

From the Wardroom

Shipmates

December has arrived and 2004 is coming to an end. Looking back at what has taken place over the past year. Our membership is holding its own, with three new bases being formed in our state. The USSVI is expanding not only in our state, but also through out the country.

Our contributions to the scholarship fund as a base, is something we all can be proud of.

Thanks to Ed Brooks, our guru of the carved dolphins, as he continues to amazes us, with his many talents. Not wanting to leave anyone out, I would like to thank all members for their donations and support this past year.

Our Ad Hoc committee has met with the board and given us some very good ideas as to ways we can booster the base's treasury. These ideas are great food for thought with a number of ways and directions we can take. To those members I want to express to you, Bravo Zulu, for a task will done.

For the shipmates that didn't get the word yet, Perch Base's Float, won First Place in the Military Class, at the Veterans Parade. Tom Tilley had to be a very proud shipmate, as the float passed in front of him, with the "first place banner" leading our float.

Past Commander Frank Rumbaugh, and his lovely and charming wife Layne, attend the dinner and presentation of awards at the V.A. hospital, and accept the award for the base. Thanks Rummy and Layne, the pictures were great.

Shipmates we are still are looking for candidates for next years base officers. Please step forward, and let a friend know that you would be willing to serve the base, the base needs all the new blood it can get.

The canned foods drive, and drive for sandals for Iraqi children, needing the protection for their feet, from all the debris of war. Went very well, it looked like Ramon Samson had

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November Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans B Perch Base was convened at American Legion Post #62 Peoria, AZ at 1300 hours, 20 November 2004. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Glenn Herold.

The "Call to Order" was followed by a prayer of Invocation, the "Pledge of Allegiance", a reading of the "Purpose of the Organization", the Dedication, a Moment of Silence for our departed shipmates and the "Tolling of the Boats" ceremony.

According to the sailing list, there were thirty-five (35) members and three (3) guests at the meeting. Those present welcomed special guests – Robert (Bob) Bell, Butch DeShong and Jim Adams. Each of the guests stood and introduced themselves and summarized their service in or involvement with the Submarines Service. The guests were then given a resounding welcome from the members.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the October meeting be approved as published in the Base Newsletter "The MidWatch." The motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer (Robert May) reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of November, 2004.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Base Vice Commander – Tim Moore had nothing new to report.

Base Chief of the Boat – Bob Gilmore was unable to attend the meeting. Glenn Herold, speaking on Bob's behalf reported that the American Legion Post would no longer prepare sandwiches for the members, due to the variation in the number of those partaking each month. However, Shipmate Stan Reinhold has volunteered to prepare lunch for the group for future meetings. Glenn also reported that the Post's construction project had progressed to the next level and they were currently in price negotiations with contractors.

Base Chaplain – Howard Doyle was absent from the meeting because of illness in his family. In the Chaplain's absence, Ramon Samson informed the members that two of our members had departed on Eternal Patrol during the past month. Shipmates William (Bill) Hatcher and Larry Krieger both passed away during the month.

Base Commander – Glenn Herold briefed the members on the Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade and the First Place award received for the combined entry of Perch Base, SubVets WWII and APS' Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. Glenn also informed the members that Sanderson Ford of Phoenix had provided a stake-bed truck for our use in the parade and

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several hundred pounds of new and used sandals. Ramon thanks again for your help and support. And to all that donated and reached into your pockets to see that these children get sandals, thanks to you... Many children will benefit from your generosity.

We still need more help and input, for holding the regional meeting and the national convention in Phoenix. These are some of the issues I would like to discuss at our December meeting.

The next event, for Perch Base will be our Christmas Dinner and Dance, I hope to see as many of you and your wives there, as possible.

I would like to wish everyone a very special Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Shipmates let us all pray for a Peace on Earth, and that our servicemen and women will be home with their loved ones, soon.

Fraternally yours,
Glenn Herold
Commander
Perch Base



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Perch Base would be sending a special recognition plaque to the company to show our appreciation for their generosity and support.

Parades for 2005 involving the Perch Base will include the Spring Festival Parade in Yarnell, the July 4 Parade in the Overgaard/Heber area and the November 2005 Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade. Glenn also asked the members to keep their ears and eyes open for areas where the Perch Base float could be stored in doors.

Membership Chairman and Webmaster – Ramon Samson reported that a sizable portion of the active members have responded to the dues renewal/recruiting letters he mailed.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett reported that the cost for producing and mailing the newsletter has gone down significantly since it is being posted and downloaded from the Perch Base Internet Web Page. Anyone having difficulty downloading the newsletter should contact him for assistance.

Base Storekeeper – Jim Nelson asked for the members help in identifying new Ship's Store merchandise that interests them and others. Member input will help him to offer more items of interest to the members.

OLD BUSINESS

Glenn Herold reminded the members of the Perch Base's annual Christmas Party that will be held again at the Luke AFB Enlisted Club. The Party will be held on Saturday evening, December 11th. Anyone wanting to attend must make arrangements through Dave Harnish by December 3rd. The price for attendance is \$30 per person, paid in advance.

Glenn also reminded the members that there will be a Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance and dinner at Luke AFB on the evening of December 7. The guest speaker will be the Commander, Submarine Force – Pacific. Anyone interested in attending should contact Shipmate Larry Rankin.

Dave Harnish reminded the members of the special USSVI National Convention for 2007 that will be held on a cruise ship making an excursion to Alaska from Seattle. Reservations can be made now with a \$385 down payment not due until March 2005.

NEW BUSINESS

Glenn Herold reminded the members that Perch Base will be hosting the 2005 District Eight meeting during the first week of April 2005. He also reminded everyone that the SubVets WWII will hold their 2005 Southwest Caucus in Laughlin, Nevada starting on April 11, 2005.

Glenn announced that nominees for Base Officers are being solicited. Anyone wanting to serve as a Base Officer should let him know and anyone that would like to nominate another shipmate for a Base Officer's position should do so. The elections will take place in March 2005.

Glenn also announced that there would be a regular monthly meeting on Saturday, December 18 with out regard to the annual Christmas Party.

Joe Bernard took the floor and briefed the members on his involvement at the Phoenix VA Hospital. Joe has served as representative for the Submarine Veterans – WWI for several decades and suggested that someone from Perch Base take up the banner and become designated and the primary representative for the Submarine Veteran Community. Glenn Herold indicated that he would be interested in that role. The designation requires that USSVI write a letter of appointment to the VA Hospital.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Members have responded to different drives for items to support the needs of Servicemen and their families. Many members have donated canned goods and non-perishable food items that will be donated through the Arizona National Guard Armory. Ramon Samson spearheaded filling a request from one of our troops in Iraq who wanted to collect as many children's sandals as possible to provide to Iraqi children. The children of Iraq end up walk bare foot over fields of the

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dangerous debris of war. Ramon received numerous donations of new and used sandals to send to our troops and fill a portion of this need.

Dave Harnish again reminded members of the increase in USSVI Life Membership dues that takes effect on January 1, 2005. The current dues will as much as triple at that time. Those interested, should pay for life membership prior to the end of December.

Glenn Herold announced that a plaque is being prepared for presentation to Sandra Lee Headrick of APS - Palo Verde. Sandra has been the driving force behind the efforts to produce and provide parade tee shirts, food and drinks for the Submarine Veterans participating in the Veteran's Day Parade. She deserves all our thanks. Another plaque is being prepared to present to Sanderson Ford in appreciation for their loan of a flat-bed truck that we used in the parade.

50/50 DRAWING

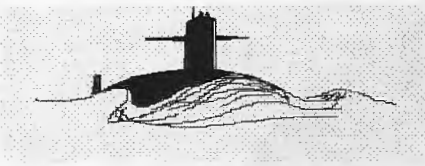
The 50/50 drawing was held and Butch DeShong was the lucky winner.

ADJOURNMENT

All the outstanding business being concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

The closing prayer was offered by Joe Bernard and the meeting was adjourned at 1347 hours.

Edgar T. (Ed) Brooks B Base Secretary



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could be loaded with modules containing unmanned aerial or underwater vehicles or other short-range missiles, Duryea said.

"There are a lot of things you can put in those tubes," Duryea said.



Last week, one of Georgia's missile tubes released a capsule containing a mock-up of an unmanned aerial reconnaissance vehicle that is under development. Although no drone was launched, two Navy airplanes orbiting nearby are sending live surveillance video to the

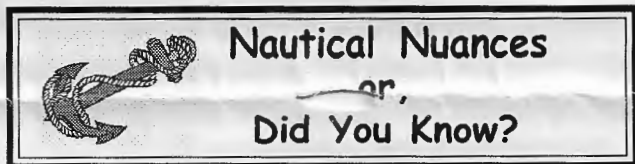
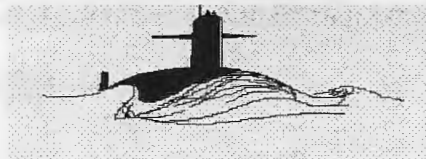
submerged Georgia for analysis as part of the experiment, Duryea said.

The submarine exercise also is linked electronically with another Navy trial, Trident Warrior, which is running simultaneously off the West Coast.

Trident Warrior involves San Diego-based amphibious ships Tarawa, Pearl Harbor and Cleveland; the destroyer John Paul Jones; and the cruiser Chosin. The ships are testing new ways to use satellite and computer communications to speed up coordination and attacks by far-flung ships and aircraft.

"The technology being tested is essential to conduct battles in the future," said Rear Adm. Robert Conway, who commands Expeditionary Strike Group 1, based on the Tarawa.

Experiments such as Silent Hammer can benefit the Navy, analyst Truver said, adding, "It is important, and the results need to be addressed honestly and candidly."



John Philip Holland built several submarines before the USS Holland, which became the first undersea craft commissioned by the U.S. Navy. The Holland was accepted on April 11, 1900 for a price of \$150,000. Today's nuclear powered submarines cost in excess of \$30,000,000 exclusive of the power plant.

Alexander the Great (356 to 323 B.C.) ruler of Macedonian and conqueror of the known world in his time, is the first person known to have descended into the sea in a vessel of any kind.

Over three hundred years ago, Mother Shipton, famous English prophetess, predicted the coming of the submarine when writing, "under water men shall walk, shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk."

Interest in submarines extends to royalty and presidents. The King of England and the King and Queen of Spain are among those who have made submerged cruises in submarines. As a result of a trip in an early United States submarine, President "Teddy" Roosevelt ordered extra compensation for personnel serving in the "Silent Service." President Harry Truman made a 440 foot dive in a captured German submarine. The first President to cruise aboard a nuclear submarine was President Eisenhower who rode the USS SEAWOLF out of Newport, Rhode Island on September 26, 1957.