

February 2008 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans, Perch Base was convened at the Airline Training Center of Arizona (ATCA), Goodyear, AZ at 1303 hours, 16 February 2008. Stan Reinhold, Base Commander, called the meeting to order.

The membership was led in a prayer of invocation by Chaplain Howard Doyle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a standard ceremonial opening. A moment of silence was observed for shipmates on eternal patrol and the tolling ceremony for boats lost in February was conducted.

According to the sailing list, there were thirty-seven members and guests present.

Minutes from the January 2008 regular meeting as published in the Midwatch were approved.

Treasurer Jim Denzien reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of February 2008. 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

Vice Commander - Bob Gilmore reported that he would be conducting a survey of the Memorial at the National Cemetery to determine what work is necessary to prepare it for the Memorial Day services.

Secretary/Treasurer - Jim Denzien had nothing additional to report.

Chief of the Boat – Jim Edwards had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Howard Doyle gave a status report on the condition of shipmate Chuck Emmett. He is doing well.

Membership Chairman/Webmaster – Ramon Samson reported that we may be losing 8 to 9 annual members. He read a note from the wife of departed shipmate Chuck Chapman. Ray presented new Perch Base Life member Ron Dutcher with his membership card. He also stated that he was looking for a replacement for his positions.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett was not present.

Storekeeper – Jim Nelson reported that he had "everything" for sale.

Past Base Commander - Tim Moore had nothing to report.

The Subvettes were not represented.

Old Business

Jim Denzien reported on the status of the formation of our foundation. The final filing should be made to the IRS by the end of next week.

Shipmates were reminded to make any potential future uses of the to-be-constructed new float known to the Board; and to indicate willingness to provide assistance for museum boats at locations in other cities. See Chaplain Howard Doyle if interested.

The joint meeting of the Western Region and Subvets WWII will be held in Albuquerque in early April. The application is in the Midwatch. At the present time the prospective attendance is limited. Please sign up if intending to go.

New Business

A Holland Club induction was conducted for new member Ron Beyer. All other Holland Club members present welcomed him.

Guest Speaker

Col. Lee Alton, USAF (Ret) gave a presentation on his career and his experiences as an Air Force fighter pilot and as a pilot for Southwest Airlines. The presentation was well received by all present. A question and answer period followed his presentation.

Good of the Order

All hands were reminded that elections for Vice Commander, Secretary and Treasurer would be conducted at the next meeting. Also mentioned was that Chaplain Howard Doyle and Newsletter Editor Chuck Emmett would also like some assistance.

Base Commander Stan Reinhold recounted a recent experience with the tenacity and thoroughness of the TSA in dealing with "strange" packages that are received at their facilities.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Ray Samson.

Adjournment

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

Chaplain Howard Doyle offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 1422.

Jim Denzien
Base Secretary/Treasurer