

*Joint Meeting Minutes - August  
PERCH - GUDGEON BASES*

A joint meeting of Arizona SubVets – Gudgeon Base and Perch Base was held at the Moose Lodge, Prescott Valley, Arizona on Saturday 11 August 2007.

The meeting was opened at 1200 hours with a call to order by Gudgeon Base Commander, Jack Messersmith, in standard ceremonial form.

There were a total of thirty-five (35) subvets and four (4) guests at the meeting. This included 16 Perch Base members and 19 Gudgeon Base members. The members welcomed guests; Bill Lee, Jim Dunn (WD1 Commander) and Lee Cousin (Perch Base Wife of Roger Cousin).

The minutes for the July meeting were read and accepted as read.

A report of Base financial status, as of August 1, 2007, was read by Base Treasurer – Brad Veek. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as read. The motion carried.

**REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

Base Vice Commander – Al Landeck announced that Gudgeon Base would be participating in an upcoming Court of Honor for a new Eagle Scout (who happens to be the grandson of Gudgeon Base Treasurer – Brad Veek).

Chief of the Boat – Dave Herrington had nothing to report.

Membership Chairman – Al Weiss noted that he has identified 13 subvets that are prospective members for Gudgeon Base. Al is communicating with these individuals by email coaxing them into making a join decision.

Base Chaplain – Brad Veek reported that Joe O'treba is at home and in good spirits, John Dudas is preparing for surgery and Dudley McMains has experienced kidney failure and is currently on dialysis. Brad encourages the members to remember our shipmates in their prayers.

Base WebMaster – John Dudas announced that his CPO son has retired and again handed out copies of the veteran's news letter.

Base Storekeeper – Warren Riedell announced that he and his family will be relocating to Colorado and requested relief from the Store Keeper position.

Base Librarian - Brad Veek briefed the members on the reading materials in the Base Library.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Brad Veek updated members on the efforts to recruit the SS-211 survivors.
2. Jim Denzien announced that Perch Base has sold their parade float to San Diego and the Base is currently in the process of building a submarine scale model float from an aircraft fuel tank. The effort will involve a good deal of fiber glass work and aluminum cutting and welding. Anyone with skills in those areas is encouraged to contact Jim.
3. Roger Cousin updated the members on the activities of the 702 Commission and its efforts to locate the sail from the USS Phoenix in the City of Phoenix.
4. Jack Messersmith reminded members of the Prescott Valley Veteran's Memorial planning and construction. As well as the sale of engraved memorial bricks that will pave the walkway at the Memorial.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Jack Messersmith suggested that it would be a positive impact if Gudgeon Base had access to a submarine related parade float that could be used in Prescott area parades. It was suggested that the Base have a "Float Committee" to look into the various alternatives for the Base. An Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to pursue the matter. The committee consists of Al Weiss, Brad Veek and Jack Messersmith. The committee will elect their chairman.

- 1) Brad Veek made a motion that the Gudgeon Base contract to purchase a vinyl banner that the Base can use in Veteran related parades and events. It was suggested that a banner can be procured for approximately \$100. The motion was seconded and carried; that the Base spend approximately \$100 to procure a banner.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- 1) Jack Messersmith read the names of members and their spouses who are celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries in the month of August.
- 2) Jack also informed the members that the Base will participate in the Veteran's Center parade this coming November.
- 3) Jack also announced that Prescott Valley will have a festival called Prescott Valley Days on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Members are encouraged to attend and help man booths to support the Veteran's Memorial.
- 4) Members were briefed on the national raffle for various prizes. The tickets sell for \$20 a portion of which comes back to the Base Treasury.
- 5) District One Commander – Jim Dunn congratulated both the Perch and Gudgeon Bases on their active recognition programs that bring submarine veterans to the attention of the local communities.
- 6) Jack Messersmith announced that the Base will receive USSVI Calendars for 2008 by September. He also thanked Jim Dunn for his leadership in ordering the calendars in bulk form with a financial savings to the Bases that participated.

#### **50/50 DRAWING**

The 50/50 drawing was won by Gary Imamura. Gary donated his share of the winnings to the Base Treasury.

#### **ADJOURMENT**

All the business before the group, having been concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried. After a closing prayer the meeting was adjourned at 1259 hours.

Signed: Ed Brooks – Gudgeon Base Secretary

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*Do you have any information to share with shipmates?  
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