

minimum, the funeral honors ceremony will consist of the folding and presentation of the American flag and the playing of Taps. At least two uniformed military personnel, in addition to a bugler, if available, shall perform the ceremony. If a bugler is not available, a high-quality CD will be used. One of the uniformed military personnel will be from the deceased veteran's parent military service and will present the flag to the next of kin.

The Military Services may provide additional elements of honors and may use additional uniformed military personnel or other authorized providers, such as members of a veteran's organization to augment the Funeral Honors Detail.

The next of kin or appropriate individual must request the funeral honors, they are not provided automatically. Department of Defense (DOD) policy calls for the funeral directors, rather than the next of kin to contact the military. This toll-free number 1-877-MIL-HONR (645-4667) has been set up for funeral directors to coordinate ceremonies. DOD has established this web site, [www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil](http://www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil) that explains the funeral honors process.

#### Meeting Minutes 12-Feb. 2000

E-Board Meeting:

Convened by **Roger Cousin** at 12:15, 12 Feb. 2000. Roger suggested we have a co-chairman for Perch Base officers. He will publish the list in a future newsletter.

Perch Base will send 5 cookbooks and 2 calendars to Buffalo Base for raffling. A motion was passed to publish the minutes in the newsletter. They are due the first of the month. Discussion on 2000 calendars and where we stand to date was held. Calendar sales are going very well and we are finally in the black. Meeting adjourned at 1256.

Treasurer's Report was given. Sailing List: 26 members. New Members: **Howard Dail, Robbie Robinson, Les Hillmen** (Welcome Aboard). Guest: **Tom Tilley**.

#### Base Business

A discussion was held on Memorial Day arrangements. Approximately 12 or more, by show of hands, will come to the Memorial Day service. Proposed changes of the bylaws of Perch Base were read for the second time. A motion was passed to provide all members with a copy of the bylaws.

A motion was passed to give Perch Base calendars to selected senators. A motion was passed to advertise calendars in WWII SUBVETS newspaper. Action is needed on this item. A discussion was held concerning the time capsule that is planned by the SUBVETS this year. It was suggested that Perch Base provide a calendar and a picture of the membership. No decision was made on this item. Contact **Roger** if you have any other

ideas. A motion was passed to purchase a TV-VCR combination for Perch Base.

#### Special Announcement

**Gayle Loftus** works for the DMV. She writes about a possible submarine veteran license plate: ".... I can tell you that we have exactly 5 Medal of Honor & 3 Purple Heart plate holders in the State of Arizona. I do not know how a design for a new plate gets to the point of review and approval by the State, but I am sure I can find out. If you're interested in this, let me know, and I'll do some research." (5 MOH & 3 PH's in the entire State? They must ALL live in the Sun Cities...I could swear I've seen at least 20 or 30 of them out here alone.)

On behalf of Perch Base, I gave **Gayle** the go ahead as soon as I read it. She will notify **Brian** and me ASAP. I don't think we stand much of a chance, but neither did I feel that a few dissenters could take God out of the classrooms. One thing is certain, we definitely wont get it if we don't try.

#### Good of the Order

Perch Base has two members running for USSVI National positions. **John Anderson** is running for Vice President Nationals. **Jim Strassels** is running for National Treasurer. Both of these gentlemen would serve their office with purpose and dedication.

Holland Club requirements have changed. Service dates prior to 1951 are eligible. 50/50 raffle was \$47.

#### Membership

Perch Base gained four new members in March. Welcome Aboard to the following:

**Acosta, Ben, ETC(SS)**, Active Duty as a Tri-State Nuclear Recruiter, qualified on **GURNARD (SSN662)** in 1981. He has also served on **SCULPIN (SSN590)**, **LAPON (SSN661)**, **SALT LAKE CITY (SSN716)**, instructor at Nuclear Power School, Orlando and the Nuclear Power Training Unit at Balston Spa, NY. Ben and his wife, Virginia, make their home in Avondale and he is sponsored by **Don Wannamaker**.

**Keating, L. A. "Mike", FTG1(SS)**, qualified the **QUILLBACK (SS424)** in 1964 and has also served on board **ATULE (SS403)**, **AMBERJACK (SS522)**, **BERGALL (SSN667)**, and **CAVALLA (SSN684)**. Mike is sponsored by **Don Wannamaker**. He and his wife, Lois, make their home in Chandler.

**Southern, Bob, EM3(SS)**, qualified on the **BUGARA (SS331)** in 1946. Bob is sponsored by **Kenny Wayne** and makes his home in Prescott with his wife, **Lorraine**.

**Crider, George L., STSCS(SS), USN (Ret)**, qualified on **SEA DEVIL (SS400)** in 1960. He has also served