

## September 2011 General Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant at Arrowhead, in Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, 10 September, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Jim Denzien, Base Commander.

The "Call to Order" was followed by a prayer of invocation by Walt Blomgren, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Reciting of our Creed. The tolling ceremony was conducted for all boats lost in the month of September and a moment of silence was observed for our shipmates on eternal patrol. Denzien also included a single bell peal for the tenth anniversary of 9-11.

Jim Denzien introduced the guests present at today's meeting:

According to the Sailing List there were 34 members and guests present. The complete sailing list included:

Jim Denzien	Bob Warner	Chuck Emmett	Rick Simmons
Walt Blomgren	Richard Kunze	John Schlag	DeWayne Lober
Joe Varese	Jerry Pittman	Heather Diaz	Peter Tardiff
Don DeMarte	Richard Bernier	Tom Clonts	Theodore W Hunt
Dan Moss	Steven Stanger	Jim Nelson	Thomas Farley
Robert Gilmore	Don Unser	Ed Hawkins	Timothy Hawkins
Tim Moore	Howard Goldman	Billy Grieves	Jim Strassels
Robb Roberts	David Newman	Davy Jones	Bryan Pelieggrini
Layne Moss	Jackie Hawkins	Mary Denzien	

### Presentation of "Guide Dogs of the Desert"

Jim Denzien introduced Lori Murphy and Patty Warner that are representing "Guide Dogs of the Desert". Lori started by showing a DVD which explained the mission and program of Guide Dogs of the Desert. Their program started in 1972, with the primary campus located in Palm Springs, California. Completely funded from the private sector is a non-profit organization. There are puppy raisers located in Arizona, Colorado, Alaska, California and Washington State. Graduates are located throughout the country. There are five phases to the training of guide dogs. Including the Breeding, Puppy Raising [ from 10 wks old – 14 to 20 months depending on the breed], Formal training in a kennel environment to learn Guide skills [ 3 – 9 mo depending on the dog], Recipients go thru an application process to be matched with their dog, They live in dorms on campus for 28 days, Graduation Day – The dogs are given to the recipients at no cost to them. This program considers a successful team as one that has been together for two years. The success rate of this program has grown and is currently 50 - 60%. For those dogs that don't succeed as Guide dogs they are placed in other service capacities such as search and rescue, canine companion or therapy dog. Dogs that are only suited to be a family pet are returned to the puppy raisers as first choice. Then to sponsors who have made donations to name the dog, there is a long waiting list.

Jim thanked Lori and Patty as they have a training exercise this afternoon. That is why they were first on today's agenda. The presentation was excellent and very informative.

The minutes from the September 2011 regular meeting needed to be approved as published in the "Mid Watch" monthly newsletter. A motion was made and seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Bob Warner reported on the base's financial status as of 30 August 2011. 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 Board of Directors meeting held last Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Float Maintenance – Painting will be done Saturday 17 - 18 September at Goodyear Self Storage. The facility is located on Litchfield Rd across from Goodyear Airport. We will paint over and then apply new

graphics over. We are adding a new mast, a whip antenna and the outlines of the torpedo shutter doors amid ship both port and starboard. All are invited to come out and join us. Chuck will put out a Flash Traffic with details and directions.

Our Application for the Unified Arizona Veterans Group has been submitted and will be considered at their October meeting. This organization includes all veterans groups in the State of Arizona, They claim to have 600,000 members in Arizona.

Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) –We are still looking for someone to be the coordinator for is program. Tim Moore was our contact in the past. It was suggested but Jim Denzien hasn't yet had an opportunity to ask Steve Day if he would do that, as he is a significant volunteer at Children's Hospital.

We discussed Boat Sponsorships, Once again Perch Base will sponsor 4 Boats, and the cost is \$30/yr this sends 3 copies of American Submariner each quarter to each boat. The sponsorships are not limit to boats any group or organizations can sponsor, Jack Messerschmit our District commander oversees this program. Jim then mentioned that the National organization is changing their approach to this but a lot of people think you have to be a retired veteran to be a member of this group. Nothing could be further from the truth, the only requirement is that at some time you must have worn dolphins.

There is going to be a dedication of a veterans memorial in Prescott Valley tomorrow 11 September. Chuck has sent a Flash Traffic on this, it starts at 1PM at the municipal compound.

There will be a memorial for Mary Grace Bean at the Prescott National on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Jim has obtained a piece of the Teak Decking from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Perch SS-313. It has had a plaque placed on it and is in our display cabinet here at Dillons.

### **Base Officers and Board of Directors Reports**

**Vice Commander** – Howard Doyle was not present, his younger brother has passed away and he left yesterday for Kansas to be with his family. Our prayers and wishes will be with him.

**Membership Chairman** – Rick Simmons reminded everyone that starting next month annual membership dues for 2012 are due they must be paid and recorded by 31 December. Once again we will have an early bird drawing for those paying prior to October 31st at the January Awards Dinner; the winner gets free base dues for 2013.

**Secretary** – John Schlag had nothing to report.

**Communications Officer** – Chuck Emmett reminded everyone that with all of the upcoming activities in the next couple of months. On the web page in the top left corner are listed Hot Items. It includes things not yet listed on the two month calendar. A lot of these are Static Displays. Now if you like talking about Submarines you should come out and join us it's a lot of fun.

**Chaplain** – Walt Blomgren reported that last Tuesday we put shipmate Jack Kimball on eternal patrol at the National Cemetery. We learned of Jack's passing from Richard Baxter who was out of state in the Seattle, Washington area. Walt called Jack's wife, she had no idea of what to do. It behooves us to tell our families what needs to be done. We'll all go there some day and it will be so much easier if we plan ahead. No one else is on the Binnacle list.

**Treasurer** – Bob Warner had nothing additional to report.

**Chief of the Boat** – Richard Kunze had nothing to report.

**Base Storekeeper** – DeWayne Lober has shirts and other Submarine related items available.

**Event Coordinator** – Joe Varese reported Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Glendale Fire Department, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Glendale High School Parade/Static Display, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Veterans History Project Static Display, Nov 9<sup>th</sup> ? High School Static Display, Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Gilbert Town Hall Static Display, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Phoenix Veterans Day Parade, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Anthem Parade & Black Canyon City Parade for Veterans Day. All Events are posted on the Bases Web Page in the Calendar and Chuck will be sending out Flash Traffic.

### **Old Business**

Float Maintenance – Look for Flash Traffic with Dates and Directions.

### **New Business**

Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) –We are still looking for someone to be the coordinator for is program. Anyone interested contact on of the Base Officers, or come directly to Jim.

### **Good of the Order**

Tim Moore reported that from September 11<sup>th</sup> and Veterans Day 2011 Home Depot has a Gift card which when purchased Home Depot will donate 5% of the amount placed on the card to a foundation that supports Veterans to serve the housing needs of US Military Veterans. To help the Veterans have a safe place to call home. So if you are going to Home Depot buy this Gift Card and then use it to make your purchase. This \$25 card will be used for a drawing at the next meeting. Military ID or VA Cards, Discounts are given not only at Home Depot but also at Lowes , Dennys etc. Ask if they give a military discount.

Walt reported that no one is on the Binnacle List.

### **50/50 Drawing**

COB, Richard conducted the 50/50 drawing. It was won by Tim Hawkins. Total \$110 = \$55

### **Adjournment**

The benediction was offered by Walt Blomgren.

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 was adjourned.

John Schlag

Secretary, Perch Base USSVI