

November 2010 Perch Base Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #105, Phoenix, AZ at 1210 hours, 13 November 2010. The meeting was called to order by Jim Denzien, Base Commander.

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

According to the Sailing List there were 25 members and guests present. Jim Denzien introduced a guest; shipmate John Bosanek who is a member at large and is attending his first USSVI base meeting. Members and guests in attendance at this meeting included:

Jim Denzien	Mary Denzien	Tim Moore	Richard Kunze
Rick Simmons	Jack Moore	John Bosanek	Davy Jones
Bill Grieves	Bob Warner	Stan Reinhold	Chuck Emmett
Howard Doyle	Sandy Martin	Ron Beyer	Jack Kimball
Mike Keating	Herb Herman	Emil Schoonejans	Walt Blomgren
Dan Moss	Steven Balthazor	George Crider	John Schlag
Richard Bernier			

As the first item of business, a motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the October 2010 regular meeting be approved as published in the MidWatch monthly newsletter. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jim Denzien, acting as Interim Treasurer, reported on the base's financial status as of 31 October 2010. Jim announced that he is still in the process of turning the Treasurer responsibilities over Bob Warner. 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 November events which included the Veteran's History Project in Tempe, a static display at Palm Valley Elementary and several Veterans' Day events during the week of Veteran's Day. These included static displays at Higley High School and in Gilbert as well as parades in Anthem and Phoenix. We also participated in a Medal of Honor Exhibition at Sanderson Ford in Glendale which was sponsored by the Return with Honor organization. We had the float there for a static display during the period of 11/2 through 11/9 which included presentations to some 200 kids from Palo Verde Middle School.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen

Vice-Commander – Howard Doyle had nothing to report.

Secretary – Tim Moore had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Bob Warner had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Walt Blomgren went over the binnacle list consisting of several shipmates including Ted Hunt who had a stent put in and is recovering, DeWayne Lober who fractured his foot in a car accident, Stan Reinhold who is recovering from a prostate cancer procedure, and Davy Jones who is being treated for a number of medical issues.

Chief of the Boat – Jack Moore had nothing to report.

MidWatch Editor/Webmaster – Chuck Emmett reported that he has re-designed the temporary tattoo that we hand out to kids at events and is placing an order to replenish our inventory. He also reported that he needs additional stories for the *This Ain't No Sh*t* section of the newsletter. He went on to mention that we are implementing new communication procedures to facilitate updating the calendar and advising the membership of upcoming events.

Base Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober was not present

Membership Chairman – Rick Simmons reported on the re-enlistment effort. He reported that 61% have re-upped for the USSVI and 65% for the base. Fifty-Eight people have donated to the Perch Base Foundation and we have recently signed two new members. Rick also mentioned that the membership needs to keep the USSVI National data base updated with current contact information. Anyone needing assistance with updating the National data base should contact Rick.

Historian – Jim Newman had nothing to report.

Events Coordinator – Joe Varese was not present.

Past Commander – Stan Reinhold had nothing to report.

Old Business

The float storage issue remains a major concern. As a temporary solution it was decided that we would acquire a covered storage space at the current Goodyear storage area we are currently utilizing. If any of the members have any ideas or can offer any other float storage solutions, please let one of the board members know.

Jim announced that Perch Base elections will be coming up again in March. There are only two elected positions and they are Base Commander for which Jim will run and Base Vice-Commander for which Howard Doyle will seek re-election. Nominations are open if anyone is interested in running for either of these elected positions. All other positions are appointed positions. Jim also announced that Tim Moore will be stepping down as Secretary and the base will be looking for someone to volunteer and step up to the plate and fill the Secretary position.

New Business

Our Awards Dinner which will be held on 15 January 2011 at the American Legion Post #105. The menu and final details for this event will be announced when final plans are complete. Chuck will do the program again this year which will include the base awards, longevity awards and Holland Club inductees. Jack Moore will attempt to contact RADM Barry Bruner, COMSUBGRU 10 in Kings Bay, GA and invite him as a guest speaker.

A future event that we might want to consider is the East Valley Swap Meet coming up in January. They are anticipating that about 1000 veteran bikers will be attending which would be an excellent opportunity for finding potential new members for Perch Base and the USSVI.

Good of the Order

Chuck commented that during the Palm Valley Elementary event, he had lost one of the gold buttons off his vest. These buttons have a great deal of sentimental value to Chuck in that they were acquired from the uniform of a Navy Rear Admiral who served in WWII. Chuck notified Howard who in turn notified the Principal of the school about the lost button. Over a several day period the Principal made announcements about the lost button and a little girl turned it in. As it turned out, the little girl's 4 year old brother had picked it up off the ground and had given it to her. When she heard the announcement at school, she turned in the button.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Davy Jones who won \$41.00 of the \$82.00 contributed to the drawing.

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 adjourned at 1305 hours.

The benediction was offered by Walt Blomgren.

Tim Moore, Secretary, Perch Base USSVI