

ALL AHEAD FULL

The unofficial, spontaneous & voluntary publication of the *Ens. John C. Butler Arizona Chapter Destroyer Escort Sailors Association*, meeting at the *HomeTown Buffet*, 1312 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, Arizona the 2d Monday each month at 1100. Paid for anonymously by a benevolent individual and distributed free of charge to all who may have a modicum of interest in our progress and projects.
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Next Meet: 8 MAR 10

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**OUR HEARTFELT THANKS AND TIP O' THE WHITE HAT TO OUR
REGULAR CONTRIBUTORS AND FINANCIAL DONORS WHO MAKE
OUR CARE**

**PACKAGE PROJECT GO,
WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP AND GENEROSITY.**

Report of the meeting of 8FEB10

USS Arizona BB 39 **replica**. The replica is being rebuilt after falling into disrepair for several years. When completed it will be used for display in parades and public places. Fotos of the replica are on our website and worth eyeballing. Also seen on;

http://ussarizonacvn79.com/arizona_Replica.html.

(that's an underscore between Arizona & Replica)

Donations can be made to:

USS Arizona Replica

c/o Wanda Sartain 43020 N. 3rd Avenue

New River, Arizona 85087

1100: Opening Prayer, Chaplain Al **Guier DE 719**; Pledge of Allegiance;

Twenty one members and guests present;

Report of 11 JAN meet accepted as written; Treasurer's

Report; **XO Lloyd Brown DE 365** accepted;

28 members have renewed their membership plus one new member signed up with our association and we welcome aboard Wilbur Zink **YN3** USN, who is the author of the book ***The Little Princess***, a personal story of his ship USS Nassau CVE 16 during World War II.

The book is a good read, well written and sure to bring back memories to other CVE sailors as well give the *Tin Can Sailors* a look at a part of the navy that flies aircraft off of postage stamp sized heaving flight decks to fight a dangerous war in the air then must find their way back, occasionally shot up, to the "Bird's Nest" only to fly again the next day or when necessity requires.

The CVEs were put together in a hurry (necessities of war

and made of the same stuff the cans were, except they were explosive carrying thousands of gallons of Avgas as well as their own fuel in addition to ammo, bombs and torpedoes for the air wings. Having a top speed of 18.5 knots CVEs were plump, juicy targets for enemy bombers and Kamikazes. Henry Hight **CVE 68** and Wilbur have a lot in common and can share many stories with us.

Del Krause DDE 847 reported on an upcoming Tin Can Sailors cruise that may be of interest to some of our members. See attached info.

Ron Tullgren DDE 499 presented the association with a \$100.00 check from his group of the Arlen Rowley Chapter Korean War Veterans Association. A letter of thanks and appreciation was sent to the chapter advising them the money would be utilized to ship care packages to the troops in Afghanistan. Thanks Ron for your continuous fund raising.

Marti & Harry Stanton DE 148 purchased the health and comfort items to pack 10 boxes, which have been shipped along with the 16 boxes packed after the meet. Another several boxes, when packed, will be shipped soon. The Stantons paid for the items out of their pockets and we thank them for their generosity as will the troops. **And thanks to our members who continue to bring items to the meetings for shipping and the working party which does the packing and shipping.**

Ed Klemm DD 847 won the 50/50 draw and returned his share of \$35.00 to the treasury.

Spiderman Mel Kowal DER 386 invited a speaker from USAA Insurance who will show March 8, to advise us on their program which is now open to all ex-GIs

1210: Meeting adjourned; Chow for the crew

SCUTTLEBUTT...Mostly Previously Printed Stuff

Against stupidity, the very Gods themselves contend in vain ... Fredrick von Schiller, 18th century Historian

Got something to say? 'Bout anything? This is the place to vent your verbal spleen.
The views expressed here are not necessarily those of this association.

Gen'l James Jones, USMC Ret. the administration's National Security Advisor has created a strain on the shibboleth, "Once a Marine, always a Marine." He appears to have no problem hawking the wares of the current administration and making excuses for its indifference towards the Global War on Terrorism. As an example, he supports and attempts to justify prez BOs decision to send 30k troops to Afghanistan when McChrystal, the general in the field, specifically asked for 40k to 60k. Guess we know who's in charge. A guy who has never done anything who also insulted every navy corpsman by calling them "corpse men" three times in one speech while reading his visual aid teleprompter.

Our US Senator John McCain took a cheap shot at Mr. Gates, Sec of Defense, at a recent senate hearing by asking questions of him that he couldn't answer without embarrassing the administration he works for. Of course, no member of the current administration or any administration for that matter, would do such a disloyal thing and McCain knew that. He loves to lord it over the admirals and generals knowing he could never have achieved the lofty rank of admiral such as his father and grandfather did. Didja know McCain's grandfather was relieved of command as ComSoAirPac on 20 SEP 42 because he failed to order a search in a sector at Guadalcanal in Aug 42, as he was requested to do. (It's a special disgrace to be relieved of command during wartime.) If one studies the battle of Guadalcanal, Aug 42 to FEB 43, it is reasonable to conclude that had John S. "Slew" McCain fulfilled the request received by his HQ to fly the Slot, his search planes would no doubt have sighted the Japanese attack force of cruisers and destroyers in that narrow waterway and probably would have prevented the sinking of three US and one Australian cruiser the night of the Guadalcanal invasion by US Marines. Therefore, it would not have been necessary to

split the US cruiser force to cover both entrances to Guadalcanal and they could have met the Japanese force strength against strength instead of the odds heavily in favor of the enemy.

Sarah Palin hit a 420 yard Tee shot with her speech at the recent Tea Party Convention when she stated, "How's that hopey, changey stuff workin' out for ya?" That lady has struck fear in the political hearts of the far left-wing loonies who absolutely hate a strong conservative female who delivers a speech without mincing words laced with tons of political rhetoric, otherwise referred to as BS. Mrs. Palin speaks in plain language and knows her subjects. Perhaps the movement should be called the Tea Bag Party as it sounds kind of silly to call them the Tea Party Party. Oh well.

Recently, on national TV, a politico from Florida aspiring to the US Senate stated the Tea Party movement was the largest push-back movement in American history, later amending that to say "modern American history. Maybeso, but the American Revolution (not exactly ancient history) to divest itself from domination by King George III and his Parliament of sycophants wasn't exactly a minor rally of protesters. Those guys were dead serious and moved to violent action because they were already free and demanded they remain that way in opposition to the King's wishes of taxing them and governing them by the King's chosen toadies. Taxation without representation had a little something to do with the American Revolution started in 1775. The politicians of today are springing the same thing on the American people now as most Americans feel their representatives are only representing themselves and are proposing to raise the taxes on ol' Joe average.

This administration has deemed the cost of living has NOT gone up, hence no COLA increase

for those on Social Security for two years. But the US Congress got their automatic annual \$4,700.00 increase in wages they haven't earned in years. The water rates for Phoenix will go up 7.2 %, the cost of some food items has increased as has gasoline and now the City of Phoenix proposes a 2% food tax that we got rid not too many years in the past, so now we'll have to pretend the cost of living hasn't gone up because surely the gov't can't be wrong on this issue. Got your property evaluation report yet? Notice the value of your home dropped, but the taxes didn't.

A small private plane, dodging power lines, dives under full power into a building in Austin, Texas containing about 200 IRS workers and miraculously only one person is reported missing some time after the crash. It seems the pilot, whose body was recovered from the

wreckage was a wee bit unhappy with the IRS among other things happening in this country and took out his frustrations on the innocent people in said building. A news reporter stated on TV that the action does not rise to the level of an Al Queda type terror attack. Try telling that to any person working in a building more than one story tall. Now that flying airplanes into buildings is the attack du jour in this country every person in such a building is definitely terrorized and wondering when the next nut job will hit the building they occupy.

Think the panic of the people when Air Force One flew over NYC recently in a photo op wasn't for real? People are terrorized and traumatized by such events, believe it or not.



PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Calm Seas and Fair Winds ...The Skipper

Message from Mel:

I saw this on usaa.com and thought you would want to see it. USAA will have a speaker come to our meeting on March 8 to present the benefits of USAA membership.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL USAA HAS TO OFFER

USAA was founded in 1922 by military personnel for military personnel. For 87 years, the principles of honesty, loyalty, integrity and service, have anchored our service to the military community. You are invited to Join the USAA family today and start taking advantage of the many exclusive benefits membership has to offer you.

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