

May 2007 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans, Perch Base was convened at American Legion Post #105, Phoenix, AZ at 1319 hours, 19 May 2007. Stan Reinhold, Base Commander, called the meeting to order.

The membership was led in a prayer of invocation by Chaplain Howard Doyle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a standard ceremonial opening. A moment of silence was observed for shipmates on eternal patrol and the tolling ceremony for boats lost in May was conducted.

According to the sailing list, there were twenty-three members, ladies and guests present.

Minutes from the April 2007 regular meeting as published in the Midwatch were approved.

Treasurer Jim Denzien reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of May 2007. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen

Vice Commander – Bob Gilmore reported that he had the potential for seven new members at his new place of employment. He will take applications and talk to them. He also reported that the monument at the National Memorial Cemetery is ready for Memorial Day ceremonies.

Chief of the Boat – Jim Edwards was not present.

Chaplain – Howard Doyle reported on the status of shipmate Ed Hawkins. He also reported that shipmate Charles Chapman had gone on Eternal Patrol since the last meeting.

Membership Chairman/Webmaster – Ramon Samson reported that membership was at 147.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett was not present.

Ship's Storekeeper – Jim Nelson had no report.

Past Base Commander - Tim Moore was not present.

The Subvettes were not represented.

Old Business

Jim Denzien reported on the status of activities toward building a new float. The base is in possession of a surplus wing tank that will provide the basic shape of a hull. A decision will have to be made as to the final configuration of the float: one submarine (USS Phoenix) or two (USS phoenix and USS Perch). A budget must be established in detail. We will learn construction techniques from Tucson Base since they have recently finished a similar float. We will be meeting with various organizations to solicit support and sponsorship. Of primary concern is locating a covered storage for the float.

Information was provided on any progress toward having a Submarine Birthday Ball next year with the other Arizona bases. To date there has been little or no interest coming from the other bases. We may do the Ball on our own.

New Business

Howard Doyle presented information on the purchase of Challenge coins for resale. He presented the design that is being pursued. He is working with the Northwest Mint in Washington. The back of the coin has a standard submarine insignia (no cost to the base to include) and will have the Perch Base patch, in color, on the front.

In conjunction with the construction of a new float, Jim Denzien reported that both Scamp Base and San Diego Base have expressed an interest in purchasing our old float. He will proceed with making contact with them and offering it for sale for the price of \$1000.00. This price had been decided on by the E-Board.

Good of the Order

Jim Nelson read an e-mail from his son Brent. Brent is a member of the base and is a submariner stationed with the Army in Iraq.

A letter was read from the USSV-CF thanking us for the scholarships funded in Frank Rumbaugh's memory.

Mr. Ralph Shattuck, a gun collector and an expert on lugers, made an interesting presentation on these weapons. He has an extensive collection and has been on the History Channel. He has a website: www.worldoflugers.com. The presentation was well received.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Howard Doyle. He donated a portion of the winnings back to the base.

Adjournment

All the outstanding business having been concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

Chaplain Howard Doyle offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 1420.

Jim Denzien
Base Secretary/Treasurer