

*Perch Base, United States Submariners*

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The Perch Base Foundation was started a number of years ago to provide a way for anyone to contribute to Perch Base and be eligible for a tax deduction on both their federal and state income tax; Perch Base and USSVI is an IRS 501-c-19 organization, a recognized veterans organization that does NOT qualify for tax deduction status. The Perch Base Foundation was established as a 501-c-3 organization, with the only purpose to support the activities of Perch Base. Therefore, any contributions to the foundation are fully tax deductible.

Over the years, the foundation has helped fund the awards dinner, base scholarships, and lastly the ASSM. Scholarships have amounted to \$7,000 and helped Perch base children and grandchildren with educational expenses. So far, I recall one master's degree in oceanography, another in computer science, one in mechanical engineering, and one in physical therapy, to mention a few. With the ASSM, the foundation was able to channel over \$9,000

toward the completion of possibly the best submarine memorial in the United States.

The only funding the foundation receives is from the contributions of members; the last several years those contributions have dwindled to the almost nonexistent level. If the support of the above activities is to continue, the contributions need to increase. A dollar a month should be possible for anyone, by digging a little more ten dollars a month would help tremendously, and if you are feeling really generous a dollar a day would send someone's grandchild to college.

Dig deep because the foundation's coffers are almost bare and when the money is gone, the support of the Perch Base functions will also fade away!

Contributions can be made at a base meeting or by sending them to the base treasurer, Joe Trotter.

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Immediate Past Commander / Perch Base  
Board Member of Perch Base Foundation

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