

From the Wardroom

Dear Shipmates,

In my April "From the Wardroom" article, I neglected to mention what a great success our annual picnic was this year. Those of you who attended know what a good time we had and those of you who didn't don't know what you missed. Good food, good friends, and good times . . . what more could you ask for. Shipmate Stan Reinhold, with the help of his wife Jane, catered the event and put on a spread that would make your mouth water. The Maricopa County Live Steamers Railroad Park was a perfect place for the event and the weather that day could not have been better. Everything turned out great and many thanks to Dave Harnish for arranging the place and thanks again to Stan for catering. We had about 60 attendees including shipmates from the Gudgeon Base in Prescott and the Tucson Base. I am hoping that we can hook up with our shipmates from the Gudgeon Base in July or August for a combined picnic and meeting.

Next I want to recognize and send out a very special thank you to shipmates, Dave Anderson, Jim Denzien, Glen Herrold and Jim Newman for their assistance in helping with the much needed maintenance and restoration of the Perch Memorial at the National Veteran's Cemetery. It has been a labor intensive task and these gentlemen deserve your gratitude and thanks for their effort. We have just about completed the re-grouting, sealing and cleaning to make the memorial shipshape for the Memorial Day Services. There are still some chores that remain to be done to complete the project and shipmate Bob Gilmore has also offered his assistance in completing the task which we will accomplish before Memorial Day.

Lastly, I want to encourage all hands to attend the Memorial Day Service at the *National Veteran's Cemetery of Arizona*. See the announcement on

page 8 of this newsletter. Having had the opportunity to attend last year, I know that if you attend, it will be meaningful for all of you and your families and you will be glad you did. Just as we have since last Memorial Day, we continue to receive daily reminders of the tragic losses of our young men and women who continue to faithfully serve on foreign soil protecting the freedom and rights of others as well as our freedom and democratic way of life. We need to honor them and those who have fallen before. I look forward to seeing you at the Memorial Day Service.

Fraternally,

Tim Moore, Commander Perch Base USSVI

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April Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post # 105 Phoenix, AZ at 1245 hours, 15 April 2006. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Tim Moore.

The members were led in a prayer of Invocation by Dave Harnish, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the standard ceremonial opening. This was followed by a moment of silence for our passed shipmate, Harold Lister.

According to the sailing list, there were twenty-eight (28) members at the meeting. The Base welcomed new members David Anderson, Forrest Watson and Billy Burger after which David, Billy and Forrest briefed the attendees on their submarine experiences.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the March meeting be approved as published in the Base Newsletter, "The MidWatch." The motion carried.

Jim Denzien reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of April 2006. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Base Vice Commander – Stan Reinhold had nothing to report.

Base Chief of the Boat – Bob Gilmore was absent.

Base Chaplain – Howard Doyle absent.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson reported we had lost eight members from attrition, several members had transferred to other bases and four had not elected to renew their membership.

Webmaster – Ramon Samson had nothing to report.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett was absent.

Ship's Storekeeper – Jim Nelson had nothing to report.

Western Regional Director, Dave Harnish, reported on the Southwest Caucus of Sub Vets WWII held in Laughlin, NV last week April 12 thru 14. Jim Denzien and Dave Harnish attended to assist along with several members of US Sub Vets WWII from our chapter. Bill Grieves was a speaker at the caucus and gave the members present a short recap of the business that was discussed from the floor at the caucus.

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OLD BUSINESS

The members were asked to consider a combination meeting and picnic, during the summer with Gudgeon Base in Prescott.

The float committee needs to meet and develop an action plan for the float overhaul.

The memorial committee met to check out the Perch Memorial, a working party consisting of Jim Denzien, Tim Moore, Glen Harold, Jim Nelson and Dave Anderson will work removing the old grout at the memorial. After which a craftsman will re-grout the seams for \$ 300. Material costs are \$ 168; labor \$ 300 total is below the \$ 500 budgeted.

Members are urged to continue supporting of the Phoenix Society efforts in pursuit of the USS Phoenix sail for a local memorial.

We are waiting for a clarification on the date for Memorial Day services at the National Cemetery.

It was mentioned that Chuck Emmett should pick the issues of the "MidWatch" to submit for Newsletter of the Year and Website of the Year.

NEW BUSINESS

Shipmate Harold Lister passed away on March 30th. There will be a memorial service held for Harold on Saturday April 29th, 2006 at the Hampton Inn in Surprise, AZ.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

A "Boat Sponsorship" subscription of the American Submariner along with a monthly newsletter to the Veteran's Home here in Phoenix.

All members were reminded that the White Mountain Base Golf Tournament will be Saturday June 10, 2006 at 9 a.m.

Chuck Emmett did another outstanding job with the April MidWatch. We are publishing other Arizona bases newsletters in the MidWatch. This is a good move and will help us maintain a kinship with our fellow shipmates from around the state.

Our annual Picnic was a huge success. We had special guests from Tucson Base and Gudgeon Base in Prescott. As always Stan & Jane did an outstanding job in preparing our menu and setting up our catering. Dave Harnish did an

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outstanding job organizing the event at The Maricopa County Live Steamers Railroad Park. We had 50 – 60 people in attendance and everyone enjoyed it.

Dave Harnish introduced Lt. Col. Alan Gaugert, USAF (Ret.) who spoke of the similar adverse conditions we both operated in. It was informative, enlightened, and mixed with some great humor.

50 / 50 DRAWING

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Joe Hawkins (Groton Base); Ed Hawkins brother.

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. The closing prayer was offered by Dave Harnish and the meeting was adjourned at 1430.


Stan Reinhold
Vice Commander, Perch Base



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Naval Humor or, Littoral Laughter

A man fell asleep on the beach. He woke up several hours later and suffered severe sunburn to his legs and was taken to the closest hospital, which happened to be a U.S. Naval Hospital.

His skin had turned a bright red and was very painful and had started to blister. Anything that touched his legs caused agony. The lead on the medical staff at the naval hospital, that night, was a Chief Corpsman, in the emergency room. The Chief checked him out and then prescribed continued intravenous feedings of water, electrolytes, a mild sedative, and Viagra

Rather astounded, the 3rd class corpsman, who was with the Chief inquired, "What good will Viagra do him in that condition?" The Chief replied, "It'll keep the sheet off his legs."

