

From the Wardroom

Shipmates,

We are looking on the down side of 2004. We had a great meeting in Snowflake: Jim Clewett and his wife Lorraine were the best host and hostess anyone could ask for.

The turnout of our bunch from Perch Base was well represented. Jim and his fellow submariners from the White Mountain area also had a good turn out. We met a number of new shipmates that I would like to get to know better. Enough to get a new Base started!

By the time you read this, they should have their new officers elected, and up and running. They plan to have their next meeting at Dick Jarenski's hanger, in Overgaard, AZ, after the July 4 Parade (actually on Saturday July 3.) That should not confuse you too much. Sunday is the fourth and some groups prefer celebrations on other days of the week.

Everyone should have received my letter that out spelled the base's position on what is not to be in our newsletter. I would like everyone to know that our newsletter editor took this job on, with no instructions at all, as to what kind of input could be used or not used in the newsletter. Chuck has done an outstanding job with the newsletter, and has asked for your input, at almost every meeting. If you find a item somewhere that you believe would be of interested to our base please send it on to Chuck, or call him and let him know about it. Keep in mind that politically slanted material of any position is "verboden." We stand a good chance to win the award for best newsletter for a base our size this year.

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June Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at the home of Jim Clewett in Snowflake, Arizona on June 12th, 2004.

The meeting was convened and called to order by Base Commander – Glenn Herold at 1308 hours.

Ed Brooks led the members in a prayer of Invocation. The members were then led in the "Pledge of Allegiance" followed by a reading of the "Purpose of the Organization", Dedication, a Moment of Silence for our departed shipmates and the "Tolling of the Boats" ceremony for submarines lost during the month of June.

According to the sailing list, there were 15 members and numerous guests present at the meeting. Those present welcomed the guests and new members– Shipmates Kelly McLaughlin, Dick Garenski, William Castle and Frank Nagle. Members also welcomed guests including Mrs. Jim Clewett,

Nancy Nelson, Karen Tilley, Mary Peters and Bernice and Mr. Roberge.

The members also thanked Bernice Roberge for providing a special cake for the noon meal.

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

The Treasurer Report of the Base financial status as of the first day of June, 2004 was read by Ed Brooks.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Base Vice Commander – Tim Moore did not attend the meeting.

Base Chief of the Boat – Bob Gilmore announced that the American Legion Post 62 will start construction of its new facility on June 21st, barring any holdups.

Base Chaplain – Warner Doyle did not attend the meeting. However, Glenn Herold informed the members that Shipmate Chuck Chapman was in the hospital and the members were encouraged to visit Chuck at the Dell Webb Hospital in Phoenix.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson did not attend the meeting.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett apologized for the late mailing of the June "MidWatch" and explained the causes for the delay.

OLD BUSINESS

Ed Brooks – Coordinator for the US Submarine Veteran's Charitable Foundation fund drive 2003/2004 reported on the progress with raising funds.

Ed was also asked to report on the USSVI District 8 meeting held May 14th and 15th in Denver Colorado. Ed described the memorial service held at the Grayback memorial and the results of the District Business Meeting.

Glenn Herold reminded everyone of the 2004 USSVI National Convention being held 13 through 18 September in Saratoga Springs, New York.

Glenn also described the Memorial Day Services held at the National Cemetery in Phoenix and encouraged members to attend the ceremony held there each year.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Clewett addressed the members and guests explaining the plans to establish a new USSVI Base in Snowflake, AZ area. Jim also indicated that he and others were running

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From Beyond the Wardroom Perch Base SubVettes

Hope everyone is having a great summer. The men's Meeting in Snowflake went very well. They will also, possibly, start a SubVettes organization at some point.

Our July meeting WILL be held at the Americana Restaurant, Saturday, July 17 at noon. Hope you all can attend. It will be our first combined meeting with the WWII Dolphinettes. We should have a big crowd.

This 4th of July was memorable one at the Parade in Heber/Overgaard. Thank you to Karen Tilley's husband Tom, for hauling the Perch Base float "UP THE HILL".

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY

Bobbie Landeck – 7/10

Betty Weber – 7/22

With fond regards
Nancy Nelson, President
SubVettes of Perch Base



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ads in the news papers and on radio in the Snowflake area trying to contact other Submarine Veterans living in the area.

It was also announced that the community of Heber was holding a Independence Day Parade on July 3rd and asked to use the USS Bang Parade Float in the parade. It was felt that the float and the SubVets participation would attract more attention to recruiting new members to USSVI and specifically the new Base.

Glenn Herold added that arrangements were in process for storing the Perch Base (USS Bang) float in the Heber area and towing it up from Phoenix would initiated that process. The members all agreed that those that could would participate in the Heber Independence Day Parade in support of the recruiting effort in the area.

An Ad Hoc committee was formed composed of Jim Clewett and Dick Garenski to coordinate the arrangements associated with the Heber parade.

Tom Tilley offered his construction skills to help the new Snowflake area Base to construct their own float if they are inclined.

Jim Nelson proudly announced that he had been invited to participate in a Tiger Cruise where he would join his son Brent on the USS Salt Lake on a trip from Pearl Harbor to San Diego. Everyone cheered Jim and the great experience he would have on the cruise.

Glenn Herold reminded the members that this will be the first year where members can vote the USSVI national ballot on the Internet. However, members need to log-on and make sure their personal data, in the national data base, is current and correct. The on-line voting will save the membership thousands of dollars.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing was offered for the good of the order.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 drawing was held and Chuck Emmett was the winner. Ed Brooks made a motion that the Base share of the drawing be turned over to Jim Clewett as compensation for providing the lunch meal and the use of his home for the June meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. Jim Clewett then indicated that he would deposit the funds in the new Base's Treasury.

ADJOURNMENT

All the outstanding business being concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

The closing prayer was offered by Ed Brooks and the meeting was adjourned at 1358 hours.

Signed: Edgar T. Brooks, Base Secretary

WWII - Boats

Short Facts

U.S. torpedoes contained only 20% of the explosive power of Japanese ones. Japanese "fish" were built with warships as the primary target in mind, where as our torpedoes were built for use against merchant ships.

USS Flasher holds the record for tonnage and is the only boat to sink over 100,000 tons.