

"Bravo Zulu" to Perch Base Life Member Brad Seidel, who "called out the guard" for the funeral and interment of World War II D-Day Army veteran Arthur Herzberg.

Sadly, by the time Arthur passed at the age of 97, he had outlived all his veteran friends and when Brad Seidel was notified of the lack of veterans to attend the ceremony, he put out the word and mustered about 15 other veterans from various services to attend the funeral and interment.

As part of the 90th Infantry Division, 359th Infantry, Company A, Arthur earned the nickname "Combat" because he saw so much front-line fighting. He was a private when he landed on Utah beach on D-Day, among the first wave of GIs to land on the beaches of Normandy. He served as First Scout of his platoon for almost four months, a position with a notoriously short life expectancy of two weeks. He received a field promotion to sergeant and was awarded a Bronze Star for bravery. Among many other distinctions, he received a Purple Heart and a Legion of Honor Medal from France.

REMEMBERING ART



Arthur Leslie Herzberg
1925-2022

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, October 8, November 12, and December 10

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 Phoenix Veterans Day Parade

Friday, November 11, 2022

We plan to stage the USS Phoenix and the "People Trailer" in the rear parking lot of the Firestone Tire Store at the south-east corner of Osborn and 3rd Avenue at 8:00 a.m. [241 W Osborn Rd](#) (Left click address for a Google map.)

We will then load up and ride to the North Phoenix Baptist Church where the parade starts. [5757 N Central Ave](#) (Left click address for a Google map.)

We expect to be lined up between 9:30 and 10:00 AM and the parade will roll at 11:00 AM.

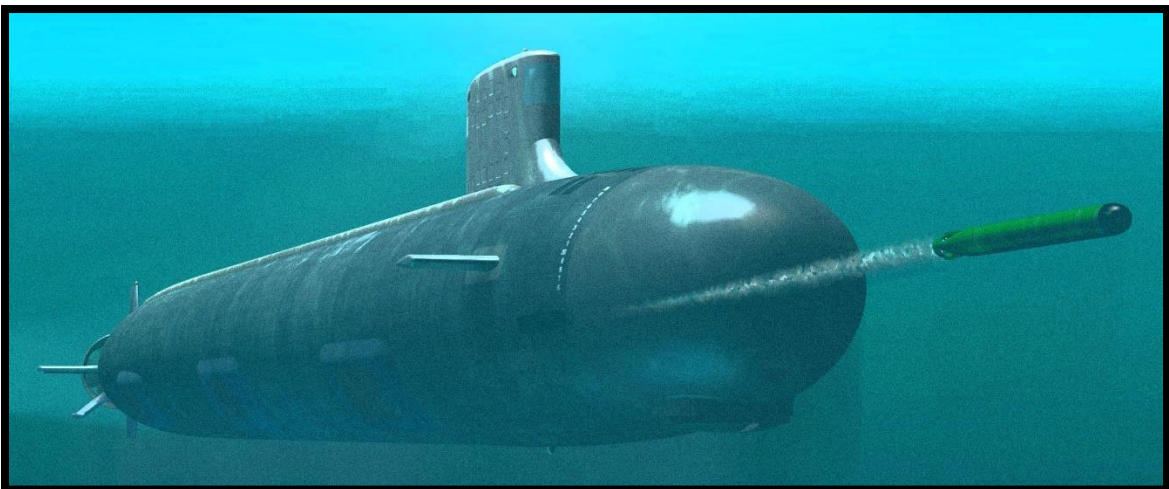
Don't forget to bring your folding chairs for the "people trailer."

Deadline for the Winter Quarter MidWatch

Friday, December 16, 2022

All input must be into Chuck Luna, Perch Base Newsletter Editor, to be included in the next MidWatch Newsletter to be published on Friday, January 6, 2023.

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



Fourth Quarter Birthdays

OCTOBER

- 1 Michael Haler
- 5 Kenneth Anderson
- 6 Mark St. Moritz
- 6 Robie Robinson
- 7 Jessie Taylor
- 8 Jim Andrews
- 10 John Cash
- 18 John Crane
- 22 William Anderson
- 23 Billy Deshong
- 26 Jim Paper
- 27 Bill Larime
- 31 Roy Miller
- 31 Martin Zipser

NOVEMBER

- 2 Mike Carrafa
- 3 Ed Schafer
- 5 Bill Maida
- 11 Larry Rankin
- 14 William Tippet
- 15 Joan Miner
- 15 Larry Ruggles
- 16 William Montjar
- 17 Harry Ellis
- 21 Samuel Mecham
- 22 Keith Post
- 30 Johnny Corbin
- 30 Bob Gilmore, Jr.

DECEMBER

- 4 Paul Miller
- 5 Ronald Beyer
- 9 Wayne Hembree
- 12 Pete Sattig
- 12 Ronald Zomok
- 15 Robert Gregg
- 16 Donald Unser
- 16 Laura Luna
- 16 Wayne Clark
- 20 Chuck Emmett
- 24 Carol Culbertson
- 28 DeWayne Lober
- 29 James Mills
- 29 Dale Holland
- 29 Gary Waterbury
- 31 Raymond Perron



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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

On Eternal Patrol

Previous Quarter Departed Shipmates

For more Pictures and details check out perch-base.org.

David E. Metje, FA(SS) (Ret)



Perch Base Holland Club Member David E. Metje, went on Eternal Patrol on July 14, 2022. Our sympathy to his daughter Samantha Fry, who informed

us of his passing, and the rest of his family.

David joined the Navy in 1968 and retired in 1989, serving on six submarines, as well as the USS La Salle (AGF-3), a command ship, and the USS Acadia (AD-42), a destroyer tender.



David joined Perch Base on January 22, 2014, and was inducted into the Holland Club after being qualified for 50 years in June 2021.

The family had a small private ceremony to celebrate his life and his ashes will be spread in several places that he loved.

SAILOR REST YOUR OAR! YOUR WATCH HAS ENDED.

Your Brothers of the 'Phin Have the Watch.

Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shipmate.

Binnacle List

Keep these shipmates in your prayers

Howard Doyle
Chuck Emmett
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Richard Simmons

Lest We Forget Those Still On Patrol...



Tolling of the Boats for October

3	USS Seawolf (SS-197)	1944	100 men lost
7	USS S-44 (SS-155)	1943	56 men lost
11	USS Wahoo (SS-238)	1943	80 men lost
12	USS Dorado (SS-248)	1943	77 men lost
17	USS Escolar (SS-294)	1944	82 men lost
24	USS Shark (SS-314)	1944	87 men lost
24	USS Darter (SS-227)	1944	no loss of life
25	USS Tang (SS-306)	1944	78 men lost; 9 POWs survived
29	USS O-5 (SS-66)	1923	3 men lost

Tolling of the Boats for November

7	USS Albacore (SS-218)	1944	85 men lost
8	USS Growler (SS-215)	1944	86 men lost
16	USS Scamp (SS-277)	1944	83 men lost
16	USS Corvina (SS-226)	1943	82 men lost
19	USS Sculpin (SS-191)	1943	12 men lost
			51 POWs lost; 21 survived

Tolling of the Boats for December

2	USS Capelin (SS-289)	1943	78 men lost
10	USS Sealion (SS-195)	1941	5 men lost
17	USS F-1 (SS-20)	1917	19 men lost
17	USS S-4 (SS-109)	1927	40 men lost

2022 Perch Base Operations Supporters

These are the Base members and Friends who donate monies or efforts (1 October 2021 thru 30 September 2022) to allow for Base operations while keeping our dues low and avoid raising money through member labor as most other organizations do.

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