

From the Wardroom Base Commander's Message

Shipmates:

Our Awards Banquet was a great success. In addition to an excellent meal provided by our resident chef, Stan Reinhold, we had an outstanding turnout. We awarded Sailor of the Year to both Stan Reinhold and Howard Doyle. Congratulations to both of them! We also welcomed ten new members to the Holland Club, six of which were either present or represented at the ceremony.

Our next meeting is Feb. 13 and we will have Jay Wisener EMCM(SS) as a guest speaker. Jay is an NJROTC instructor at Glendale High School. He will talk about the NJROTC program and what it is designed to accomplish.

We have parades on Feb. 6 (Laveen) and Feb. 13 (Wickenburg) coming up along with a Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) visit to Children's Hospital on Feb. 18.

Plan on attending our meeting and supporting the scheduled base events.

Fraternally,

January Meeting Minutes

January 2010 General Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #105, Phoenix, AZ at 1200 09 January 2010. The meeting was called to order by Jim Denzien, Base Commander.

The "Call to Order" was led in a prayer of invocation by Chaplain Walt Blomgren followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the standard ceremonial opening. The tolling ceremony was conducted for all boats lost in January and a moment of silence was observed for our shipmates on eternal patrol.

According to the sailing list, 30 members and guests were present. One guest was indicated, Roger Smith who is a qualified submariner and he joined the base.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the December 2009 regular meeting be approved as published in the MidWatch monthly newsletter. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

The base's financial status as of 01 January 2010 was reported. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The Base Commander indicated that the turnover of the Treasurer position to Wayne Pettes is proceeding as planned.

Base Commander's Board of Directors Meeting Report

Denzien said the Base would have a guest speaker for February. It is Jay Wisener who is a teacher at Glendale Union High School, who is a retired EMCM(SS) and works with the Jr. NROTC program at the school. He is expected to discuss his school program

Denzien reported that the next All Arizona Base Picnic will be sponsored by Perch Base and will take place on 10 April 2010 in lieu of our meeting. It will be held at the White Tanks Regional Park. He stated additional information for that event will be forthcoming closer to the event date.

Denzien further announced that tentatively scheduled for the May meeting is Bob "BJ" Johnson. Johnson was a marine and one of the "Chosin Few" in the Korean War. He is expected to show a historical photo display of that event that his veteran's group uses for presentations.

Denzien reminded members that other upcoming events are posted on the calendar on our website.

The membership was again reminded about our up coming 15th anniversary celebration of the founding of Perch Base. Anyone interested in assisting Jim Denzien and Jim Newman with this event please contact either individual.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen

Vice-Commander – Howard Doyle mentioned that anyone interested in attending the Gold Rush Days event in

Wickenburg, should contact him for details.

Secretary – Tim Moore was not present.

Treasurer – Wayne Pettes had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Walt Blomgren announced that it was good to see Jim Newman back on his feet again having returned from his recent leg injury.

MidWatch Editor/Interim Webmaster – Chuck Emmett reported that the website is complete with the exception of the Ship's Stores on which he will continue to work. Chuck asked members to please let him know of any problems, errors or omissions or any other comments related to the website.

Base Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober reminded the membership to please make sub-related purchases from our Ship's Stores because it helps support our base treasury.

Membership Chairman – Rick Simmons reported that with respect to our reenlistment status we still have eight members owing national dues and 10 owing Perch Base dues. Anyone needing a membership card should contact Rick. He also advised the membership that anyone visiting for the winter that holds a dual membership with another base should advise their primary base of their winter change of address. Perch Base members should let Rick know of any and all changes of address so he can notify National. The Base Commander congratulated Simmons and offered a Bravo Zulu to Rick for the outstanding job he has done since taking over as Membership Chair.

Historian – Jim Newman had nothing to report.

Float Coordinator – Barry Bowers was not present.

Past Commander – Stan Reinhold reported that we received an invitation to the Riverside Veterans Day Parade which takes place on 17 April 2010 in Riverside, CA. He indicated the offer is under consideration for the Base to participate.

Old Business

Denzien reminded the membership that the Awards Banquet will be next Saturday, 16 January at the American Legion Post #105.

He also announced that the Base nominating committee needs candidates to offer their services for both our elected officer and board positions for the March elections. Immediately, the Base needs a COB. Elected positions include Vice-Commander, Secretary and Treasurer. Currently, there is one candidate for Vice-Commander (Howard Doyle) and one for Treasurer (Wayne Pettes.) The Base is still seeking potential nominations for the Secretary.

New Business

The Commander again reminded the membership that Perch Base will sponsor the All Arizona Base Picnic on 10 April 2010. This will be held in conjunction with the 110th birthday of the United States Submarine Service, 11 April.

Stan Reinhold said that as caterer, he will need a firm head count prior to the event for planning purposes. Denzien suggested that those bases, who meet the second Saturday of the month, have their meetings in conjunction with the picnic.

Good of the Order

For information, Denzien reported that Adm. J. Guy Reynolds, who qualified on the Robert E. Lee in the sixties and was CO of the USS Pintado (SSN-672), has been hospitalized in Bethesda with terminal cancer.

Denzien also mentioned that Stan Reinhold is the head of the Trieste Alumni Association and announced that the Jan. 23 marks the 50th anniversary of the Trieste's historic deep dive into the Challenger Deep in Marianas Trench. He said there will be two celebrations commemorating that event. Those interested should contact Reinhold.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was John Zaichkin won \$51.00 and contributed it to the base treasury.

Adjournment

All the outstanding business having been concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and, after a benediction offered by Walt Blomgren, the meeting adjourned at 1300 hours.

Tim Moore, Secretary, Perch Base

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