

From the Wardroom Base Commander's Message

Shipmates:

Our first event will be history by the time you read this: the ASU Homecoming on October 29. The following week we will support the Veterans History Project in Tempe on November 5. Then the beginning of all the Veterans Day events. Check your **Flash Traffic** and the schedule on our website. If you are going to participate, please make your desires known. Contact our event coordinator and let him know.

There will be NO meeting in November. We have two events on that day so it'll be quite hectic.

Our past Base Commander, Stan Reinhold, continues to improve at the Barrow Neurological Rehab Facility. He would appreciate visits from shipmates. Check your Flash Traffic for details.

See you at our upcoming events.

Fraternally,

Jim Denzien, Base Commander

October 2011 Minutes of the Regular Base Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at Dillon's **Restaurant at Arrowhead, in Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, 8 October, 2011. The meeting was called to order** by Jim Denzien, Base Commander.

The "Call to Order" was followed by a prayer of invocation by Walt Blomgren, the Pledge of Allegiance and the reciting of our Creed. The tolling ceremony was conducted for all boats lost in the month of October and a moment of silence was observed for our shipmates on eternal patrol and our recently lost shipmate Dick Caraker, "Sailor rest your oars".

Jim Denzien introduced the guests present at today's meeting. Among others, Nate Baxter presented his dad, Rick Baxter.

According to the Sailing List there were 28 members and guests present. The complete sailing list included:

Jim Denzien	Bob Warner	Chuck Emmett	Rick Simmons
Walt Blomgren	Richard Kunze	John Schlag	Heather Diaz
Peter Tardiff	Don DeMarte	Richard Bernier	Theodore W Hunt
Dan Moss	Thomas Farley	Robert Gilmore	Don Unser
Ed Hawkins	Davy Jones	Dewey Reed	Dottie Reed
Douglas La Rock	Rick Baxter	Roger Miller	Ronald Beyer
William Tippett	Jim W Newman	Jim F Newman	Royce Pettit

The minutes from the October 2011 regular meeting needed to be approved as published in a "Flash Traffic". A motion was made and seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Bob Warner reported on the base's financial status as of 30 September 2011. 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 reported on the Board of Directors meeting held Wednesday October 5th.

Float Maintenance – Painting was completed Saturday 17 September and we are adding a new mast, a whip antenna. The new graphic decals were applied on September 18 including the new outlines of the torpedo shutter doors amid ship on both port and starboard also the ejection pump opening by Jim and Howard at Goodyear Self Storage. The facility is located on Litchfield Rd across from Goodyear Airport. Thanks to all that came out and supported us. Jim and Dan Moss are working on an ongoing project to be able to display scale models of the two pieces of armament carried by Phoenix: the Mk 48 Torpedo and Tomahawk cruise missile. This will help show to show what Phoenix was capable of doing.

Boat sponsorship – Perch Base will be providing copies of American Submariner to four submarine crews. The boats were determined as most in need by Jack Messersmith our District 1 Commander, who oversees the Boat Sponsor-

ship Program for USSVI. We will sponsor the USS Tucson (SSN-770,) USS Santa Fe (SSN-763,) USS Albuquerque (SSN-706,) and USS Pennsylvania (SSBN-735.) Blue Crew.

Jim said that our application for the Unified Arizona Veterans Group has been approved. The only thing that remains is to pay our dues. This organization includes all veterans groups in the State of Arizona. It encompasses 600,000 veterans of one form or another in the state of Arizona.

Kap(SS)- 4-Kid(SS) –We are still looking for someone to be the coordinator for this program. It is not a lot of work. We visit twice a year and in the past, we have used Children's Hospital. There are other hospitals in the area that have children in similar circumstances. They are not all terminal but may have a long term illness centers. This program provides a good way to cheer them up.

Base Newsletter – Perch Base came in 2nd place for our newsletter at the National Convention, which is a fantastic thing. For that, a "BZ" to Chuck Emmett our Communications Officer. One of the things that came from that was in Tar Heel Base's Newsletter. We learned that USSVI National now has insurance for District Commanders and Base Officers. We are yet to determine what that means. We have not had any communication from the National Office. We will pursue getting this information but it's reasonable to assume that it is liability insurance. The Board will report back once we determine what this insurance actually is.

Upcoming Events – One thing that is not yet listed is that next year the State of Arizona celebrates its centennial and that will be on February 14th 2012. We have been asked to participate in several of the centennial celebration events. We will be putting out more information as it becomes available. For historical reference there were three territorial capitals of Arizona. Prescott, Tucson and Phoenix. Prescott has already had its celebration. Tucson's celebration will most likely be in January. Phoenix's will be in February.

Base Officers and Board of Directors Reports

Vice Commander – Howard Doyle was not present. He was back in Kansas for a family death. Our prayers and wishes are with him.

Membership Chairman – Rick Simmons reminded everyone that annual membership dues for 2012 are now due. They must be paid and recorded by 31 December. Once again we will have an early bird drawing for those paying prior to October 31st at the January Awards Dinner. The winner gets free base dues for 2013. If you haven't received the letter contact Rick or send him an e-mail.

Secretary – John Schlag had nothing to report.

Communications Officer – Chuck Emmett reminded everyone that he has copies of the "MidWatch" with him for anyone not receiving it by e-mail. Also we will see changes in the November newsletter. Let him know what you think of the changes. Chuck also mentioned what he called a near miss on copying web material for inclusion in the newsletter. Someone didn't like that Chuck had used information from his webpage, so Chuck removed it from the previously issued newsletter.

Tumblers – The Base has obtained two sizes for sale to all. These are insulated tumblers which include both lids and straws. We have priced them at local stores for \$19 without the lid or straws. Our tumblers include a base patch which was placed inside, whereas the others have decals on the outside. The tumblers are dishwasher safe and are guaranteed for life. The large one is \$18 and the small one is \$14.

Chief of the Boat – Richard Kunze has the \$25 Home Depot Gift card which is being raffled off today.

Chaplain – Walt Blomgren reported that earlier this week we participated in a cemetery ceremony for WWII vet Dick Caraker who departed on Eternal Patrol. We attended church services and went to the National Cemetery. Both were very nice.

Stan Reinhold was involved in a head-on vehicle collision, breaking the vertebrae in his back. He is now in Health South located about two blocks south of Thunderbird on the west side of the street at 13460 67th Ave in room 201. Stop by and visit.

Walt just learned that Sandy Martin is in Del Webb, will get more information on that.

Davy Jones goes into hospital Tuesday. No one else is on the Binnacle list.

Treasurer – Bob Warner had nothing additional to report.

Base Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober is supporting the base at the Glendale Safety Days and was not present

Event Coordinator – Joe Varese is also supporting the base at Glendale Safety Days event. In his place, Jim Denzien reported coming events - Oct 14th Glendale High School 100th Anniversary Parade/Static Display. This is

considered a centennial event. There is a Naval ROTC Unit at the High School. It will stage at 12 Noon with Parade starting at 13:00. Oct 29th we have a static display at ASU; there is a ROTC Unit there.

On Nov 5th is the Veterans History Project Static Display at the Tempe Historical Society museum. Starting the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th of November are the Higley High School event we will have a Static Display. This event has been growing every year and is on the football field. On Nov 10th at Gilbert Town Hall complex we have a Static Display.

On Nov 11th is the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade. This year we will be with the Palo Verde group and they decided they will provide T-Shirts with the parade theme. We will be meeting at Market T Hance Park as we have always done. There will be more information put out on this later. Palo Verde is providing the Grand Marshal so we will not be in the parade with them, but we will do everything else with them including the food at Market T Hance.

On Nov 12th is the Daisy Mountain Parade at Anthem in the morning and in the afternoon Black Canyon City Parade for Veterans Day sponsored by The VFW. We've been requested for the Levee Parade, we've been there before, Also received a request for the Parade Del Sol Parade on Feb 11th. Some of this is being held pending decisions the base feels that other than Veterans Day Events, that it is better to participate in Arizona Centennial Events.

Our Awards Banquet will be held on 28 January here at Dillions. We will be conducting the Holland Club induction for 2012. Over the next three years we have a lot of our members being inducted into the Holland Club. More information to follow.

All Events are posted on the Bases Web Page in the Calendar and Chuck will be sending out Flash Traffic.

Old Business

We have been looking at using a trailer as a people carrier for parades.

This was followed by a short discussion about having liability coverage added to individual homeowners insurance for a minimal low cost, To cover the unlikely event that an accident would occur at a parade or static display.

All other items have been covered by prior discussion.

New Business

Davy Jones mentioned the up coming elections and how the candidates may feel in regard to things like the Save our Sail Project. Jim replied that we were drafting a letter to NavC PMS 392 requesting a formal gifting of the Sail, Fairwater Planes and Rudder to the Project. We are also looking at a memorandum of agreement with the city. There are several members of the base including Dan and Layne Moss who are co-chairs of that project. To answer the question the only one known to Jim is Greg Stanton a former city council member was one of the few that came out and said he was in favor of the project. He knew nothing of the others. We are waiting until after the election and the new city council being in place in January.

Good of the Order

We have already covered the Binnacle List.

Info Jim received from Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV) stated that Courtesy Chevrolet offers free oil changes to veterans and active military every Friday. Location 24th St and Camelback Rd.

Also from UAV the National Personal Records Center has a new location. We will check and make information available either thru the newsletter or by Flash Traffic.

50/50 Drawing

COB, Richard Kunze conducted the drawing for the Home Depot gift card \$25 value won by Nate's Dad, Rick Baxter. 50/50 drawing. It was won by John Schlag. Total \$109 = \$54 to the Base, John Rec'd \$55.

Adjournment

The benediction was offered by Walt Blomgren.

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 was adjourned.

John Schlag

Secretary, Perch Base USSVI