

**Base Meeting Minutes  
September 2012**

**Chuck Emmett  
Acting Secretary**

A regular Perch Base USSVI meeting was called to order at 12 noon on Saturday September 8, 2012 by the base commander, Jim Denzien. The meeting was held at its usual location, Dillon's restaurant at 59th Ave. and the 101. The invocation was given by the base chaplain, Walt Blomgren, followed by the pledge of allegiance. The Tolling for the Boats ceremony was conducted for those ships lost during the month of September. This was followed by a special, single bell strike for the shipmates recently departed on Eternal Patrol, George Marions and Bob May.

The following is the list of members and guests in attendance:

Howard Doyle	Rick Simmons	Walter Blomgren	Doug LaRock
Jim Denzien	DeWayne Lober	Herb Coulter	Don DeMarte
Don Unser	Thomas Farley	Stephen Marcellino	Steve Leon
Steve Stanger	Layne Moss	Dan Moss	Davy Jones
Ted Hunt	John Schlag	Richard Bernier	George Crider
Tom Clonts	Chuck Emmett	Gary Bartlett	Kathy Bartlett – Visitor
Robert Warner			

Introduction of Tucson Base Commander (also Perch Base member) Gary Bartlett and his wife was made. Gary encouraged Perch Base to join in with Tucson in active support of in-service USS Tucson crew as well as closer inter Base activities between Perch and Tucson

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August Perch Base meeting as published in the MidWatch. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Treasurer Bob Warner read the Treasurers' Report for September. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report as read. Motion was approved by voice vote.

**Base Commander's Board of Directors (BOD) Report**

The Commander (Jim) mentioned that for the first time, a member, Bob Warner, had joined the meeting via tele-communications video and audio ("Skype") with good success. The Board considers this form of a "presence" as "attendance" for purposes of a quorum.

Jim discussed the Glendale parade and static display the Base would be attending Oct. 6 (EDITOR: This has since been canceled and notifications given via **Flash Traffic** 09-06.)

Other future events planned were also discussed. Late breaking information and details will be informed via **Flash Traffic** messages. Of the events, the Awards Dinner has been locked into Jan. 26.

There is a need for new Board members. Walt Blomgren has resigned (position to be filled by Steve Leon) and John Schlag is departing as Secretary. Temporarily, Chuck Emmett will assume the additional duties of Secretary while a replacement is sought.

The painting, and prerequisites for the job, of George Crider's trailer was briefly discussed.

Additional discussions: Pearl Harbor Day remembrances - we will attend; members might want to block out the week around Veterans Day for events.

Departed Shipmate Bob May's family has asked for any sea stories involving Bob to be sent to them. Chuck Emmett will act as the point of contact if you have such stories.

Chuck then demonstrated to the Members the new vinyl "parade" sign covers for the float's four metal signs that were only useful during static displays. He demonstrated their placement. Jim called for, and Members responded with, a Bravo Zulu.

**Reports of Board Members**

**Membership Chairman** – Rick Simmons encouraged all members to verify their address and phone numbers. He also stated that Perch Base's national voting exceeded the national average. Jim interjected with an explanation of

the problems with the National database and how it impacted voting.

**Communications Officer** – Chuck explained how easy and user-friendly and comprehensive the Perch Base web page. He restated the communications philosophy. The web page is the constant source and repository for Base information. The newsletter (MidWatch) is the monthly update for information. **Flash Traffic** for instant information updates. He also asked for any suggestions.

**Base vice-Commander** – No Base information to discuss.

**Chaplain** – Walt Blomgren gave an update on Members on the Binnacle List. His comments were supplemented by some information on Joe Varese by the Base Commander.

**Treasurer** – Nothing to report.

**Storekeeper** – De Wayne Lober announced that he now has 2013 calendars for sale. He also mentioned other items available and for sale.

**Chief of the Boat** – Jim remarked that the COB had attended the National Convention to represent the Base.

**Secretary** – John Schlag had nothing to add. (It had previously been agreed to by the BOD that John would cease to be Secretary at the adjournment of this meeting and the Communications Officer would temporarily assume these duties until a permanent Secretary can be found.)

### **(General Comments)**

Jim made an appeal for “new” Board members instead of the appearance of “rotating” the same core group. He also encouraged everyone to go into the National database and flesh out your information.

### **50-50 Drawing**

The 50-50 drawing was won by Ted Hunt.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn, the benediction was given by the Chaplain, and the meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

## ***Flash Traffics***

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*This is a new feature. Unlike other Bases, which wait and include USSVI notices and other breaking news in their newsletter, we inform our Members almost immediately via electronic e-mails called **Flash Traffic**. Each month we will list those that were issued during the current month. The documents themselves are not publicly archived but they are available. Please contact me, the [Base Communications Officer](#) if you wish a copy.*

**Flash Traffic** #09-01\_2012: Andrian Stuke Update

**Flash Traffic** #09-02\_2012: Eternal Patrol: Shipmate Bob May/Joe Varese Out of Hospital

**Flash Traffic** #09-03\_2012: Membership Reminder

**Flash Traffic** #09-04\_2012: National Election Results (from the Convention)

**Flash Traffic** #09-05\_2012: Further Voting Results

**Flash Traffic** #09-06\_2012: Glendale Parade and Static Display Canceled

**Flash Traffic** #09-07\_2012: Steve Leon is New Base Chaplain

**Flash Traffic** #09-08\_2012: USSVI National News #2012-084

**Flash Traffic** #09-09\_2012: Arizona Memorial State Project Update

**Flash Traffic** #09-10\_2012: WWII Submarine Veterans Disband