

August Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a Meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans B Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #62 Peoria, AZ at 1300 hours, 09 August 2003. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Glenn Herold.

Billy Grieves led the members in a prayer of Invocation. The members were then led in the “Pledge of Allegiance” followed by a reading of the “Purpose of the Organization”, Dedication, a Moment of Silence for our departed shipmates and the “Tolling of the Boats” ceremony for submarines lost during the month of October.

According to the sailing list, there were 34 Perch Base members including 4 new members and 3 guests at the meeting.

Those present welcomed new members – Stan Reinhold, Jack McCarthy, Al Landeck and Ed Hawkins. Each of the new members briefed the gathering on their backgrounds and experiences.

The members also welcomed guests - Jim McManagle, James Ceri and Mrs. Ed Hawkins.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the August meeting as published in the Base Newsletter. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the July meeting be approved as published in the Base Newsletter “The MidWatch.” The motion carried by voice vote of the members present.

Treasurer (Robert May) reported the Base ‘s financial status as of the first day of October, 2003.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Vice Commander – Adrian Stuke had nothing to report.

Base Chief of the Boat – Doug LaRock had nothing to report

Chaplain – Dave Harnish reported for the Chaplain and informed the members that Shipmate Joe Bernard underwent triple by-pass surgery and was recuperating at his home. Dave also mentioned that Shipmate Richard

Britner had also undergone open heart surgery and was recuperating as well.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson reported that Perch Base membership is now at 147. Letters soliciting membership renewal will be mailed toward the end of October. Ray also announced that expansion of the Perch Base Web Site (www.perch-base.org) continues. Everyone was encouraged to log on to the site and explore its capabilities.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett announced that the preparations for the Phoenix Veteran’s Day Parade were continuing. Arizona Public Service and Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station have decided to provide some level of support to the annual event and had purchased the shirts for attendees to wear at the parade. Chuck mentioned that Sandy Hendrick of Palo Verde was again voluntarily assisting and supporting the event. Chuck asked members to provide him with personal information to include in the Newsletter. The newsletter is for the members and should be about them as well.

Ship’s Storekeeper – Jim Nelson announced that the ship’s store has a number of new items including; special order vests, name tags and patches. The vests are \$70 and the metal name tags are \$20.

OLD BUSINESS

Glenn Herold informed the members that the current plan is to hold the March meeting in Tucson.

Glenn also announced that Perch Base and its members have purchased a total of 5 bricks on the Avery Point Lighthouse “Walk of Honor”, memorializing 5 of the submarines lost at sea during WWII.

Dave reviewed the September cruise on the SS Lane Victory and told the members how pleasing the voyage was. Dave also invited anyone in the Long Beach, California area to visit the Maritime Museum near the moorage for the Lane Victory.

Glenn Herold briefed members on the 2003 USSVI National Convention and reminded everyone that the 2004 convention will be held in Saratoga, New York. Dave Harnish read the list of convention events and the special provisions being made by the City of Saratoga.

Dave Harnish asked for the floor and announced that he was asked by the Perch Base Ladies Auxiliary to make a presentation of the hand carved dolphins that the ladies raffled to raise money for their treasury. Walt Blomgren was called to the front and presented the dolphins, on

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behalf of the women's organization.

Glenn Herold read a thank-you letter from Betty Weber of the Ladies Auxiliary Phoenix Submarine Veterans – WWII expressing their gratitude for the funds raised and donated to their treasury following the raffle of a set of mahogany dolphins carved by Ed Brooks.

NEW BUSINESS

Glenn Herold announced that the American Legion Post 62 will have its Board of Directors meeting on the 14th of October and a general meeting on the 21st. Anyone interested should attend and show the flag for Perch Base. Members that are not yet members of the Post were also encouraged to join and become active in the Post.

Glenn also briefed the members on the program to sponsor boot camp companies at the Great Lakes Recruit Training Center. Efforts are underway to cosponsor a company through funds committed by the USSVI Bases in District 8.

Dave Harnish briefed the members on the arrangements associated with the annual Christmas Party to be held at Luke AFB NCO Club. The party will take place on December 13 and will begin at 1800 hours. Anyone wanting to attend should ensure their reservations and payment is in to Dave prior to December 2. The price for attendance is \$18 per person. The bill of fare will include a choice of London Broil or Breast of Chicken. The Perch Base Ladies Auxiliary will also conduct a raffle for the door prizes.

Ed Brooks briefed the members on the ballot issue to amend the Perch Base Constitution and By Laws. Each member present was given a ballot so they could vote at the meeting instead of sending in the ballot to be published in the newsletter.

Dave Harnish briefed the members on activities of the USSVI Scholarship Committee, announcing that in 2003, there were 63 applications reviewed by the committee, and 20 awards made from that number. Dave informed the members that there will be an upcoming campaign to raise funds for the USSV- Charitable Foundation which includes the Scholarship Fund.

Ed Brooks took the floor and presented two shipmates with wood carvings. Jim Newman received a carving of the "American Bluejacket" and Jim Wall received an Intarsia carving of two bottle nose dolphins. Shipmate Newman and Wall contributed \$150 and \$100 respectively to the

US Submarine Veteran's Charitable Foundation. Ed also briefed the members on the upcoming fund raising campaign for 2003/2004. To assist in that effort, Ed has offered to carve either a set of dolphins or the American Blue Jacket for any Perch Base member that contributes \$150 or more to the Charitable Foundation.

Ed also announced that he is pursuing the establishment of a memorial scholarship award in the name of Gary Patterson – a Perch Base Shipmate on eternal patrol. The award will be made through the USSVI Scholarship Committee in Gary's name. However, before proceeding with the formal arrangements, Ed challenged the members to commit to providing at least \$1,000 each year so that a single award could be made in Gary's memory. The members present agreed to the challenge.

Glenn Herold announced that the Base had received thank-you letters from USS Tucson and USS Honolulu for Perch Base acting as sponsor for the two ships to receive the USSVI National publication – American Submariner.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

A collection of WWII submarine memorabilia and photographs was introduced by John Welsh. The photos are being offered for reproducing or scanning depending on the interest of Perch Base members.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Jim McManagle. Jim donated \$20 of his winnings to the Gary Patterson Memorial Scholarship – making his money the first dollars donated toward that project.

ADJOURNMENT

All the outstanding business being concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

The closing prayer was offered by Billy Grieves and the meeting was adjourned at 1410 hours.

Edgar T. Brooks B Base Secretary

