

Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base



2023
Annual Awards Banquet
January 13, 2024

The Officers and Members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans, Perch Base USSVI, extends a warm welcome to our 2024 Annual Awards Banquet.

COMMANDER:	George Woods
VICE COMMANDER:	Carl Miner
PAST COMMANDER:	Howard Doyle
COB:	Don Robertson
TREASURER:	Joe Trotter
SECRETARY:	Laura Luna
CHAPLAIN:	Governor Joy
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER:	Chris Gahan
WEBMASTER:	Dan Marks
MEMBERSHIP:	Chuck Luna
STOREKEEPER:	John Beckett
EVENTS COORDINATOR:	Dave Heighway
HISTORIAN:	Chuck Emmett

MENU

Appetizers

Swedish Meatballs, Sausage Stuffed Mushrooms, & Pinwheels

Salad

Spring mix served with ranch & Raspberry Vinaigrette dressing

Entrée (Selections)

Porter Ale Short Ribs

Chicken Saltimbocca

Grilled Salmon with Dill Butter

Vegetables

Green Beans with bacon & onion

Garlic & Rosemary Red Potatoes

Dessert

Cherry Pie with Whip Cream

Beverages

Water, Coffee, Hot & Iced Tea

HOLLAND CLUB INDUCTEES

2024

Christopher Gahan: USS Sculpin SSN 590

Gerals Benham: USS Sturgeon SNN 637

John Mammetti: USS George Washington SSBN/SSN 598

Samuel Mecham: USS Daniel Webster SSBN 626

Charles Tobias: USS Pintado SSN 672

2023 Holdover

Joseph Foran USS Grenadier SS 525

PERCH BASE MEMBERS THAT HAVE PASSED IN 2023

Harry Ellis Died 2/4/2020 — Grave found 2023

Dick Noreika 04/05/23

Royce Pettit 04/17/23

Emil Schoonejans 06/01/23

Wayne Braastrad 09/24/23

William Monk 11/27/23

Richard Bernier 12/17/23

Karen Emmett 07/02/23

Nancy Nelson 08/15/23



Program

Muster on Station

(No host cocktails – Silent Auction bids)

Welcome, Invocation

(Base Commander, Chaplain)

Evening Meal

Base Commander's Remarks

Membership Awards

(Longevity, "Early Bird" Dues Drawing)

2023 "Sailor of the Year" Award

Holland Club Induction

Introduction of Guest Speaker

(Base Commander)

Guest Speaker

Michael McLaughlin, RADM, USN (Ret)

Tolling for the Boats – January

Remembrance, Departed Shipmates

(Base Chaplain)

Fifty / Fifty Raffle

Results: Silent Auction

Closing Remarks – Benediction

(Base Commander – Chaplain)

PERCH BASE COMMANDERS

Jim Newman	04/1995 - 02/1997
Frank Rumbaugh	02/1997 - 03/1999
Brian Thomason	03/1999 - 11/1999
Roger Cousin	11/1999 - 01/2001
Don Wanamaker	01/2001 - 04/2002
Dave Harnish	04/2002 - 04/2003
Glenn Herold	04/2003 - 03/2005
Tim Moore	03/2005 - 03/2007
Stan Reinhold	03/2007 - 03/2009
Jim Denzien	03/2009 - 03/2013
Howard Doyle	03/2013 - 03/2015
Chuck Emmett	03/2015 - 03/2017
Richard Kunze	03/2017 - 08/2017
Howard Doyle	08/2017 - 03/2021
George Woods	03/2021 - Present

PAST COMMANDERS (1999 - 2024- LIVING)

Roger Cousin	rogercousin@hotmail.com
Glen Herold	Duke7@pcsurgeonaz.com
Stan Reinhold	sreinhold@cox.net
James Denzien	jimdenzien@gmail.com
Howard Doyle	d-hdoyle@msn.com
Charles Emmett	cremmett41@gmail.com



Michael E. McLaughlin
Rear Admiral, USN (Retired)

Michael graduated from a high school in Mesa Arizona and is a 1981 graduate of the United States Naval Academy where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Ocean Engineering. He also has a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska.

Michael had a 30 year career in the U.S Naval Submarine force. He served aboard several submarines and commanded the submarine USS LA JOLLA (SSN 701). While in the Navy, Michael took on greater leadership roles, including Commodore of Submarine Squadron 11, which was comprised of 6 submarines, and Chief of Staff of Naval Submarine Forces, with a staff of over 200 people and oversight of 22,000 men and women.

Michael rose to the rank of Rear Admiral and in his last job in the Navy, was Commander, Submarine Group TWO, comprising the 25 attack submarines on the East Coast and associated 4000 men and women.

Michael joined Arizona Public Service (APS), the largest electrical utility in Arizona in 2011. He worked at Palo Verde Generating Station, a nuclear power station located west of Phoenix in Tonopah, AZ for 11 years. He retired from APS in 2022 as Vice President Site Services.

Michael and his wife Karen reside in Goodyear, AZ. They have two grown sons.