

*THE JOHN C. BUTLER CHAPTER Arizona Destroyer Escort Sailors Assoc.*

Meeting of 11 FEB 08

1100: Opening prayer by **Chaplain Al Guier DDE 719** ;

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America;

Members present, 22; Guests, 2; all hands and guests were welcomed aboard;

All members received the minutes of the 14 JAN 08 meet. There being no corrections, additions or deletions the minutes were accepted as submitted.

XO, Treas'r; **Lloyd Brown DE 365** reports our treasury is at the \$1k mark, a full report will be given at the MAR meet.

Per the member's suggestion the "Skipper" sent a letter to **Congressman Mitchell, (D. AZ)**, along with the signatures of members present urging the Congressman to cease his proposal to name a new aircraft carrier **USS Arizona**. Our stance being that there should be only one USS Arizona, currently a memorial in Pearl Harbor and not to be confused with a newer one, hence diminishing Arizona's honoring those sailors and marines who gave their lives on 7 DEC 41.

We received the standard non-response form letter from the Congressman's office with no mention of the USS Arizona proposal. A second letter was sent on 1 FEB 08 again requesting his proposal be dropped, but as yet, no response from his office.

**Chief Holland PRT Sharana, Afghanistans** thankful response to our care packages was read to the members present. The chief is soon to be relieved and will provide us with the name of his relief so we can continue sending packages to one individual to be shared among the troops. The chief was thanked profusely for his service to our country.

**Jim Kinnerup, Destroyer Base San Diego & Bob Tull DE 365** "enlisted" as new members. Welcome aboard Jim and Bob, looking forward to many good meetings in the future and some new sea stories.

Contributing \$20.00 each for postage was **Al Guier DDE 719; Tom Roell, DD 779; Ron Tullgren, DDE 499** and **The "Skipper" DE 365**. **Thanks to all for helping keep our treasury healthy.**

**Henry Hight CVE 68** and the Skipper attended a meeting of the CVE Sailors assoc. in Gilbert on 19 FEB and were entertained by three "young" ladies who were members of **Rosie the Riveters Chapter of Sun City**. All worked in defense plants during WW II.

*Guest speaker is Phil Hanson who will give a brief talk on the state legislative process*

NEXT MEET 10 MAR 08, 1100, HOMETOWN BUFFET, SCOTTSDALE

Calm seas and fair winds....Tom

