

## **April 2007 General Meeting Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans, Perch Base was convened at American Legion Post #105, Phoenix, AZ at 1300 hours, 21 April 2007. Stan Reinhold, Base Commander, called the meeting to order.

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

According to the sailing list, there were seventeen members present.

Minutes from the March 2007 regular meeting were published in the MidWatch and were approved as written.

Treasurer Jim Denzien was not present and Stan Reinhold reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of April, 2007. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **Reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen**

Base Vice Commander – Bob Gilmore had no report.

Base Chief of the Boat – Jim Edwards was not present.

Base Chaplain – Howard Doyle was not present.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson reported that the final membership resulted in 3 dual members dropped from our membership rolls 1 one member did not re-up. We gained 3 new members in the first quarter of this year so we ended up with a net loss of 1. Ray also reported on changes to the Website to include a picture of the USS Perch SS-176 with links to pictures of the Perch in her final resting place and a gripping story as told by Thomas Moore, TMC(SS) that is a must read for all hands.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett apologized for the delay in getting the April MidWatch published on time and reported that the problem was most likely due to the file size being too large to transmit successfully. He modified the file size and got it transmitted. Chuck also wants to remind all hands to encourage their friends and business associates to turn in business card ads for publication in the MidWatch. Ads can be purchased for \$100.00 for one year.

Ship's Storekeeper – Jim Nelson was not present.

Historian – Jim Newman was not present.

Public Relations Chair – Ben Acosta was not present.

## **Old Business**

April 11th was the 107th anniversary of the founding of the US Submarine Service. We have discussed the idea of having a 2008 Submarine Birthday Ball. At the May meeting, we need a report back from the Committee Chair, Jim Denzien, regarding the status of the proposed Submarine Birthday Ball. Commander Stan Reinhold will contact the other Arizona Base Commanders to see if they are interested in participating. If we receive no positive response, we will consider having a Perch Base function at Stan's facility at the Goodyear Airport.

There was a joint Southwest Caucus of the WWII Submarine Veterans and the Western Region USSVI held in Laughlin, NV April 8th – 13th. Tim Moore reported that this was an extremely successful joint venture with approximately 100 members from each organization. Both groups voted unanimously to continue to have joint meetings in the future. The next joint meeting will be held in April 2008 in Albuquerque with Perch Base and Gudgeon Base both agreeing to support facilitating the event.

At the May meeting we need a report back from the Float Committee on the status and plans for the new Perch Base float. It was previously agreed that we would build a replica of the USS Phoenix SSN-702. We will attempt to get support from the Phoenix Society as well as local businesses to support the project.

We have several base members attending the Riverside "Salute to Veterans Parade" and we will have reports from those participating at the May meeting.

We need to make final plans for our summer activities, specifically the White Mountain Base trip/picnic and the Gudgeon Base trip/picnic.

## **New Business**

Stan showed the membership a Commemorative Coin that he obtained from Challenge Coins and said that Howard Doyle was investigating getting one for Perch Base. We will ask Howard for a status report at the May meeting.

Submarine Birthday Ball for April 2008. See the first paragraph in Old Business.

## **Good of the Order**

Sickness or Distress.

We have one shipmate who we want to think about in our prayers and that is Jim Edwards who underwent knee surgery (both knees) the first week of April. Tim Moore reported that Jim is currently recuperating after some complications related to the surgery. Jim came home the week of April 16th and is now undergoing physical therapy. We will have Howard Doyle send a "get well card" from Perch Base to Jim wishing him a speedy recovery.

### Excellent Fund Raiser Opportunity

Tim reported that District 5 & 6 (Northern & Southern California) have put together a 50/50 Opportunity Drawing which was facilitated by Michael Bircumshaw. 50% of all the proceeds go to the participating base. There are 10,000 tickets available for \$20.00 each. We have 250 tickets available to Perch base which would generate \$2500.00 to the treasury if we sell all of them. If all tickets are sold, the 1st Prize will be a \$50,000.00 vehicle. 2nd Prize will be a \$35,000.00 vehicle. 3rd Prize is \$5000.00 cash, 4th Prize, \$2000.00 cash and 5th Prize is \$500.00 cash. If all the tickets are not sold, then the prizes will be awarded based on the revenue received. All tickets must be sold by 30 August 2007.

Tim Moore announced that Brent Nelson is on his way to Iraq this weekend. He proposed that we find out from Jim & Nancy Nelson what some of Brent's groups needs might be and put together some Care Packages to send over to our troops. We might be able to get the American Legion to participate. Nancy Nelson will provide Brent's e-mail address so we can stay in touch and Chuck Emmett will publish Brent's reports in the MidWatch.

Dave Harnish made arrangements to have a Shadow Box made with Frank Rumbaugh's memorabilia (a picture, medals, dolphins, a crow and his memorial flag) and Tim Moore presented to Layne at the end of our meeting. Layne was very moved appreciated the presentation and said Frank would be very proud.

### **50/50 Drawing**

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Ed Hawkins. He donated the winnings back to the base treasury.

### **Adjournment**

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

The benediction was offered by Joe Bernard and the meeting was adjourned.

Tim Moore  
Past Base Commander  
On behalf of Jim Denzien  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Perch Base USSVI