

January Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans, Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #62 Peoria, AZ at 1247 hours, January 10, 2004. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander, Glenn Herold.

Base Chaplain Howard Doyle 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 January.

According to the sailing list, there were 35 Perch Base members and 2 guests at the meeting.

Those present welcomed new members – Lee Lloyd, Tim Moore, John Cash and Ken Schonauer. Each of the new members briefed the gathering on their backgrounds and experiences.

The members also welcomed guests – Ray Marshall (visiting from New Jersey North Base) and Leif Larsen (USSVI District 8 Commander).

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the November 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 January, 2004.

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 was not present.

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

Chaplain – Howard Doyle and informed the members that two of Perch Base Shipmates had departed on eternal patrol during the month of December and asked members to remember them and their families in our prayers. Shipmates Ed Reynolds and Richard Schiltneck passed away during the holiday season. Howard again asked all members to let him know when members become ill or pass away, so he can make appropriate notification and console members and their families.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson reported that 80% of the existing members have renewed their membership for 2004. Ray also reported that the Perch Base Web Site continues to be updated and sees a good deal of activity. He asked that anyone have constructive criticism about the makeup or content of the Web Site should write or email him.

News Letter Editor – Chuck Emmett was not present at the meeting.

Ship's Store – Jim Nelson reported that new items are coming to the store and encouraged members to keep checking the Ship's Store merchandise. He also thanked the members for supporting the Perch Base through purchases from the Ship's Store.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Harnish briefed the members on the 2003 Perch Base Christmas Party. He emphasized the fact that Ramon Samson was honored as Perch Base Sailor of the Year. Other members were also cited for their contribution to the organization by receiving Letters of Commendation.

Dave also informed the members that the 2004 Christmas Party would again be held at the Luke AFB Enlisted Club on December 11th. However, through necessity, the fee for attending the 2004 event will be raised to \$20 per person.

Glenn Herold informed the members that the ground breaking ceremony for American Legion Post 62's new building took place on December. The project is expected to complete sometime during the summer of 2004.

NEW BUSINESS

Glenn also asked members to get involved as volunteers in support of Post 62. Such efforts show the Post how much we appreciate what they are doing for Perch Base. Efforts are underway to organize members for a once a month support event.

Dave Harnish announced that this year's USSVI District 8 meeting will take place on May 14 and 15 in Denver Colorado and the USSVI National Convention will take place in Sarasota, New York on September 15 through 19. Those planning to attend should make reservations at the earliest date.

District 8 Commander Leif Larsen briefed the members on changes taking place with regard to national dues. Since the dues schedule hasn't changed in many years, increased

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expenses dictate that the dues should be increased. This will include dues for becoming USSVI Life Member. Anyone contemplating becoming a Life Member should do it right away to take advantage of the current lower rate.

Leif also informed the members of the impending establishment of a USSVI Base in the Tucson area. Leif and Dave Harnish are to attend the first meeting of the Tucson Base on Tuesday the 15th.

Ed Brooks announced that he would be mailing letters to all the members asking for their support of the U.S. Submarine Veteran's Charitable Foundation. The goal for the year is to raise an average of \$10 per member. Those members willing to contribute at least \$150 will receive one of Ed's carvings (the 27" Mahogany Dolphins or the American Bluejacket on a wooden ship's wheel). The goal this year also includes a combined donation of \$1,000 to the "Gary Patterson Memorial Scholarship" to be awarded by the Scholarship Committee this coming spring.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Glenn Herold announced that the Perch Base Ladies Auxiliary would be joining with the members to hear a "Homeland Security Presentation" by two Phoenix Community Action Officer.

ADJOURNMENT

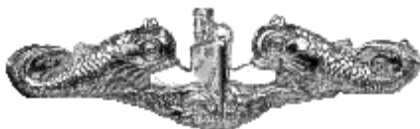
All the outstanding business being concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

The closing prayer was offered by Howard Doyle and the meeting was adjourned at 1322 hours.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 drawing was held after the Homeland Security Presentation and the winner was Kathryn O'treba. The winner's share of the drawing was \$72

Edgar T. Brooks B Base Secretary



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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Nancy Nelson made a special presentation to members Heather Newell and Brandi Hershey of a card and National patches that Nancy received from Ella Blado, SubVettes National President, thanking Heather and Brandi for all they do to make a difference in Perch Base.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Nelson updated members regarding the National Convention in Saratoga Springs and advised members to contact her if they need more information.

All members joined Nancy in wishing Joanne Norwood a Happy Birthday, whose special day is January 24.

All members joined Nancy in welcoming new SubVettes member Jacque Hawkins.

Brandi Hershey and Heather Newell presented members with the Base Historian Book.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Millie Hillman and seconded by Debbie Newell. Motion carried.

All the outstanding business being concluded, it was made by Millie Hillman and seconded by Debbie Newell that the meeting of the SubVettes of Perch Base be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 1315 hours.

Signed:
Debbie Newell, Secretary

