



The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant at Arrowhead, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 13 July 2013. The meeting was called to order by Howard Doyle, Base Commander.

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

As the first item of business, a motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the June 2013 regular meeting be approved as published in the MidWatch monthly newsletter. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Bob Warner presented the Treasurer's Report stating the Perch Base financial status for the month ending 30 June 2013. A motion was made and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be approved as stated. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

According to the Sailing List there were 29 members and guests present. The complete sailing list included:

Howard Doyle	Chuck Emmett	Rich Kunze	Jim Denzien
Tim Moore	Rick Simmons	DeWayne Lober	Walt Blomgren
Steve Leon	Milton McNeill	Bob Warner	Don DeMarte
Don Unser	Pete Tardiff	Dan Moss	Royce Pettit
Ted Hunt	Richard Bernier	Herb Coulter	Robb Roberts
Steven Stanger	John Zaichkin	Jim Strassels	Jim Nelson
Bill Malda	Angie Grams	Jeffery Grams	Mark Field
Paul Miller			

#### **Base Commander's Board of Directors Meeting Report**

Howard reported on the Prescott Frontier Days 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. This event was somewhat dampened by the Yarnell Hill wild lands fire which took the lives of the 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots on 30 June 2013. Overall the parade was a big success. It was announced that we had a total of 15 people in attendance for this event. This included 12 Gudgeon & Perch Base members as well as 3 guests. Following the parade, Tom Warner, Gudgeon Base Commander, had a picnic at his home for anyone who wished to attend. Howard showed the Granite Mountain Hotshot Memorial sign that he and Chuck made up for display in our float in the parade and mentioned that he had one framed and placed it at the memorial site at Fire Station #7 in Prescott.

The election results for the USSVI District 1 Commander are in and Jim Denzien was elected as Western District 1 Commander. There were 61 votes cast with no write-ins. Perch Base had 25 electronic ballots and 11 paper ballots cast for a total of 23.5% return. Tautog Base had 5, Gudgeon Base had 10 and Tucson Base had 5 ballots cast. Howard mentioned that Western District 3 had no votes cast and doesn't know how the USSVI will handle this issue.

We have been notified that both the Anthem and Black Canyon City Veteran's Day Parades will be on Saturday, 9 November 2013 and we will be attending both of these events. Details for the City of Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade and the Gilbert static display events are still pending. Walt will be following up with the necessary contacts to get the details for those events.

In that the 9<sup>th</sup> of November is our meeting date; we will be attending the Anthem and Black Canyon City parades in lieu of a meeting. All hands will be notified in the MidWatch and via Flash Traffic of this announcement.

We received a letter announcing that on December 7<sup>th</sup>, Pearl Harbor Day, there is going to be a dedication for the gun barrels from the USS Arizona and USS Missouri that are being installed at Wesley Bolin Plaza. The board voted in

favor of participating in this ceremony. We will be laying wreaths for both the SubVets of WWII and Perch Base. If the event coordinators for this ceremony want us to bring the float, we will do that as well. There is a fundraising project to place engraved bricks around the gun barrels. We will provide bricks for both Perch Base and the SubVets of WWII.

### **Officers and Committee Chairmen Reports**

**Vice-Commander/Communications Officer** – Chuck Emmett announced the website base officer e-mail address issues have been resolved. The problem was we were on an older type server and we have been moved to a new faster server which has resolved the problems and has reduced our two year fee by about 50%. Chuck also mentioned that he had to re-load the entire 6GB web page so if anyone notices any problems or errors, please let him know right away.

Chuck stated that as Vice-Commander he and Howard communicate daily and if anyone has any issues that need to be brought up and you can't get in touch of Howard, give Chuck a call.

The Base Constitution had to be amended regarding membership issues to be in alignment with the USSVI National Constitution. The proper protocol is to publish constitutional changes in the MidWatch at least two months prior to an election which has been done. These changes have been published in the last two editions. At the next base meeting (Saturday, 10 Aug 2013) we will have a vote on the Constitution. You may also vote by e-mail through any base officer or by regular mail. Votes must be in prior to the next meeting.

With regards to the donation issue for the 19 fallen firefighters and the residents of Yarnell, you should make your donations out to the Perch Base Subvets Foundation in that it is a 501(c)3 foundation and your contributions are tax deductible. Make sure that you designate that this donation for this effort by writing "Relief Fund" in the memo field.

**Interim Secretary** – Tim Moore did not report.

**Treasurer** – Bob Warner did not report.

**Membership Chair** - Rick reported that the changes to the Policies & Procedures Manual are mostly related to Associate Member status. For the USSVI to have a 501(c)3 designation as a war veteran organization, 90% of the members have to have been war veterans. That is why the USSVI is asking for the years of service because there are specific time periods of time that the government considers as war time status. Associate Members could dilute that 90% pool. However there are a number of Associate Members who are war time veterans but were not designated Qualified in Submarines. We also are required to get national approval for all Associate Members nominated.

**Chaplain** – Steve Leon did not report.

**Events Coordinator** – Walt Blomgren announced we received an invitation from Congress, AZ to participate in their "Strike it Rich in Congress" event on Saturday, October 5, 2013. The board approved we accept the Old Congress Days invitation. Congress is about 10 miles northwest of Wickenburg. Additionally if anyone is contacted requesting our participation with our float in a parade or for a static display, let Walt know. For planning purposes, we would like to have six to eight weeks advance notice.

**Chief of the Boat** – Rich Kunze did not report.

**Base Storekeeper** – DeWayne Lober did not report.

**Past Commander** – Jim Denzien thanked the membership for their support in voting him in as the Western District 1 Commander. Jim will be sworn in at the USSVI convention in Rochester. Jim also mentioned the controversial issue between Groton Base and the USSVI. For anyone interested in information about this issue, there is detailed information posted on the national website.

**Historian** – Jim Newman was not present.

**ASSM (Arizona Silent Service Memorial)** – Dan Moss announced that the ASSM designer Renee Palmer-Jones is with us today and will update us on the design project during The Good of the Order.

### **Old Business**

Howard announced the Board of Directors approved Revision 9 of the Policies & Procedures Manual and it is posted on the website. There were some membership requirement changes made so that we are in compliance with national requirements. If you can't access the website speak to Chuck and you can get a paper copy.

### **New Business**

Howard made an appeal to our members who run businesses or have friends who run a business to purchase business card ads to be run in the MidWatch. We used to do this as a fundraiser and need to start promoting it again.

We would like the membership to talk to their friends, relatives and business associates and solicit for ads in the MidWatch. For businesses it is a tax deductible business expense like any other advertising expense. Chuck added that we used to run these ads for \$100.00 for 12 issues of the MidWatch which is a very good deal. Our circulation is currently about 175.

Howard announced that George Long had his computer e-mail hacked. Someone has been sending out e-mails, making them appear to come from George soliciting \$1500.00 for a "soft loan" (whatever that is) from Perch Base. This is indeed a SCAM and everyone should be on the alert for this e-mail. The USSVI has been notified of this situation. Chuck also suggested that should you receive one of these types of solicitations, don't ever reply or you might get your e-mail hacked.

### **Good of the Order**

Howard read of a brief bio outlining her credentials and resume and introduced Renee Palmer-Jones, the ASSM (Arizona Silent Service Memorial) designer. Renee gave us an enlightening presentation of the ASSM design project

In addition to our design project, Renee also designed the Anthem Veteran's Memorial located east of I-17 on Anthem Way. It is about a half mile to the first traffic light, turn right at the Safeway, and it is located on the left side in the Anthem Park. This memorial has been named a State of Arizona Historical site and has won two national engineering and design awards. Renee invited and encouraged the membership to visit this memorial. Don DeMarte introduced our ASSM project to Renee and she agreed to participate.

The design is nearly complete. The design committee also includes Jim Martin who is a Civil Engineer and Steve Rush who is a Draftsman. When the design is complete, Steve will provide scale models which we can use for fund raising events. The basic design includes a "foot print" pad which is 30' long x 15' wide. There will be a granite podium which is 14' long x 6' wide x 7' high with sloping sides and cradled at the top.

Sitting atop the podium will be a fast attack submarine fabricated in steel appearing to do an emergency blow. The top of the submarine will be 11' high. The final design will be copyrighted to protect the integrity of the ASSM project. It is important to note that all three members on this committee are donating their time free gratis for this project.

Renee mentioned that other people will be drawn in to complete this project; artists and fabricators in granite and steel. Kudos and a big Bravo Zulu need to go out to Renee and the rest of this design committee for the wonderful work they are providing. We should have a final design in the fall.

The memorial is proposed to be installed at Wesley Bolin Plaza and requires state senate approval. Senator Al Melvin of Tucson has agreed to sponsor a bill in the 2014 legislature to sponsor a Submarine Memorial in Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza. Fundraising will be the responsibility of the ASSM committee.

Steve Leon announced the Binnacle List which includes Bernie Fromm and Herb Herman. Howard added Stan Reinhold and George Crider to the list. Milton McNeill is much improved and is with us in the meeting today. DeWayne Lober announced he is off the Binnacle List. We must continue to keep our infirmed shipmates in our thoughts and prayers.

### **50/50 Drawing**

The 50/50 drawing was held and there was \$92.00 in the pot. Bob Warner was the winner and he donated his winner's share of \$41.00 back to Perch Base. Thank you, shipmate.

### **Adjournment**

The benediction was offered by Base Chaplain Steve Leon.

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 1324 hours.

Tim Moore  
Interim Secretary  
Perch Base USSVI

