



## Base Meeting Minutes

December 2012

Herb Herman  
Secretary (in Transition)

The December 2012 regular Perch Base meeting was called to order at 12 noon on Saturday October 13, 2012 by the base commander, Jim Denzien. The meeting was held at its usual location, Dillon's restaurant at 59th Ave. and the 101. The invocation was given by the Base Chaplain, Steve Leon, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The purpose of the USSVI was read followed by the Tolling for the Boats ceremony was conducted for those ships lost during the month of December.

There were an estimated 35 members and guests in attendance ( the sailing list was unavailable.)

Denzien introduced Bill Matter, a guest and Jim Strassels from Gudgeon Base.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October (no November meeting) Perch Base meeting as published in the MidWatch. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Treasurer Bob Warner read the Treasurers' report for November. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report as read. Motion was approved by voice vote.

### **Base Commander's Board of Directors (BOD) Report**

The Commander (Jim) presented Herb Herman as Acting Secretary pending permanent change of residence.

Next event the Base will attend is the Peoria Military Show at the Peoria Sports Complex on Jan. 26 and 27. (The 25<sup>th</sup> will be setup in the evening.)

Following that will be the Avondale/Goodyear "Tail of Two Cities" short parade with static display following on February 16. After that is the Ira-Hayes, or Iwo Jima, parade in Sacaton on February 23. Further details for these events will sent in *Flash Traffics*.

Denzien commended the base for the attendance that the Pearl Harbor Day celebration. He reminded the members that it was also groundbreaking for the World War II Memorial that will contain the two guns from the USS Arizona USS Missouri.

The commander said the base would be participating in the Luke Day events but that he had no date for this event.

### **Reports of Board Members**

**Membership Chairman** – Rick Simmons said that we were about 65% completed in terms of membership renewal for next year.

**Base vice-Commander** – Howard Doyle briefed those numbers on the situation with Adrian Stuke. He reminded members of a *Flash Traffic* message that had been with the full details on how and why we were providing aid to Adrian. Since this aid is being provided through the Perch Base Foundation, checks must be made out to that account to get tax credit.

Chuck Emmett interjected that since this was a rare thing for the Base to do, the monies collected will not go to Adrian but instead to the VA to pay down his debt there to prevent the VA from putting a lien on Adrian's Social Security.

Howard said that although rare, this helping of a Base shipmate has been done before and must be approved by the Base Board.

Jim, at this time, passed his hat around to collect, possibly from people who did not wish to write checks.

**Chief of the Boat** – Richard Kuntz had nothing to report and just wished everyone a merry Christmas and

would see everyone next year.

**Secretary (in Trasition)** – Herb Herman had nothing to add.

**Storekeeper** – De Wayne mentioned some of the many items he had on sale. Jim Dezien mentioned he had given De Wayne challenge coins commemorating the “Year of the Chiefs” and where on sale for \$15. All proceeds would go to support the US. Navy Memorial” in Washington, D.C.

**Chaplain** – Steve Leon gave a reminder that he is there to serve and not to hesitate to call him if we know of a shipmate in need.

**Treasurer** – Nothing additional to report.

**Event Coordinator**- Walt Blomgren is still working on the Veterans History Project in Tempe. He should have details shortly. He aslo asked if he should pursue the Fiesta Bowl Parade. Denzien said the sense of the Base was that he should not.

**Communications Officer** – Chuck explained the awards banquet is scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sun City Country Club. Price is \$30 per person. There will also be the introduction of a Silent Auction. Please consider donating, especially submarine related items and bring it to the next meeting. The social hour will be at 1730 and dinner will start at 1830. This dinner will not be buffet but instead a sit-down with wait service.

### **Old Business**

There was a discussion on the process for choosing the “Sailor of the Year” award. The procedure is outlined in the by-laws. However any member may suggest a name for consideration.

### **New Business**

Picnic discussion- it will again be at the same location and time at the White Tank park. It will be on May 11 which is a new date and the site has been reserved, more to follow.

Congratulation were given to Jerry Pittman and Heather Diaz for tying the knot, 2<sup>nd</sup> time around.

Don Unser mentioned the presence of a Cold War Certificate if someone applies. Details will be published in the next MidWatch.

Herb Coulter showed some pieces of hull from the Abraham Lincoln and he qwas looking for a plank owner

### **Good the Order**

Denzien read a message from Les Hillman’s widow, Mildred, thanking the Base for the way they conducted her husband’s service at the Phoenix National Cemetery.

Don Unser gave a tongue-in-cheek comment on Chuck Emmett’s presentation at the Naval Commandery meeting.

The Chaplin read the Binnacle List and commented that we had lost a member a month.

### **50/50 Drawing**

Tim Moore won the 50/50 drawing and he donated his winnings to the base.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, voted on and passed by voice vote. The benediction was given by the Chaplain and meeting adjourned at 1245pm.

