

**John C. Butler AZDESA meeting of
13 OCT 08
HomeTown Buffet 1312 N Scottsdale
Rd. Scottsdale, Arizona
Meeting the Second Monday each
month all year**

Call to order, Opening prayer by
Chaplain Guier **DDE 719**; Pledge of
Allegiance, all hands.

It was noted the crew was ready to get
underway at the usual time of 1100, but
the skipper was still alongside the pier,
not rendezvousing with the crew until
1145. The skipper proclaimed the meet
as starting on time no matter what the
clock says. Clocks have no meaning for
those who no longer stand watches.

Welcome aboard Joanna Burgan, MSGT
USAF, (Ret.) as our newest member.
Joanna's dad, Jack Burgan was a GM1
aboard USS Doyle **DD 493** on D-Day, 6
JUN 44. Doyle escorted Brit
minesweepers during the invasion of
Normandy then went close ashore to
attack and silence German shore
batteries shelling our invading troops on
the beaches. Jack lives in Oregon and
has a standing invitation to meet with us
any time he's in our area of operations.
We're sure Joanna will keep him
informed of our doings.

Welcome guests Barbara Brown, XO
Lloyd Brown's, **DE 365**, better half and
Corky Ferrel, Chuck Finch's, **DE 45**,
daughter. We're happy to see Barbara's
knee replacement of last JAN has been a
success, mostly due to her resolve in
sticking to a rigid therapeutic program.
Thank you Corky for your \$50.00
contribution to our Care Packages
Program.

Just got an Eml from Ed Klemm **DD 847**
who is back in town from Florida and
will be meeting with us again starting on
10 NOV. Welcome back to the desert,
Ed. We're happy to see you again,
missed you and hope you're back with
us permanently. Swapping humidity for
dust is not a bad trade.

Received a letter from **Mr. Leon R.
Brownlee**, Tri-State Claims of
Oklahoma, business associate of Ron
Tullgren **DDE 499** who wrote that he
will send the association \$750.00 for our
Care Packages Program each year as he
has this year as long as our troops are in
harm's way. Mr. Brownlee's father was
a World War II navy veteran. His son
and daughter are currently veterans of
the **War Against Terrorists** who still
have friends serving in the Mid-East. To
him, Korea is not a "Forgotten War" nor
will he ever forget a friend who gave his
life in Vietnam. We thank Mr.
Brownlee's children for their service and
we honor him for honoring the memory
of his father and a lost friend.

Mr. Brownlee further stated in his letter
that if there is anything **Chief Rockwell**
needs we should advise him and he will
do his best to fulfill the chief's requests.
Copy of his letter has been forwarded to
the Chief who will be pleased knowing
there are patriots like Mr. Brownlee fully
supporting him and what he is doing for
us in Afghanistan.

Additionally, Mr. Brownlee has notified
his associates in a national organization
of our program asking their support. As
a result we have received a check from
Mr. Dennis Sims, Anita, Iowa for
\$20.00. We appreciate Mr. Sims'
thoughtful contribution.

Mr. Mark Warriner, American Truck Salvage, donated \$100.00 to the association at the SEP meet and pledged \$100.00 per month for the next 12 months. We cannot thank Mr. Warriner enough for his generosity and commitment to our program. His earlier contributions have been duly noted in past meeting minutes and a letter sent thanking him for his patriotism and loyalty to our troops.

If not for these most helpful donations our treasury would be at rock bottom, consequently, we'd have to scale back our operations considerably even though our members dug deeply to keep the program going. Even at the \$2.00 discounted price of \$10.95 the postage is, by far, our largest expense.

Our supporters, **the body shop crew at Rush Truck Center** provided a large plastic bag full of snacks and **the Freightliner** folks donated huge amounts of peanuts and candy. These and the financial help represent patriots supporting our troops in Afghanistan.

Our member **Ron Tullgren** is the man responsible for getting his above mentioned business associates involved with us in supporting the troops. As the Navy is wont to say, "Well Done, Sailor."

Let's not forget about us, the machine that packs the boxes and gets them to the post office and on to the troops.

Harry and Marti Stanton, **DE 148**, several times have brought in boxes already packed and ready to go. This time they brought in five boxes. Marti used her computer smarts to make up mailing labels for the all the boxes, then

filled out the custom slips that must go with each box. Of course, Harry supervised.

A big thank you to the working party that helps out packing the boxes for shipment and to Del Krause **DDE 847** for bringing the boxes, etc.

Thanks to the **dedication of our crew** who brought in enough items to fill **23 Flat Rate Boxes** for shipment to Afghanistan. You are the greatest and make up a super team of patriots. To date we have shipped **149** boxes, far exceeding the **82** we shipped last year. Let's keep up the good work for an appreciative group of fine Americans doing a tough and dangerous job far from home.

XO Lloyd presented the treasurers report:

1 OCT 08: Balance on hand \$1464.86

Income:

Leon Brownlee	\$300.00
Az Truck Salvage	100.00
Corky Ferrel	50.00
Ron Tullgren	40.00
Tom Roell	20.00
Al Guier	20.00
Henry Hight	15.00
Sol Charnofsky	10.00
Dennis Sims20.00
50/50 draw	67.00
Dues	10.00
Fines	<u>6.00</u>
	648.00

Balance	\$1464.86
Total	\$2112.85

18 OCT 08: Expenses 251.85

Balance \$1861,01

Marti Stanton suggests we all bring in Christmas cards for mailing to the troops. Probably all of us have received generic Christmas cards from the VFW and American Legion that could be signed and sent in one box for distribution to the troops, some of whom may not get anything from home. Good idea, Marti.

John Weber, **DD 730**, suggests that each of us render a short story about our navy experience, fact or fiction. Remember, speakers, there will be ladies present.

Chuck Finch won the 50/50 draw of \$67.00 total and put his share back into the treasury. Thanks Chuck, we appreciate it very much and it sweetens the pot to help with postage.

John Rusinek, **DDR 808**, won the WW II pictorial book donated by Carl Martz , **DE 386**

Closing prayer: Chaplain Al Guier ...
Chow down ,, Pack boxes

**NEXT MEET 10 NOV 08, 1100,
HOMETOWN BUFFET,
SCOTTSDALE**

*Mind-boggling old news that's hard to
digest*

ACORN, a community voter registration group that suckles the public breast has been caught stealing cookies to go with the lacteal liquid and is subsequently under investigation by the FBI for voter fraud in a dozen or more states. Seems they paid one guy in Ohio to register 72 times. ACORN registers voters and has them cast their votes on the same day,

while Ohio's Sec of State refuses to inform county election offices of questionable ballots saying, "We've always done it this way." The liberal side of US Supreme, in a 5-4 decision, said it's OK for Ohio to keep on keepin' on..... Try not to vomit!

Calm seas and fair winds ...

Tom Alexander, "Skipper"