

**Base Meeting Minutes
September 2012**

**Chuck Emmett
Acting Secretary**

The October 2012 regular Perch Base meeting was called to order at 12 noon on Saturday October 13, 2012 by the base commander, Jim Denzien. The meeting was held at its usual location, Dillon's restaurant at 59th Ave. and the 101. The invocation was given for the first time by the new Base Chaplain, Steve Leon, followed by the pledge of allegiance. The Tolling for the Boats ceremony was conducted for those ships lost during the month of September.

The following is the list of members and guests in attendance:

Rick Simmons	Walter Blomgren	Jim Denzien	DeWayne Lober
Herb Coulter	Richard Kunze	Robb Roberts	Larry Ruggles
George Crider	Joe Errante	Chuck Emmett	William Tippet
Nathan Tippet	Steve Stanger	Kike Keating	Peter Tardiff
Ted Hunt	Paul Miller	Bob Warner	Robert Wright
Steve Leon	Davy Jones	Dan Moss	

Denzien introduced longtime member Larry Ruggles. Although a long-time member of the Base, Ruggles had never attended a meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September Perch Base meeting as published in the MidWatch. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Treasurer Bob Warner read the Treasurers' Report for October. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report as read. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Base Commander's Board of Directors (BOD) Report

The Commander (Jim) discussed upcoming events discussed by the Board.

Events the Base will attend are around Veterans Day with events on November 8, 9, 10 and 12. Denzien gave details of the events but reminded Members that late breaking information and details will be informed via **Flash Traffic** messages.

Members were informed that we will not be at the Deck Park this year since we are separated from Palo Verde. Details later.

Details were also relayed on the Naval Commandery meeting at the end of November were Chuck Emmett will make the presentation.

Awards dinner plans are in progress. The date may change from our previous Jan. 26 date to facilitate a better venue.

The Base is still looking to fill two officer vacancies. Both the Secretary and Event Coordinator positions were open. Chuck Emmett will continue as temporary Secretary. Emmett reminded Members that all job descriptions are on the Base web page.

An update on the United Arizona Veterans meeting was provided to the Base by Jim. This group purports to represent about 600,000 veterans.

A request was made for input on any sub qualified Native Americans. Please let Jim know of any such individuals.

There will be no Base meeting in November (Veterans Day events.)

Reports of Board Members

Base vice-Commander – Howard Doyle was not at the meeting.

Membership Chairman – Rick Simmons explains dues renewal to members. He requires all members to return the small slip at the bottom of the notice to him. Very Important! Also, get the next of kin information up to date on the national data base. Denzien also emphasized this and provided clarification.

Chief of the Boat – Richard Kuntz informed the Members that there would be plenty of seats for the parades. It was also mentioned that at the Phoenix parade, we should park at the Baptist Church and take the shuttle down to parade staging.

Communications Officer – Chuck explained the possible date change on the awards banquet is for a better venue. Jim interjected that we need new members for the Awards Banquet committee to relieve overload on Rick and Chuck.

Treasurer – Nothing to report.

Chaplain – Steve Leon reintroduced himself as the new Chaplain. He had cards available for updating next of kin information. He also introduced his wife to a round of applause.

The concept of profile sheets for those who have not fully updated the area of the web site. Web site update is preferred.

Storekeeper – De Wayne Lober announced that he now has large plastic dolphins and cups for sale. Also 2013 calendars for sale. He also mentioned other items available and for sale.

(General Activities)

Chuck ran a video projection of the rescue of a Dutch submarine by the USS Cod during WWII.

Old Business

Jim again asked for help on the Awards Dinner.

New Business

Again, officers are needed to fill our vacancies.

Good of the Order

The family of Charles Brady had called several members to let us know he had been taken off life support and we may soon have another Eternal Patrol ceremony.

Jim also announced that he had membership application information in the International Submarine Association.

50-50 Drawing

The 50-50 drawing was won by ?

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn, the benediction was given by the Chaplain, and the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Flash Traffics

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*This is a new feature. Unlike other Bases, which wait and include USSVI notices and other breaking news in their newsletter, we inform our Members almost immediately via electronic e-mails called **Flash Traffic**. Each month we will list those that were issued during the current month. The documents themselves are not publicly archived but they are available. Please contact me, the Base Communications Officer if you wish a copy.*

Flash Traffic #10-01_2012: News-01:USSVI Schlorship Applications for 2013

Flash Traffic #10-02_2012: New Base Event Coordinator

Flash Traffic #10-03_2012: Eternal Patrol Update (Charles Brady)

Flash Traffic #10-03a_2012: Correction to information in 10-03-2012

Flash Traffic #10-04_2012: Subvet News: #2012-098

