



The February 2013 regular Perch Base meeting was called to order at noon on Saturday February, 2013 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, Steve Leon, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and purpose of the organization. This was followed by the Tolling for the Boats ceremony conducted for those ships lost during the month of February.

SAILING LIST for the meeting:

Richard Kunze	Robert Warner	Rick Simmons
DeWayne Lober	Steve Leon	Don Unser
Herb Coulter	Walt Blomgren	Jim Denzien
Dewy & Donna Reed	Mike Dahl	Bill Woolcott
Davey Jones	Steve Stanger	Doug LaRock
Ray Marshall	Don DeMarte	Dan Moss
Herb Herman	John Zaichkin	Bernie Marshall
Bill Maida(new member)	George Crider	Ted Hunt
Bernie Fromm	Royce Pettit	Jim Newman
Chriss Urness(new member)	David Heighway(new member)	

Denzien acknowledged guests, Davy Jones' daughter Tonya and Ted Hunt's nephew, Tim.

The Commander also introduced new members Bill Maida, Chris Verness, and Dave Heighway.

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January Base meeting as printed in the MidWatch. The motion was approved by voice vote.

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

Events Calendar:

1. Wickenburg "Gold Rush days" parade on meeting day, Feb. 9. Chuck Emmett and Howard Doyle are planning on attending.
2. The Avondale/Goodyear "Tail of Two Cities" is a short parade with static display on February 16.
3. The "Ira Hayes, Iwo Jima" parade in Sacaton on February 23.
4. Last event on the current calendar is Luke days March 15-17. There is some question as to whether it will be held, because of budget constraints. We should know within 2 weeks

Jim reviewed the Awards Dinner. 60 people attended and no adverse comments were received except travel distance for a few. The silent auction raised \$991. The Base basically broke even on cost vs expenses for the banquet itself.

There was nothing new to report on the United Arizona Veterans. Jim will remain our Base's representative even after our Officer election in March.

The Base Annual Picnic will be May 11. The location is the same as in the past, the White Tanks Regional Mountain Park and we will be seeking volunteers to help with cooking, etc. The same space has already been reserved.

A ¼ page Perch Base ad for the 2013 Rochester Convention has been developed and ad will appear in the convention program. The convention dates are Aug 25 through Sept. 2.

## **Board Officer Reports**

### **Membership (Rick Simmons):**

Last year, we lost six members but gained six new. There will also be a word change regarding Associate Members in our Base Policies and Procedures such that the Base will be aligned properly with USSVI changes. Changes, when completed, will be showcased in the MidWatch.

**vice-Commander (Howard Doyle):** Not present, attending Wickenburg parade.

**Secretary (Herb Herman):** Copies of Mid-Watch available to pass out. Also, all candidate nominations for the Base election (Commander and vice-Commander) should be sent to the Secretary prior to February 16.

**Storekeeper (DeWayne Lober):** Gave general report on what is available in ships store.

**Event Coordinator (Walt Blomgren):** Nothing to report

**COB (Richard Kunze):** The COB updated the Base presented next Saturday's parade info including that a parking pass is required, where to park and where to stage. Everyone should be staged by 9 a.m. Parade starts at 10 a.m.

**Communications Officer (Chuck Emmett):** Missing in action, attending the "Gold Rush" in Wickenburg.

**Save our Sail (Dan Moss):** .Dan announced that meeting will follow after the Base meeting.

### **Old Business**

**Picnic:** It will be at White Tank Park May 11. Jim is going to invite other Arizona Bases to join us. The time is from 11 a.m. to 3 pm. We will be holding a Holland Club induction and may do so with other bases.

**Elections:** The nominations after today must be in writing by February 15. Election ballots will be counted in the Mach Base meeting. The secretary will select two non-nominated members to assist in in the counting procedure

Nominations for officers:

- Rick Simmons was nominated by Steve Sanger for Vice Commander.
- Chuck Emmett was nominated by Walt Blomgren for Vice Commander
- George Crider was also nominated for Vice Commander
- Previous nominations are Howard Dole for Commander and Steve Sanger for vice-commander.
- All nominees have accepted and will serve if elected.

### **New Business**

The April Base meeting will have a VA benefits representative to speak. Please email questions you have about the VA. Steve Sanger and Herb Coulter relayed some VA knowledge and experiences.

Mac Brady as a mortgage specialist is available to help anyone in need.

Jim thanked Steve Leon for all his good work. Steve then provided more information on Adrian Stuke. Jim then asked for a show of hands regarding the use of the donated funds for Sticky medical condition to be provided for burial expenses in addition to medical expenses. The Base approved the change.

### **Binnacle List**

Please keep the following crew members in your thought and prayers:

- Adrian Stucke is now in hospice status. **(EDITOR: Since departed on Eternal Patrol.)**
- Joe Varese "wanderer" is still in chemo treatment. **(EDITOR: Since departed on Eternal Patrol.)**
- Tim Moore was in motorcycle accident and has a cast on his foot.

### **50/50 Drawing (\$109)**

Winner was Don DeMarte and he donated all his winnings to the Base.

### **Closing Benediction**

Moved to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. Adjourned at 1300.

*Herb Herman, Base Secretary*