

## From the Wardroom Base Commander's Message

Shipmates:

The Armed Forces Day parade in Flagstaff on 5/19 and two Memorial Day events, one on the 26<sup>th</sup> (Surprise) and one on the 28<sup>th</sup> (National Cemetery) will be history by the time you read this. The Flagstaff event was successful as usual. We had about twelve people attend. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend.

The Memorial Day event in Surprise is the first of a series: join us there on the 26<sup>th</sup>. We will then be at the National Cemetery on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be conducting a Tolling Ceremony after the Memorial Service. Join us: it is an important tribute to all our departed shipmates.

Just a reminder: our next meeting is on the third Saturday this month: June 16<sup>th</sup>. But we will be going to "steal" the dolphins from Gudgeon Base on the second Saturday: June 9<sup>th</sup>. See all of the Flash Traffic notices for the details.

See you at the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June.

Fraternally,

Jim Denzien, Base Commander

## May 2012 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, 12 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 Chuck Emmett, (Communications Officer filling in for the Base Chaplain, Walt Blomgren,) the Pledge of Allegiance and the Reciting of our Purpose. The tolling ceremony was conducted for boats lost in the month of May, a moment of silence was observed for our shipmates on eternal patrol, "Sailor's rest your oars".

The Base Commander introduced new members and guests. The new members are: Robert (Bob) Wright, Clancy DeGroot, Bill Custance and Kelly Grissoum. Robert Beranek was present as guest of Herb Herman.

According to the Sailing List there were 30 members and guest present. These were:

Jim Denzien	Howard Doyle	Bob Warner	Chuck Emmett
Richard Kunze	Rick Simmons	DeWayne Lober	John Schlag
Tim Moore	Richard Bernier	Dan Moss	Davy Jones
Herb Herman	Tom Clonts	Douglas M. LaRock	George Woods
Mary Denzien	Ted Hunt	Jim F. Newman	Robert Wright
Don DeMarte	Robert Gilmore	Don Unser	Tom Brady
Kelly Grissoum	Joseph J. Varese	Jim W. Newman	Bill Custance
Clancy Degroot	Robert Beranek		

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March, 2012 regular meeting as published in the "Mid Watch". The motion was carried by voice vote.

The Base Treasurer, Bob Warner presented the report on the Base's financial status as of 30 April, 2012. After very brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. The motion carried by voice vote.

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

Denzien reported on the Board of Directors meeting held Wednesday May 9, 2012. Topics the BOD discussed included upcoming events such as Armed Forces Day (Flagstaff,) Memorial Day ceremony in Surprise, Phoenix National Cemetery, the submittal of our newsletter for the annual award and work that needed to be done on our float.

For the float work, Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup> and Vice-Commander Howard Doyle will be the point of contact. Interested parties were to meet at the Goodyear float storage area at 13:00. While at the storage area, the wreaths for Memorial Day will be removed and checked out.

Denzien announced that even if no WWII veterans can attend (the Memorial Day Ceremony), the Base will present both wreaths — the Base's and the one for our WWII Sub Vets.

The Commander reminded members that the June Base Meeting will be on the third Saturday (16<sup>th</sup>.)

Denzien briefed the members on the Traveling Dolphins Program (**EDITOR: See special article following these minutes.**) With no Perch Base meeting on the second Saturday of June (the same as Gudgeon's) a party will make a field trip to Prescott to capture the Dolphins.

Other information for future events was less than complete. Denzien briefed the Base on the information that was available on the Armed Forces Day Parade in Flagstaff and the Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Cemetery. Memorial Day is Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of May and the service starts at 8 a.m.

Gudgeon Base is still planning on providing the details, and registering Perch Base, for the Rodeo Days event near July 4<sup>th</sup>. Denzien will keep the Base apprized.

The Commander briefed the Base on the decision of the Board to establish the membership category of "Volunteers" including who may fit in this group. He instructed Members that the **Perch Base Policies and Procedures** has the details for this category.

### **Report of Base Officers**

- **Membership Chairman** – Rick Simmons nothing additional to report.
- **vice Commander** – Howard Doyle stated that Flagstaff is having an Armed Forces Day parade on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. Chuck will put out a Flash Traffic with details.
- **Event Coordinator** – Joe Varese discussed the upcoming events for Memorial Day. 26<sup>th</sup> May at Surprise and 28<sup>th</sup> May at the National Cemetery. Jim and Howard further discussed the events.
- **Communications Officer** – Chuck Emmett had nothing to add.
- **Chief of the Boat** – Richard Kunze had nothing to add.
- **Secretary** – John Schlag had nothing to add.
- **Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) Coordinator** – Bob Gilmore reported he had received contact information from the last K4K Coordinator will start working on that.
- **Chaplain** – Walt Blomgren was not present at today's meeting.
- **Base Storekeeper** – DeWayne Lober announced he had shirts and Submarine Dolphin Flags for sale at the meeting.
- **Treasurer** – Bob Warner had received donation from White Mountain for Kap(SS)4Kid(SS).

### **USSVI Election**

Denzien discussed the election upcoming at the National Convention. Emmett has sent a **Flash Traffic** with more details.

### **Old Business**

No additional Old Business.

### **New Business**

In addition to previously discussed topics, Denzien discussed the National Convention that will be in Norfolk Virginia from Sept. 2 through Sept. 9. He added that several members have said they may go.

### **Good of the Order**

The Binnacle List was clear at meeting time. Unfortunately, a couple of members departed on Eternal Patrol. Daniel Reel left in early April but the Base just recently was notified by his wife. Ed Hawkins also departed and the Base had a very good turn out at the cemetery for his service.

The Base COB, Richard Kunze, commented that we had about 70 people in attendance at the (April) Base Picnic and everyone there seemed to enjoy it.

Doyle discussed that Frontier Days in Prescott on July 2 (Saturday before the 4<sup>th</sup>) and the associated rodeo. He reminded members that a **Flash Traffic** will be sent with more details.

### **50/50 Drawing**

The 50/50 drawing yielded \$84.00. The Base's share was \$42.00.

### **Adjournment**

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

The benediction was offered by Chuck Emmett.

John Schlag , Secretary, Perch Base USSVI

## **Traveling Dolphins Program**

### **WD1 Traveling Dolphins**

### **Gudgeon Base to launch Western District One's Traveling Dolphin program**



#### **How it works:**

- The originating Base holds the traveling dolphins until captured by another Base.
- Only bases within Western Region One can capture the WD1 Traveling Dolphins.
- There needs to be at least 3 members from the capturing Base attend the meeting of the Base holding the dolphins.
- One of the capturing Base members needs to be an elected officer.
- It is always polite to give advance notice to the holding Base of the pending visit (capture).
- At least one person from the capturing Base needs to tell a 'sea story' during the capture.
- If more than one Base attempts to capture the dolphins at the same meeting, the visiting Base with most members makes the capture.
- In case of a tie, a coin is tossed and the winning Base makes the capture.
- Capturing base installs a standardized brass plaque on the reverse side giving date of capture and Base from whom captured.

**Traveling Dolphin program courtesy of John Mansfield, Jr., District Commander, WD 4.**

As of July 2011 the following eight bases comprise WR District 1:

1. Barbel Base, Yuma, AZ
2. Bullhead Base, Albuquerque, NM
3. Gudgeon Base, Prescott, AZ
4. Perch Base, Phoenix, AZ
5. Tautog Base, Casa Grande, AZ
6. Tucson Base, Tucson, AZ
7. White Mountain Base, Snowflake, AZ
8. White Sands Base, WSMR. NM