

October 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans, Perch Base was convened at the American Legion, Post 61, Avondale AZ at 1257 hours on 18 October 2008. Stan Reinhold, Base Commander, called the meeting to order.

The membership was led in a prayer of invocation by Chuck Emmett, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a standard ceremonial opening. A moment of silence was observed for shipmates on eternal patrol and the tolling ceremony for boats lost in September was conducted.

According to the sailing list, there were twenty-two members and guests present. New member Barry Bowers was welcomed as was guest Herb Herman for Blueback Base. Minutes from the September 2008 regular meeting as published in the Midwatch were approved. Treasurer Dave Harnish reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of October 2008. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen

Base Commander - Stan Reinhold reported that shipmate Jim Nelson was in the hospital at Banner Thunderbird and had had emergency intestinal surgery.

Vice Commander – Jim Denzien had nothing to report.

Chief of the Boat – Jim Edwards had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Howard Doyle was not present.

Webmaster – Ray Samson had nothing to report.

Membership Chairman – David Fledderjohn was not present.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett commented on the lack of a table of contents in the last newsletter as a computer glitch.

Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober had nothing to report.

Past Base Commander - Tim Moore was not present.

Old Business

Vice Commander Jim Denzien reported on the following issues: He gave a report on the status of the new float construction and stated that it was nearing completion. He also reported on the status of the "Save Our Sail" project. All hands were reminded of the presentation to be made to the Parks and Recreation Review concerning the placement of the USS Phoenix (SSN702) sail and rudder in Steele Indian School Park. This presentation will be made on Thursday, October 23rd at 1700 in the Phoenix City Council chambers. Members are requested to attend wearing vests in support of the project. Information was provided for the two parades we are participating in for Veterans Day. We will also be participating in Navy Week activities in March 2009.

New Business

Vice Commander Jim Denzien showed the new base flag that will be used on our parade float. Commander Stan Reinhold stated that the base is seeking a replacement as the Membership Chair. He also stated the we are also seeking additional assistance for Public Relations for the Base since it is turning into a much bigger job and requires almost 24/7 work.

Good of the Order

Shipmate Dave Harnish corrected his comments from last meeting on the information for the 2009 combined convention in San Diego. The Submarine Veterans World War II will not be attending. He also reiterated that USSVI annual memberships lapse on December 31st. He added that USAA has opened its membership to all retired Navy members.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was won by Shipmate Ray Samson.

Adjournment

All the outstanding business having been concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote. Chuck Emmett offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Jim Denzien
Vice Commander