

# The MidWatch

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# USSVI Creed

*Our organization's purpose is . . .*

"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice.

The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."

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**▲ Message from the**  
**Base Commander**  
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From "Snipes Castle"

December, we made it thru the round of parades; Anthem and Phoenix with a smaller showing than in years past but were well received as always. The weather was typical for November, I still wore my shorts so those of you who tried to tell me it was too cold, I just don't believe you. The next parade will be in Laveen in February so man up and be there for the parade.

January will bring the opening of nominations for the base commanders' position as I am finishing out the term of Richard Kunze who passed away in August Of 2017. If you desire to run check the policies and procedures for how to get nominated and what else you need to do. Good Luck!

January will also have a monthly meeting and then on the 19th we will have our annual awards dinner. Details will follow in a Flash Traffic when they are finalized. We will also have a Holland Club induction at the dinner; so you senior shipmates break out your canes and crutches and show up to support the new members of the Holland Club.

I was informed by the "new" western district commander that the Western Regional Roundup will be held in Laughlin, NV at the Riverside Casino the last week of March; make your plans accordingly!



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Since the last newsletter, I have added photos and articles to your website about the Gudgeon Base Picnic, the Anthem Veterans Day Parade, the Gilbert Veterans Day Ceremony, the Phoenix Veterans Day Ceremony, the Armistice Day Rededication of the WW1 memorial at Wesley Bolin Plaza, President George H.W. Bush's rescue by the USS Finback during WW2, and the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony. Not only should you find them entertaining, but they also speak to how active Perch Base is toward our Creed of perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates and providing ways for all Submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Come take a look at <http://www.perch-base.org>.

During the past 3 months, there were just over 2,000 page views on the Perch Base website during 967 sessions by 595 visitors. Approximately two-thirds of the sessions originated in the US and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 28% of the U.S. sessions were from locations in the Metro Phoenix area, which is assumed to come from our local membership. If there is any way that I can improve the website to serve you, just let me know. For example, if you have any pictures that you think others would enjoy, send them to me. I just posted a picture of Jim Andrews' Christmas inflatable of a submarine with Santa riding in the sail in his front yard!

The same comment applies to our Facebook Group. As busy as our webpage is, there aren't that many of you that view the Facebook Group, and only a few of you post comments. Let me know what you want at webmaster@perch-base.org.







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Currently we have 178 members in Perch Base. We just finished our 2019 Membership Drive and we could have done better. Again, as in many years before, we had to beg and plead with members to meet their responsibilities and renew their memberships on time. We had several members ignore this plead and were consequently dropped from the USSVI and from Perch Base. Those members who want to return to the USSVI and Perch Base will need to pay the \$25.00 membership fee for National and \$15.00 for Perch Base. The extra \$5.00 is a penalty fee levied for being late in their membership payment. The removed members will also have to resubmit an application for membership in the USSVI.



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Start the new year off right by making sure all your contact info is up-to-date and accurate. That way you won't miss any important National News updates, Base Flash Traffics or the MidWatch.

If you have any input or suggestions for something you'd like to see in the MidWatch, email at the above link. I'm always open to new ideas or suggestions.

This quarters PC Tip:

Jump lists, right-clicking a taskbar icon brings up that program's Jump List-quick links to the most recent files you've opened with that program. Got a file or template you open often? Pin it to the Jump List by dragging it onto the program's taskbar icon or by clicking the pin icon to the right of the file name in the Jump List itself. Jump Lists can skirt around Window's frustrating refusal to pin individual folders to the taskbar by pinning folders to the Jump List instead.



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# Sage Words of Wisdom . . .

from the past Base Commander

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# **U.S. Undersea Warfare News**

## **Navy To Begin Arming Subs With Ship-Killer Missile**

*Paul McCleary, Breaking Defense, December 18*

<https://breakingdefense.com/2018/12/navy-arms-subs-with-ship-killer-missile-harpoon/>

With an eye on China, the Navy will begin arming its attack submarines with ship-killer missiles for the first time in decades. The weapon of choice: an updated model of the decades-old Harpoon.

In a little-noticed announcement posted earlier this month on a government contracting site, the Navy said it was entering into negotiations with Boeing to refurbish and recertify Harpoon anti-ship missiles for Los Angeles-class subs. It's a major shift after decades in which submarines focused on projecting power ashore — stealthily collecting intelligence or launching Tomahawk Land-Attack Missiles (TLAMs) — with their only anti-ship weapons being their rarely-used torpedoes. Driving the change: increasing American anxiety about China's rapidly growing military presence in the Pacific and Indian oceans.

The move comes months after a Harpoon was successfully launched from the USS Olympia submarine during the biannual RIMPAC naval exercise off the coast of Hawaii. It was the first time the missile had been fired from an American submarine since the sub-launched version of Harpoon was retired in 1997.

The test was part of a broader effort across the Navy to rebuild its surface-to-surface warfare prowess at a time when the Chinese Navy has made huge strides to modernize and expand its fleet, and Russia — to a lesser degree — is also modernizing its naval capabilities.

The effort to bring a modernized Harpoon back to the submarine fleet coincides with the delivery of the first Long Range Anti-Ship Missiles (LRASM) to operational Air Force units, a delivery announced Dec. 18. The precision-guided missile is designed to detect and destroy specific targets operating within groups of ships by identifying the target using links to drones or aircraft. An air-launched variant has been successfully tested aboard the Air Force's B-1 bomber on a number of occasions, and it's on schedule to achieve early operational capability on the Navy's F/A-18 Super Hornet in 2019. Contractor Lockheed Martin has also test-fired LRASM from the same Vertical Launch System tubes used on Navy cruisers and destroyers.

Over the last handful of years, the Pentagon has made a concerted effort to get its ship-killing ability back, first under Obama's last Defense Secretary Ash Carter and his deputy Bob Work — part of what they called the Third Offset Strategy — and under Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, whose focus on "lethality" picked up the offset effort under a new tagline.



That work is seen in the award this past May by the Navy for its next over-the-horizon ship killer to the team of Raytheon and Norway-based Kongsberg for the Naval Strike Missile program. The weapon, with a range of about 100 miles (roughly comparable to Harpoon), is destined for the Littoral Combat Ship and the future FFG(X) frigate. Initially worth \$14.8 million, the contract could eventually grow to \$850 million if options are exercised.

The Naval Strike Missile was also fired during RIMPAC, but not by the Navy. The Army launched NSM from the back of a truck parked at the Pacific Missile Range Facility in Hawaii, an experiment in providing land-based anti-ship firepower to support the Navy in future multi-domain operations.

There's also an effort underway to refit surface ships with anti-ship Tomahawk missiles by 2022, some 40 years after a Tomahawk first sunk a ship in testing.

In the South China Sea, American military leadership has been particularly concerned about what the four-star commander in the Pacific called the "great wall of SAMs." China has built in the critical waterway, having the effect of pushing Chinese offensive capabilities well out past the mainland and China's territorial waters. The militarization of small reefs has had the practical effect of putting commercial shipping and US Navy ships in the region under threat, with the American military scrambling to come up with a response.

That response was dramatically on show during the massive RIMPAC exercise in July, during which the submarine Olympia teamed with allied forces to sink the former Newport-class amphibious ship USS Racine, which went to the bottom after absorbing an international barrage of missiles from planes, subs, ships, and even trucks.

Six Harpoons were fired from U.S. and Australian P-8 Poseidon aircraft, the Singaporean frigate RSS Tenacious, and the Olympia. The exercise was the first time Australia has fired a Harpoon from a P-8. Japan also hit the ship with truck-mounted Type 12 anti-ship missiles, while the Army hit it with its truck-mounted High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS). Olympia delivered the coup de grace with a Mark 48 heavy torpedo.

The plan is for UGM-84 Harpoon program is to make a contract award to Boeing in 2019, with the Navy describing the work as "the refurbishment, repair, recertification, upgrade, and reissue of capsules and Encapsulated (ENCAP) Harpoon Block IC (HIC) All Up Rounds (AURs) to HIC, HIG, HII, or HII+ configurations for USN SSN-688 class submarines."

Neither the Navy or Boeing responded to queries about the program by publication time.

# Previous Quarter Highlights

## Fourth Quarter events for Perch Base.

For more Pictures and details check out our [website](#).

### Anthem Veterans Day Parade

Perch Base took the USS Phoenix float to the Daisy Mountain Veterans Day Parade in Anthem, Arizona, on Saturday, November 3, 2018.



### Gilbert Veterans Day Ceremony

November 8, 2018, at the Gilbert Municipal Center.



The Town of Gilbert gave each veteran a challenge coin.

Color Guards from the Town of Gilbert Police & Fire Departments, American Legion, and Korean War Veterans present the Colors.



The Higley Unified School District AFJROTC Presents the history of the Battle Field Cross.



## Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)

### Armistice Day

Arizona became a state on February 14, 1912 and the United States entered World War 1 on April 2, 1917.

Arizona lost 127 service members to World War 1.

For over 10 years, the plaque on the World War I Veterans Memorial at Wesley Bolin Plaza has been missing. A copy of the logo, similar to the missing plaque, was found in the "Doughboys Bill of Rights" at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum archives.



The United Arizona Veterans (UAV) and the State of Arizona coordinated the restoration of the missing plaque, which was unveiled and rededicated on the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, Sunday, November 11, 2018, at 11 AM.



Attending the rededication ceremony were Perch Base members, left to right, Carl Miner (Perch Base COB), accompanied by his wife, Joan, Dan Marks (Perch Base Webmaster) Jim Denzien (Western District 1 Commander), and Howard Doyle (Perch Base Commander).



## Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)

### Phoenix Veterans Day Parade



Perch Base took the USS Phoenix float to the Phoenix, Arizona, Veterans Day Parade on Monday, November 12, 2018.

### Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

12/07/2018 at the Wesley Bolin Plaza by the Arizona State Capitol  
Perch Base placed two wreaths, one for the WW2 Submarine Veterans and one for Perch Base.

Perch Base COB, Carl Miner, pays his respect to Pearl Harbor Survivor Jack Holder.





## Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)

### ETERNAL PATROL



#### **George Debo**

Perch Base and Holland Club Member George Debo, RM1(SS) departed on Eternal Patrol on November 15, 2018.

George qualified in Submarines aboard USS Tilefish (SS-307) in 1952 and was a RM1(SS) when he left the USNR. He was a past member of the USSVI Seattle Base and a current member of the USSVI Perch Base near Phoenix AZ.

A second generation Submariner, his father served aboard USS Tirante (SS-420) under the Medal of Honor Winning Capt George L Street in WWII.

**SAILOR, REST YOUR OAR! YOUR WATCH HAS ENDED.**

Your Brothers of the 'Phin Have the Watch.  
Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shipmate.





# WESTERN REGION ROUNDUP



March 25 -29, 2019

Don Laughlin's

# RIVERSIDE



**HOTEL &  
CASINO**  
Laughlin, Nevada

# RESORT

The logo for Don Laughlin's Riverside Hotel & Casino Resort. It features the word "RIVERSIDE" in a stylized, bubbly font at the top. Below it is a large, ornate letter "R" that frames a photograph of the hotel building. To the right of the "R" is the word "RESORT" in a similar bubbly font. Below the "R" and "RESORT" is the text "HOTEL & CASINO" and "Laughlin, Nevada".

Phone:1-800-227-3849 OPTION 1

ASK FOR GROUP CODE "C/USSUB" WHEN BOOKING

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE GROUP RATE ALL RESERVATIONS  
MUST BE BOOKED BY 2/23/2019

Note: Group Rates can not be applied to Friday and Saturday due to "Special Event Weekends"



# Upcoming Events

Remember to check [Perch-Base.org](http://Perch-Base.org) often for up-to-date information on all events.

## Monthly General Meetings

Saturday's, January 12, February 9, & March 9

At Dillon's KC Bar-B-Que restaurant

[20585 North 59th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona.](#)

(Left-click address, above, for a Google map to Dillon's.)

The official meeting starts at Noon but come join us at 1100 for lunch!

50/50 Raffle drawing (Must be present to win).

## 2018 Perch Base Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, January 19

Doors open at 1800 hrs. Dinner will be served at 1915 hrs.

Located at the Pebble Creek Tuscany Country Club in the Chianti Room.

[16262 Clubhouse Dr, Goodyear, AZ 85395](#) (Left-click address for a Google map.)

1. Take the I-10 westbound to the "Pebblecreek Parkway."

2. North on "Pebblecreek Parkway". Left on "Clubhouse Drive".

3. Tell the guard at the gate house where you are going.

4. Continue approximately ½ mile and you'll see the Pebble Creek Tuscany Country Club sign.

6. Turn right and you'll immediately see a parking lot on the right. Enter this lot and continue through towards the far end.

7. Park as available.

8. The building at the far end (north end) of this lot is where the banquet is held. We will have our Perch Base signs from the float placed to help locate the facility.

## Laveen Parade

Saturday, February 2

This year's theme is "A Vibrant Village"

Watch for further updates in a Flash Traffic.

## Western Regional Roundup

Monday, March 25 through Friday, March 29

Will be at Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort & Casino in Laughlin, NV.

Details on the website <http://wrroundup.com>

## Deadline for the Winter Quarter MidWatch

Friday, March 15

All input must be in to Chuck Luna, [Communications Officer](#), to be included in the next MidWatch Newsletter to be published on

Friday, April 5, 2019.

# First Quarter Birthdays

## JANUARY

3 Robert Hanson  
 5 Brent Nelson  
 7 Roger Cousin  
 7 Douglas Ewen  
 10 Eldon Hartman  
 12 John Schwab  
 14 Jerry Allston  
 16 Doug Newland  
 22 Jerry Pittman  
 23 James Denzien  
 26 Stephen Day  
 27 Henry Fernandez  
 29 Robert Warner  
 31 Frank Morris

## FEBRUARY

1 Royce Pettit  
 3 Mary Denzien  
 4 John Mosher  
 4 Darrell Keller  
 7 David Wickline  
 11 Dan Moss  
 13 Edgar Brooks  
 14 Jerry McKay  
 16 Michael Dahl  
 16 Steven Marcellino  
 19 Mel Ryus  
 24 Emil Schoonejans  
 24 Jim Mann

## MARCH

4 Bernard Fromm  
 9 Warner H. Doyle Jr.  
 11 Glenn Herold  
 11 Dennis McComb  
 12 Governor Joy  
 16 Marcia Unser  
 17 Lawrence Cummings  
 19 Burtis Loftin  
 20 Scott Strey  
 23 Karl Bergstrom  
 29 John Graves  
 29 Michael Hinderliter  
 29 Denny Kerton  
 31 David Metje

## Perch Base CLASSIFIEDS

Your chance to advertise for free! Items from Base Members to other Members, and almost anything is far game. Exceptions: alcohol, drugs, illegal, commercial items or anything in general poor taste. Send your ad to: [newsletter@perch-base.org](mailto:newsletter@perch-base.org)

*(This card is from the store that graciously gives us space to stage and park for the November Phoenix Veterans Day Parade. Give them a thought if you need tires or service.)*

**Classified Size Limit: Four lines of 10 pt Arial font, one column wide.** Pictures may be included -- and are encouraged -- but make the picture a separate "jpg" or "png" file. If we can't format your ad as a Word document, it won't run.



# LEST WE FORGET THOSE STILL ON PATROL



## Tolling of the Boats for January

5	USS Scorpion (SS-278)	1944	77 men lost
10	USS Argonaut (SS-166)	1943	102 men lost
12	USS Swordfish (SS-193)	1945	89 men lost
20	USS S-36 (SS-141)	1942	no loss of life
24	USS S-26 (SS-131)	1942	46 men lost

## Tolling of the Boats for February

4	USS Barbel (SS-316)	1945	81 men lost
11	USS Shark (SS-174)	1942	59 men lost
16	USS Amberjack (SS-219)	1943	72 men lost
26	USS Grayback (SS-208)	1944	80 men lost
28	USS Trout (SS-202)	1944	81 men lost

## Tolling of the Boats for March

3	USS Perch (SS-176)	1942	6 men lost as POWs
5	USS Grampus (SS-207)	1943	71 men lost
12	USS H-1 (SS-28)	1920	4 men lost
15	USS Triton (SS-201)	1943	74 men lost
20	USS Kete (SS-369)	1945	87 men lost
25	USS F-4 (Skate) (SS-23)	1915	21 men lost
26	USS Tullibee (SS-284)	1944	79 men lost
26	USS Trigger (SS-237)	1945	89 men lost

## ***2018 Perch Base Operations Supporters***

These are the Base members and Friends who donate monies or efforts to allow for Base operations while keeping our dues low and avoid raising money through member labor as most other organizations do.

Jerry Allston	Robert Hartman	Royce Pettit
Ken Anderson	David Heighway	James Ratte
Steven Balthazor	Harry Heller	Stanley Reinhold
Gary Bartlett	Glenn Harold	Louis Reynolds
Ronald Beyer	Steve Hough	Donald Robertson
John Carpentier	Davy Jones	Robie Robinson
Roger Cousin	Governor Joy	Larry Ruggles
Eugene Crabb	Mike Keating	Pete Sattig
George Crider	Doug LaRock	Donald Schafer
George Debo	Bob Lancendorfer	Carl Scott
Don Demarte	DeWayne Lober	Garry Shumann
Jim Denzien	Dan Marks	Rick Simmons
Mary Denzien	Charles Marshall	Wayne Smith
Billy DeShong	Ray Marshall	Steve Stanger
Howard Doyle	Dennis McComb	William Tippet
James Edwards	Angus McPherson	James Trail
James Evans	Ken Meeks	Marcia Unser
Douglas Ewen	Carl Miner	Donald Walbaum
Tom Farley	Frank Morris	James Wall
David Fyock	John Mosher	Forrest Watson
Robert Gregg	Dan Moss	Joshua Whitmore
Tom Gregory	James Newman	George Woods
William Grissom	Dick Noreika	Bill Woolcott
Mike Haler	Mike Olsen	John Zaichkin