

THE MIDWATCH

USSVI Perch-Base Phoenix, Arizona Quarterly Newsletter

Winter 2023



Table of Contents

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----|----------------------|----|
| USSVI Creed | 2 | Birthdays | 16 |
| Officers and Comments | 3 | Binnacle List | 17 |
| Undersea Warfare News | 9 | Good of the Order | 17 |
| Past Quarter Highlights | 10 | Tolling of the Boats | 18 |
| Member Spotlight | 13 | 2022 Donor List | 19 |
| Upcoming Events | 15 | Classified | 20 |

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."



Volume 9, Issue 1

Copyright© 2023 All Rights Reserved

"Perch Base USSVI"

No portion may be used without permission

Editor: Chris Gahan

Contact: newsletter@perch-base.org



Base Commander George Woods commander@perch-base.org

From the Wardroom:

As we welcome a new year, I hope all our members families had a Happy Holiday and New Year as we look forward to 2023. Unfortunately, we still have the seasonal flu and variants of Covid to deal with. We all must try our best to keep ourselves and family members healthy and safe. Over the past quarter we have had good turnout at our base meetings and have welcomed new board members and appreciate all the good work our retiring board members have done.

During 2022 we lost several Perch Base members. Recently Mike Olson died December 8th after being hospitalized, just over one year, after his wife, Ruth A Olsen died in 2021. We will acknowledge all departed members at our Annual Banquet.

We participated in the Anthem/Daisy Mountain and Phoenix Veterans Parade, the Black Canyon City Parade. Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day at Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza. Several members attended the Zoom live presentation of the Keel Laying Ceremony of the USS Arizona SSN-803 held at the General Dynamics Electric Boat Shipyard at Quonset Point, Rhode Island.

The Perch Base Scholarship Committee needs all applications for 2023 received by January 15th 2023.

Perch Base will hold our Annual Awards Banquet on January 21st 2023 at the Pebble Creek Tuscany Country Club in Goodyear. It is a time to honor our new Holland Club members and our Sailor of the Year. Our keynote speaker will be Admiral Vernon Clark (ret).

The Western Regional Roundup will be held in Sacramento Ca. at the Double Tree Resort April 27-29 2023. We will have a convention registration table for the Tucson Convention in Sacramento. We look forward to seeing you there.

The 2023 USSVI National Convention is August 20 -27 2023 at the El Conquistador Tucson Hilton Resort, information for the convention is available on the Perch base website and Facebook page, with a link for hotel registration. Tucson Base and Perch Base are co-sponsors and we hope to see many helping hands and a good turnout of members at the convention. Please start saving any new items or submarine related items you may want to donate for the Silent Auction.



Treasurer

Joe Trotter

treasurer@perch-base.org

x

While searching the internet for a submarine Christmas story, I came across the 1982 Christmas Dinner Menu from the USS Cavalla (SSN 684). This brought me back to my first Christmas at sea in a submarine which I shared with you in the Winter issue of the 2020 Midwatch. We certainly ate well. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and hope this menu stirs up good memories for you as well.

Roast Prime Rib of Beef, Natural Beef Au Jus, Yorkshire Pudding, Rice Pilaf, Almondine String Beans, Glazed Baby Carrots, Shrimp Cocktail, Assorted Relish Tray, Cheese Cubes, Waldorf Salad, German Chocolate Cake, Fruitcake, Hot Dinner Rolls, Mixed Nuts, Candy, Coffee, Tea, Milk, Iced Drinks.



Past Commander Howard Doyle

past-commander@perch-base.org

From "Snipes Castle":

Well, most of us have survived the midterm elections, Black Friday, and the led up to Christmas spending; not to mention the ongoing battle with Covid 19, the Flu, and RSV. The weather has seemed to be colder this year; I have shifted to long pants vice the normal shorts and t-shirts; my wife says that maybe the chemo treatment for cancer may be affecting my internal thermostat, who really knows.

With the end of the year fast approaching it is again time to think of supporting Perch Base by making a donation to the Perch Base foundation, a 501C3 tax deductible foundation. Any money sent to the foundation is completely deductible on your federal income tax and all the funds in the foundation go to supporting Perch Base activities; the ASSM, scholarships, the awards dinner, etc. So, give to a "good" cause and take it off your income tax.

It seems the last several months that we [Perch Base] have been spending more and more time at the National Cemetery, honoring Perch Base members who have gone on Eternal Patrol. It is one of the things we do, but we really need to recruit more "YOUNGER" members. My granddaughter, Savannah says that, and I quote, "Grandpa - you are really OLD", and some of our membership is actually older then I am.

Here's wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and most Happy and Prosperous New Year, or as an old COB of mine said - Bah Humbug!!!



Webmaster

Dan Marks

webmaster@perch-base.org

This quarter, especially because of Veteran's Day, is the busiest time for Perch Base . . . and when Perch Base is busy, so is your Webmaster!

If you were not there, check out the photos on the website of the Veteran's Day parades we rolled in at Phoenix (we won a 1st Place award), Anthem and Black Canyon City. We also participated in other Veteran's Day events at Sierra Verde School and in Gilbert. What a wonderful (and fun) way to strengthen our common heritage as Submariners with camaraderie. You will also see recent photos of our Perch Base participation at the USS Arizona (SSN-803) Keel Laying Ceremony and the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day events where we perpetuated the memory of departed shipmates. There are numerous other Perch Base gatherings posted on the website in the past quarter, including Jim Andrew's Honor Flight to Washington, DC and Don Unser's Silver Anchor Award. Sadly, we also conducted two Eternal Patrol ceremonies that are posted on the website.

During this fourth quarter of the year, there were 2,832 page views on the Perch Base website during 1,391 sessions by 934 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 the website via the homepage, the Sailing Orders page, Glossary and the Eternal Patrol page receive the most visits.

During the previous three months, the Facebook PAGE has also been busy and the PAGE has 150 Likes and 160 Followers.

If you have any suggestions for the website, send an email to webmaster@perch-base.org.



Event Coordinator Dave Heighway

events@perch-base.org

Those of you who have attended the recent meetings will know that I am replacing Don Unser as the Perch Base Events Coordinator. George Wood, Base Commander, contacted me and asked me if I could serve in this capacity since Don had announced over the summer that he would like to step down by the end of 2022. While we all know that NAVY stands for Never Again Volunteer Yourself, I would encourage others to step up and see how you can help within our base to help meet our purpose as an organization.

Perpetuating the Memory of Our Shipmates

This November and December had many parades and events to which various members presented our USS Phoenix, SSN-702, 1/8-scale float. These events help to keep our community aware of the sacrifice that our shipmates in the submarine service have willingly given to keep our nation strong. Please visit our website at www.Perch-Base.org to see photos and information on these events.

A special event attended by some of our Perch Base members was the keel-laying ceremony for the new USS Arizona, SSN-803, on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7, 2022. This is the first ship to be named for the State of Arizona since the battleship USS Arizona incurred the brunt of the Imperial Japanese attack 61 years ago. At the same time, others from our base presented memorial wreaths in remembrance of those brave sailors at the USS Arizona Anchor Memorial in Wesley Bolin Plaza at the Arizona State Government Center.

Mike Olsen, formerly Base Chaplain, will have his Memorial Service held at the Salvation Army North West Valley Corps, [17420 Avenue of the Arts, Surprise, Arizona 85378](http://17420.Avenue.of.the.Arts.Surprise.Arizona.85378). Please consider attending to help us and his family honor and remember Mike.

February 4, 2023, will see Perch Base presenting our USS Phoenix float in the Laveen Parade. Staging will start at 9:00 AM with the parade rolling at 11:00. See our website for details.

Strengthening Our Common Heritage through Camaraderie

Our monthly base meetings are scheduled the 2nd Saturday of each month. The base holds the business meeting at noon but come early and share a meal and some time of camaraderie that will strengthen our ties. See you there!

On January 21, 2023, we will conduct our Annual Base Awards Banquet at the Pebble Creek Tuscany Country Club, Chianti Room, [16222 Clubhouse Drive, Goodyear, Arizona 85395](http://16222.Clubhouse.Drive.Goodyear.Arizona.85395). Tickets can be purchased from Joe Trotter, Base Treasurer, or Chuck Luna, Base Membership Chair, at the January Base Meeting. If you would like to attend but cannot make the meeting send Joe an email at treasurer@perch-base.org. We must provide a headcount to the event organizers by January 14th.

Upcoming events to get on your calendar that will require planning are the Western Region Roundup and the USSVI National Convention. The Western Region Roundup will be April 27-29, 2023, at the Doubletree Inn, Sacramento, California. Visit the website www.wroundup.com for details. The 2023 USSVI National Convention is being sponsored by Tucson Base and Perch Base and will be held in Tucson, Arizona in August 2023. Look for more details as they become available.



Communications Chris Gahan

communications@perch-base.org

Fun Facts:

Mathematic Magic:

$111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$ (NOTE: you NUCS will need a scientific calculator, slide rule will not do)

Anyone Remember Trim Parties?

For those who don't know, imagine a newbie on the BCP (Ballast Control Panel) trying to learn a new watch station. Let's call him Sam. Sam is doing his best to keep the boat level as it transverse through varying degrees of water temperature and salinity, dealing with persnickety under and over currents, then add in wave action and he can be busy. He is following the commands of the Diving Officer to transfer water to and from various trim tanks so that the helm and plane operators can stay on course and depth.

One bored off watch IC-man picks up on the fact that there is an opportunity at hand. He grabs two buddies and heads aft. For arguments sake, let's say that each bubble head is about 200 lbs. each so that is 600 lbs. As they pass through the mess decks giggling, two cribbage players pick up on what going on and abandon their game (additional +/- 400 lbs. 1,000 lbs. total for those still counting). Another guy cranking drops his apron and leaves a bowl and rag on a mess deck table. The wardroom steward (don't know if these guys still exist anymore) follows as well. As they pass maneuvering, a trainee says "I will be right back." And joins up. So as this bunch of guys head toward shaft alley, they come across a qualified guy going over system details with a non-qual trying to fill out his qual card. The qualified guy grabs the non-qual arm (who has no idea what's up) and drags him along. So now we have 10 guys at 200 lbs. each (that is +/- 2,000 lbs.). They are as far aft as they can go in shaft alley, piled together giggling. They stay that way for about 10 minutes.

MEANWHILE BACK IN THE CONTROL ROOM: Remember our trainee Sam, on the BCP? Right now, the Diving Officer is out of his chair with his mouth about an inch from his ear yelling "What the f...k. Sam get the weight out of our ass!!! Frantically, Sam fingers dance across the BCP to line up to pump forward. With his hands shaking and sweat dripping off his face he gets 2,000 lbs. pumped forward to offset the 2,000 lbs. at the screw.

AND BACK AFT: Does 2,000 lbs. sound familiar? Remember those guys who went all the way aft? Well, they are on their way forward. Oh sure, they'll lose a few along the way. That's okay because their next destination (Torpedo Room), where there are several "husky" Torpedomen who are always up to for a laugh if it is at someone else's expense.

So, whom among us were party too or a victim of this prank?

Perch Base Wardroom



Vice-Commander
Carl Miner

vice-commander@perch-base.org



Chief of the Boat
Don Robertson

cob@perch-base.org



Chaplain

Jim Denzien

chaplain@perch-base.org



Historian

Chuck Emmett

historian@perch-base.org



Storekeeper

John Beckett

storekeeper@perch-base.org



Membership

Chuck Luna

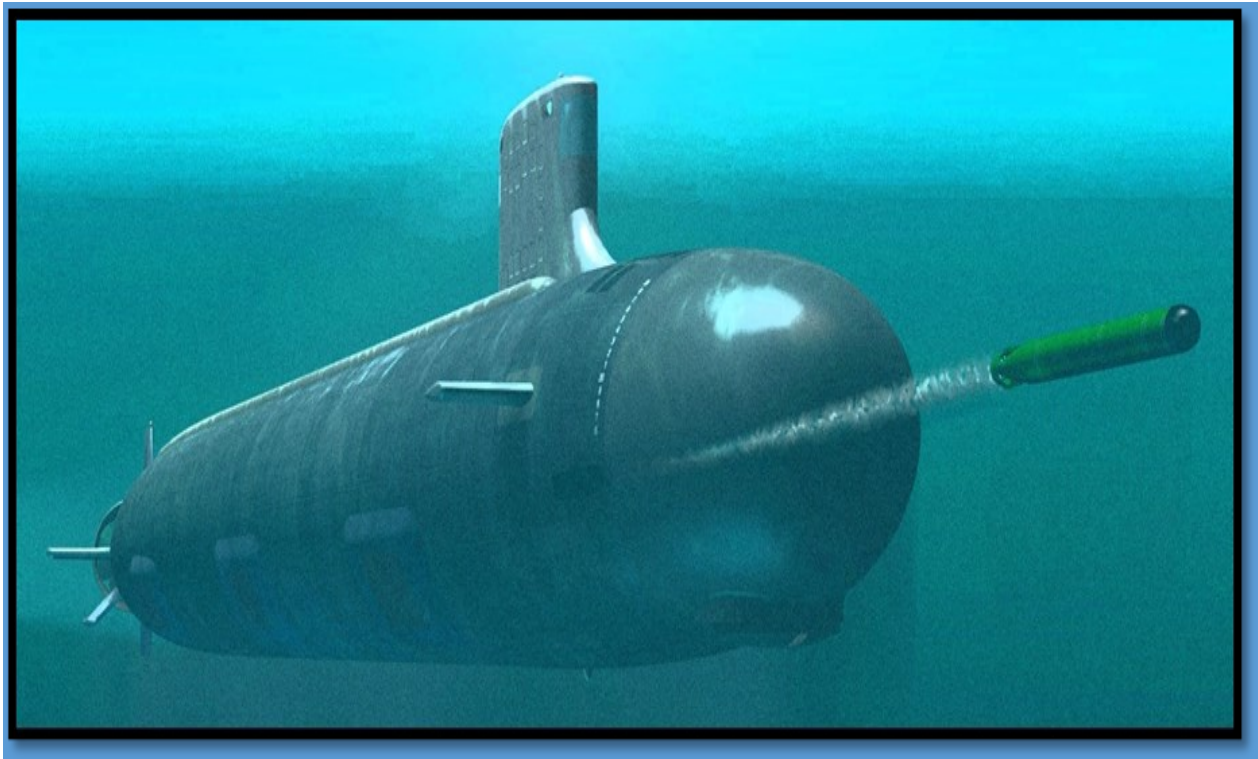
membership@perch-base.org



Secretary

Laura Luna

secretary@perch-base.org



UNDERSEA WARFARE NEWS



The "Novosibirsk" arrives at the Pacific Fleet's base Vilyuchinsk at the Kamchatka Peninsula on Russia's Pacific coast.

Nuclear subs made trans-Arctic under-ice transfer from Barents to Pacific

Two of Russia's newest nuclear-powered submarines have completed a 5,500 nm voyage under the Arctic ice cap.

Built at Sevmash shipyard in Severodvinsk and tested in the White- and Barents Seas, the two submarines "Novosibirsk" and "Knyaz Oleg" are now ready for combat patrols.

The inter-fleet transit from the Northern Fleet to the Pacific Fleet contributes to a substantial strength of the submarine forces in the Russian Far East. "Knyaz Oleg" of the Borey-class carries 16 ballistic nuclear missiles, while the "Novosibirsk" is armed with some of the navy's most modern long-range cruise missiles, torpedoes and mines.

Both submarines participated in the Umka-2022 naval exercise taking place in the Chucki Sea now in September before sailing into Vilyuchinsk naval base near Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy this week, the Defense Ministry [informs](#).

There are now three Borei-class ballistic missile submarines in active service with the Pacific Fleet. The "Novosibirsk" is the first 4th generation Yasen-class multi-purpose sub to be deployed in the Pacific.

Donald Unser

When asked what I did to make life worthwhile in my lifetime....I can respond with a great deal of pride and satisfaction, "I served in the United States Navy Submarine Force, "The Silent Service"!

Previous Quarter Highlights



DAISY MOUNTAIN/ANTHEM & BLACK CANYON CITY PARADES:

Perch Base took USS Phoenix Float to the Daisy Mountain Veterans Day Parade in Anthem, Arizona, on Saturday, November 5, 2022.

After that parade, we took the float up to Black Canyon City for a second parade. Needless to say, we couldn't pass the Rock Springs Cafe on the way up to Black Canyon City without a stop he pie and "whatever."



SIERRA VERDE STEAM SCHOOL:

Perch Base took the USS Phoenix float to the Sierra Verde Elementary School for a static display on Thursday, November 10, 2022.

Sierra Verde, a Science, Technology, Engineering And Math (STEAM) school, conducted a Veterans Appreciation Day program.

They fed us breakfast then held an assembly to show their appreciation for Veterans and their patriotism.

PHOENIX VETERANS DAY:

Fourteen Perch Base members took the USS Phoenix float to the Phoenix, Arizona, Veterans Day Parade on Thursday, November 11, 2022.

We staged the float at the Firestone Complete Auto Care at 241 W Osborn Rd (Thanks for letting us use your store lot) and then rode the float to the parade starting point.

ATTABOY to Marcus Hensley! Literally at the last minute as we were fetching the "People Trailer" in the morning, we had a problem with the hitch on the tow vehicle. Marcus dropped what he was doing in the Firestone Complete Auto Care lot, drove to the "People Trailer" parking area and brought the trailer. Many of our members probably would have been left behind if we didn't have the trailer available.

This year's parade theme was "Liberty, Honor, and Sacrifice."



Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)



GILBERT VETERANS CEREMONY:

Three Perch Base members attended the 2022 Town of Gilbert, AZ Veterans Day Ceremony on November 10, 2022, at the Gilbert Regional Park.

Although we did not display the USS Phoenix (SSN-702), the USS Arizona Legacy Foundation for the future submarine USS Arizona (SSN-803) had a display table at the ceremony. There will be Keel Laying Viewing Ceremony (via ZOOM) at the Town of Gilbert Public Safety Training Facility on December 7, 2022. The ceremony included a Keynote speech by Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Major General Patrick Brady (ret). Major General (then Major Brady) flew over 2,000 combat missions in Vietnam and evacuated more than 5,000 wounded.



USS ARIZONA (SSN-803) KEEL LAYING CEREMONY:

Five Perch Base members attended the USS Arizona (SSN-803) Keel Laying Ceremony on December 7, 2022 at the Gilbert (AZ) Public Safety Training Facility. The "real" ceremony was held at the General Dynamics Electric Boat Shipyard at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, and transmitted via ZOOM to the Gilbert Public Safety facility. (apologies, in advance, because photos of a ZOOM call broadcast to a large screen lack clarity!)

The "star" of the show was the USS Arizona (SSN-803) sponsor, Ms. Nikki Stratton. Nikki's grandfather, Don Stratton, was a survivor of the USS Arizona (BB-39) following the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941. Sadly, Don passed on February 15, 2020. At that time, Don was one of only 3 survivors; the remaining two, Lou Conter & Ken Potts participated in the ZOOM call. It was at Don's funeral that the Acting Secretary of the Navy Thomas Modly asked Nikki to be the USS Arizona (SSN-803) sponsor, a role commonly reserved for wives of Presidents.

In keeping with maritime tradition, the initials of the ship's sponsor are welded onto a steel plate that will be incorporated into the ship as it is built. The welding is usually performed by a welder, but in this case, Nikki (who learned how to weld!) performed part of the initials herself.

Other Arizonans present at Quonset Point for the Keel Laying Ceremony included Gilbert Mayor Honorable Brigette Peterson, Gilbert Veterans Advisory Board Liaison Pamela Rinesmith and Bill Spence. Bill retired as a Lieutenant Commander Nuclear Engineering Officer, served on seven submarines and two aircraft carriers and is actively involved in the Gilbert veteran's community. Gilbert, AZ, is the city sponsor for the USS Arizona (SSN-803).

Previous Quarter Highlights (cont.)



PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY:

Six Perch Base members and their guests attended the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day event on 12/07/2022 at the Wesley Bolin Plaza by the Arizona State Capitol to place wreaths during the ceremony.

We placed two wreaths. One for the WW2 Submarine Veterans and one for Perch Base.

Credit (and thanks!) to Chris Gahan & George Woods for input and photos on this page.



JIM ANDREWS' HONOR FLIGHT:

Congratulations to Perch Base Submarine Veteran (USSVI) Jim Andrews who was selected for an Honor Flight to Washington, DC, in October 2022.

Honor Flight Arizona took its first flight of 11 WWII Veterans in November 2009 and has now flown a total of more than 2,400 WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans. Trips have also included over 1,600 guardians assisting the Veterans along the way. They also have a base of many active volunteers. They encourage Veterans from WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War to sign up for their no-cost Honor Flight.

Honor Flight Arizona is part of the nationwide Honor Flight Network. Both are 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations able to do the great work they do because of generous private donations and corporate support.



In the Spotlight

**EDWARD L. SCHAFER, III, CWO2(SS) (ret)
ETERNAL PATROL**



Perch Base Holland Club Member Edward L. Schaffer, III, CWO2(SS) (ret) went on Eternal Patrol on October 1, 2022. Our sympathy to Ed's wife Sandy. We also extend our condolences to Ed's Grandson Brody.

Several Perch Base members participated in Brody's Eagle Scout Court of Honor on May

14, 2022. Ed joined the Navy in 1958, was assigned to the USS Becuna (SS-319) in 1966, and Qualified in Submarines the same year on the Becuna. In 1969, Ed was transferred to the USS James K. Polk (SSBN-645) as an Instrumentation and Control Technician First Class, IC1(SS). Ed retired from the Navy as a

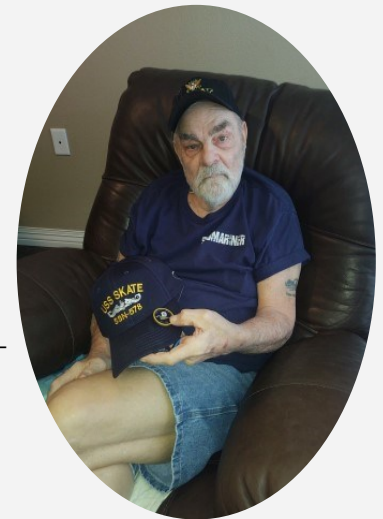
Chief Warrant Officer (CWO2) in 1978. Ed joined our Perch Base United States Submarine Service Veterans, Inc. (USSVI) on July 17, 2014 when he transferred from the Farragut

Base in Post Falls, Idaho. Ed was our Base Chaplain in 2015. He also was a Perch Base Operation Supporter, donating extra money to help offset our operating costs.

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



**RONALD ZOMOK, EN1(SS)
(ret) ETERNAL PATROL**



Perch Base Holland Club Member and Life Member Ronald J. Zomok, EN1(SS) (ret) went on Eternal Patrol on November 26, 2022. Our sympathy to his wife of 62 years, Marilou, his children Bud his wife Lorraine, Rhonda (Nolan) her husband George, his Grandson's Joshua his wife Danielle, Vincent his fiancé Erika, and Great Grandchildren Averie, Aisley and Colt. Ronald is also survived by his older sister Theresa.

Ronald joined the Navy in 1956 and retired in 1973, serving on three submarines. He served as an Engineman (EN). Ronald was assigned to his first boat, the USS Tang (SS-563) in 1959. He qualified on the Tang in 1960 and had advanced to the rank of EN2(SS) prior to being assigned to his second boat, USS Skate (SSN-578) about 1962. He then was assigned to the USS Entemedor (SS-340) from 1963 to 1965.

Ronald Zomok joined Perch Base on December 26, 2003, and was inducted into the Holland Club in 2010 after being qualified for 50 years. He was also consistently a "base booster."

A funeral mass was held Tuesday Dec. 20, 2022, at the St. Joachim and St. Anne Parish in Sun City, AZ.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you donate to the Dementia Foundation or St Vincent De Paul.

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





MICHAEL OLSEN, QM2 (SS) ETERNAL PATROL

Perch Base Holland Club Member and Life Member Michael Olsen, QM2(SS) went on Eternal Patrol on December 8, 2022. Sadly, we just recently participated in a memorial service upon the passing of Mike's wife of 63 years, Ruth, on November 26, 2021. Our sympathy to his family Sven (Skip) Olsen, Dennise

Fadler (Randolph), Michelle Hinson (H. Douglas), and James Olsen; eight grandchildren: Erin Olsen, Michael Fadler (Aline), Séan Olsen, Jacob Hinson, Emmalee Hinson, Christien Fadler, Kathleen Fadler Bishop (Tyrone), and Scott Olsen; and four great-grandchildren: William Olsen, Grayson Hinson, Violet Hinson, and Thatcher Hinson.

A memorial service will be held on January 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Salvation Army North West Valley Corps, 17420 Ave of the Arts, Surprise, AZ 85378.

(Mike joined the Navy in October 1956, and was discharged as a Quartermaster Second Class, QM2(SS) in February 1962, after serving on four submarines: the USS Rasher (SS-269), USS Seawolf (SSN-575), USS Corsair (AGSS-435) and the USS Pomfret (SS-391)

Mike joined the United States Submarine Service Veterans, Inc. (USSVI) on September 1, 2003, at the Base 51 in Las Vegas, Nevada, then later moved to Surprise, Arizona and joined our Perch Base on February 8, 2014.

To no surprise, Mike became our Base Chaplain in November 2015. He could be counted on to visit ill members, conduct Eternal Patrol services, provide counseling to families and help members to obtain benefits. Mike was so committed to his role as Chaplain, he became the Chaplain at the Maricopa County Jail for the Veteran's unit. Even after he turned over the Base Chaplain role in October 2017, he still routinely would lead invocations and benedictions when the new Chaplain was not present. Mike routinely attended meetings and was a Base Operations Supporter donating 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.

SAILOR, REST YOUR OAR! YOUR WATCH HAS ENDED.

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

RANDY TROUERBACH, RMC(SS) (Ret)

ETERNAL PATROL

Chief Randy Trouerbach, RMC(SS) USN (Ret.) passed on to Eternal Patrol on October 13, 2022.

Chief Trouerbach served aboard the USS Lafayette, (SSBN-616). Chief Randy was not a Perch Base member, but joined the Navy during the Vietnam war and served during the Gulf wars. Starting as a radioman on the Lafayette from 1971 to 1975, he moved up in rank to Chief Petty Officer.



Services with Military Honors were held on Friday, November 18, 2022 at 2:30 PM at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.

SAILOR, REST YOUR OAR! YOUR WATCH HAS ENDED.

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



Upcoming Events

Remember to check the [Perch Base website](#) and watch for Flash Traffic emails for the most up-to-date information.

Monthly General Meetings

Saturday's, January 14th, February 11th, & March 11th.

At Dillion's KC BBQ restaurant

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

(Left click above address for a Google map.)

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

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

2023 Perch Base Annul Awards Banquet

Saturday, January 21st

At the Pebble Creek Tuscany Country Club, 16262 Clubhouse Dr., Goodyear, AZ, 85338.

Doors will open at 1800 hours and dinner will be served a 1915 hours

The main course course choices are:

- Chicken Saltimbocca
- Grilled Salmon with Dill Butter
- Porte Ale Short Ribs

The price is \$65.00 per person.

For reservations contact:

- Chuck Luna (602-910-0178) or Joe Trotter (724-854-0514)
- Send reservation and Payment to Perch Base Treasure, 3505 N. Stone Gully, Mesa, AZ, 85207

Payments can also be made at the January Base meeting (**Last Call**).

Laveen Parade:

Saturday, February 4th.

0900 stage & 1100 parade start

Deadline for the Winter Quarter MidWatch

Friday, March, 17, 2023

All input must be into Chris Gahan, Perch Base Newsletter Editor, to be included in the next MidWatch Newsletter to be published on Friday, April 7, 2023.

Please watch for updates on the [Perch Base website](#) and Flash Traffic emails as events may be added or amended.

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 John Beckett
9 Warner H. Doyle Jr.
11 Glenn Herold
11 Dennis McComb
12 Governor Joy
16 Marcia Unser
17 Lawrence Cummings
19 Burris Loftin
20 Scott Strey
23 Karl Bergstrom
29 John Graves
29 Michael Hinderliter
29 Denny Kerton



Binnacle List

Keep these shipmates in your prayers

**Howard Doyle Jr.
Chuck Emmett
Wayne Hembree
Davy Jones
Governor Joy
DeWayne Lober**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Base Ride Share

**In need of a ride to a base meeting or event? Like to help a shipmate
in need of a lift? Please contact: Dan Marks at**

webmaster@perch-base.org

Tolling of the Boats



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-278) | 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 Greyback (SS-208) | 1944 | 80 Men Lost |

Tolling of the Boats for March

| | | | |
|----|------------------------|------|-------------------|
| 3 | USS Perch (SS-176) | 1942 | 6 Men Lost (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/USS-23) | 1915 | 21 Men Lost |
| 26 | USS Tullibee (SS-284) | 1945 | 79 Men Lost |

2023 Perch Base Operations Supporters

These are the Base members and Friends who donate monies or efforts (1 October 2021 thru 30 September 2022) to allow for Base operations while keeping our dues low and avoid raising money through member labor as most other organizations do.

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Gerald Allston | James Andrews | John Beckett |
| John Carpentier | Howard Enloe | Thomas Farley III |
| Chris Gahan | David Heighway | Marcus Hensley |
| Dan Mannetti | Dan Marks | James Mills |
| Curt Morgan | Cynthia Morgan | James Paper |
| Brad Seidel | Steven Stranger | Joseph Trotter |
| Don Unser | Marcia Unser | Chris Urness |
| Janice Van Horn | Holly Walker4 | Alice Woods |
| John Zaichkin | | |



CLASSIFIEDS

ADVERTISE HERE FOR FREE!

Reach your fellow Base Members directly.*

Everything is acceptable.**



Ad size limit: 300 characters, including spaces. Pictures may be included, and are encouraged. Please provide the picture as a separate file in one of the following formats: jpg or png. If you are not sure which one to use or the file is over 600kb, email the editor at newsletter@perch-base.org for assistance and to discuss options.

If your ad can not be formatted in Word, it will not run.

Send your ad to:

*Perch Base, the Board Members, and the MidWatch editor or not responsible for the collection, exchange or storage of items advertised here or any fees exchanged for goods.

**Exceptions: alcohol, drugs, anything illegal, commercial items or anything deemed by the Base Board and/or MidWatch editor to be inappropriate. Decisions of the Board and editor are final.



Josh Hockenbraugh
Store Manager

241 W Osborn Rd
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Phone : 1.602.241.1893
FirestoneCompleteAutoCare.com



MAINTENANCE • REPAIRS • TIRES

B&A 12405 W. Glendale Ave

Auto Repair

Alignments
A/C
Brakes
Clutches
CV Axles
Engine Diagnostics



Frank
Monday - Friday
7am - 6pm
(623) 536-0555
(623) 826-6351

This Firestone card is from the store that graciously gives us space to stage the trailers and park for the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade. Give them a thought the next time you need tires or service.

623-236-8307 PHONE
623-236-8308 FAX
sheila@desertsunembroidery.com

Sheila Cook
OWNER

12805 W. Beardsley Road, #108
Sun City West, AZ 85375
DesertSunEmbroidery.com



DESERT SUN EMBROIDERY, LLC



HELP BUILD

**THE USS PHOENIX (SSN-702)
COLD WAR MONUMENT**

IN STEELE INDIAN SCHOOL PARK
PHOENIX, ARIZONA



**HONORING COLD
WAR VETERANS
AND SUBMARINERS**

orcutt | winslow USS Phoenix Cold War Monument

HONOR • LEARN • REMEMBER

PLEASE DONATE

YOUR TIME

YOUR \$\$

YOUR BIZ LEADS

AND

YOUR SUPPORT!

Become a friend of the
USS PHOENIX COLD WAR MONUMENT

To Make a Tax-Deductible Donation
Visit Our Website:
www.ussphoenixmonument.org



**USS Phoenix (SSN-702)
Cold War Monument Foundation**
P.O. Box 30892, Phoenix, AZ 85046

MAKE IT HAPPEN!