



BASE SECRETARY'S DILIGENT DISCOURSE

MINUTES OF THE BASE'S MEETINGS

TIM MOORE
INTERIUM BASE SECRETARY

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant at Arrowhead, in Glendale, AZ at 1203 hours, 14 September 2013. The meeting was called to order by Howard Doyle, Base Commander.

The "Call to Order" was led in a prayer of invocation by Base Chaplain Stan Reinhold followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the standard ceremonial opening. The tolling ceremony was conducted for all boats lost in the month of September and a moment of silence was observed for our shipmates on eternal patrol.

Howard asked for the introduction of new members and guests. The first introduction was for Michael Weinmann. Michael is a retired paramedic and qualified aboard the USS Kamehameha SSBN-642 in November 1979. The next guest introduced was Marty Flynn. Marty qualified aboard the USS Queenfish SSN-651 in 1987, retired from the Navy in 2007 and moved to Avondale this past January. Both of these gents are in the process of becoming Perch Base Members.

According to the Sailing List there were twenty-four (24) members and guests present. The complete sailing list included:

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| Howard Doyle | Chuck Emmett | Rich Kunze | Tim Moore |
| Rick Simmons | DeWayne Lober | Herb Herman | Walt Blomgren |
| Bob Warner | Doug LaRock | Don Unser | George Crider |
| Mark Field | Stan Reinhold | Herb Coulter | Bill Malda |
| Bill Tippet | Nathan Tippet | Robert Wright | Kelly Grissom |
| Steve Stanger | Marty Flynn | Ted Hunt | Michael Weinmann |

As the first item of business, Howard asked for a motion to approve the August general meeting minutes as published in the MidWatch. A motion was made and seconded that these minutes be approved as published. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Bob Warner presented the Treasurer's Report stating the financial status for the month ending 31 August 2013. There were some questions, discussion and clarification about some of the expenditures. A motion was made and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be approved as published. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Base Commander's Board of Directors Meeting Report

Howard announced we are continuing to work on the Policies & Procedures Manual. The Policies & Procedures Manual is available to the membership on the website.

Last week Howard attended the meeting of the United Arizona Veterans. Their stated purpose is to bring veterans affairs and concerns to the public interest and to our state and national legislature's interest. There is a law firm here in Arizona that is going to conduct a clinic called Free Legal Advice for U.S. Veterans and Their Spouses and this clinic is being sponsored by the Arizona Disabled Veteran Foundation. This clinic will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 0900 at the DAV Chapter 20 at 8447 N 61st Ave, Glendale, AZ. Topics to be covered include Divorce and Custody, Child Support, Adoption, and Basic Estate Planning Documents such as Simple Wills and Trusts, Medical Powers of Attorney, and Financial Powers of Attorney. To schedule an appointment and receive forms needed for the clinic contact: Norman Fulton III, Legal Clinic Director at 303-249-5827 or nsfultoniii@gmail.com. Our membership is encouraged to make sure they have their affairs in order and if you don't, plan on attending this clinic for assistance in these matters.

Howard introduced Stan Reinhold who has taken over position of Perch Base Chaplain. Steve Leon will no longer be able to continue with this duty because of job responsibilities and Stan volunteered to fill this vacancy.

Officers and Committee Chairmen Reports

Vice-Commander/Communications Officer – Chuck Emmett sent out a Flash Traffic about a new service provided by the ADOT. This is for those of us who served in the military but did not retire and have no means of easily proving

that we are veterans that enables to take advantage of military discounts at venues that offer them. The State of Arizona has sponsored a program whereby those who served in the military can get a driver's license with "Veteran" imprinted on it. To obtain this, go to the nearest ADOT office with your DD-214 and you can get yours issued. Chuck said he is somewhat under the weather as a result of his recent surgery so Don Unser will be assisting with the October newsletter.

Interim Secretary – Tim Moore had nothing to report.

Secretary – Herb Herman did not report.

Treasurer – Bob Warner had nothing to report.

Membership Chair – Rick Simmons announced that he will be sending out notification letters for membership renewals and requests for donations at the end of the month. Please return your donor cards with your remittance so we can accurately account for all receipts. Payments should be made to Perch Base with one check. Contributors will receive a written receipt for tax purposes. Those who get their dues in and postmarked by October 31st will be entered into an "Early Bird" drawing and the winner of this drawing will not have to pay their Perch Base dues next year.

Chaplain – Stan Reinhold had nothing to report.

Events Coordinator – Walt Blomgren announced that this coming Saturday, September 21st, there will be a Constitution Week Fair in Gilbert. We have been invited to participate and the event will be a static display from 1600 until 2100. A decision about attending is pending. The October 5th Old Congress Days event (Strike it Rich in Congress) will be our next scheduled event and we need to stage at 0900 on October 5th. Steve Stanger volunteered to tow the float and approximately ten (10) members plan to attend. George will provide his trailer for transportation. On November 7th we will have a static display in Gilbert 0900 at the town hall followed by the November 8th static display at Higley High School to be staged at about 0800. On November 9th, we have the Anthem and Black Canyon City Veteran's Day Parades. Anthem will be at 0900 and Black Canyon City will follow at 1500. The November 11th, Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade is still pending. Walt sent an e-mail to the Honoring Arizona Veterans committee to Paula Padene and we should be receiving the application for that event as well. The December 7th, Pearl Harbor Days event is still pending. We will be having a Tale of Two Cities event on February 22, 2014. Our application has been filed and the entry fee has been waived. Additional information and details on all our events will be forthcoming as "Flash Traffic" and future announcements as details become available. Howard went on to announce that Walt wishes to retire from the Event Coordinators position so we will be seeking volunteers to step into that function. Anyone interested can contact any board member and we will make sure that you will receive all the necessary information necessary to step into this very important position. Walt will be happy to assist with the turnover and transition for the Events Coordinator.

Chief of the Boat – Rich Kunze reported on the 2013 USSVI Convention held in Rochester, MN. He stated that the Tolling of the Boats ceremony was held at a Veteran's Memorial with a circular wall which has a lot historical inscriptions dating from the Civil War to the present time. Of particular interest was when the Honor Guard came out to post the colors, there was a girl in front of them with a live Bald Eagle on her arm and seeing this was an emotional experience for all in attendance. He went on to announce that the USSVI 2014 event which is the 50th Anniversary National Convention will be held in Burlingame, CA from 9/1/2014 – 9/7/2014. This event is being sponsored by the Mare Island and Dolphin Base Chapters and is being hosted by the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport in Burlingame, CA. Activities include a Giants baseball game, a tour of Mare Island Shipyard (which is no longer a shipyard) and some wine country tours. Rich added that according to the USSVI, 39% of the memberships are paying members and 59% are paid up Life Members or Holland Club members. He also announced that Jim Denzien was sworn in as Western District 1 Commander. And finally he announced that the MidWatch (Chuck Emmett, Editor) won the Newsletter of the Year award for the USSVI Western Region 2013 for Class 1 and the award was presented to Perch Base. This award was well received and well deserved. A big Bravo Zulu goes out to Chuck for his contributions in making this award possible.

Base Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober announced he has cups and shirts for sale.

Past Commander – Jim Denzien was not present.

Past Commander – Stan Reinhold had nothing to report.

Historian – Jim Newman was not present.

ASSM (Arizona Silent Service Memorial) – Dan Moss was not present.

Old Business

Howard announced that last Sunday, 9/8/13, the City of Goodyear sponsored a 9/11 Memorial Pancake Breakfast and they asked us to bring a float for a static display. It turned out to be a successful event.

New Business

Howard re-emphasized the Arizona Veteran's Legal Clinic to be held on October 19, 2013.

Howard announced that the annual Awards Dinner will be held on Friday, January 24, 2014 at the Pebble Creek Country Club in Goodyear. After contacting both the Wigwam and the Pebble Creek Country Club, the decision was made to use the later because it was less expensive. The event will be held in the Tuscany Falls Clubhouse commencing with a social hour at 1800. The fee will be \$35.00 per person and additional details will follow. The Sun City Country Club where we had our event last year is not available this year.

Howard said that Steve Leon told him that his Mother-in-Law, who is a Master Quilter, has volunteered to make a submarine quilt for Perch Base to be used as a raffle or silent auction item for our Annual Awards Banquet or we could present to whomever we felt was deserving. This project has been approved and Chuck and Rick will be working with Steve's mother to get patterns.

Howard announced that there is a personalized Arizona automobile license plate that has been left by someone who needs to claim it. If you are missing a personalized Arizona license plate, please contact one of the base officers.

Anyone needing a vest (new members) should contact our Storekeeper DeWayne Lober.

Binnacle List

Stan had no announcements for the Binnacle List.

Good of the Order

Tim Moore received notification and announced to the membership the news of the passing of shipmate Pete Sococo, SDC(SS). Pete was 92 years of age. He was born in Guam, joined the Navy in 1939 and served for 31 years. He served aboard the USS Stingray SS-186, the Sarda SS-488, and the Brill SS-330. For his last sea duty assignment he was a Plankowner on USS Skipjack SSN-585 for 12 years from 1958 until he retired in 1970. He was the last known surviving Plankowner who served on board the Skipjack. Pete made 16 war patrols in WWII, which is the most known war patrols for any submariner and he was the last known active duty WWII submarine sailor. Sailor rest your oar.

The 50/50 drawing was held and George Crider's wife Sharon drew the winning ticket. There was \$78.00 in the pot and Bob Warner won the winner's share of \$39.00 which he kindly donated back to the base. Thank you shipmate.

Adjournment

The benediction was offered by Base Chaplain Stan Reinhold.

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 adjourned at 1305 hours.

Tim Moore

Interim Secretary, Perch Base USSVI

