

### From the Wardroom

My Fellow Shipmates

Election time is almost on us, both on the national level, and USSVI level. The turn out this year for our own election is outstanding. I am receiving ballots almost every day in the mail and on the Internet through e-mail the voting is going far better than last year.

I would like each one of you to start thinking about our future election for the base officers. I would like to see at least two shipmates for each office nominated this year. Our base needs to have your input and what better way than as a member of the board. New blood in any group is always good for the membership. Look around you at the next couple of meetings. Pick someone that you feel will help the base grow. It might be you. Step up and let a shipmate know he will be happy to nominate you.

From all reports that I have received from our shipmates that made the trip up north, the White Mountain Base meeting had a good turn out with thirteen people showing up to elect the first base officers. Our Western Regional Commander Dave Harnish swore in the officers.

The new officers sworn in were, Commander Jim Clewett, Vice Commander Dick Jarenski, Secretary Steve Day, Treasurer Armand Deprins, and Storekeeper Doug Eddy.

On behave of Perch Base I would like to extend congratulations to all the Plank Owners, of the White Mountain Base, and their new officers.

Bravo Zulu

Perch Base is proud to see new base's starting up in the state. First, to develop was the Yuma Base, then the Tucson

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### July Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans B Perch Base was convened at American Legion Post #62 Peoria, AZ at 1300 hours, 8 May 2004. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Glenn Herold.

Base Chaplain Howard Doyle 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 July.

According to the sailing list, there were 25 members and 1 guest at the meeting. Those present welcomed our guest and new member– Shipmates Kirby Anderson and Jack Messersmith. Kirby is a new member from Williams, Arizona and Jack is a Member at Large from Prescott. Kirby

and Jack introduced themselves and gave the members a brief description of their submarine experiences. They were then given a resounding welcome from the members.

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

Treasurer (Robert May) reported the Base=s financial status as of the first day of July, 2004.

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 had nothing new to report.

Base Chief of the Boat – Bob Gilmore was indisposed and couldn't attend this month's meeting.

Base Chaplain – Howard Doyle had nothing new to report.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson reported that current Perch Base membership is at 150 members, however, the Base will lose approximately 8 to the new White Mountain Base when it is formed.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett asked the members to actively pursue customers to pay for ads in the Base Newsletter.

Web Master – Ramon Samson announced that the Base Web Page is in process of being redesigned and asked the members to log on and take a look at the new site.

Base Storekeeper – Jim Nelson announced that he had more of the popular "Submarine Wife – Toughest Job in the Navy" license plates in stock.

Past Base Commander and USSVI Western Regional Director – Dave Harnish took the floor and read a Robert (Dex) Armstrong article from the American Submariner chronicling the submariners of World War II. It was well received by all those present.

Dave also reviewed the changes to the USSVI dues structure that will take effect between September and the first of the year. Annual dues will be increases for \$10 to \$20 starting in September 2004. There will also be a significant increase the one time fee to become a Life Member. This fee is based on a member's age and will become effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. At that time, the dues structure will be as follows:

Age 45 or younger	-	\$500
Age 46 to 55	-	\$400
Age 56 to 65	-	\$300

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## From Beyond the Wardroom Perch Base SubVettes

We had a great meeting in July, with 22 in attendance. What a great turnout for the summer months. Hope we can continue to draw that many to all our meetings. We signed 2 new members on July 17, Jan Ballenger and Elna Lidman. Welcome to you both.

Our August meeting will be held at the Americana Restaurant on August 21 at noon. Hope to see you all there.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY'S

Kay Harnish – 8/18

Heather Newell – 8/21

Bobbie Chapman – 8/21

With Warm Regards  
Nancy Nelson, President,  
SubVettes of Perch Base



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Age 66 to 75	-	\$200
Age 76 and older	-	\$100

Dave encouraged everyone interested in becoming a Life Member to make application before the end of the year and take advantage of the much lower current dues structure.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dave Harnish briefed the members on his recent visit to Heber, Arizona to initiate the formation of a new Base (White Mountain Base). The meeting went well, but there were too few potential members to elect a slate of officers and complete the formal process. There will be another meeting at the Red Onion Restaurant in Heber on July 24<sup>th</sup> to launch the new Base. Anyone interested should attend. Everyone is welcome.

Dave also reported that the Independence Day Parade in Heber was a huge success and well attended by folks from the region. The Perch Base Parade Float participated and was a big hit with the crowd.

Frank Rumbaugh and Dave briefed the members on the efforts to refurbish the Mk XVIII torpedo at the National Cemetery (Perch Memorial). Some technical considerations have to be accommodated and a visit to the Powder Coating firm has to be made to make final arrangements.

Dave Harnish asked if there were any members not receiving their copy of the "American Submariner" to let Ramon Samson know. Several members indicated that this was the case.

It was announced that On-Line Voting has begun. Anyone wishing to vote in the 2004 USSVI National Election via the Internet can do so by accessing the USSVI website and completing the registration process. Log on to <http://www.USSVI.org>

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Glenn Herold suggested that Perch Base provide seed money to the newly forming White Mountain Base. A motion was made that Perch Base contribute \$200 to the White Mountain Base Treasury. Following a discussion comparing the amount contributed to Tucson Base, the motion was modified to increase the amount to \$500 (the same amount contributed as seed money to Tucson Base). A voice vote was called for and the motion passed.

Glenn Herold asked for a show of hands from those that planned to attend the 2004 USSVI National Convention in Saratoga Springs, New York. Glenn then asked for those attending to let him know after they had registered so he could reserve a table at the Banquet.

The sponsors of the 2007 (Alaska Cruise) Convention are asking those that think they will attend to make reservations with the steamship company as soon as they can. Early registration and selection of preferences will aid in determining the type and size vessel that will be used.

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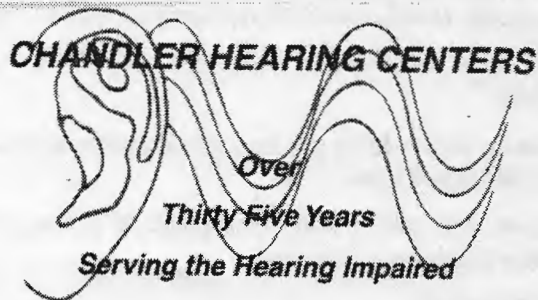
## **SUBVETTES MEETING MINUTES July Meeting**

The ninth monthly meeting of the SUBVETTES of Perch Base was convened at the Americana Restaurant, Peoria, Arizona at 1214 hours, July 17, 2004. There were 22 in attendance, 18 members and 4 guests. President Nancy Nelson led members in the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer of invocation.

President Nancy Nelson introduced herself and two guests attending—Elda Lidman and Jan Ballenger and asked that all members be sure to sign the log book

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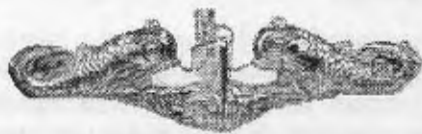
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launch seaplane without pilot, failed to start propeller.

- 31 July, 1942 - 06:07 Third and fourth torpedo came, hit fore bridge and amidships on the port but both dud. The Grunion intended to surface and sink by gunfire, ripples was seen 400m distance from her. Kano Maru had two old 8cm guns on forecastle and stern. Stern's one malfunction by the torpedo shock, but forecastle gun fired to the periscope. 13mm machine guns on bridge fired as well. Before the sub appear the whole, fourth shot from Kano Maru hit the conning tower of the sub. It is thought the last of Grunion. The attack had ceased. Later rescue came from Kiska, three seaplanes, cable layer Ukishima, and sub chaser No. 26.



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**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Ed Brooks took the floor and gave the members the current results of the 2003/2004 Fund Raising Campaign for the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation. Ed informed everyone that members have contributed a total of more than \$4,000 to the Foundations. Included in that is more than \$2000 contributed to the Gary Patterson Memorial Scholarship Fund. This will provide for two \$1,000 scholarship grants to submarine veteran's children or grandchildren in the name of our Perch Base Shipmate Gary Patterson.

Ed asked Dave Hamish to make several presentations to members who had contributed sizable amounts to this year's campaign. First Dave presented a carving of the "American Blue Jacket" to Larry Rankin. Larry's own facial profile was the basis for the carving. Another carving of the "American Blue Jacket" was presented to Joe O'treba for his generous contribution to the Foundation. Hand carved submariner's

dolphins were also presented to Doug LaRock and John Cash in appreciation for their contributions to the Foundation. Perch Base has been extremely benevolent toward the causes represented by the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation.

**50/50 DRAWING**

The 50/50 drawing was held and John Zaichkin was the winner.

**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 Howard Doyle and the meeting was adjourned at 1352 hours.

Signed: Edgar T. Brooks, B Base Secretary

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There was no reading of the minutes, as there was no Subvettes meeting held in the month of June, due to travel and events in Snowflake by the USSVI.

Secretary Debbie Newell reported on the base's financial status as of June 30, 2004. A motion to accept the report as read was made by Jackie Hawkins and seconded by Marygrace Veek.. Motion carried.

President Nancy Nelson reminded members that raffle tickets were available for items—a dolphin pendulum and potpourri warmer.

**OLD BUSINESS**

President Nancy Nelson updated members on events in Snowflake. While a base in Snowflake did not get established, it is still a possibility, with a ladies' group starting soon thereafter which would bring the national total to 9.

Also, in the newsletter there was mention that the float was going to be stored in Heber; however the plan was vetoed by one of the owners, so it is being returned to Glenn Harold's house. Nancy then thanked Tom Tilly for transporting the float to the parade. Vice President Kay Harnish, who attended the Independence Day parade, reported to members on parade events and about the number of people in attendance.

Nancy Nelson announced that, while she had hoped to have them at this meeting, Life Membership cards are not yet available; however, they will be mailed out as soon as she receives them.

Nancy then asked Debbie Newell if a picture of Perch Base officers had been sent to National. Debbie advised her that

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