

The cost of this one day cruise is one hundred dollars with seventy dollars being a tax deductible donation to the Lane Victory and thirty dollars for the continental breakfast and buffet lunch. If we can get twenty five individuals to take this remarkable cruise we can get a ten percent discount. Children are welcome and encouraged and their fare is sixty dollars for ages fifteen and under.

Start making plan early and we will have more information on the cruise in upcoming news letters. The cut off date for making your reservations will be July 31, 2003 and at that time we will need to have your monies into Dave Harnish so that reservations can be secured. This is an excellent chance to see history in action and a great way to share with your kids and grand kids. Check out their website at: www.lanevictoryship.com.

February Meeting Minutes

*Minutes of a Meeting
of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base*

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans – Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #62; Peoria, AZ at 1300 hours, 08 February 2003. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander - Dave Harnish.

The members were led in the “pledge of allegiance”; followed by the dedication, moment of silence for our departed shipmates, “tolling of the boats” and the invocation by Base Chaplain, Howard Doyle.

There were 30 members and 3 guests attending the meeting according to the sailing list. .

The members welcomed new members; Walt Blumgren and Bob Hiler, with a round of applause.

The members also welcomed guests: John Woodmanser a member of the Requin Base, Greg Olson and Brandi Hershey.

It was moved and the motion seconded that the minutes from the January meeting be approved as published in the Base Newsletter; “The MidWatch”. The motion carried by voice vote of the members present.

Treasurer (Robert May) reported the Base’s financial status as the of the first day of February, 2003:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Vice Commander - Glenn Herold reported for the Ship’s Store, indicating that the store had a need to clear some of its inventory and was offering shirts and other items at bargain prices.

Chief of the Boat - Doug LaRock announced that the annual Perch Base Picnic will be held at Margaret

Hance Park in Phoenix on April 12th.

Base Chaplain - Warner Doyle asked to be notified if any member should become ill or otherwise be in need of a show of support.

Ray Samson - Membership Chairman reported that dues collection for 2003 was going well - 97% or more of the existing members had renewed their membership. As Base Webmaster, Ray also indicated that there were new links and information of the web site and encouraged the members to visit the site. Ray also encouraged the members to check out the list of library books included on the web site and let him know if a member would like to check out one of the books to read. If members contact him, he will bring the books of interest to the monthly meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Harnish reminded the members that the cruise on the SS Lane Victory will take place on Saturday, 13 September. Fares are \$100 per adult and \$75 for children. The affair will include a continental breakfast, catered lunch, drink bar on deck and a tour of the Victory Ship Museum. If more than 25 sign up, the Lane Victory will provide a discount to the group. Interested parties should contact Dave Harnish.

Members were reminded of the upcoming USSVI District 8 meeting, to be held in conjunction with the USSV-WWII Southwest Regional Caucus. The meetings will be held at the Ramada Express Hotel and Casino in Laughlin, Nevada; starting April 7th and ending April 10th. The business meetings of the District 8 members will take place on April 9th. Copies of the registration form were distributed to those interested.

Dave again reminded members of the 2003 USSVI/USSV-WWII (US Submarine Veterans, Inc. and US Submarine Veterans - WWII) combined convention to be held in Reno, Nevada.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Harnish announced that the Board of Directors had approved the creation of a new committee to nominate the “Member of the Year” - an award given to the member making the most significant contribution during the past year. The award is usually presented at the Base Christmas Party at the end of the year. The committee will be made up of Past Base Commanders and be chaired by the more senior Past Base Commander. Jim Newman, as the first Perch Base Commander, will chair the committee.

Dave also discussed the efforts to replenish the ship’s store supply of Perch Base western hats and informed the members of the decision to sell the blue western hat with a choice of the Perch Base Patch or the USSVI Patch on the front.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Guest Greg Olson was called "front and center" where Dave Harnish presented him with a special awards plaque to acknowledge his support in obtaining a storage site for the Base Parade Float. Another plaque is to be presented to Lyle Swenson (who wasn't at the meeting) for his support in this effort.

The flag raising ceremony at Steele Park on Martin Luther King Day was reported to be a tremendously impressive event. The same flag will be exhibited during the Luke Days at Luke Air Force Base. Anyone in the area at that time, should arrange to view the extra large U.S. Flag.

Dave Harnish acknowledged monetary contributions from Jim Newman, Warner Doyle and Thomas Patterson. All three donated \$150 or more to the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation. To acknowledge their generosity and benevolence, Jim Newman and Thomas Patterson were presented with hand carved mahogany dolphins and Warner Doyle was presented with a carving of the American Bluejacket mounted on a ship's helm.

Dave Harnish called the Perch Base Holland Club members front and center for the traditional induction ceremony. New Holland Club inductees Roger Cousin, Ted Asbell (not present) and Royce Pettit were then inducted into the Holland Club. These new members will have been qualified in submarines for 50 years during the year 2003. After the ceremony, they received Holland Club pins, membership cards, patches, coffee mugs, certificates and a letter from USSVI Holland Club Commander William Britt. The new members were congratulated by existing Holland Club members and all of the Perch Base members present.

The floor of the meeting was opened to receive nominations for the 2003 election for Base Commander, Base Vice Commander, Treasurer and Secretary. Glenn Herold was nominated for Base Commander, Adrian Stuke was nominated for Vice Commander, Bob May was nominated for Base Treasurer and Ed Brooks was nominated for Secretary. All nominations were accepted and closed. Elections will be held at the March 8 meeting.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 raffle was conducted and Lester Hillman was the winner. The winner's share of the drawing was \$54.

ADJOURNMENT

All the outstanding business being concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1348 hours.

Edgar T. Brooks – Base Secretary

This Old Boat . . .

Only one shipmate, Ramon Samson, answered last month's "This Old Boat . . ." correctly as the U.S.S. L-6. The L-6, also know as the SS-045, was commissioned on Dec. 7, 1917 and decommissioned on Nov. 25, 1922.

Now try you luck at this month's really easy one.



Do you recognize this old boat? Send your answer to the editor
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