

From the Wardroom:

Well shipmates, we are looking at the Nationals in Duluth. Our Commander and Secretary, are the only ones, I am aware of that will be attending. Ed Brooks is looking at his pledged goal, of \$1500. dollars, for the USSVI scholarship fund, that he made the first of the year with his donations of Dolphins. With the two, being raffled at the Nationals it will put him over his pledge. Ed is also working on the speaker system, for the float. He tells me it is almost ready, for our Veterans Parade. It is time for every one to start thinking about new officers for the base. We need some new blood, and new ideas to keep us moving ahead. Our Perch Base Patch's our in, we have a great price on them. \$8 bucks for one or two for \$15 bucks. Everyone has a jacket to put one on, plus their vest. Dex Armstrong is still doing a hell of a job, on the Cook Books, we just might have to go in to a second printing. I started out with the idea to make this short, I have passed that point. several lines ago. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the October meeting, take care and God bless us all. Fraternaly,
Glenn Herold, Vice Commander

Minutes from August's Meeting:

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #7; Prescott, AZ at 1300 hours, 10 August 2002. The meeting was called to order by the Base Vice Commander - Glenn Herold. The members were led in the "pledge of allegiance"; followed by the dedication, moment of silence for our departed shipmates, "tolling of the boats" and the invocation by **Ramon Samson**. There were 20 members and 10 guest attending the meeting, according to the sailing list. The guests included; Brandi Hershey, Lee Brooks, Sue Caraker, G. Pete Petrovitz, Richard Waid, Orene Waid, Kathryn O'treba, Susan Day, Judy Wannamaker, Brad Veek, Stanley Rud, Keith Sullivan, and Nancy Nelson. The members welcomed all the guests and potential new members with a round of applause. It was moved and the motion seconded that the minutes from the last meeting be approved as published in the Base Newsletter; "The MidWatch". The motion carried by voice vote of the members present. Treasurer (**Robert May**) reported the Base's financial status as the of the first day of August, 2002: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN

Glenn Herold reported for the Base Ship's Store. Numerous items have been placed on sale by the Ship's Store. Polo shirts and tee shirts in certain sizes are now available at reduced prices so that the inventory can be reduced and other items purchased for sale to the members. No other

reports were forthcoming from committee chairmen or officers.

OLD BUSINESS

The ad hoc committee for planning and conducting the annual Base Christmas Party, is working on the details for the party. Specifics regarding the date, time and ticket price for the party will soon be announced. Everyone was again reminded to make arrangements to attend the party as early as possible. The capacity of the facilities is limited and the number that can be accommodated is restricted. **Ed Brooks** displayed the plaque that will be presented to the Base Commander's and asked for a volunteer from the membership to present the first plaque at the October meeting. **Jim Nelson** asked for the privilege of representing the members and presenting the plaque to Dave Harnish. Ed also asked the membership to review the wording and make comments for change to the banner that will be used to raffle two sets of hand carved dolphins at the USSVI National Convention in Duluth, Minnesota. As was requested by the members at the July monthly meeting, the banner indicates that the dolphins are donated by the Arizona SubVets - Perch Base for the benefit of the USSVI Scholarship Fund and were created and produced by Perch Base and USSVI Life member Ed Brooks. No other old business was brought forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Glenn Herold announced that American Legion Post 62 had asked Perch Base to participate with their members in their 2002 Christmas Party. Previous arrangements have also been made for the use of Luke AFB NCO Club for Perch Base's use for a Christmas party. Members were asked to make a motion as to which facility should be the site of the 2002 Christmas Party. A motion was made that the Christmas Party Committee proceed with arrangements to have the base Christmas party at Luke AFB NCO Club. The motion was seconded and the members voted unanimously to approve the motion. Comments were made that Perch Base members who are also members of American Legion Post 62 could and should attend both Christmas parties if the dates were not in conflict.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

No items were introduced for the good of the order.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 raffle was conducted and **Pete Petrovitz** was the winner. Pete demonstrated profound benevolence and returned his winnings to the Base Treasury - thereby becoming one of the Base Boosters. A second drawing was held for a wall hanging of two intarsia bottle nose dolphins - with the proceeds to go to the Base Treasury. The carving was won, by **Glenn Herold**, three days earlier at the monthly meeting of the Pig Boater's Chapter

of the Submarine Veterans of WWII. Glenn had encouraged members of the Pig Boater's Chapter to attend the Perch Base meeting in Prescott and he would raffle the dolphins. This second raffle was won by Dick Caraker (a member of the Pig Boater's Chapter and a member of Perch Base). Dick presented the carving to Glenn Herold asking that they not be raffled again.

ADJOURNMENT

All the outstanding business being concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote. Ramon Samson led the membership in the benediction and closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 13:27 hours. Fraternaly, *Ed Brooks*, Secretary.

Meeting and Events:

There will be no meeting for the month of September. Meeting for October 12th meeting will be held at American Legion Post 62, located at 11001 North 99th Avenue. Meeting Starts at 1200 Hours. Post 62, is North of West Peoria Avenue, in the city of Peoria, West of Hwy 101. Off HWY 101 take the Peoria exit and proceed West to 99th Ave., than right (North) to Post 62, which is on the East side of the street. We would hope to see a good turn-out as the members of this post have welcomed us with open arms. A lunch will be provided at a cost of \$3.00. A heck of a deal, at twice the price.



Perch Base Booster Club 2002:

There are no words that can say enough for the generosity, given to any group from their boosters. Arizona Sub Vets, USSVI Perch Base is blessed with the assistance given by their members. The daily costs, could not be met without the boosters. God Bless you and God Bless America.

Jerry N. Allston, Ken Anderson, Bob Bailey, Kenneth E. Becker, Jerry Becker, Joseph A. Bernard, Richard Bernier, Harold J. Bidigare, Wayne A. Braastad, Michael J. Breitner, Edgar Brooks, James F. Clewett, Roger J. Cousin, Earl Crowley, Stephen F. Day, Warner Doyle Jr., Jeff Duncan, Ronald D. Eddy, Tom Fooshee, Ray Lee Graybeal, Charles Greene, Billy A. Grieves, Warren A. Grossetta, Michael J. Haler, Robert Hanson, Dave Hamish, John T. Hellem, Glenn Herold, Lester R Hillman, Stephen F. Hough, Mike Keating, Ron Kloch, Larry L. Krieger, Paul Lake, Robert A. Lancendorfer, Doug La Rock, George Marions, Dale Martin, Robert E. May, Bill Mc Nay, Roger M Miller, Roger R Miller, Joseph R. Mullins, Jim A. Nelson, James W. Newman Sr., Joe Otreba, Thomas B. Patterson, Raymond A. Ferron, George

"Pete" Petrovitz, Royce E Pettit, Scott Prothero, Larry M. Rankin, Dan Reel, Frank W. Rumbaugh, Ramon Samson, Dick Schiltneck, Douglas F. Schultz, Tyler Smith, Wayne Smith, Robert G. Sothern, Adrian M. Stuke, James Wall, Kenny Wayne, Richard Weber, Don Wannamaker, Donald Whitehead, Ed Wolf, George Woods, Jerry D. Yowell.

Small Stores:

New Item added this month. The Base patches, are done and ready for sewing onto vests, jackets, dash covers, or pillows. Price for one patch is \$8.00 or two for \$15.00. Size of patches is 5-3/4" Storekeeper, Garry L. Shumann, also has a comprehensive array of Submarine related items, consisting of hats, shirts, sweat shirts, belt buckles, beer mugs, cocktail glasses, coffee mugs, and a slew of other memorabilia. Give him a call or better yet, come to a meeting and see everything first hand! If you want, you can order from the web site at <http://perch-base.org> Garry's address and phone number on front cover.

Sea Bags Aboard & Stowed:

Due to the excellent turnout at Prescott, we gained three new members. Welcome aboard Keith Sullivan, who with his bride Sandi, reside in Prescott Valley. Keith qualified on USS Sailfish SS572, in 1960. After searving for 20 years Keith retired as EMC(SS). As a sub note, USS Sailfish is still afloat in Bremerton WA. Our second new member who joined USSVI as life member, is Stanley Rud, who with his bride Donna live in Prescott. Stan quillified on USS Caimen SS323 in 1945. He left the Navy after 3 years as BKR3(SS). Milan Moncilovich is our third new member also signed for life membership in USSVI. Milan lives in Dewey and qualified on USS Runner SS476 in July of 1962. He also served on Robert E. Lee SSNB601, Archerfish AGSS311, and Bluegill AGSS242. Milan retired from the Navy as LCDR. We would hope that our members in the Prescott area, get in touch with Ed Brooks, and attend the meetings on a regular basis. I'm sure Ed would welcome the company.

Sub came close to sinking:

Crew would have been killed, investigators say. By James W. Crawley Staff Writer San Diego Tribune August 7, 2002 The Navy's only diesel submarine, the San Diego-based Dolphin AGSS555, came within 75 seconds of sinking in May as seawater flooded several compartments and electrical power fail ed, according to a report released yesterday. And if the ship had sunk, investigators concluded, there was no possibility of rescuing the crew because the Dolphin is the only Navy sub without a standard rescue hatch. The 41 sailors and two civilians aboard the research sub were apparently saved by using portable pumps and lashing a steel door shut. Both actions forestalled sinking after waves burst through the door of a conning tower the