

From the Wardroom Base Commander's Message

Shipmates:

Planning is proceeding for our annual picnic at the White Tank Mountain regional park. We have invited all of the other bases in Arizona to participate with us. In addition, we will be conducting the final Holland Club induction for the year. The date: April 14th; the time 1100-1500. If you haven't already let us know that you are going to attend, please do so now.

All of the State Centennial events have been completed. All of them successful! Hard to believe that Arizona is 100 years old!

Congratulations to Howard Doyle who was reelected as Vice Commander!

See you at the picnic/meeting on the 14th of April.

Fraternally,

Jim Denzien, Base Commander

March 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, 10 March, 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 March, a moment of silence was observed for our shipmates on eternal patrol, "Sailor's rest your oars".

Jim started the meeting by introducing new members and the guests present.

- Michael Hinderliter – Has now joined Perch Base
- Joe Errante – He has returned to the fold.
- George Woods – Was a member previously and is reestablishing his membership with Perch Base.

According to the Sailing List there were 31 members and guest present. The complete sailing list included:

Jim Denzien	Howard Doyle	Bob Warner	Chuck Emmett
Walt Blomgren	Richard Kunze	Rick Simmons	DeWayne Lober
John Schlag	Tim Moore	Richard Bernier	Dan Moss
Herb Coulter	Dottie Reed	Dewey Reed	Davy Jones
Robie Robinson	Michael Hinderliter	Milton McNeill	Tim Gregory
Herb Herman	Bill Woolcott	Tom Clonts	Jerry Pittman
Douglas M LaRock	Steven Balthazor	Jim Nelson	Royce Pettit
Joe Errante	Dick Sinclair	George Woods	

The minutes from the February, 2012 regular meeting needed to be approved as published in the "Mid Watch". A motion was made and seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Bob Warner reported on the base's financial status as of 29 February, 2012. Beginning Balance \$4525.21 with various disbursements gives a balance of \$4154.63. The Base Foundation Balance is \$10,777.72. We plan on adding some of that to different CD's to try to grow our money. 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

Jim reported on the Board of Directors meeting held last Wednesday March 7th.

Jim stated that we had deferred the discussion on the Treasurer's Report until today as Bob was unable to attend that Meeting. We talked about some of our upcoming events. The St. Patrick's Day event, Spring Training, Navy Week, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day and went out as far as July which is the Frontier Days Parade in Prescott.

We will be supporting Bill Woolcott with activities for St. Patrick's Day by providing him with signs and things like that for their activities.

We have scheduled the participation with the Navy Recruiting District at the Peoria Sports Complex on the 27th of March. Jim has been in contact with Commander Alex Ortiz who is the Executive Officer at NRD Phoenix. He indicated to Jim that as soon as the Navy Recruiting District has a releasable schedule for Navy Week activities he would contact Jim and send him a copy of the schedule. Then He would get together with Jim and Howard if he is available, to discuss what Perch Base's participation would be to support the Navy during this week.

We are looking again at doing the Armed Forces Day Parade in Flagstaff. We do not have any specific information at this time. The Parade is followed by a Static Display at the Flagstaff Airport. Joe Varese is in contact to obtain the information.

We have not received information on the Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Cemetery. Generally what we do is provide and make a presentation of a wreath on behalf of Perch Base at this ceremony. We also present a wreath on behalf of our WWII veterans. The date is Monday the 28th of May. The service starts at 8 AM.

We do not have any information on Frontier Days. We have relied on Gudgeon Base to do that for us, because they are the folks that live in the Prescott area. They provide the application for us and we participate in that parade. A lot of us went up last year and actually went to the Rodeo. For those of you that enjoy Rodeo's it is a good Rodeo.

We talked about the upcoming picnic. There is a specific item in Old Business that will cover this.

We have a Base Election; we'll be doing that shortly.

We discussed the issue of the assistance of the women with our group. Due to the issues caused by such things as collecting dues and electing officers within this group. We decided to try a different approach and tentatively we decided to call the group Perch Base Volunteers. It doesn't have to be wives only or women only it could be kids. Jim mentioned that Stan Reinhold's grand kids have helped out at events on an informal basis. Right now we are investigating how we do that. Most of the people that are in that arena are not interested in a highly structured organization. About the only thing we would need from people there would be one or two people as points of contact so that information could be gotten out.

Jim attended last Saturday the United Arizona on Veterans monthly meeting. The biggest thing that came out was a presentation by an Air Force Veteran and a Silver Star recipient. They asked the groups there to participate in another Memorial Day Service. It is going to be the inaugural event to be held at the Surprise Baseball Stadium which is the home of the Rangers and the Royals. It will be on Saturday 26th of May. The discussion and the presentation that was available there at the meeting on Saturday was such that a lot of the events around Memorial Day and Veterans Day have become way to commercialized instead of having people think about and deliberate on why we are having the commemoration. You know we've got clowns and everything else out there instead of think about what we are truly trying to commemorate. We seem to be getting away from what these days are for. The Board decided to participate in this; again it is on Saturday 26th of May. It looks like among other people the Governor will be there. It looks like they have really done their homework. We will be putting out more information on that. The Float will be on display. There will be a breakfast up there.

Tim Moore has made a partial contact with the people at Children's Hospital here in Phoenix and he has passed that information on to Bob Gilmore, who is going to be the Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) Program Coordinator. It looks like we will be putting something together for this summer. We are still in the Flu Season and that is one of the things the people at the hospital are concerned about.

Five members of the base attended the presentation by the Naval Order Group at Macayo's on the subject of "Things that you didn't know about Submarines", the presenter was retired Army and Submariner want-a-be, and he likes the stories and things like that. He did a real good job on the presentation. We kept tong in cheek until he was finished. There were a few things when he first started talking about some of the escapades from the Halibut with the big door on the front. He mentioned that they carried Pegasus Missiles, after the presentation we gently reminded him that they were Regulus Missiles. All in all he did a real good job. As a result we are looking at making another presentation and we are going to make the presentation in front of this Naval Order group in the fall. It will

most probably be on the history of the Submarine as far as the United States Navy is concerned going back to the beginning of US Naval Submarines.

The National Organization has put out calls for all of the National and Regional Elections. Every office in the national hierarchy is up for grabs; National Commander, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Secretary, Treasurer and all of the Regional Directors including our own. Jim Dunn is not going to be running for reelection of Western Region. We have put this out before in a Flash Traffic. Which means that all of the requirements for these offices are out there; what people have to have to do that. If you wanted to nominate someone you would have to do it prior to the 30th of April of this year. Those positions are going to be voted on at the National Convention in Norfolk.

There are also nominations for National Awards and that will also be at the National Convention. Other than the Newsletter nomination is due by the 30th of April. The Newsletter is due by May 15th. We will be putting our Newsletter in for nomination, we think it is outstanding and we think everyone else should recognize that.

Jim asked for questions about anything from the Board of Directors Meeting. Herb asked. How would a person know or who votes on these National offices? Jim replied on the National Officers "Everybody". Herb then asked; how do you know these individuals? Jim replied that they publish bios on line or through the American Submariner Magazine they have done it both ways. Chuck puts them out as a Flash Traffic so that people get it. It's important that you know. Jim then asked if that answered the question.

Herb replied yes, thank you for that. Herb then stated that he did not know the stats on any of these people, so how would he know who to vote for and how do I make my vote meaningful? Jim replied there is one other way that you can get information on some of these people. It takes a little bit of investigating on your own. The National web site is a good place to start.

There was more discussion and Jim stated that for western region director he would vote for Jack Messerschmidt he is going to be on the ballot. Other than that you can see one of us after the meeting.

There was a question of why we started the history of Submarines with the Holland. Because there are some documented records of submarines prior. The answer is that the US Submarine Service came into existence when we bought the first one from Holland, that's where we pound the stake in the ground. By the way the Hunley sank three times and they have three different crews buried in Charleston SC. If you looked at the history of submarines completely you could go back to Alexander the Great. That was a good point.

Jim asked if there were any other questions about elections or any thing else like that.

Howard made a comment that we have a bunch of things coming up here, specifically on the 17th, the 27th and Memorial Day. We are going to have two services on Memorial Day. Howard felt that Memorial Day is the most important event we do in the year followed by Veterans Day in the fall. We would like to see as many members show up with your vest at these events. Howard was out with Chuck and Walt yesterday and only had his hat. A lady came up to them out of the blue and told them "Thank you for your service". That is part of what our creed is carrying on and letting people know we are out there.

Base Officers and Board of Directors Reports

Membership Chairman – Rick Simmons nothing additional to report.

Vice Commander – Howard Doyle stated that he had already had his say.

Secretary – John Schlag had nothing additional to report.

Chaplain – Walt Blomgren had nothing additional to report.

Treasurer – Bob Warner had nothing additional to report.

Communications Officer – Chuck Emmett had nothing additional to report.

Base Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober was not present at today's meeting.

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

Event Coordinator – Joe Varese was not present at today's meeting.

Base Historian – Jim Newman was not present at today's meeting

Past Base Commander – Stan Reinhold was not present at today's meeting.

Save our Sail Co-Chair - Dan Moss stated that we had Approval from NavSea to give us the Sail the Fairwater Planes and the Rudder of the Phoenix. They were in the process of answering the City of Phoenix and putting together a proposal for the people at Indian School Steel Park. Jim then described what has happened thus far in the process.

Most of this is described on page 16 of this months Newsletter. Chuck stated that there will be an ongoing column in the Newsletter with up dated status of the project. If there is nothing new, it will say there is nothing new to report.

Election of vice –Commander

Jim stated that at present we have one nomination for the position of Vice Commander, which is Howard Doyle. Jim asked for additional nominations from the floor. Having none there was a motion to close the nominations and accept Howard Doyle as vice commander by acclamation for the next year. The motion was seconded. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote. Jim reminded everyone that there are only two elected officers in this base. That was changed a year or so ago. The Base Commander is a two year tour and the Vice Commander is a one year tour.

Old Business

Base Picnic is the 14th of April at White Tanks Regional Park instead of having the meeting here. We need to find out how many people intend to come. There will be Flash Traffic. We will need some assistance with prep work. Flipping burgers at a beer ballgame previously counts as experience for volunteers. Tau-Taug Base in Case Grande has ten people coming and Gudgeon has some folks planning to bring their RV's and spend the evening. There will be a Holland Club induction for the five people that were unable to attend in January.

New Business

The National Convention will be in Norfolk Virginia. It will be from Sunday the 2nd thru Sunday the 9th of September. Applications are in the American Submariner. Let Jim know if you plan to attend he will not be able to this year and he wants someone to represent Perch Base for him. Howard reminded all that the National Awards are part of the National Convention. So get on the website look at the Awards Manual and check out the categories, anyone can make a nomination. It was in the Flash Traffic sent out on the 5th of March.

Good of the Order

The Binnacle List has no one new. A couple of our members are under the weather. Walt keeps in touch with them.

Ed Hawkins was in the hospital he is now home.

Davy Jones is doing well.

Billy Grieves is doing well he is about back to normal.

Stan Reinhold is doing real well.

Jim added that he will be having surgery on his knee on the 20th of March.

Tim Moore Shared that of the Perch Survivors there are two left both are members of Perch base.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was \$64.00 won by Steve Balthazor.

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 13:01PM.

John Schlag

Secretary, Perch Base USSVI

