

Perch Base

On 08 February 2008 members of the Perch Base in Phoenix, Arizona had the distinct privilege of visiting with some delightful children at the **Phoenix Children's Hospital**. We had two wonderful hostesses, **Kari Brackin** and **Jamie Hammonds** who introduced us to the kids and we visited with them for about a half an hour and presented them their caps. It was a heartwarming experience, to say the least, to visit these brave young children and see them courageously fighting their individual battles at such a tender young ages. Only God knows why they were chosen.



I highly recommend that any of our bases that have Children's Hospitals or perhaps a children's wing in a hospital in your area, get some caps from our National

Storekeeper and plan a visit to see the kids.

As of this writing, eight kids have received hats. The hospital is providing their names and **Perch Base** is going to make up some Honorary Submariner certificates and send them to the kids.



It means a great deal to the kids to have special visitors and I can guarantee you it will do your heart a lot of good to see their smiling faces from receiving something as simple as a cap.

Tim Moore
Past Commander,
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There are currently 20 patients on the oncology floor at the Phoenix Children's Hospital and we had enough caps for all of them. There were four of them present in the playroom the day we visited and in addition to the caps we left them some submarine pictures and calendars.



Tim Moore, Jamie Hammonds, Kari Brackin, Howard Doyle, Jim Nelson, Jim Denzien, Wayne Pettes, Davy Jones



Left to right; Steve Day, Tim Moore, Jim Denzien (kneeling), Kari Green (who hosted the event), Stan Reinhold and Jim Nelson.



The attached five pictures are from our Perch Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) visit to Phoenix Children's Hospital on September 18, 2008. Like our last event, this one was also well received and we certainly enjoyed participating. I spoke with the mom of the young man, David Jacobs (above), and coincidentally, his uncle is currently on active duty on a boomer I believe. At any rate shipmate, I certainly hope we can keep this program moving forward... I think it is terrific!