



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

Jim Denzien - Commander

Shipmates:

We are in the doldrums of our annual activities. Not a lot going on except trying to beat the heat. After we hit the first of September, we start getting busy again.

To date, we have over 27% of our membership that have voted in the National election. Time is getting short so if you intend to vote you should do it soon. The votes need to be in before the convention.

We have a few of our members on the binnacle list: Adrian Stuke, Joe Varese and now Chuck Emmett. Keep them all in your thoughts.

Our next meeting is on the 8th of September. Hope to see you there.

Fraternally,

Jim Denzien, Base Commander

**Base Meeting Minutes
August 2012 Meeting**

The August meeting of Perch Base of the USSVI was called to order at 1200 hrs. by the Base Commander, Jim Denzien. The invocation was led by the Base chaplain, Walt Blomgren, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed to the reading of the purpose of the organization and then the tolling of the bell for the boats lost during the month of August.

The Commander asked the assembled group if there were any new members or visitors at the meeting. There appeared to be none.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the newsletter, the MidWatch. There were no objections and the motion was passed by voice vote.

The Treas.'s report was read by the Base Treas., Bob Warner. There was no discussion and a motion was made and seconded to approve the report. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Board of Directors Report

The Base Commander briefly discussed the events surrounding the capture of the Dolphins from Gudgeon Base. He also briefed the members on the presentation that will be given to the Naval Commandery group the end of September. This presentation will be the History of Submarines that has been prepared by Chuck Emmett.

The board had also discussed issues regarding the difficulties with voting and went into great length regarding sign covers for the float signs. These bag-like covers will themselves be signs and used while the float is in motion such as parades. Chuck Emmett has taken the lead for developing these sign covers.

Report from the Officers

None of the Base officers except the Chaplain had anything of operational significance to report. Walt Blomgren, the Chaplain, briefed the membership on those members on or on the sick list.

Old Business

There were no other items of old business.

New Business

The Commander reminded the members of the upcoming national convention and requested that if anyone was going he would like to know so that that individual could stand-in for the Base if needed for certain awards.

He also reminded the members that there are board vacancies either currently or upcoming, primarily the Secretary and the Chaplain. Both are seeking members to replace them in their duties as well as a reminder that his own, Base Command, term of office is over in March of next year and he cannot run for it again.

Good of the Order

The Commander informed the Base that the Navy is now issuing Meritorious Unit Citation to “Boomers” on both the East and West Coast. There was some discussion as to why this did not apply to older FBM's, especially during “hotter” periods of our history.

A special speaker/guest, Robert Flores was introduced to the group. Flores is a special assistant to the Arizona Secretary of State for military affairs and he briefed the Base of the guns project with single barrels from the USS Arizona and USS Missouri. There was a general discussion of related projects in which Mr. Flores could assist the Base.

50/50 Drawing

Chuck Emmett was the winner of the drawing.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote and — with a benediction by the Chaplain —the meeting was adjourned.



“Member Mogul” Membership Chairman’s Message

Rick Simmons - Membership

For all of you who knew about it, the USSVI database access problem is pretty much resolved through a lot of work by USSVI's Chief Information Officer Tim VeArd as well as several USSVI Officers and staff personnel. I regained access to the database on August 18th using greatly enhanced security measures and overall things are slowly returning to normal.

Access for the general membership to obtain new or change/retrieve existing passwords is still not available. Members can log in using existing passwords but if you don't remember it you are out of luck at this time. If you try and log in with an existing password and can't get in you can contact Fred Borgman in the USSVI Office at ussvi@telebyte.net for assistance.

Voting: Anyone who wants to cast a ballot in the current USSVI elections, but can't get into the USSVI system, can do so using the paper ballot in the back of the latest “American Submariner” and send it to USSVI per the instructions with the ballot.

On a more local note we would like to welcome Steve Leon as a new member. Steve qualified in 1992 on the USS Will Rogers SSBN 659. Steve retired as a FT1 (SS) and is still in the Fleet Reserve. Steve and his wife Beth reside in Phoenix. Welcome aboard Steve!

As always, if you have changed any of your contact information please let me know as soon as possible so I can update USSVI and our local databases.

