

## June 2012 General Meeting Minutes

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, 16 June, 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 June, 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.

Jeff Nelson – Not new but first time attending a meeting in 5 years.

Frank Myers – District 11 Commander, for the American Legion.

Frank invited Perch Base to attend a Picnic with the American Legion to be held on the first Saturday of November which is Nov. 3rd this year.

According to the Sailing List there were 27 members and guest present. The complete sailing list included:

Jim Denzien	Howard Doyle	Bob Warner	Chuck Emmett
Richard Kunze	Rick Simmons	DeWayne Lober	Walt Blomgren
Joe Varese	John Schlag	Tim Moore	Richard Bernier
Dan Moss	Davy Jones	Tom Clonts	Douglas M LaRock
Ted Hunt	Don DeMarte	Kelly Grissoum	Herb Coulter
Jeff Nelson	George Crider	Frank Myers	Steven Stanger
Jared Fuller	Jerry Pittman	Heather Diaz	

The, minutes from the May, 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 read the Treasurer's Report for May, 2012. 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 June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Jim discussed the items covered at the BOD Meeting. We talked about some of our upcoming events.

We discussed the Traveling Dolphins instituted by Gudgeon Base in Prescott. We'll make a field trip to Prescott to capture the Dolphins. July 21<sup>st</sup> Base Members are invited to attend.

We also discussed the upcoming Kaps(SS)4Kids(SS) event.

We discussed the Awards Dinner for next year – Chuck Emmett and Rick Simmons will be in charge of that again for 2013.

We discussed the events around Veterans Day this year – Phoenix Parade, Gilbert, Higgle High School and the Anthem / Black Canyon City parades, Steve Stanger confirmed the date to be on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> and said they would also have a car show at the same time.

The Naval Order presentation attended by some base members 4 months ago was discussed and we have been asked to provide a presentation on Submarine History on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September at Macayo's on Central Avenue in Phoenix.

Jim asked that any suggestions for the Awards Dinner be given to Chuck or Rick.

Jim and Howard Doyle attended the Unified Arizona Veterans Meeting – Most of that which was discussed was about Memorial Day weekend both at the National Cemetery and the event at the Surprise Stadium.

### **Base Officers and Board of Directors Reports**

**Vice Commander** – Howard Doyle stated that the float was going to Prescott for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade which will be on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. Chuck will put out a Flash Traffic with details.

**Membership Chairman** – Rick Simmons again encouraged everyone to access the National Website, get a password and update their profile.

**Secretary** – John Schlag had nothing to add.

**Communications Officer** – Chuck Emmett had some paper copies of the Base Newsletter available. He reminded everyone that if they wanted to submit anything to the Newsletter that he was open to everything. Chuck pointed out the Cap he was wearing with the small Perch Base patch. He was looking for comments to establish a new distinctive Base Cap. Send comments to Chuck at Communications @ Perch Base.Com

**Event Coordinator** – Joe Varese stated that Howard had covered everything for him. Jim commented that Joe had recently been in the hospital for knee surgery and we were happy to have him back.

**Chaplain** – Walt Blomgren – had no one new on the Binnacle List. Both Stan Reinhold and Davy Jones are doing well. Dan Moss had given him a CD on Eternal Patrol. He was going to check it and see if it could be used in the ceremony at the Cemetery.

**Chief of the Boat** – Richard Kunze reminded everyone that in the Prescott we don't walk we ride.

**Treasurer** – Bob Warner had nothing to add.

**Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) Coordinator** – Tim Moore discussed and described the Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) program which is a National Program. We will visit Children's Hospital this coming Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June at 2:00 PM. It is located at 51<sup>st</sup> and Thomas Rd on the South West side.

**Base Storekeeper** – DeWayne Lober had shirts and Submarine Dolphin Flags.

**Save our Sail Co-Chair** - Dan Moss had nothing new, Jim discussed progress thus far, recent submittals and fund raising.

Walt asked about the Gun Barrels being brought to Phoenix. They are located at a storage yard located at 35<sup>th</sup> Ave and Buckeye Rd. The Secretary of State arranged for them to be stored in the yard. It is a 14" from the Arizona and a 16" from the Missouri. The latter is the one that is pictured during the Japanese Surrender in Tokyo Bay in 1945. It is the middle barrel from the 2<sup>nd</sup> turret on Missouri.

### **Old Business**

Upcoming Events – Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) June 21st.

Prescott Frontier Days Parade June 30th

### **New Business**

The National Convention will be in Norfolk Virginia. It will be from Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September. Several members have said they may go.

We will go and capture the Dolphins from Gudgeon July 21<sup>st</sup> in Prescott.

National Elections – On Line voting started June 12<sup>th</sup> – We need to login and vote.

### **Good of the Order**

Jim showed the Scale Models of an Mk 48 Torpedo and the Tomahawk Cruise Missile with Data sheets which were made for use at static display's that were made by Dan Moss.

Brad Veep – Who is a dual member of Perch and Gudgeon, recently, had a mini stroke while visiting in Oregon.

Brian Thomasin – Past Base Commander of Perch is now a member of Gudgeon Base.

Don DeMarte – The Naval Operational Support Facility is now located at Luke.

Was invited to and attended the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Midway on June the 7<sup>th</sup> no other Submarine Veterans were present.

**50/50 Drawing**

The 50/50 drawing \$110 / \$55 was won by Bob Warner.

**Benediction**

The benediction was offered by Walt Blomgren.

**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 was adjourned at 13:07.

John Schlag

Secretary, Perch Base USSVI