

# 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.**

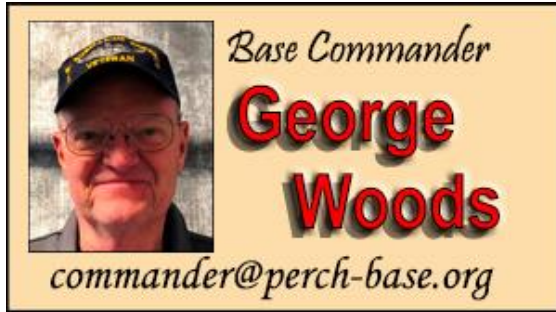
**That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.**

**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."**





**From the Wardroom:**

Wishing you all a wonderful, Happy New Year and a healthy and prosperous 2022.

It's 2022 and winter/spring in AZ. We still have covid 19 and with new variants to deal with. We all must try our best to keep ourselves and family healthy and safe.

Over the past quarter we have averaged 29 members at our base meetings. We participated in the Anthem /Daisy Mountain and Phoenix Veterans Parade, Gilbert Veterans Ceremony and a presentation to the South Point Middle School at the ASSM at Wesley Bolin Plaza. Four Perch Base members attended the Phoenix Navy Birthday Ball.

The Western Regional Roundup has been rescheduled, it will be April 25-29 2022 at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno, NV.

The 2022 USSVI convention is August 24-27 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo / Hotel and Conference Center Two Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, New York 14202.

The 2023 USSVI Convention is in Tucson AZ. August 2023 along with Tucson Base, we of Perch Base are major sponsors.

Sadly, we have recently lost members of the base including, Donald M. DeMarte 11/24/21, and wife of Mike Olsen, Ruth A Olsen 11/26/21. The memorial service for Ruth was at the Salvation Army center in Sun City.

Upcoming events are posted on the Perch Base website and on Facebook. We look forward to the Annual Awards Dinner on January 15, 2022, at 6pm at the Pebble Creek Country Club, Goodyear, AZ. Tickets are \$50 per person.

Call and bring a friend to the meeting!





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Amongst other happenings, since the last MidWatch was issued, pictures have been added to the Perch Base website for the ASSM presentation to the students from South Pointe Middle School, the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade, the Gilbert Veterans Day Ceremony, the Anthem Veterans Day Parade, and the Williams Patriot Day Parade. I encourage all who haven't visited

the website to check out the photos on our website for those events.

During the previous three months, there were 3,973 page views on the Perch Base website during 1,855 sessions by 1,230 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are generally typical and are the reason I am willing to keep putting effort into maintaining our website. Besides entering via the homepage, the Glossary and the Eternal Patrol page receive the most visits.

During the previous three months, the Facebook PAGE had 846 Facebook Page Reaches (The number of people that saw any content,) and the PAGE has 113 Likes.


If anyone has a HP OfficeJet printer that uses a 950XL black ink cartridge, I will give one away. I recently replaced my printer and have one unused cartridge leftover. Contact me at [webmaster@perch-base.org](mailto:webmaster@perch-base.org) if you can use it.



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### The Silent Ranks

I wear no uniform, no Navy blues or whites.  
But I am in the military in the ranks rarely seen.

Salutes I do not give.

I have no rank upon my shoulders.

The military world is the place where I live.

I am not in the chain of command,

Orders I do not get.

My husband is the one who does,

This I cannot forget.

I am not the one who puts my life on the line.

My job is just as tough- I am the one left behind.

My husband is a patriot, a brave, a prideful man

The call to serve his country, not all understand.

My husband makes the sacrifice,

But so do our kids and me.

I love the man I married, submarines are his life.

But I stand among the silent ranks known as

The Navy Wife.





NAVAL WARFARE

## Navy to pick new torpedo in March 2022 following delay

Northrop Grumman says it submitted its Very Lightweight Torpedo proposal in November.

By [JUSTIN KATZ](#) on December 16, 2021 at 12:23 PM



*Northrop Grumman has submitted its Very Lightweight Torpedo for the Navy's Compact Rapid Attack Weapon competition, which is due to select a winner in March 2022. (Photo courtesy of Northrop Grumman.)*

WASHINGTON: The Navy is planning to award a contract in March 2022 for a new lightweight torpedo, a major milestone for the first new torpedo the service will field in over two decades.

David Portner, senior program manager for undersea weapons at Northrop Grumman, told Breaking Defense in an interview on Wednesday the consortium managing the competition published the request for proposals in October for the springtime award. [Breaking Defense](#) reported earlier this year that a congressional budget cut had forced the Navy to delay the solicitation, which was originally scheduled to be released in January 2021.

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The solicitation was not made public at the time of release, but the Navy told Breaking Defense for the previous report that the competition had been postponed until the fall. A Navy spokesman did not immediately respond to questions about the solicitation for this report.

The competition is for the Compact Rapid Attack Weapon and is being managed by the [Undersea Technology Innovation Consortium](#), a group of defense companies curated by the Navy and ranging in size from small firms to major primes. Only members of the consortium will be able to submit proposals for the torpedo competition.

One of the primary advantages of running the competition through the consortium, rather than a standard acquisition process, is the group is operated under other transaction authority, a power established and approved by Congress that enables the service to more rapidly develop and purchase worthwhile capabilities.

Portner said Northrop submitted a proposal for its Very Lightweight Torpedo in November, a weapon that has been designed and developed in partnership with Penn State. As its name suggest, Northrop's VLWT weighs roughly 200 pounds, one third the weight a traditional 600-pound torpedo. Practically, this widens the aperture of platforms capable of employing the weapon to smaller vessels or aircraft, and it also increases the number of torpedoes that any given platform can carry.

It is not clear which companies Northrop is competing against because the Navy does not routinely disclose the names of contractors that respond to requests for proposals.

The strength of Northrop's design, according to Portner, is the weapon's modularity, which segregates the weapon into four compartments. This enables the company or the Navy to upgrade certain components without having to redesign the torpedo wholesale.

The technology was originally developed and marketed as the "anti-torpedo torpedo" and was installed onto five aircraft carriers. In 2018, the service [canceled that program](#) and has been working to remove ATT from its ships ever since.





As 2021 draws to a close I have thought back on the many times I have talked with all of you about financially supporting Perch Base and our efforts to uphold the USSVI Creed. I have now realized that I have never directly shared with you the extent of your generosity. In the 2021 calendar year Perch Base and Perch Base Foundation have received a total of

\$8,679 in donations. This includes:

- \$2,768 in direct donations to the base
- \$568 in materials
- \$563 from meeting 50/50 raffles
- And \$4,780 that was marked for, and passed on to, the Perch Base Foundation. (This does not include contributions made directly to the Foundation that did not come through the base treasury.)

I would like to offer my sincerest thank you to all of you who have made these donations allowing us to maintain our pursuit of the creed. I would also like to single out our COB Don Robertson who has found new homes, free of rent, for the storage of the USS Phoenix float with Curtis and Cynthis Morgan and the people trailer with Chuck Emmett, thereby eliminating our single largest monthly expense.

I wish you all happy holidays and a wonderful new year as members of Perch Base and the USSVI.



**EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60:**

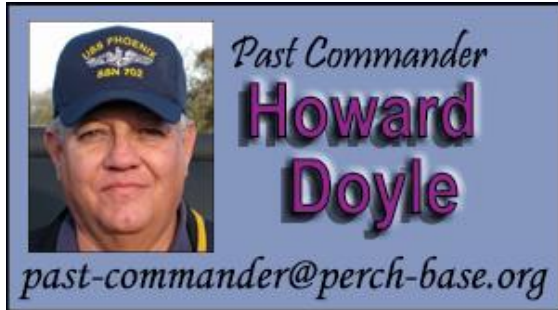
Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.





### From Snipes Castle:

The middle of December and the temperature this morning was 40 degrees, I'm ready for summer to return or I'm going to have to find some long pants. I've already put up the 20 foot tall outside Christmas tree and the string of electric luminaries so Christmas can't be too far

away. This year has been worse than getting extended on a long patrol, vaccine shots, booster shots, Covid 19, delta variant, omicron variant, etc. People in the hospital and Perch Base has lost nine members so far; please do whatever you think is the safe thing to do; isolate at home, wear masks in public, get the vaccine and / or booster.

Hopefully you have all remembered to renew both your national and Perch Base memberships or do what I did many years ago and became a life member of both. Now I don't have to remember to renew each year.

Please remember the Perch Base awards dinner on January 15th [Saturday] at the Pebble Creek Club. there will be a flash traffic with directions on how to get there. The meal will be ancho chili steak, rosemary lemon chicken, or grilled salmon. There will also be a silent auction, so if you have "stuff" that is in the way or just collecting dust make arrangements to donate it to the base and help with our treasury.

Vic Van Horn has informed the base that the Western Region Roundup will be held in Reno this coming spring, details to follow.



# U.S. UNDERSEA WARFARE NEWS

## **China's New Stealth Destroyer Is on the Hunt for U.S. Submarines**

Kris Osborn, The National Interest, December 9

However, it is not clear just how effective these new anti-submarine technologies would be against upgraded, high-tech, Virginia-class attack submarines equipped with new quieting technologies and stealth coating materials.

China's first quasi-stealthy new Type 055 destroyer is preparing for aggressive submarine-hunting missions near Taiwan and the South China Sea. How? By testing helicopter-dropped sonar and built-in anti-submarine technologies.

Part of the exercise included cross-domain networking initiatives wherein the surface destroyer networked with helicopters and other aircraft to track threats and transmit target data in real-time, according to the Chinese Communist Party-backed Global Times newspaper. The four-day exercises included what the paper called "realistic scenario-oriented anti-submarine training courses."

In a manner apparently quite similar to how Arleigh Burke-class destroyers interoperate with Sikorsky MH-60R Seahawk helicopters, the new Chinese Nanchang destroyer dispatched a Z-9 search helicopter to deploy sonar equipment. The newspaper praised the Nanchang's ability to discern submarine signals from other sources of undersea noise.

"Despite fishing boat activities in the vicinity of the exercise zone, which disrupted the sonar equipment's detection of submarines, the Nanchang was able to use its acoustic data analysis and application system to accurately distinguish the noises of the submarine," the Global Times writes.

The extent of secure or hardened connectivity between the Nanchang and its sub-hunting helicopters would be crucial, as it may not parallel the U.S. Navy's ability to quickly exchange threat data from undersea to helicopter and drones before reaching a host ship destroyer able to perform command and control.

The Nanchang also fires rocket-propelled, submarine-killing torpedoes and has an ability to conduct "joint fire strikes," according to the Chinese paper.

The Chinese paper did say part of the intent of the anti-submarine drills was to ensure U.S. attack submarines could not operate near Chinese shores. However, it is not clear just how effective these new anti-submarine technologies would be against upgraded, high-tech, Virginia-class attack submarines equipped with new quieting technologies and stealth coating materials.

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Interestingly, it seems significant that the Chinese paper made no mention of undersea drones as being part of the Nanchang's networked sub-hunting network. Many U.S. Navy surface ships, such as its Littoral Combat Ships, are able to launch and recover submarine-hunting drones and mine-hunting platforms. Any kind of effective submarine-hunting mission would benefit greatly from an ability to gather time-sensitive intelligence information from beneath the surface.

Ultimately, the success of the Nanchang's ability to truly find submarines would not only rest on the range and fidelity of its sonar and acoustic-data collection and analysis but also upon an ability to securely network that data across domains in real-time. Submarines can of course quickly change position, so an anti-submarine mission would need to find a way to move information quickly or develop an extended "continuous track" because an attack submarine on a clandestine surveillance mission is not likely to stay in one place for long.

### **U.S. Navy establishes Submarine Squadron TWO at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard**

Not Attributed, Defense Visual Information Distribution Service, December 10

KITTERY, Maine – The U.S. Navy established Commander, Submarine Squadron (COMSUBRON) 2 in an official ceremony on Friday, Dec. 10, at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine.

The move revives a tradition tied to the original Submarine Squadron 2, which was established in New London, Connecticut, in the late 1930s. In 1941, the Navy sent SUBRON 2 to the Pacific, where it operated during World War II.

After the war, in October of 1945, the squadron was back in New London, where it garnered the nickname "The Armada" because of the wide range of submarines under its oversight.

The squadron oversaw some of the first and last built in the Los Angeles class fast attack submarines as well as the Navy's only nuclear powered deep submersible research vessel, NR-1. The first nuclear powered submarine, USS Nautilus (SSN 571) was one of nearly 100 submarines assigned to the squadron during its history as well.

Among the submarines assigned to the squadron over the years were the "Fleet Boats" Grouper (SS 214), Flying Fish (SS 229), Finback (SS 230), and Raton (SS 270); diesel submarines Atule (SS 403), Quillback (SS 424) and Sarda (SS 488); and the support ship Chewink (ASR 3).

The most recent previous iteration of Submarine Squadron 2 was disestablished in a ceremony in Groton, Connecticut, on Jan. 13, 2012.

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Rear Adm. Michael Holland, now chief of staff for U.S. Northern Command, was the commodore of Submarine Squadron 2 at the time of its disestablishment. Holland returned as the keynote speaker for the establishment ceremony Friday.

“The new establishment of Submarine Squadron 2 builds on a proud tradition dating back to the second World War,” said Vice Adm. William Houston, commander, U.S. Naval Submarine Forces, Submarine Force Atlantic and Allied Submarine Command. “Over seven decades in operation, this squadron wrote a history of innovation, flexibility and a fierce dedication to mission accomplishment. Now, Squadron 2 will come back with a new home and a vital new role to play, ensuring the readiness of our fast attack submarines as they complete periods of maintenance at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and return to the fleet for deployment.”

Capt. Daniel J. Reiss takes over as the commanding officer of the newly re-established squadron, while Capt. Henry M. Roenke steps into the role of deputy commanding officer for readiness. Master Chief Petty Officer Frederick J. Richter is the command master chief, the senior enlisted service person at the squadron.

Squadron 2 will step in to provide administrative, manning, logistical, training, operational planning and readiness support for Los Angeles- and Virginia-class fast attack submarines homeported at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard during periods of maintenance and improvement.

Since 2012, Submarine Squadrons 12 and 4 provided operational oversight of submarines at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from their location more than 150 miles away, at Naval Submarine Base New London, in Connecticut.

Capt. Matthew Boland, commanding officer of Submarine Squadron 12, was on hand at the Friday event to ceremonially relinquish oversight of the submarines currently homeported at PNSY.

“I’m honored and excited to help restore this storied squadron name alongside these dedicated submarine crews and the talented and hardworking team at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard,” said Reiss. “Squadrons 12 and 4 did incredible work supporting the shipyard submarines over the last decade. And now, there is benefit to having a dedicated squadron staff on-site, focused on the unique needs of crews in this stage of their readiness cycle. These Portsmouth-based submarine crews face different challenges than those in Groton, and my team is energized to face those challenges with them. We look forward to getting these crews and their boats back in the fight, stronger and tougher than when they arrived.”

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presence, maritime security and deterrence. They are designed to excel in anti-submarine warfare, anti-ship warfare, strike warfare, special operations, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, irregular warfare and mine warfare. Fast-attack submarines project power ashore with special operations forces and Tomahawk cruise missiles in the prevention or preparation of regional crises.

## **China calls for regulation of military AI**

Liu Xuanzun, Global Times (China), December 15

At a time when artificial intelligence (AI) technology is developing fast and has wide prospects in military use, China for the first time proposed to the UN to regulate the military applications of AI during a conference held on Monday, raising concerns over the long-term impact and potential risks in such areas as strategic security, rules on governance and ethics, while also giving suggestions on how to resolve potential problems.

Having the potential to change the rules of warfare completely, AI is a double-edged sword that could cause catastrophes if not handled well, and that is why China's proposal to regulate and control it is a responsible one that other countries, particularly those attempting to take advantage of AI to achieve military hegemony, should pay attention to, Chinese experts said on Tuesday.

China submitted its position paper on regulating the military applications of AI to the sixth review conference of the UN Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, which opened in Geneva on Monday, the Xinhua News Agency reported on Tuesday.

Foreign Affairs, said at a regular press conference on Tuesday when asked about the position paper.

China is willing to enhance communication and cooperation with all parties to properly deal with the risks and challenges posed by military applications of AI, and push AI technologies to benefit people in all countries, Wang said.

Song Zhongping, a Chinese military expert and TV commentator, told the Global Times on Tuesday that AI can be applied in almost all fields of the military, including on land, at sea, in the skies, in space and also in the electronic space.

For example, Yang Wei of the Aviation Industry Corp of China, chief designer of the J-20 stealth fighter jet, said in a paper published in 2020 that AI is expected to be installed on next-generation fighter jets to assist pilots.

Hu Mingchun, director of the No.14 Research Institute at the state-owned China Electronics Technology Group Co, told the Global Times in April that AI could be

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applied to radar systems so they can make adjustments according to the environment, as they learn constantly to improve their ability.

Potentially capable of gathering and analyzing data, and making decisions more efficiently than human brains, AI could build an even more digital and intelligent battlefield than today and change the rules of warfare completely, a Beijing-based military expert who requested anonymity told the Global Times on Tuesday.

In addition to AI functions on tactical platforms like warplanes and warships, there could be strategic uses of AI to assist military leaders in making crucial decisions based on big data in real time that could not be processed by humans, the anonymous expert said.

However, this means military AI is a double-edged sword that could help safeguard peace when used properly, but also sabotage it when used with evil intentions, analysts said.

If some countries develop advanced military AI and gain advantages over others, the strategic balance will be broken, Song said, warning that if one side has AI and an uncrewed army while the other side has only people, it would be a massacre.

Many works of science fiction have depicted scenarios where military AI does not function as intended or even gains self-awareness, bringing a series of ethical problems and even disasters to humankind. This is not impossible, now that technology is developing so fast, observers pointed out.

The position paper, available to the public on the website of China's Permanent Mission to the UN Office at Geneva, gave several suggestions to regulate the military use of AI technology.

China called on countries that develop and apply AI in the military field to act in a prudent and responsible manner, refrain from seeking absolute military advantage, and not use AI as a tool to start a war or pursue hegemony.

They should also follow the principle of "AI for good," and relevant weapons systems must be kept under human control, while efforts must be made to ensure human supervision at all times, including implementing necessary human-machine interactions across the entire life cycle of weapons.

The position paper also urged countries to adhere to the principles of multilateralism, openness and inclusiveness, and said that developed countries should assist developing countries in strengthening their governance capacity.

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Song said that China showed its global responsibility by raising these concerns and giving suggestions to regulate military AI, minimizing potential threats as early as possible and maximizing benefits in other fields, like contributing to research and development in climate change, fighting diseases and exploring space.

## **U.S. builds new software tool to predict actions that could draw China's ire**

Mike Stone, Reuters, December 15

HONOLULU, Hawaii -- U.S. military commanders in the Pacific have built a software tool to predict how the Chinese government will react to U.S. actions in the region like military sales, U.S.-backed military activity and even congressional visits to hotspots like Taiwan. Deputy Secretary of Defense Kathleen Hicks was briefed on the new tool during a visit to the United States Indo-Pacific Command in Hawaii on Tuesday. "With the spectrum of conflict and the challenge sets spanning down into the grey zone. What you see is the need to be looking at a far broader set of indicators, weaving that together and then understanding the threat interaction," Hicks said in an interview aboard a military jet en route to California. The tool calculates "strategic friction," a defense official said. It looks at data since early 2020 and evaluates significant activities that had impacted U.S.-Sino relations. The computer-based system will help the Pentagon predict whether certain actions will provoke an outsized Chinese reaction. In October, the Chinese military condemned the United States and Canada for each sending a warship through the Taiwan Strait, saying they were threatening peace and stability in the region. The incident and others like it have fueled demand for the tool, the U.S. official said, to ensure the United States does not inadvertently upset China with its actions. While relations between the United States and China are already at low point, the tool provides visibility across a variety of activities such as congressional visits to Taiwan, arms sales to allies in the region, or when several U.S. ships sailing through the Taiwan Strait could provoke an outsized or unintended Chinese reaction. China claims democratically ruled Taiwan as its own territory, and has mounted repeated air force missions into Taiwan's air defense identification zone (ADIZ) over the past year, provoking anger in Taipei. The new software will allow U.S. officials to look forward at planned actions as far as four months in advance, the official said. Hicks is touring U.S. bases this week while the Biden administration's draft 2023 budget takes shape. The Department of Defense hopes to move budget dollars toward a military that can deter China and Russia.

# Previous Quarter Highlights

## Fourth Quarter events for Perch Base.

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

Click on any photo for a larger picture.

### Navy Birthday Ball

On October 9th, Perch Base Members Base Commander George Woods, Past Commander Howard Doyle, Webmaster Dan Marks, and Brad Seidel, attended the Phoenix, AZ, Area Birthday Ball. The theme of the Birthday Ball was "Honoring Cold War Veterans & Returning Navy Sailors from Deployment." The Keynote Speaker was Rear Admiral Paula Dunn, USN.

99-year old Pearl Harbor survivor, Jack Holder, cuts the Navy Birthday Ball cake with an officer's sabre, celebrating the 246th birthday of the US Navy.



### Anthem Veterans Day Parade

Perch Base took the USS Phoenix float to the Daisy Mountain Veterans Day Parade in Anthem, Arizona, on Saturday, November 6, 2021.



(l-r) Joe Trotter, George Woods, Dan Marks, Don Robertson, Davy Jones, Jerry Allston, Jim Denzien, Chris Urness, David Metje, Carl Miner.

The Parade watchers were enthusiastic and appreciative.



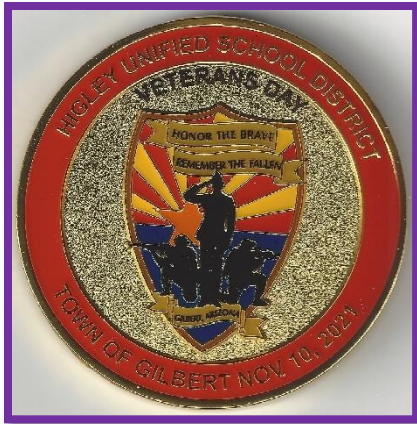


## Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)

### Gilbert Veterans Day Ceremony

Seven Perch Base members and wives attended the 2021 Town of Gilbert, AZ Veterans Day Ceremony on November 10, 2021, at the Gilbert Regional Park.

Charles Tobias and Nikki Stratton. Nikki is the granddaughter of Don Stratton, a survivor of the December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor attack on the USS Arizona, BB-39. Nikki is the sponsor of the new submarine USS Arizona (SSN-803). It will be the fourth United States Navy vessel named for the state of Arizona.



The Town of Gilbert gave each veteran a challenge coin.

### Phoenix Veterans Day Parade

Fourteen Perch Base members took the USS Phoenix float to the Phoenix, Arizona, Veterans Day Parade on Thursday, November 11, 2021.



(l-r) Governor Joy, Chris Gahan, Don Robertson, Jim Denzien, Carl Miner, Jerry Allston, Miss Arizona 2021, Amber Barto, and Miss Arizona's Outstanding Teen 2021, Kate Blair, Howard Doyle, Joe Trotter, Marcus Hensley, Dan Marks, Chuck Luna, Brad Seidel.

## Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)

### Students Visit ASSM

On Friday, November 12, 2021, Perch Base members Marcus Hensley, Chris Urness, George Woods, and Bob Gilmore presented the Arizona Silent Service Memorial (ASSM) to approximately 70 students and 10 staff members from South Pointe Middle School providing a valuable history lesson for the Submarine Force and the Memorial.



(l-r) Perch Base members Chris Urness, George Woods, Marcus Hensley, Bob Gilmore.



### Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

12/07/2021 at the Wesley Bolin Plaza by the Arizona State Capitol. Fifteen Perch Base members and their guests attended. Perch Base placed two wreaths, one for the WW2 Submarine Veterans and one for Perch Base.



MM3 Greg Posniack, son of Glenn Posniack and recently graduated from Naval Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC, laid the wreath for the Perch Base U.S. Sub Vets

Perch Base Vice Commander Carl Miner laid the wreath for the US Sub Vets WWII.





## Departed shipmates from previous quarter.

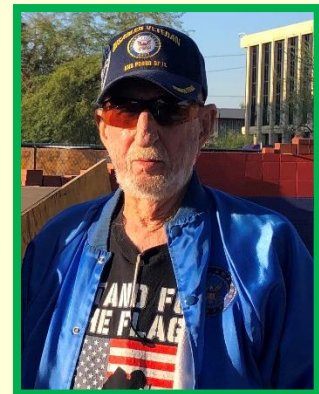
For more Pictures and details check out [perch-base.org](http://perch-base.org).

### Don Demarte, DPC



Perch Base Associate Member and Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame recipient Don DeMarte, departed on Eternal Patrol on November 24, 2021. Our condolences to his next-of-kin Mary Lou and the rest of the family.

Don enlisted in the Navy in 1954 and was promptly assigned to the submarine tender USS Bushnell (AS-15) in Key West, Florida. He volunteered for submarines, however, during the pressure chamber test his eardrums were ruptured, so he was not accepted for submarine duty. He continued to repair the diesel boats at the tender and would ride the boats during sea trials. He served on the staff of Admiral Rickover at Naval Reactors from 1957 to 1961. Don retired from the Navy in 1974 as a Chief Data Processing (DPC) with 20 years of service.



Memorial services will be at the National Cemetery of Arizona on Tuesday January 25, 2022, at 10:00 AM by the Samaritan Funeral Home.

**SAILORS REST YOUR OAR! YOUR WATCH HAS ENDED.  
Your Brothers of the 'Phin Have the Watch.  
Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shipmates.**

# 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 8, February 12, & March 12

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).

## 2021 Perch Base Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, January 15

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

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

[16222 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 5

This year's theme is "Laveen Launches Forward!"

The parade will run on Dobbins Road from 43rd to 51st Avenues.

Dobbins Road will be closed from 41st Lane to 51st Avenue from 9:00AM to 1:00PM.

To get to the float staging area on Dobbins, east of 43rd Ave, it is recommended to take 35th Ave south to Dobbins Road and then head west. Parking along Dobbins is first come, first served.

Watch for further updates in a Flash Traffic.

## Deadline for the Spring Quarter MidWatch

Friday, March 18

All input must be into Chuck Luna, [Communications Officer](#), to be included in the next MidWatch Newsletter to be published on Friday, April 1, 2022.

# First Quarter Birthdays

## JANUARY

2 Marion Cartland  
5 William Monk  
7 Roger Cousin  
7 Douglas Ewen  
12 John Schwab  
14 Jerry Allston  
16 Doug Newland  
18 James Cooper  
21 Jim Glass  
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



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# 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

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