



Base Meeting Minutes
April 2013
Herb Herman
Secretary

The regular Perch Base meeting was called to order at 1200 hours on April 13 by the base commander, Howard Doyle. 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 followed by the pledge of allegiance and the Purpose of the USSVI. The Tolling for the Boats ceremony was conducted for those submarines lost during the month of April.

Howard acknowledged guest Henry Fernandez Jr. and the new members, John Mosher and Jack O'Conner. Raul Galvan was in attendance as a prospective member.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March Base minutes as published in the MidWatch. It was approved by voice vote.

Rick Simmons read the Treasurers' report for March. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Motion was approved by voice vote.

BASE COMMANDER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) REPORT

The Commander reported on upcoming events:

- Tolleson's Whoopee Daze parade will be April 20 and we will enter the float. There will be a boat cleaning detail on the Friday before at noon. Members interested in helping should contact the COB for storage gate code.
- The Annual Base Picnic will be on May 11 at the White Tank Mountain Regional Park. The site is the same as last year's event.
- Armed Forces Day celebration parade on Saturday, May 18 in Flagstaff. Howard will make overnight reservations for those who wish to go up the day before and spend the night.
- Memorial Day. May 27 at the National Cemetery. Get there early. Parking and sitting space is at a premium.
- USSVI Convention will be in Rochester MN. The COB, Richard Kunz, will be the Base representative and 3 or 4 others will be in attendance. The 50year USSVI anniversary convention will be in San Mateo, Ca.
- ISA/USSVI convention, Tim Moore will be attending in Italy.

On the topic of the Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV), the Base endorsed a letter to the governor supporting Col. J. Strickland (attached to the end of these minutes.) A motion was made and seconded to endorse this letter. On a show-of-hands vote, it was passed with one dissenting vote. **(EDITOR: A COPY OF THIS LETTER BEGINS ON PAGE 16 OF THIS NEWSLETTER.)**

BOARD OFFICER REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: Rick Simmons said we have three new members and one prospective member. The base total is now 152.

VICE COMMANDER: Chuck Emmett presented slides depicting a special sub sailor T-shirt suggested by Tim Moore. A show of hands was requested to indicate interest. Members were requested to indicate the size needed after the meeting.

COMMUNICATION OFFICER: In this role, Chuck had nothing additional.

TREASURER: Bob Warner was not present.

SECRETARY: Herb Herman said that he was returning to the Northwest in May. A volunteer Secretary was requested until his return in the fall. Tim Moore volunteered.

EVENT COORDINATOR: Walt Blomgren said we need additional volunteers to tow the Base float. Qualifications are that the person must have insurance to cover towing, have a 2" ball and be able to tow 2,500 to 3,000 pounds.

CHIEF OF BOAT (COB): The Saturday morning parade (Tolleson Whoopee Daze) will have shuttle buses and staging is at 0830. A Flash Traffic will be issued with additional information.

STOREKEEPER: DeWayne Lober was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Woolcott expressed Paradise Valley's appreciation for bringing the boat and participating in their event.

NEW BUSINESS

- The UAV nomination to the hall of Fame closing date is April 30th. See web site for qualifications.
- Bob Frank from Arizona Department of Veterans services, made a 30-45 minute presentation to the members on VA rights, and entitlements. This included a Q and A session.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

BINNACLE LIST

- Billy Grieves, Tim Moore and Milton McNeil, are off the Binnacle List.
- DeWayne Lober suffered a fall and was severely injured. He is recovering at the Capri Care Center, 1501 E. Orangewood Ave., Phoenix, Room 223.

50/50 DRAWING

Winner was Don Unser and the winnings were donated to the Base foundation. There were three additional drawings for a laminated letter explaining the origination/definition of our dolphin symbol.

ADJOURN

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion was passed by voice vote, the closing benediction was given by Chaplain Steve Leon, and the meeting adjourned at 1330 hours.

SAILING LIST APRIL 13, 2013

W.H. Doyle Jr	Rick Simmons	Bill Malda
Bill & Sherry Woolcott	Walter Bloomgren	Chuck Emmett
Robert Frank(Speaker)	Steven Stanger	Herb Coulter
Jack O'Conner(New)	John Mosher(new)	Emil Schoonejans
Robert Wright	George Woods	Don Unser
Jim Denzien	Peter Tardiff	John Zachkin
Douglas LaRock	Henry Fernandez	Fernandez ,JR. (New)
Richard Womack	Tim Moore	Ted Hunt
Herb Herman	Mike Hinderliter	Davy Jones
Steve Leon	David Highway	Dan Moss
Bernie Fromm	Roel Galvan(guest)	Chris Urness
Kelly Grissom	Royce Pettit	Dick Bernier

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April 9, 2013

The Honorable Janice K. Brewer
Governor of the State of Arizona
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Governor Brewer:

On behalf of the Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV) organization, a coalition of 45 veteran services organizations in the state of Arizona, we respectfully request that you reinstate Colonel Joey Strickland as Director of Arizona Department of Veteran Services. The Board of Directors of UAV and the membership of UAV are solidly in agreement in regards to this request.

Governor Brewer, Colonel Strickland has provided outstanding leadership to our veteran community in Arizona in all areas. Our state plan to end veteran homelessness is considered a successful model by the Veterans Administration and other states addressing the serious issue of veteran homelessness. Our Native American tribes in Arizona praise Colonel Strickland for opening the door to effective service and support for the veterans residing on their lands. The State Veteran Home in Phoenix is currently well managed and on a sound financial footing, providing a quality living environment for disabled and elderly veterans. The new State Veteran Home in Tucson opened last year, offering a quality living environment for veterans in the southern part of our state. Our annual Arizona Women's Military Veterans Conference sends a strong message to our women veterans in Arizona that we value and honor them for their contribution to the safety and security of our nation.

Due in large part to the leadership of Colonel Strickland, the state of Arizona is recognized nationally as one of the most veteran supportive states in this great country. Within the next few years, Arizona will experience an influx of veterans leaving military service and establishing employment, education, homes and family in the state, as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan wind down. Colonel Strickland's deep understanding of the issues and concerns of veterans, from his 29 years of military service, including two tours in Vietnam, has helped to build a strong foundation to welcome and integrate all veterans into our state.

Governor Brewer, in order to continue the progress we have made in our goal of establishing

Arizona as the best supportive state in the nation for veterans, and to prepare for the impact of substantial increases in our veteran population in coming years, the Unified Arizona Veterans believes it is in the best interest of the state of Arizona for Colonel Strickland to continue his excellent leadership of the Arizona Department of Veterans Services. We urge you to reinforce your commitment to the veteran community in Arizona by reappointing Colonel Joey Strickland as Director. The entire veteran community salutes Col. Joey Strickland and extends to him our unqualified support.

Respectfully,

Terry Araman, Vice-Chair, Unified Arizona Veterans, Inc. (UAV)
for Bob Madden, Chair, Unified Arizona Veterans, Inc., away in Kansas due to the passing of his mother on April 5th
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Veterans Service Organizations which support this Letter:

American Legion, Dept of Arizona
American Legion Auxiliary
Arizona StandDown
ASU Alumni, Veterans Chapter
Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society (AVHOFS)
Association of the US Army (AUSA)
Cactus WAVES, WAVES National/Women of the Sea Services
Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
Forty and Eight
In-Country Vietnam Veterans
Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council, Mohave County
Jewish War Veterans (JWV)
Korean War Veterans (KWV)
Madison Street Veterans Association (MSVA)
Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)
Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)
Military Order of the World Wars
National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS)
Northwest Valley Veterans
173rd Airborne Brigade Association
Reserve Officers Association (ROA)
Scottish-American Military Society (SAMS)
Special Forces Association Chapter 22
Third Marine Division
United States Submarine Veterans Perch Base
US Vets Initiative
Veterans Affairs Committee, City of Tucson

Veterans for Veterans
Vietnam Veterans of American (VVA)
Women's Army Corps Veterans Association (WACVA)