

Meeting of The John C. Butler Arizona Destroyer Escort Sailors Assoc---14 JAN 2k8

1100 - Opening prayer; pledge of allegiance;

Eighteen members and one guest, Jim Kennerup, present. Jim, a WW II vet gave us a summary of his military service and was welcomed aboard. An invitation to join us was offered.

From out of the past; **BOB CABLE**, an original member and past prez of AZ/DESA, (now the John C. Butler AZ/DESA), who is still in touch has donated \$25.00 to us for postage for our Packages to Afghanistan Program. Bob and wife Willie are no longer active because of health considerations. Thanks Bob and we miss you both.

XO & Treasurer **Lloyd Brown DE 365** submitted a written report that we have \$843.40 on hand as of 31 DEC 07. Postage was \$98.45 with \$70.00 donated to offset that cost. During the JAN meet we collected \$73.00 blind draw, **John Weber DD 730** won that...again, (I'm going to buy a lottery ticket and have John bless it), and donated his half back to the treasury. Thank you John, you're a keeper. We also collected \$10.00 dues and \$20.00 each from **Al Guier DDE 719 & Tom Roell DD 779** for postage donation for a total \$123.00 collected at the meet. Thank you gentlemen for your generosity.

Thanks to all you loyal members who contributed to PAP, (Packages to Afghanistan Program). Looks like about another ten boxes will be on the way to our troops as soon as I can get them packed and shipped. We have a new recipient over there, CPO J.L. Holland who will distribute the items. Nice to have a navy man at the receiving end who will make the distribution.

The book, *Sea of Thunder* by Evan Thomas, donated by **Gene Stegman DE 361**, was won by **Bob Smithson DD 763**.

Attending the Tin Can Sailors Arizona Bull session in Tucson were; **Marti & Harry Stanton DE 146; Olga & Del Krause DDE 847; Yvonne & Bill Hurley DDR 832; Tom Roell DD 779; Barbara & "The Skipper" DE 365**.

About 60 or so Tin Can Sailors from around the state showed up for the Bull Session and dinner that evening. The food was good and the BS was, well, you know....

Webman Mel DER 386 showed the Victory at Sea segment of the submarine war in the Atlantic featuring those intrepid DE's making life miserable and death instantaneous for the Nazi submariners.

Calm Seas and Fair Winds....Tom Alexander, "Skipper"