

**July 2010
Perch Base Meeting Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #105, Phoenix, AZ at 1230, 14 August 2010. The meeting was called to order by Howard Doyle, Base Vice-Commander.

The "Call to Order" was led in a prayer of invocation by Walt Blomgren followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the standard ceremonial opening. The tolling ceremony was conducted for all boats lost in the month of August and a moment of silence was observed for our shipmates on eternal patrol.

According to the Sailing List there were 24 members and guests present including one new shipmate who couldn't stay with us today but will be joining. His name is Tom Ede and met Tim at Home Depot who told him about the Perch Base and the USSVI. Bob Gilmore brought a guest by the name of Geri Bennett who is affiliated with Post 61 in Avondale and is with the Arizona Color Guard. This Color Guard is the Arizona State Champ and they are getting ready to go to Milwaukee on the 24th for Color Guard competition. Geri brought a model of a WWII submarine that the Color Guard would like to sell or auction off to help raise funds for their trip to Milwaukee. Members in attendance at this meeting included:

Howard Doyle	Chuck Emmett	Tim Moore	Jack Kimball
Richard Kunze	Stan Reinhold	Walt Blomgren	Royce Pettit
Bob Warner	Bob Gilmore	DeWayne Lober	Dan Moss
Matt Hayball	Jim Edwards	Dewigh Kramer	John Schlag
Richard Bernier	Ron Dutcher	Joe Varese	Peter Tardiff
Jack Moore	Don DeMarte		

As the first item of business, a motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the July 2010 regular meeting be approved as published in the MidWatch monthly newsletter. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Tim Moore, acting on behalf of Jim Denzien, reported on the base's financial status for the period ending 31 July 2010. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Base Commander's Board of Directors Meeting Report

Nothing reported.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen

Vice-Commander – Howard Doyle reported on behalf of Jim Denzien. Howard announced that Bob Nance, a WWII veteran passed away on Thursday, August 12 at 1:54 pm. He had recently had hip replacement surgery and seemed to be doing well. He was at home and got up from sitting in a chair and passed out and never regained consciousness. His funeral will be held at 10:00 Monday morning at the Trinity Bible Church in Sun City. Members from Perch Base are encouraged to attend.

Howard pointed out the three new cabinets we acquired and Chuck mentioned that the modifications to the existing display cabinet have been completed. We will make a decision on what to do with the other three matching cabinets once we determine what items we will have available to put on display.

Secretary – Tim Moore had nothing to report.

Treasurer – TBA

Chaplain – Walt Blomgren announced that we still are seeking articles for Chuck to post in the *This Ain't No Sh*t* section of the newsletter. Chuck re-emphasized Walt's plea for more stories.

Chief of the Boat – Jack Moore reported that when Jim Newman returns from his trip, we will take possession of the artifacts he has to be displayed in the recently modified cabinet.

MidWatch Editor/Interim Webmaster – Chuck Emmett brought up that when we do our creed, we only do the first of three paragraphs. Beginning with the next newsletter, Chuck will publish the entire creed. The next newsletter will be published in October. Chuck also announced that we now have the frames completed for the float to display

the posters depicting chronological history of all classes of submarines since the Holland. Those posters have been a popular attraction at static events. Chuck also announced that he has completed the new sound system for the float. The old power supply and amplifier are up for sale and will be posted in the classified section of our newsletter.

Base Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober reported that he has some new coffee mugs for sale. He also has some press-on boomer and SS patches for sale and some good deals on hats.

Membership Chairman – Rick Simmons was not present.

Historian – Jim Newman was not present.

Events Coordinator – Joe announced we have heard nothing from Phoenix yet for the Veteran's Day parade but we do have the date for the Anthem event. We have sent in our application for the Glendale Safety Days event on October 2nd where we will participate in a parade and static display. We will also participate in a two day Veteran's day event in Gilbert on November 9th & 10th. We have been asked to participate in an East Valley Swap Meet event around Pearl Harbor Day and they have suggested that we do it in conjunction with the Pearl Harbor Survivors. This event has not yet been finalized. When these events are finalized, they will be posted on the web page.

Past Commander – Stan Reinhold had nothing to report.

Old Business

Our next Kap(SS)4(Kid(SS) event will be Thursday, 26 August 2010 at the Phoenix Children's Hospital.

If you have not voted in the National USSVI election, please do so as soon as possible. The polls close at the end of the month and there are a number of elected positions and some constitutional issues to be decided.

New Business

Don DeMarte reported that the people in charge of the Anthem Veteran's Day Parade have asked Post #105 to participate and they asked Don to check with us to find out if we would like to participate again this year. This event is on our schedule pending receipt of the parade application information.

Howard stated that he heard one of the bases in Florida works the concession stands during their grapefruit league spring training games and receives a share of the proceeds for fund raising purposes. We would like to explore this potential fund raising opportunity provided that we have enough interest and base membership participation to make it happen. Stan mentioned again that the Phoenix Coyotes have a 50/50 raffle during their games and the only requirement is that the participants be duly authorized 501 (c) (3) entities which we are. Stan will get in touch with their "charitable organization representative" and find out the particulars and get back to us. Don DeMarte mentioned that he could probably get some Post #105 participation to work with us and share the proceeds. Howard said he would contact the Cactus League spring training organizations to find out if any of these opportunities are available to us.

Howard mentioned that in the most current issue of the American Submariner, there was an article stating that the USSVI will be 50 years old in 2014. An idea has been presented that the USSVI would like to have all bases that have floats to consider participating in the 2014 Memorial Day Parade and associated activities in Washington D.C. This would probably end up being a nine or ten day trip. At this point we are just presenting the idea to see what kind of interest there might be on the part of the base membership to participate. Once we have some details about whether or not this event will happen, we will share it with the membership for future planning purposes.

Good of the Order

There were no issues brought up for the Good of the Order.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Royce Petit who graciously donated his \$25.00 winner's share back to the foundation.

Adjournment

All outstanding business having been concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 1315 hours.

The benediction was offered by Walt Blomgren.

Tim Moore, Secretary, Perch Base USSVI