

November 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 November 2003. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Glenn Herold.

Base Chaplain Howard Doyle led the members in a prayer of invocation followed by the “Pledge of Allegiance”, reading of the “Purpose of the Organization”, “Dedication”, a Moment of Silence for our departed shipmates and the “Tolling of the Boats” ceremony for submarines lost during the month of November.

According to the sailing list, there were 34 Perch Base members at the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the October meeting as published in the Base Newsletter. The motion carried by voice vote.

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

The Base Commander called for officers and committee chair reports:

Vice Commander – Adrian Stuke had nothing to report

Chief of the Boat – Doug LaRock reported that the Perch Memorial had been worked on and was in excellent shape for Veterans Day. A discussion followed led by the COB as to whether it would be possible to remove the torpedo and have it powder coated and if the motors and gyros were still in the fish. The COB and others are going to check on the potential cost and if it is possible to accomplish the task or if it would be better to have it sand blasted and professionally painted.

Chaplain - Howard Doyle reported that we had three members on the binnacle list. They are Don Wannamaker, Joe Bernard and Garry Shumann. The Chaplain asked that we keep them in our prayers and thoughts.

Newsletter Editor & Parade Coordinator - Chuck Emmett reported on the preparations for the Perch Base entry into the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade. Participants are to

meet at 0730 hours; Tuesday, November 11th at the Margaret T. Hance tunnel deck park for decorating the vehicles and float.

Storekeeper - Jim Nelson reported on the new shirts he received and the ordering of vests as well as the many new items he has for sale.

Past Base Commander - Dave Harnish reported on the Christmas/Hanukkah party on the 13th of December at the Luke AFB Enlisted club. The cost is \$18.00 per person and reservations with choice of entree must be to him by December 3rd. Reservations can be made by e-mail, snail mail or by phone. This is very important as a roster of those without base privileges must be submitted to the Base Security office and each person’s identity will be checked with photo ID in order to enter Luke AFB.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Base Commander – Glenn Herold called for all members to complete the ballot in the current issue of the “MIDWATCH” and return them as soon as possible in order to put the issue of the surviving members of the USS Perch SS-176 honorary membership to rest.

Western Regional Director - Dave Harnish reported on the state of the USSVI dues structure and some possible future actions by the USSVI BOD. He also requested that anyone with any input on this subject to please contact him.

Base Commander - Glenn Herold reported the particulars for the annual dinner being held by the Board of Directors for the U.S. Navy League - Phoenix Council. The dinner will honor the Phoenix area Pearl Harbor Survivors and the USS Stethem (DDG-63) Sailors of the Year. It will be held on December 7, 2003 at the Luke AFB Officer’s Club. There will be a cash bar that opens at 1800 hours and the dinner/program will commence at 1900 hours. The dinner menu consists of a choice of Petit Filet or Baked Chicken, salad, potatoes and desert. Dress for the evening affair is; Business Attire for civilians, Service Dress Blue or Service equivalent for the military, and the Pearl Harbor Survivor’s uniform for the guests of honor. Cost to attend is \$35.00 per person. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Base Commander - Glenn Herold or Member Larry Rankin not later than 30 November. The Special Guest and Speaker will be Admiral Vern Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing additional was offered for the good of the order.

50/50 DRAWING

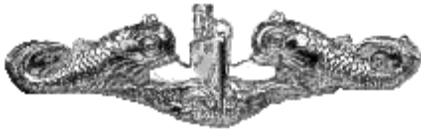
The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Dick Weber.

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 closing prayer was offered by Base Chaplain – Howard Doyle and the meeting was adjourned at 1410 hours.

Respectfully submitted by acting recording secretary
Dave Harnish



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the Midwatch newsletter.

Nancy then asked that if anyone knows of a member in ill health or in need of attention to please notify Sue Caraker, our Head Cheerleader.

NEW BUSINESS

President Nancy Nelson notified members that an issue has arisen regarding the age limit of SUBVETTES members. She advised members that National President Ella Blado and made several suggestions, with the most recent being an age limit of 12 without voting privileges until the age of 18. Nancy made note of the efforts given by our young members, Heather Newell and Brandi Nelson. Kay Harnish suggested that we accept the most recent offer by the National organization. A unanimous vote was made in support of an age limit of 12 without voting rights until the age of 18.

Nancy then offered for discussion the use of excess monies in the SUBVETTES account. Betty Weber suggested leaving a balance for emergencies and deciding on a percentage to be used for charitable donations. It was realized that more time needed to be available to

address this issue and a motion was then made to table the discussion until the January meeting. Motion seconded and carried by a majority vote.

Nancy notified members that the Veterans Day Parade is Tuesday, November 11, on Central Avenue in Phoenix, starting at 11:00 a.m. Nancy announced that she and Vice President Kay Harnish would be riding in the parade. She encouraged all members to attend and notified all who were interested in helping with decorations to arrive at 7:30 a.m.

Nancy announced that she had packets available with information regarding the National Convention in Saratoga Springs, New York for anyone interested in attending.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Nancy Nelson announced that name badges are available for order. Brass badges are available for \$20 and white plastic ones are available for \$13. Nancy also announced that new vest order forms are available.

Nancy announced that, with the exception of Lifetime members, annual dues need to be paid to Debbie Newell, base secretary before the end of the year.

A discussion was held regarding the time set for SUBVETTES meetings. Nancy Nelson announced that the time of the January meeting would be put into the next Midwatch Newsletter.

Nancy Nelson gave Happy Birthday wishes to members Mildred Hillman (November 25) and Kathryn Otreba (December 12)

50/50 DRAWING

Brandi Hershey conducted the 50/50 drawing and Marge Robinson was the winner. The winner's share of the draw was \$8.

Karen Emmett won the drawing for the Christmas wall decoration.

All outstanding business being concluded, a motion was made by Marge Robinson and seconded by Marygrace Veek that the meeting of the SUBVETTES of Perch Base be adjourned. Motion carried by a voice vote.

