

# All Ahead, Full!

## The newsletter of the Ens. John C. Butler Arizona Chapter Destroyer Escort Sailors Association

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**NEXT MEET: 13 JUL 09**

### ATTENTION ALL HANDS

#### A heartfelt thanks and tip o' the white hat to our generous contributors and donors

Mr. Leon R. Brownlee, Oklahoma City; Mark Warriner, Phx; Jimmy Warriner, Laveen; Mike Alexander, Scottsdale; Steve Parker, Colorado; Tim Dietz, Phx; Jim Massey, Phx; Bill Fisher, Mullins SC; Rob Campbell family & friends, California; M/M Dan Morian, Glendale; Steve Cushman family, Phx; Ed Benner, Phx; John & Charity Marriott, Phil Noonan, Pete Johnston & David Olvey, Phx; Jim & Jacque Edgmon, Mesa; Jerry T. O'Brien, Surprise; Dennis Zambo, Scottsdale.

Special thanks to Dennis & Michelle of the U.S. Postal Service station 85021, who, bless their hearts, open up one hour early at 0800 on Saturdays to give us the VIP treatment of processing our Care Packages without any interruptions. They serve well beyond the call of duty. And they thank us for what we're doing.

Together, all of our contributors make our project happen. Without their generous support we wouldn't be able to ship near as many Care Packages as we do to so many of our troops who truly appreciate the thought. Nor could we make it without our loyal members who dig deep to bring in health and comfort items, pack the boxes, make out the customs slips and labels and willingly contribute their full support to our project.

### Report of the meet of 8 JUN 09

1120: Meeting opened promptly at 1100; well, it was 1100 somewhere; Pledge of Allegiance; prayer, Chaplain Al Guier DDE 719.

Welcome aboard new member Dan Tideman DD 711. Dan is sponsoring a drive to have the new aircraft carrier CVN 79 named USS Arizona. Check his website [www.ussarizonacvn79.com](http://www.ussarizonacvn79.com). Eml him at [USSCVN79@aol.com](mailto:USSCVN79@aol.com) or call him at 602 571 0241 for particulars.

Our sincerest thanks to Mark and Jimmy Warriner and Sun Tech Exterminating for their donations to defray postage expenses for our Care Packages Project.

It was agreed that we contact Cdr Phillips, CO of Recruiting, Phoenix, suggesting we adopt some of his recruiter Ems to have chow with us 3 times per year. The recruiters could rotate among themselves and possibly include a Marine each time.

Chaplain Al Guier DDE 719 volunteered to chair the picnic cmtc for some time in NOV at a central location. Burgers, dogs and soft drinks by the association; members can bring a covered dish or dessert. Don't let AL carry the load by himself so PLEASE help out if he contacts you for assistance.

If you weren't at the meet You would guess right the first time if you said that **John Weber DD 730** won the blind draw. John, being the great guy that he is, refused the win and suggested another draw be held. So be it, John, hence, **Harry Stanton DE 148** won the draw. His share was **\$34.00**, which he returned to the treasury. Thanks Harry, we appreciate the financial assistance, however, no winner is under any obligation to return his share and shouldn't feel backward about sticking the winnings into his or her pocket. (We need one word to replace his or her, like **hizer** or **hzer** or something. If it could be done for Ms., why not? How about **heesh** for he or she?).

We've begun **hearing** from some of our troops telling us they have received our packages. See **Voices from Afghanistan**, attached. That's really nice to know, as after a while one begins to wonder if the stuff gets to them. The remote areas are the worse ones as you may suspect. One **letter** got here in **18 days** another in **15 days**. They did better by us who were at sea most often during the **Korean War** as our mail usually arrived in about a week. It's easy to imagine that a lot of mail was not received during **World War II** because of frequent massive movement of the troops. The **Vietnam** mail system was probably a lot like the Korean War delivery system

We'll have to take care in our next shipment as the very remote areas don't have any basic amenities such as electricity, micro-waves, PCs, etc. They're living in a very basic no frills environment.

On Saturday, **13 JUN, 26** Care packages were shipped to a number of different addresses in **Afghanistan**. Thanks to the working party, we packed **16 boxes** after the meet and **10 more** were packed with books donated by **Dennis and Darlene Zambo** of the **Book Tree**. Our total of Care Packages shipped for this year comes to **201**. Our members and donors are to be congratulated for the great job you all are doing.

1230 or so: Closing prayer, Chaplain Al Guier DDE 719 ... Chow for the crew.

**CWO2 Jerry T. O'Brien, USMC Ret.**, local author of novels about the Corps, gave us three Flat Rate boxes full of his books for the troops. We have several Marine units on our mailing list so we won't have trouble finding readers, assuming, of course, some Marines can read. **Thanks Gunner**, for sure the troops will go for 'em, altho we doubt if any sailors will.

**This is a good place for pix of our members. Not the recent variety. Let's have a pic or two of when you were young and smooth and In the uniform the girls loved to be seen with. All pix will be returned right after printing.** Or you can make a copy of your favorite and retain the original.

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