

Perch Base Minutes August 12, 2017

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 12 August 2017. The meeting was called to order by Howard Doyle, Vice Commander.

Mike Olsen gave the invocation. Howard Doyle led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rick Simmons read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in August.

Per the sailing list, the following attended the base meeting:

Chuck Emmett	Don Schafer	Don Unser
Warner Howard Doyle Jr.	Marcia Unser	Sam Mecham
Don DeMarte	Dan Marks	David Heighway
Chuck Luna	Bill Woolcott	Mike Olsen
Wayne Clark	Jim Andrews	Darell Keller
Bill Laramie	Stanley Reinhold	Ed Brooks
William Tippet	Nathan Tippet	Doug LaRock
Ray Marshall	Bob Gilmore	Glenn Posniack
Jack Patterson	Jim Denzien	Mary Denzien
Don Robertson	DeWayne Lober	Anthony Christianson
Robert Wright	Doyle Egg	Jim Nelson
Rick Simmons	John Carpentier	Governor Joy
Carl Miner	Tim Moore	George Woods
Davy Jones	David Metje	Paul Miller
Edward Gonsowski		

The first item of business was a call for approval of the July Base meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes, which was seconded and approved by voice vote.

David Heighway read the Treasurer's report.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian – Chuck Luna

Chuck had nothing to report.

Vice Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard reported that Richard Kunze was having health issues and that's why he wasn't in attendance..

Chief Of The Boat – Carl Miner

Carl had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Dave had nothing more to report.

Storekeeper – Herb Herman

Jack Patterson filled in for Herb and announced that there are still a lot of items for sale.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

There have been no major updates to the website during the past month. Other routine updates during the past month included updating the Links page and the Sailing Orders page. Flash Traffic and meeting minutes uploaded, Lost Boat notices and Half Staff notices posted. Similar updates have been maintained on the Perch Base Facebook Group.

During July, there were approximately 1,161 page views on the Perch Base website during 454 sessions by 297 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are comparable to last month and seem to be typical. Approximately 80% of the sessions originated in the US, and the remaining 20% were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 53% of the sessions were from locations within Arizona. Another 9% were from locations in California. The Homepage accounted for the largest percentage of the page views this month, exceeding the Glossary and the Eternal Patrol page in that order.

Membership – Jim Andrews

Jim reported that we still have 176 members, and that he would like to see the number increase to 200 by the end of the year.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Don reminded the members that all events are on the website.

Convention – August 31, 2017 – September 5, 2017 in Orlando, FL

Gudgeon Base Picnic – Sept. 16, 2017 – Prescott Valley

Billy Moore Days/Avondale – Oct. 28, 2017.

Anthem/Black Canyon Parades – Nov. 4, 2017.

Sierra Verde Elementary School – Nov. 9, 2017.

Phoenix Veterans Day Parade – Nov. 11, 2017.

Past Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck reported that the American *Submariner* is in the mail.

Secretary – Marcia Unser

Marcia had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Mike Olsen

Mike introduced Governor Joy, who is putting together a meeting at Sunland Memorial Park, in Sun City, for Perch Base members. This meeting will cover what's needed for funeral arrangements, etc.. A free lunch will also be provided.

Base Commander – Richard Kunze

Richard was not at the meeting.

Western Regional District Commander – Jim Denzien

Jim reported that less than 2% of USSVI members have signed up for the convention. He also reported that the website should be up and running by the convention, and that members should go online and check it out. Jim reported that he is now the Assistant Western Region Director, as approved by the National Board of Directors. He reminded members to vote for him, as he's on the ballot for re-election as Western Region District One Director.

OLD BUSINESS

Rick Simmons reported that we have 5 applications for the Perch Base Scholarship. The applicants are: Marley DeGroot, Cameron Millette, Jacen Millette, Nathaniel Tippet and Jaid Urness. He reported that the Board decided that each applicant would receive \$500. If the participants are available, checks will be awarded at the next meeting in September.

Members were once again reminded to vote for Western District One Commander, Jim Denzien. Howard did a vote of hands and will report the number, of who are voting for Jim Denzien.

NEW BUSINESS

Wayne Clark reported that Frys Grocery Store and Amazon have contributory programs that will put monies in USSVI charity. It was suggested that Wayne give this information to Chuck Emmett & Chuck Luna, who will then publish the information.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Howard reminded members to call Richard Kunze, who is going through Chemo. Howard also reported that Dick Noreika was in a car accident and recovering at HealthSouth Rehab Center. He

suggested that members go visit Dick, while he's there.

50/50

Ray Marshall won the raffle, which his share came to \$84.00.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Mike Olsen. Meeting adjourned at 1252 hrs.

Submitted:
Marcia Unser
Secretary Perch Base