

## From the Wardroom

*"Thanks for Serving"*

Dear Shipmates,

First, I want to thank all you who attended the Memorial Day services at the National Veteran's Cemetery on Memorial Day. The Perch Base was well represented by both our members and the Subvettes. This was my first opportunity to attend a service here and I was both moved and impressed with the services. Our Governor, Janet Napolitano, was the keynote speaker and did an excellent job. For those of you who couldn't attend, you missed an excellent service and I sincerely hope you will be there next year.

At the conclusion of the main ceremony, we had a Tolling ceremony for all lost boats and our shipmates on eternal patrol. A special thanks to Dave Harnish and Glenn Herold for conducting that ceremony. There were quite a few "civilians" who happened by our ceremony and they were impressed with our event. I found it personally gratifying by some who came up to me and simply said, *"Thanks for serving"*. That simple gesture of gratitude is extended to all of you... *Thanks for serving*.

I am sitting here writing this article on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005. It's hard to believe that it has been sixty-one years since the D-Day invasion. I am sure most of you are like me and know of people who served and feel a certain kinship to our brothers and sisters who participated in that historic event. To all of them, I know you will join with me and say... *Thanks for serving*. We will be forever indebted to them.

We have another celebration upcoming. We want to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Heber this year. We will be having a work party to perform some float maintenance on 25 June 2005 to make our float "ship shape" and prepare it for the parade. We need a few volunteers to assist us with this task. I also want to encourage as many of you as possible to participate in the parade. It would be great if we had enough participation to man the float and provide a Color Guard. Please let us know if you can attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally,

Tim Moore, Commander, Perch Base USSVI

## April Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans B Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #62 Peoria, AZ at 1303 hours, 21 May 2005. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Tim Moore.

Shipmate Joe Bernard led the members in a prayer of Invocation. The members were then led in the "Pledge of Allegiance" followed by a reading of the "Purpose of the Organization", Dedication, a Moment of Silence for our departed shipmates and the "Tolling of the Boats@ ceremony for submarines lost during the month of May.

According to the sailing list, there were 17 persons at the meeting.

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

The Base Treasurer made a report of the Base's financial status as of the first day of May, 2005.

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** – Stan Reinhold had nothing to report.

**Base Chief of the Boat** – Bob Gilmore announced that the construction for the new American Legion Post 62 was proceeding.

**Base Chaplain** – Howard Doyle was not at the meeting. However, everyone welcomed Shipmate Dick Caraker back from his surgery and recovery.

**Membership Chairman** – Ramon Samson had nothing to report.

**Ship's Storekeeper** – Jim Nelson was not at the meeting.

**Newsletter Editor** – Chuck Emmett had nothing to report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Tim Moore announced that the Perch Base would be participating in the Memorial Day Services at the Phoenix National Cemetery starting at 0800 hours May 30<sup>th</sup>. Those planning to attend should plan on arriving prior to 0700 hours if they want to ensure they obtain a seat in the shade.

It was also announced that the Long Range/Short Range Planning Committee had held its first meeting and was well on the way to fulfilling its function to put together a Base budget and events schedule including things such as parties and picnics. The members are encouraged to provide input to the committee.

The first event that has been firmly set is the annual Christmas Party which is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> this year.

It was also announced that we are still looking for information regarding the CSS HUNLEY display that is rumored to be visiting Phoenix during the month of June.

We are also still waiting on information that would allow Perch Base to show support for the Medal of Honor Society members during their gathering in Phoenix this fall.

Tim Moore asked that members consider providing biographical information for recording and publishing. Information such as that provided by Billy Grieves would be a great benefit to the membership at large. Knowing our shipmates is of benefit to us all.

Joe Bernard announced that Shipmate Dale Martin's widow Phyllis expressed thanks to the SubVets WWII and Perch Base for their expression of condolences following Dale's departure on eternal patrol.

Tim Moore asked the members to consider helping restore the Perch Parade Float by participating in a working party at the Maricopa Live Steamer's Railroad Park.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Tim Moore announced that the Base will be awarding Service/Longevity Pins each year at the Base Christmas Party for 5, 10, 15 and 20 years membership in USSVI.

Tim also announced that Dave Harnish has been renominated to election as Western Regional Director. He also announced the formation of a new USSVI District for Arizona and New Mexico. Glenn Herold has been nominated to fill the new position of District Commander.

The members were informed of the Board of Director's decision to provide special recognition for Associate Members of Perch Base. This will be done annually at the Base's Christmas Party.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Tim Moore read a thank you card from Joe and Sandi Bernard for the expression of sympathy during Sandi's recent illness.

Everyone present welcomed Shipmate Dick Caraker back from recovery from his surgery.

Ramon Samson announced the publication of an article which published the discovery of the wreckage of USS Lagarto.

Tim Moore informed the membership that the USS Sea Wolf is holding a crew reunion in August of this year. Anyone having served on Sea Wolf is invited to attend.

### **50/50 DRAWING**

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Ray Samson.

### **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 1355 hours.

Signed: Edgar T. Brooks, Base Secretary

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