

John C. Butler Arizona Destroyer Escort Sailors Association
Meeting of 12 MAY 08

NEXT MEET: 9 JUNE 08, 1100, HOMETOWN BUFFET, SCOTTSDALE
Guest speaker; Jerry T. O'Brien CWO2, USMC, Ret. Veteran, Korea & Vietnam

1100... .Opening prayer; pledge of allegiance... .17 members present;
A hearty thanks to our membership. Our all hands working party after the meet packed 12 large flat rate (LFR) boxes then shipped them to PRT Sharana, Afghanistan on 13 MAY. Postage has gone up. The LFR boxes are given a \$2.00 discount for APO/FPO addresses going for \$10.95 each, while the smaller boxes have jumped from \$8.95 to \$9.80. For \$1.15 extra we can ship more items in fewer boxes for overall savings. Postal clerks advise this is the best way to go. Boxes sent this year, "76".. .THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

We received a thank you letter from Matthew Schneider, a "Sand Sailor" in Sharana; attached. A response will be made to him as it was to PFC Justin Partridge of the same team, also attached. It's heartwarming to get those thank you notes from the troops.

Thank' you letters on behalf of the assoc. were sent to Nan Hausher, Mesa, AZ for her regular donations to our care packages and Sharon Campbell, (niece), Mission Viejo, Calif for her financial donation, in addition for her work for the Marines in her area.

On 13 MAY the "Skipper" DE 365, attended the visitation service in Glendale of PFC Corey Lee Hicks, KIA in Iraq, presenting his grandfather with a letter of condolence from our assoc; attached. Sadly, two female protesters were present in the parking lot.

XO/Treas Lloyd Brown DE 365 reports donations for postage were; supporter, Sharon Campbell, \$50; John Weber DD 730, \$50; Tom Roell DD 779, \$30; Ron Tuligren DDE 499, \$20; Tom Alexander DE 365, \$20. 50/50 draw won by Lloyd and returned to the treasury, \$62.00. Total deposit \$232.00. Balance in checking, 12 MAY 08, \$1115.25
Carl Martz DE 386, won the book, *Anchors Aweigh*, written by two ex-sailors.

Chief MA, Harry Stanton DE 148, suggested that we purchase calling cards for the members to hand out to prospective members. Done! No cost to the treasury.

Calm seas and fair winds;
Torn Alexander, "Skipper" 602 973 5380 dabadwop@cox.net

A life on the ocean wave.. .A home on the rolling deep,
Where the scattered waters rave.. .And the winds their revels keep.
Epes Sargent
"A life on the Ocean Wave" 1843