

From the Wardroom Base Commander's Message

Shipmates:

Congratulations to all our new Holland Club members! There will be another opportunity for Holland Club inductions at the April picnic on the 14th of April. Put that date on your calendar – April 14 – and plan on being there.

By the time this is published, we will have participated in the Avondale/Goodyear parade and static display on Feb. 25th. This will be the last of the events celebrating our state's centennial. The Best Fest near the capital was successful and we had the opportunity to meet and talk to a lot of people. Bravo Zulu to those that participated.

We will be conducting the election for vice-Commander at the next meeting. Hope to see you on March 10th!

Fraternally,

Jim Denzien, Base Commander

February 2011 Minutes of the Regular Base Meeting

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, 11 February, 2012. 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, Base Chaplain, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Reciting of our Purpose. The tolling ceremony was conducted for all boats lost in the month of February, a moment of silence was observed for our shipmates on eternal patrol, "Sailor's rest your oars".

Jim normally starts the meeting by introducing new members and the guests present. However there are none present at today's meeting.

According to the Sailing List there were 36 members present. The complete sailing list included:

Jim Denzien	Bob Warner	Walt Blomgren	Richard Kunze
DeWayne Lober	James W Newman	John Schlag	Tim Moore
Richard Bernier	Dan Moss	Herb Coulter	Dottie Reed
Dewey Reed	Davy Jones	Ed Hawkins	Tim Hawkins
Robie Robinson	Michael Hinderliter	John G Zaichkin	Ray Marshall
Gene Crabb	Don DeMarte	Milton McNeill	Tim Gregory
Herb Herman	Jim Wall	Don Unser	George Crider
Steven Stanger	Robb Roberts	Bob Gilmore	Ron Dutcher
Jim Strassels	Bill Woolcott	Jackie Hawkins	Tom Clonts

The, minutes from the January, 2011 regular meeting needed to be approved as published in the "Mid Watch". 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 31 January, 2011. Beginning Balance \$4790.52 with various additions and disbursements gives a balance of \$4525.21. The Base Foundation Balance is \$10,845.12. 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 February 8th.

Jim stated that several of the Board of Directors members were not present today because they were supporting the Base in downtown Phoenix at the Best Fest Celebration of the State Centennial.

The primary focus of this meeting was to discuss up coming events. We discussed the events to do with Arizona's

Centennial. The true Centennial which is Arizona's 100th birthday is Tuesday the 14th of February. Phoenix is now hosting a couple of day's worth of displays and exhibits. They have got story tellers down there telling about things that happened in old Arizona, Conveying things that have gone on in the last 100 years or so. We are also going to support the Centennial Event in Avondale / Goodyear which is on the 25th of February. This is basically a parade and static display. The parade will start at Thomas and Litchfield Rd and end at Thomas and Dysart Rd. Then the static display will be at Estrella Mountain Community College. The parade starts at 10 AM we will stage at Litchfield and Thomas at 8 AM.

A reminder for everyone we have our picnic coming up on the 14th of April at White Tanks Regional Park. The location has already been reserved. We will be there from 11AM until 3PM. We have already invited all other Arizona Bases to attend but have not yet had any response. Jim stated that some of the folks from Gudgeon Base were planning to bring their Motor Homes. Most of the camping a White Tanks Park is primitive. Which means its fine to bring your motor home but you will be self contained.

We also had a report from Rick On the Awards Dinner. Total head count was 49 which was interesting because we filled up this room. Jim said he was pleasantly surprised to see that many people but it was also kind of like a warning. It would not have taken too many more people to show up and we would have been hard pressed as to where we would put them. It did however turn out to be an outstanding event. We did have Alex Ortize, Executive Officer NRD Phoenix, as our guest speaker. Most of it was more of a question and answer than a canned presentation and we were looking to what we could do to help the Navy as far the recruiting district here in Phoenix with their efforts.

Rick also reported to the Board the result of the reenlistment update, We had 11 people that chose not to reenlist.

Jim then reported on his attendance at the UAV, Unified Arizona Veterans meeting which he attended last Saturday February 4th. UAV is a coalition of the majority of all veterans organizations in Arizona. There was an update on American Legion activities in the State of Arizona by the department commander for Arizona, George Cushing. Also discussed what was going on with the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. That is an organization of people that have done significant things for veterans over a period of time. They are singled out and honored by their peers. We did have a presentation on a Veterans Bill by John Holtman who is the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association of the US Navy here in Phoenix. One of the things that came out from Carol Colbertson who is the Secretary, a retired Navy Captain, who worked primary in the intelligence field, was that there is a young gentleman who is going to give a presentation on the Naval Order Arizona Comandree Program. He is a pseudo Submarine Historian. The Title of the presentation is Submarine Tales you may not have heard about. It is going to be at Macayo's Restaurant on 4001 N Central Avenue just south of Indian School. On Tuesday the 28th of February at 11:15 AM doors open. The presentation is free; you may purchase lunch for \$15 which is optional. Let Jim know if you plan to attend so that he can call with a head count. Chuck will put out a Flash Traffic.

Base Elections are in March the only position open for nomination this year is Vice Commander and Howard Doyle is going to run again this year. Next year it will be both Base Commander as well as Vice Commander. A year or so ago we changed it to only have two elected officer positions those being Commander and Vice Commander. The Secretary and Treasurer are appointed. Anyone wanting to place their name in nomination let Jim know.

At the Board meeting we had a discussion about trying to get a little more planning for the awards dinner. We talked about bring it back a bit and trying to get it in the venue of a Christmas Party as compared to just an awards dinner. One reason we moved to January was that it was difficult to make any reservation in December because of all of the Seasonal Celebration. Jim asked the group what are you willing to spend for a party as verses an awards dinner. It had been indicated that people are not willing to spend a lot on things of this sort. We have been trying to keep the cost down. Jim has obtained menus from country clubs to compare potential costs. Please let the Board members know your feeling on this so that we can plan and make any changes that you want.

There was discussion of how we would like to have the ladies participate in this group. We had a group called the Subvettes. We are trying to reactivate a ladies group. We are going to change our policies and procedures to specify what we want. It went defunct because of lack of participation. We certainly could use their help in several areas, for example with the Kaps4Kids program.

There will be an event at the Peoria Sports Complex in March supporting Navy Week. We have been there for the last 3 or 4 years taking our float there. They will again bring in the Leap Frogs which is a competition parachute team of Navy Seals.

Base Officers and Board of Directors Reports

Vice Commander – Howard Doyle was not present, he is supporting Best Fest in Phoenix.

Communications Officer – Chuck Emmett was not present, he is supporting Best Fest in Phoenix.

Membership Chairman – Rick Simmons was not present, he is supporting Best Fest in Phoenix.

Chief of the Boat – Richard Kunze asked for all to ensure they had signed the Sailing List. Also reminded everyone that the Tale of Two Cities Event on the 25th was a short Parade but the Static Display at Estrella Mountain Community College was a family event and invited all to come out. Jim noted the importance of knowing who and how many are participating in events so that arrangements can be made. Such as the trailer that George Crider lets us use for people hauling.

Secretary – John Schlag had nothing to report.

Event Coordinator – Joe Varese was not present, he is supporting Best Fest in Phoenix.

Chaplain – Walt Blomgren had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Bob Warner had nothing to report. Jim mentioned that this week we had to send a letter to our Bank to specify who can sign checks for the Base and what their Titles were. Also that this applies also to our Perch Base Foundation and the Save our Sail Foundation.

Past Base Commander – Stan Reinhold was not present today.

Base Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober had shirts available today with both Submarine Veteran and Perch Base Logo. Also the Dolphin Vinyl Graphic both Large and Smaller sizes.

Base Historian – Jim Newman had nothing to report.

Old Business

Best Fest is a celebration of Arizona's Centennial. The City of Phoenix has re-designated Washington St from 7th Ave to the State Capital as Centennial Way. They have made changes to some of the walkways where they have put in a brick inlay with the State Seal and 1912 to 2012. Right now there are a ton of things on exhibit down there. Our Float is down there, the replica of the Arizona is also there. It Started at 10 AM this morning and runs thru 10 PM this evening. Tomorrow it will be there from 10 AM thru 6 PM. They have story tellers that are presenting Arizona's history. Including Marshal Trembal who is the unofficial Arizona Historian.

New Business

Look for information being put out in Flash Traffic. Information will be coming out about the presentation at Macayo's Restaurant.

Also Information regarding the Avondale/Goodyear parade 25th of February is being called the "Tale of two Cities Parade" as we get more details info will be sent by Flash Traffic.

Good of the Order

The Binnacle List is clear. A couple of our members are under the weather. Walt keeps in touch with Davy Jones and Ed Hawkins. Stan Reinhold is doing real well. He is not on the walker anymore he is using a cane and says he is lifting more weight than he expected in this time frame.

Billy Grieves is doing well he is about back to normal.

Jim passed around a picture that he got from Don DeMarte which was taken in Key West of 6 Diesel Electric Submarines.

Don DeMarte attended the Stand Down and stated that last year they serviced 1006 homeless veterans. This year they serviced 1293 homeless veterans.

Tim Moore shared a moment while at Home Depot this morning he noticed a WWII Vet that came in. Tim went over to shake his hand; He was wearing a cap from the USS Garrard APA42 which was a troop carrier. As it turned out he was a radioman and was the one that received the message that WWII was over.

George Crider said he saw an E-Mail that said they named a new LCS which is a littoral type defense ship after Gabby Gifford, The Congress woman from Tucson.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was won by Jim Newman.

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 at 12:55PM.

John Schlag

Secretary, Perch Base USSVI



A Message from the Membership Chairman



A reminder for all the "Snow Birds". Be sure to update your address in the USSVI database when you move back to your summer quarters. This makes sure your American Submariner gets delivered to the right place.

Lost USSVI Membership Cards will be replaced by the national office for a \$1.00 charge to cover printing and postage. Contact the office by mail at:

United States Submarine Veterans Inc.
P.O. Box 3870
Silverdale, WA 98383-3870

NATIONAL USSVI NEWS

National USSVI news is routed to members by **Flash Traffic** messages. This allows information to be shared almost immediately to ensure it's timely.



- The second Japanese submarine sunk, a midget caught inside Pearl Harbor and sunk by the seaplane tender Curtiss, was later raised. Too badly damaged for intricate examination, it was used as fill-in material in the construction of a new pier at the submarine base.
- During 520 war patrols in 1944, submarines fired 6,092 torpedoes, more than in 1942-43 combined (5,379). Statistically it took 8 torpedoes to sink a ship in 1942, 11.7 in 1943, 10 in 1944.
- During 1944, 117 navy and air force personnel were rescued by U.S. Subs; The Tang (O'Kane) picked up 22 for the leader in this category.
- During 1944 Japan lost 56 submarines, 7 to U.S. Submarines.
- On Nov. 21, 1944, Sealion II (Reich) fired a salvo of fish at each of two BB's, the Kongo and Haruna. The Kongo was hit and sunk, but the DD Urakazi intercepted the fish meant for Haruna and was instantly sunk.
- Message to all submarines on 13 April 1944: "Until further notice give fleet destroyers priority over Maru types as targets for submarine attacks."
- During 1944 U. S. submarines sank 1 BB, 7 CVL's, 2 CA's, 7 CL's, 3 DD's and 7 SS's of the Japanese navy.