



August 2013 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 1204 hours, 10 August 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 Commander Howard Doyle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the standard ceremonial opening. The tolling ceremony was conducted for all boats lost in the month of August and a moment of silence was observed for our shipmates on eternal patrol.

Howard asked for the introduction of new members and guests. The first introduction was for Dan Nelson, a potential member whose qual boat was the USS Benjamin Franklin SSBN-640. Dan spent four years in the Navy and made 5 patrols out of Guam in the late sixties. Next to be introduced was Jim Fox who is visiting today and is Base Commander for the Cowtown Base in Ft. Worth, TX. Jim's qual boat was the William H Bates SSN-680. Jim spoke of his Navy career and invited us to the Cowtown Base in Ft. Worth which meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month except for the months of July and August. Davy Jones introduced his grandson, Demetrius Shargani who was in attendance with Davy today. Demetrius is here from Hawaii and will be attending ASU pursuing engineering degree.

Howard announced that Herb Herman and Stan Reinhold were back with us today, both of whom have been on the Binnacle List for quite some time and are currently recovering from their ailments.

According to the Sailing List there were twenty-three (23) members and guests present. The complete sailing list included:

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| Howard Doyle | Chuck Emmett | Rich Kunze | Jim Denzien |
| Tim Moore | Rick Simmons | DeWayne Lober | Herb Coulter |
| John Mosher | Doug LaRock | Dan Nelson | Don DeMarte |
| Don Unser | Davy Jones | Demetrus Shargani | George Crider |
| Ted Hunt | Mark Field | Stan Reinhold | Jim Fox |
| Mark Field | Herb Herman | Royce Pettit | |

As the first item of business, Howard Doyle presented the Treasurer's Report stating the financial status for the month ending 31 July 2013. A motion was made and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be approved as published. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Howard asked for a motion to approve the July general meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the July 2013 regular meeting be approved as published in the MidWatch monthly newsletter. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Base Commander's Board of Directors Meeting Report

Howard announced that because of recent issues at Groton Base and the IRS, the Board of Directors made a decision to acquire Business Owners liability insurance policy to cover Perch Base in the event that there are errors or omissions or other unforeseen circumstances that might result in a lawsuit against the base. State Farm has a policy that will cover our current needs. The USSVI used to have a policy that covered individual bases but the carrier dropped the USSVI because of requirements by some states that were not within parameters of the coverage available. Currently there is no blanket policy available the will cover bases in all 50 states. So until such time that something becomes available at the national level, Perch Base will be covered by this State Farm policy for a premium cost of \$300.00 annually.

Howard presented an update in reference to the ongoing issues at Groton Base. Both Jim Fox of Cowtown Base and Jim Denzien provided additional information about these issues. Jim Denzien also suggested that if anyone desires additional detail, information can be found on the USSVI website under the documents link and look for the USSVI Disciplinary Committee Summary of Findings which is a 4 page document detailing the committee findings

along with a letter from USSVI Commander Michael Burcumshaw detailing what was done and why it was done.

Howard announced that the USSVI has been designated by Congress as all 501(c) 19 War Veterans Organization and all USSVI bases fall under this classification as tax exempt organizations. In the future anyone who makes a donation to the Perch Base only needs to write one check. All donations above and beyond membership dues are tax deductible. Donors will receive an official thank you letter acknowledging receipt of contributions.

Officers and Committee Chairmen Reports

Vice-Commander/Communications Officer – Chuck Emmett had nothing to report.

Interim Secretary – Tim Moore had nothing to report.

Secretary – Herb Herman said he hopes to resume his Secretarial duties next month if his health permits.

Treasurer – Bob Warner was not present.

Membership Chair – Rick Simmons had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Steve Leon was not present.

Events Coordinator – Walt Blomgren was not present.

Chief of the Boat – Rich Kunze announced that he would be going to the national convention (as the official Perch Base representative) at the end of the month. If anyone has any questions, ideas or other issues they would like brought up at the general business meeting, let Richard know and he will get it on the business meeting agenda.

Base Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober announced he has a special on large window decals.

Past Commander – Jim Denzien had nothing to report.

Past Commander – Stan Reinhold had nothing to report.

Historian – Jim Newman was not present.

ASSM (Arizona Silent Service Memorial) – Dan Moss announced that we will be having Senator Melvin of Tucson as a keynote speaker at the September meeting to discuss the legislative procedures related to the ASSM memorial and to answer any questions we might have.

Old Business

Howard announced that we have published updates to our Constitution in the MidWatch. These updates were done to insure we are in compliance with the USSVI. He entertained a motion to accept the changes as published in the MidWatch. The motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous show of hands vote. Chuck will forward the constitutional changes to the District Commander, Jack Messersmith.

It was also announced that Rev. 9 of the Policies and Procedures Manual are now in affect and are published on the Perch Base website.

Tom Warner, Gudgeon Base Commander has invited the Perch Base membership to attend their picnic next Saturday, the 17th of August at Fain Park in Prescott Valley. This invitation is for Perch Base members and their families. We need to provide a head count so they can prepare for our visit. Chuck will attempt to get the logistical information and send it out to the membership as a Flash Traffic. Based on a show of hands, we currently have thirteen (13) people planning to attend.

New Business

Again we want to make an appeal to solicit business card ads for the MidWatch. These ads will cost \$100.00 and are effective for a year. This can be an effective fundraiser for our base.

On December 7th there will be a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day at Wesley Bolin Plaza. Don DeMarte brought us up to date on this event. Perch Base will be purchasing two pavers for their memorial fund raiser, one for the WWII Submarine Veterans and one for Perch Base. It was approved by the BOD to purchase an 8" x 8" brick paver honoring the Submarine Veterans of WWII at a cost of \$500.00 with 6 lines of text and \$125.00 for a 4" x 8" brick paver with 3 lines of text sponsored by Perch Base.

Howard announced that we are still accepting donations for the victims of the Yarnell Hill fire and for the families of the 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots who gave their lives fighting that fire. These donations will be split 50:50 with half going to the 100 Club for the families of the fallen firefighters and half going to the Salvation Army designated for the Yarnell Hill fire victims. It was also announced that FEMA and the Administration have stated that the Yarnell Hill fire does not qualify as a disaster and the victims will be receiving no Federal assistance.

Tim Moore presented a 15 minute PowerPoint presentation in remembrance of the 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots who lost their lives fighting the Yarnell Hill wild lands fire. There was an impromptu memorial set up at Fire Station #7 in Prescott and this presentation was based on photos taken at that site.

Good of the Order

Jim Denzien announced that he has spoken with Billy Grieves and under the circumstances he is doing quite well. Muriel is slipping and is very reliant on Billy for support. Billy wants all the base membership to know how much he appreciates our concern and well wishes that come from his shipmates at Perch Base. It may be some time before we get the opportunity to see Billy again so in the meantime let's keep Billy and Muriel in our thoughts and prayers.

Howard announced that Steve Leon has taken a new job that will necessitate his working Saturdays. As a result we need to find a replacement for Steve to fill the Chaplain's position. If there is anyone who might be interested in filling Steve's position, please let Howard know.

Binnacle List

Richard Kunze announced that Milton McNeill is showing improvement and George Crider is with us today so he is much improved. Herb Herman and Stan Reinhold are also with us today so it seems they are on the mend as well. Let's keep these shipmates in our prayers for their continued improvement.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was held and Jim Fox's wife Linda drew the winning ticket. There was \$95.00 in the pot and Howard Doyle won the winner's share of \$47.00.

Adjournment

The benediction was offered by Base Commander Howard Doyle.

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 1321 hours.

Tim Moore

Interim Secretary, Perch Base USSVI



Operation Sunshine Under The Ice: The USS Nautilus Mission 55 Years Ago

Philip R. Devlin, Patch.com, Jul 31



Given the enduring popularity of Jules Verne's classic novel 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea, it should come as no surprise that no fewer than six vessels in the Navy have been named the Nautilus — two ships and four submarines.

But the last submarine named Nautilus (SSN-571) was a game-changer. Built during the Cold War in the 1950s, this version of the Nautilus was the first sub ever to be powered by a nuclear reactor. As such, its ability to stay submerged for extremely long periods of time was unprecedented. At 319 feet in length, the Nautilus was much larger than diesel-powered subs, and weighed more than 3,000 tons. It rewrote the submarine record book for durability and distance.

Built in Groton, CT, in 1951, the sub was christened there by First Lady Mamie Eisenhower on January 21, 1954. Its home port was the Naval Submarine Base in Groton as well, the home, too, for many of its crew.

By the time it was decommissioned in 1980, it had roamed the seas of the world for more than 25 years and had