

**John C. Butler Arizona Destroyer
Escort Sailors Association**

Meeting of 8 SEP 08

The Association meets the second
Monday of each month at the central
location of:

HomeTown Buffet 1312 N. Scottsdale
Rd. Scottsdale at 1100

1100: Call to order: Pledge of
Allegiance: Prayer by Chaplain Al Guier
DDE 719

Twenty-six members and guests present;

Welcome new member Joseph LaPlante
DD 684 and welcome back to the Valley
and the Association, Hank and Carol
Trieckel DE 448. Thanks for joining and
rejoining our crew. We look forward to a
long and fruitful relationship and good
works.

XO Lloyd Brown DE 365 reports
\$1464.86 in the treasury as of 30 SEP 08

The members present voted to meet year
around dispensing with going into "dry-
dock" (summer break) of JUL & AUG.
The consensus was most of us are in
town anyway so we may as well continue
to meet and enjoy each other's company.
That allows us to continue our Care
Packages Program for our troops in
Afghanistan. We look forward to the
return of the Kowals and Tulls who flee
the desert summer, at our OCT meet.

Thank you Carl Martz DE 386 USS
Savage Historian, for your donation of
the book *Absolute Victory* by The Editors
of Time, 2005, a pictorial edition with

descriptions and quotes of various World War
II operations. On the intro page and back
cover is FDR's speech to congress asking for
a Declaration of War against the Japanese
who had just attacked and bombed Pearl
Harbor incurring heavy US losses, mostly
naval personnel.

Not to disparage Carl's generosity, but you
will remember FDR's speech. which began,
"Yesterday, December 7, 1941 —A date
which will live in infamy — and concludes
with ... will win through to absolute victory.
So help us God." EXCEPT the liberal Time
Editors left off the last sentence, "So help us
God." Those words are a part of history,
which are slowly being removed from the
public consciousness by political correctness
and fear of religious expression in the public
discourse. Religious or no, all Americans
should be appalled at the deliberate omission
of factual history. The book otherwise appears
to be a reasonably accurate account of WW II
and will be raffled at the OCT meet.

Guest Lynda Rusinek, VA Hospital ER Nurse
and daughter of John Rusinek DDR 808 won
the 50/50 draw donating her share, \$38.00,
back to the treasury. Thank you Lynda and
thanks for the health and comfort items your
group donates to our Care Packages Program.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Al Guier; Adjourn
for chow.

**NEXT MEET: 13 OCT 08, 1100,
HOMETOWN BUFFET**

For Those Who Fought For it
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NEXT MEET: 8 SEP 08, 1100

1100: CaH to order 9 JUN 08

Welcome aboard new member BMC (SW) Albert Denofre USN Ret. USS Chevalier DD 805; and, welcome back from Florida past members Hank & Carol Triecklel DE 448 who will be rejoining us this year.

Introduced guest speaker CWO2 J.T. O'Brien USMC Ret. 27 years including service during Korean and Vietnam Wars who presented us with a very interesting dissertation on naval aviation recon as he knew it and flew it. He is the author of several novels based on true military histories and co-authored a book on crash investigations.

Larry Smith DD 497 won the 50/50 draw and donated his half, \$3 1.00, back to the treasury. Thanks Larry we appreciate your generosity.

Closing prayer; Chaplain Al Guier DDE 719

After chow our working party boxed up 17 care packages for shipment to Chief Rockwell in Afghanistan for distribution among the troops serving at PRT Sharana. We have received several letters and Emails of thanks from the chief and other soldiers.

We may have been in "dry-dock" during JUL & AUG but we weren't "dead-in-the-water." Marti & Harry Stanton DL 148 boxed up five care packages; Torn RoeH DD 779 brought in enough to fill three boxes donated by his neighbor Nan Hlausner all containing various health and comfort items for the troops. Del Krause has four boxes ready to go soon. The expenditure list is nearby, but doesn't include the eight boxes from Stanton and Roell. Those are deducted from 31 JUL 08 balance \$775.90, J F. per Lloyd Brown DE 365.

A few of our members met with Joanna Burgian and her father, Jack Burgian USS Doyle DD 493, a sister ship of Larry Smith's DD 497. Jack was a gun capt. on mount 52 whose ship escorted Brit minesweepers then along with other sister DDs shelled German gun emplacements at Omaha Beach on D-Day.

We offer Joanna, USAF Ret., membership with us sailors if she's agreeable to do so.

The skipper took the liberty of donating two boxes of magazines in the name of the association to the VA Hospital and received two letters of thanks from the Assistant Administrator of Voluntary Service. The magazines were American Legion, VFW, DE Sailors newsletters, American Heritage, Science and Invention and The Weekly Standard.

If you have magazines and books lying about bring them to the next meet and they'll get delivered to the VA Hospital in timely fashion. The kindly lady said, upon receiving the mags, "They love it when you love them."

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Funds Collected at 9 JUN meet

50/50 draw	\$62.00
Fines	
<u>Individual donations:</u>	2.00
Al (Iuj~r	40.00
henry 1-tight	15.00
Rob Kessler	20.00
horn Roell	20.00
Ron Tuhlgren	10.00
10111 Alexander 'LQJIAL	\$189.00
Exp~4itures Postage, (Receipt to treas)	185.00
Misc. stamps, (Receipt to treas)	
	\$189.00

This is a true account of the income and expenditures for the month of JUN 2008 as submitted to Lloyd Brown XO/freas 17 JUL 08.

Tom Alexander, "Skipper"

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