

From the Wardroom Base Commander's Message

Shipmates:

I had hoped to be writing this after the Awards Dinner but timing and deadlines are not on my side. I am certain that the event will be a big success and we will have many new Holland Club members.

We have a parade in Laveen on February 4th, State Centennial display events on February 11th and 12th, and another parade on the 25th in Goodyear. Try and support as many of these events as you can.

Since this is the state's centennial time, if you are aware of any other events that Perch Base can/should participate in, let our Event Coordinator, Joe "Wanderer" Varese know about them so that they may be considered for our calendar.

I hope to see many of you at these events and at the meeting on February 11th!

Fraternally,

Jim Denzien, Base Commander

January 2011 Minutes of the Regular Base Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant at Arrowhead, in Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, 14 January, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Jim Denzien, Base Commander.

The "Call to Order" was followed by a prayer of invocation by Walt Blomgren, Base Chaplain, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Reciting of our Purpose. The tolling ceremony was conducted for all boats lost in the month of January, a moment of silence was observed for our shipmates on eternal patrol, "Sailor's rest your oars".

Jim started the meeting by introduced the guests present at today's meeting: Michael Hinderliter, a new member that will be joining Perch Base. Ed Hawkins introduced his son Tim and Gary Slick who is a new member that will be joining Perch Base.

According to the Sailing List there were 40 members and guests present. The complete sailing list included:

Jim Denzien	Bob Warner	Chuck Emmett	Rick Simmons
Walt Blomgren	Richard Kunze	Stan Reinhold	Joe Varese
John Schlag	Richard Bernier	Ted Hunt	Dan Moss
Davy Jones	Dewey Reed	Dottie Reed	Douglas La Rock
Herb Coulter	John G Zaichkin	Ray Marshall	Robb Roberts
Steven Stanger	Jerry Pittman	Ron Dutcher	George Crider
Tim Moore	Bill Woolcott	Vern Waldrip	Matt Hayball
Karl Krull	Michael Hinderliter	Thomas Farley	Ed Hawkins
Tim Hawkins	Jackie Hawkins	Robie Robinson	Don Unser
Rich Womack	Gary Waterbury	Gary Slick	Tom Clonts

Denzien asked that the minutes from the December 2011 regular meeting be approved as published in the "Mid Watch". A motion was made and seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Base Treasurer, Bob Warner, reported on the base's financial status as of 31 December, 2011. 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

Denzien reported on the Board of Directors meeting held Wednesday January 11.

He said that the primary focus of that meeting was to discuss up coming events. These events will elaborated upon

when the Base Event Coordinator, Joe Varese, makes his report later during the meeting. The BOD also discussed possible events for Arizona's Centennial centered around February 11.

Jim reminded the members that the annual Awards Dinner is just two weeks away (from the meeting) on the 28th of January. Rick Simmons (one of dinner coordinators) needs to know who is coming and so to ensure reservations. Rick reminded the members that the cost is \$18 per person and the menu is posted on the website (www.perch-base.org.) Jerry Pittman, one of the newer members, has been instrumental in getting a guest speaker, Commander Alex Ortiz, Executive Officer of NRD Phoenix. Cmdr. Ortiz is a submariner. Based on the Commander's career, the talk will be interesting to all of us, said Denzien.

Perch Base has become a member of UAV, Unified Arizona Veterans, reported Jim. This group is a large high level organization. We became members at the end of last year. Denzien attended the first meeting as Perch Base representative last Saturday.

One of the projects mentioned at the group's meeting was one sponsored by the Secretary of State, which entails bringing two naval gun barrels to Wesley Bollin Plaza. One barrel is a part of a 14 inch gun from the USS Arizona and the other is a 16 inch gun off of the USS Missouri. The organizers missed their goal of having them here for the 70th Anniversary of the Pearl Harbor bombing, but they are pushing forward to get them here as soon as possible. They are estimating it will cost something in excess of \$200,000. The organizers will be looking for donations.

Denzien reminded everyone we have a picnic coming up on the 14th of April at White Tanks Regional Park. The location has already been reserved from 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. All other Arizona Bases have been invited to attend but have not yet had any response. Last year, despite bad weather — it was raining and cold — we still had 65 or 70 people attending. We are hoping for better this year. Please put this on your calendar to attend.

Jim informed the members that Bob Gilmore has a lead on having a powder-coating service donated to cover the torpedo at the National Cemetery. This would go a long way toward reducing the amount of time, energy and efforts in maintaining the old Mark 14. There was some discussion of cost and how it might be done.

A notice has been sent from National asking for nominations for National and Regional Officers. If you know of anyone wanting one of these positions please respond to the "Flash Traffic" that was sent.

Base Officers and Board of Directors Reports

Vice Commander – Howard Doyle was not present.

Communications Officer – Chuck Emmett had nothing to report but reminded the members that he had papers copies of the "MidWatch" with him for those who need them.

Membership Chairman – Rick Simmons reported that we had 85% reenlistment success. Some decided not to continue membership and told us. Others simply didn't respond. We will have an Early Bird drawing at the awards dinner and the winner will get free Base dues for 2013. Also, each member needs to go into the database online at www.ussvi.org and make sure your personal information is correct. This is the information used to send out membership renewals. If you don't have computer access let Rick know and he will print a copy and, if necessary, update for you. We also need to know as soon as possible who is attending the awards dinner.

Secretary – John Schlag had nothing to report.

Event Coordinator – Joe Varese reported on upcoming events: February 4th there is a parade at Levee which starts at 11 a.m.. Entrants need to be staged by 10 a.m. Following is the Phoenix Centennial Event on February 11 and 12. Next will be a combined Avondale/Goodyear parade and static display on February 25. This is also considered a Centennial Event we stage at 8 a.m. for a parade start at 10 a.m. We also have Luke Days coming up but information is not yet available.

Chaplain – Walt Blomgren had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Bob Warner reported that he was now using an electronic Expense Report.

Past Base Commander – Stan Reinhold had nothing to report.

Chief of the Boat – Richard Kunze had nothing additional to report.

Base Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober was not present today.

Base Historian – Jim Newman was not present today.

Old Business

Our Awards Banquet will be held on 28 January here at Dillions. Jim had been asked about dress code for the Awards Dinner. There was a little discussion with the result being that members can come dressed as they liked but should wear their vests.

Rick discussed new policy from National regarding lost membership cards. You now have to apply directly to National yourself and they will charge \$1.00 for the replacement card.

New Business

The Avondale/Goodyear parade is being called the "Tale of two Cities Parade" as we get more details info will be sent by Flash Traffic.

Regarding the Save our Sail Project: this past October, Jim sent a letter signed by himself, Dan Moss and Layne Moss to NAVC formally requesting the Sail, Rudder and Fairwater's off of the Phoenix. We received a response just before the end of the year and they have tentatively approved that. There are a couple of administrative things. We need to send them a plot plan of where they are going to be located in Indian School Park. This was approved by the Parks and Recreation Review Board in 2008. They said in the letter that the deconstruction of the Phoenix was pushed back to 2014. With availability of parts in late 2015.

Good of the Order

The Binnacle List is clear. Billy Grieves was in the hospital with pneumonia for 2 days, but he is now at home.

Jim discussed the Eagle Scouts presentations being made as part of a national program. We know of four Eagle Scouts that are members of Perch Base. We are getting more active in honoring Eagle Scouts.

Jim made a request for Ron Dutcher who is in need of some assistance getting to our meetings from the Scottsdale area.

50/50 Drawing

50/50 drawing. Was won by Matt Hayball.

Adjournment

The benediction was offered by Walt Blomgren.

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 was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

John Schlag

Secretary, Perch Base USSVI



Holland Club

Perch Base is proud to conduct our annual induction into the Holland Club at the recent Awards Banquet. Below are the names we inducted into that august group.

John Cash

Herbert J. Coulter Jr.

James Evans

Stephen F. Hough

DeWayne Lober

Brutis W. Loftin

Bruce "Robie" D. Robinson