

Perch Base Minutes January 10, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 1200 hrs.

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillons Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1202 hours, 10 January 2015. The meeting was called to order by Howard Doyle, Jr., Base Commander.

Howard Doyle gave the invocation. Howard Doyle led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chuck Emmett read the Purpose of the Base. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in January.

Included in attendance was the guest speaker, Tom Fenner, the Military Liaison for Hospice of the Valley.

According to the sailing list the following attended the base meeting:

Richard Kunze	Donald Robertson	Sam Mecham
Walter Blomgren	Don Demarte	David Fledderjohn
Dwayne Reed	Chuck Emmett	Don Schafer
Dan Marks	DeWayne Lober	Jim Denzien
Douglas M LaRock	Davy Jones	Burtis Loftin
Herb Coulter	Bill Woolcott	Dan Moss
Ted Hunt	John Mosher	Lou Reynolds
Rick Simmons	Tim Moore	Royce Pettit
David Heighway	Edward Gonsowksi	Jim Andrews
Robert W. Wright	Steve Balthazor	Don Unser
Marcia Unser	Howard Doyle, Jr	Bill Tippet
Dave Fyock	George Crider	Herb Herman
John Zaichkin	Nathan Tippet	Jim Wall
Nathan Tippet	George Gillette	Mike Dahl
Henry Lines (Guest)		

The first item of business was a call for approval of the last Base meeting minutes. It was so moved, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

Howard Doyle read the Treasurers report ending December 31, 2014. A motion was made to approve the report. It was moved, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

Nominations for Base Commander are now being considered. Tim Moore has nominated Chuck Emmett. Chuck has accepted the nomination.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Vice Commander - Richard Kunze

Nothing to report at this time.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Jan. 24 – Awards Banquet at Pebble Creek Country Club. Cash bar at 6 PM, dinner is at 7:15 PM. Tim

Moore is handling the reservations (\$35 per person) for this event. Reservations must be in by January 19. More details on the Perch Base Website. A silent auction will be held at the banquet. Captain Doyle, of Squadron 11 out of San Diego, will be the speaker at the banquet.

Feb. 7 – Laveen Parade starts at 11 am. Judging of floats will take place before the start of the parade. Check in is at 9 am.

Feb. 21 – Tale of Two Cities event in Goodyear/Avondale.

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day parade will be at the RV Park where we attended last year. Staging at 3:30 PM and the parade will start at 4 PM.

April 11 - The 100th Anniversary of Naval Reserve will be held at Luke AF. The Naval Reserve Center has requested our float for this event. Passes for non-retired members will be available. The Event Coordinator will make sure all arrangements are completed.

April 27 – May 1 – Western District Roundup in Laughlin, NV. A Flash Traffic will be sent out for this even with more information.

May 9 - Perch Base Picnic will be at the White Tanks.

Membership Chairman – Jim Andrews

Jim reported that 94% have paid their USSVI dues, 96% have paid their Perch Base Dues. He's had several no responses and has decided to drop them from the roster on Feb. 1, 2015. A total of \$3591 has been donated to Perch Base.

Storekeeper – Herb Coulter

Herb is in the process of inventorying all items and having a sale to minimize the quantity of items being stored that are not selling.

Past Commander – Jim Denzien

The Veterans Affairs (VA) will be conducting a Town Hall Meeting on March 19, at 6 PM, at the VA Regional Office, for anyone who wants to attend. Jim has details.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Dan reported that the POW article about Bob Lents had 80 visits in December. Perhaps the movie Unbroken renewed interest. He has also replaced the home page link from the USS Arizona (added after our Perl Harbor Day Memorial Wreath event) to the Bob Lents POW article, based on the traffic.

There were a total of about 2,400 page views during about 1,000 visits to the website in December. As before, the Glossary received the most traffic (879 page views). Dan requested input on the Glossary from the membership and only received one input, which was appreciated and added. He is still challenging more input on the Glossary.

Communications Officer – Chuck Emmett

Chuck apologized for the lack of quality in the new Midwatch report. He's still hoping that someone will offer to take over this newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

ASSM – Dan Moss

The site location for the memorial has been approved and will be next to the Vietnam Memorial.

We still need items for the Silent Auction to be held at our Banquet later this month.

NEW BUSINESS

Perch Base will be offering a \$1000 scholarship for 2015. Tim Moore is heading the committee of three. One board member and two Perch Base members will be appointed to make the final decision. Let Howard know if you would like to be part of the committee.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Don DeMarte mentioned that the magazine *Arizona Veterans Connection* may not be continued as growing expenses and lack of donations is hindering the production of the magazine. He announced that anyone can contribute to this magazine.

In the upcoming USSVI elections, Jim Denzien is running for re-election as Western District 1 Commander and would like your vote.

Tim Moore reported that 73 Perch Base Members have registered for the Awards Banquet.

There is a website: VetTix.Org, for veterans to get tickets for some events for free.

BINNACLE LIST

The Internment Ceremony for Jerome Becker will be Tues., Jan. 13, at 11 am, at the National Cemetery.

50/50

Dave Fyock won the 50/50, (\$103 total) and let it ride. Thanks Dave.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Howard Doyle. Meeting adjourned at 1320 hrs.

Submitted:

Marcia Unser

Secretary Perch Base