

**From the Wardroom
Base Commander's Message**

Shipmates:

The annual Awards Dinner was a huge success. The turnout was great, our guest speaker was tremendous and it is always a pleasure to induct more of our members into the Holland Club. And congratulations to our 2010 Sailor of the Year – Chuck Emmett! Chuck is well-deserving of this recognition. BRAVO ZULU!

All of the recent activities in which we have had our float have gone very well and we have made many new contacts. But again, we want to have more of our membership participate. It REALLY is fun and it helps let the public know what submarines and submariners are all about.

We will be meeting at a new location starting in February Same second Saturday; same time; location: the Dillon's Restaurant on north 59th Avenue just north of Loop 101. Check our website and Flash Traffic for details.

See you at the meeting.

Fraternally,

Jim Denzien, Base Commander

**January 2011
Perch Base Meeting Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #105, Phoenix, AZ at 1205 hours, 08 January 2011. The meeting was called to order by Jim Denzien, Base Commander.

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

As the first item of business, a motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the December 2010 regular meeting be approved as published in the MidWatch monthly newsletter. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

According to the Sailing List there were 39 members and guests present. New members and guests included Robb Roberts who served on the USS Blackfin (SS-322) and USS Tang (SS-563) and Gary Slick who served aboard the USS Benjamin Franklin (SSBN 640) and the USS Francis Scott Key (SSBN 657). Other guests included new member Dale Roddy and Amy Lockrem who will be joining the base as an Associate Member. Dale served aboard the USS Glenard P Lipscomb (SSN 685). Dick Carraker introduced his guest, his son, Gary Carraker who is an Air Force Veteran. The sailing list included:

Jim Denzien	Howard Doyle	Tim Moore	Jack Moore
Bob Warner	DeWayne Lober	Rick Baxter	Ken Becker
Richard Kunze	Jim Nelson	Nancy Nelson	Dick Carraker
Gary Carraker	Howard Doyle	John Zaichkin	Raymond Marshall
Chuck Emmett	Walt Blomgren	Jim Edwards	George Crider
Jack Kimball	Charles Hooper	Steven Stanger	Robb Roberts
Matt Hayball	Layne Moss	Dan Moss	Joe Varese
Royce Pettit	Davy Jones	Bob Gilmore	John Schlag
Ted Hunt	Dale Roddy	Amy Lockrem	Gary Slick
Steve Day	Jim Wall	Tom Clonts	

Bob Warner reported on the base's financial status as of 31 December 2010. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote

Base Commander's Board of Directors Meeting Report

Jim announced that the Annual Awards Banquet would be this coming Saturday, 15 January and our featured speaker will be RADM Barry Bruner, ComSubGru 10 from Kings Bay, GA. Admiral Bruner is from Casa Grande, AZ and is an ASU graduate. This year's banquet will include the induction of ten Holland Club members.

We are still looking for a replacement for Tim for the Secretarial position for Perch Base.

Upcoming events include an East Valley Swap Meet next Saturday January 15th and an Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors display at Papago Park at 52nd Street & McDowell on January 22 & 23. Other events include our Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) visit to the Phoenix Children's Hospital in February. Another Veteran's History Project event is scheduled for March at the Museum of History in Tempe, and the possibility of attending the Riverside, CA Salute to Veteran's Parade on April 16th.

For the coming year, we would like to promote more fund raising events for the base so we are not relying so much on "Booster Club" type of revenue generation.

We will be having a Submarine Birthday Picnic on our meeting date, April 9th. We are attempting to plan on more family oriented events that might appeal to some of the younger submarine veterans who are raising families and get them involved with Perch Base.

Perch Base took on the SOS (Save our Sail) project from the Phoenix Commission about two years ago and we have not done anything to further this project. Currently the Committee Chair for this is Stan Reinhold and we will be looking for additional help for Stan to move this project forward and get this Cold War Memorial erected here in Phoenix.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen

Vice-Commander – Howard Doyle announced that we have received a verbal request to attend the Parada del Sol in Scottsdale on February 12. Also, the Phoenix Coyotes sponsor a 50/50 raffle where they ask non-profit organizations to submit applications to bring crews in to sell 50/50 raffle tickets to people attending the game. The monies received are split 50/50 with half going to the winning ticket holder and the remaining half split equally between the Coyotes and the participating non-profit organization. If selected, we would need a minimum of twenty participants to attend the game and sell tickets. If we are selected to participate, all hands will be notified via flash traffic.

Secretary – Tim Moore announced that he has contacted The Phoenix Children's Hospital and the February Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) visit will be either the 2nd or 3rd Thursday of February (2/17 or 2/24). Final plans will be announced via Flash Traffic, the next MidWatch and at the February meeting.

Treasurer – Bob Warner had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Walt Blomgren announced that the Binnacle List is very short. Mary, Jim's wife is recovering quite nicely from her recent throat surgery. Stan Reinhold is not with us to day because he is suffering from bacterial pneumonia.

Chief of the Boat – Jack Moore announced the upcoming Annual Awards Banquet coming up this week on Saturday, January 15th beginning at 1730. As Jim mentioned our keynote speaker will be RADM Bruner. Presently there are 63 peopled who said they would be in attendance.

MidWatch Editor/Webmaster – Chuck Emmett had nothing to report.

Base Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober has some special discounts on license plate frames and hitch covers. Once the inventory is down to a manageable level, the membership will be asked to pay for special orders up front and DeWayne will attempt to find a resource for individual requests.

Membership Chairman – Rick Simmons reported that we are at 90% re-enlistment for Perch Base. There are six members that hopefully will re-up and we added four new members in 2010. Three more members joined today and there a couple more pending.

Events Coordinator – Joe Varese announced that the January 15th East Valley event is the Stand Down for Veterans which will include many interesting events. They are anticipating that as many as 1000 veteran bikers will be in attendance. He also mentioned that we have a local chapter of Submarine Veteran Bikers that will also be in attendance.

Past Commander – Stan Reinhold was not present.

Historian – Jim Newman was not present.

Old Business

The only item of Old Business is the upcoming March election. The only two positions up for election are the Commander and Vice-Commander positions. All other board member positions are appointed by the Commander with the concurrence of the other board members. Presently the only candidates running are Jim Denzien for Commander and Howard Doyle for Vice-Commander. Other members are encouraged to volunteer for positions or submit names as nominees for elected positions. It was re-iterated that we need a volunteer for Secretary. We also would like to have potential back-ups for all board positions in the event one of the incumbents is unable to perform his or her duties.

It was announced that our reception at the Fiesta Bowl Parade was very enthusiastic. Pictures of this event are posted on the web page.

New Business

The only item of New Business was the announcement for the April 9ths Submarine Birthday Picnic. We want to encourage this to include all family members.

Good of the Order

Steve Stanger, who is also Commander of the VFW Post in Black Canyon City, announced that they also have a Veteran's Day Parade that follows the Anthem Parade but later in the day. At the conclusion of that event there is a fireworks display. In that we are already in the area, we will consider participating in the Black Canyon City event as well. Steve will get the details about the Black Canyon City event to Joe Varese for future consideration. Steve also announced that if any of the troops are ever in the area, stop in and visit the VFW Post in Black Canyon City. To get there, take the Rock Springs exit off I-17, turn right and follow the frontage road.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Dale Roddy who won \$61.50 of the \$113.00 contributed for the drawing.

Adjournment

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

The benediction was offered by Walt Blomgren.

Tim Moore,

Secretary, Perch Base USSVI

