

Perch Base Minutes January 14, 2017

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 14 January, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chuck Emmett, Base Commander.

Mike Olsen gave the invocation. Chuck Emmett led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rick Simmons read the USSVI Creed. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in January.

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

Richard Kunze	Dewey Reed	Dottie Reed
Dan Marks	Robie Robinson	Bill Woolcott
Sherry Woolcott	Davy Jones	Pete Sattig
Glenn Posniack	Ray Marshall	Dave LaRock
Chuck Luna	Mike Olsen	John Carpentier
Don Robertson	Rick Simmons	Howard Doyle Jr.
Bob Gregg	Wayne Clark	Chuck Emmett
Don DeMarte	Don Unser	Marcia Unser
David Heighway	Thomas Carrier	William Tippet
Doug Newland - New	Dene Rogers - Visitor	John Mosher
Jim Denzien	Mary Denzien	Don Schafer
Doyle Egg	Tony Christianson	Sam Meham
Steven Stanger	Herb Herman	Tim Moore
Robert Wright	Jim Andrews	Holly Walker
Mike Dahl	George Crider	Jim Edwards
George Gillette	Mike Hinderliter	Dan Moss
Layne Moss	Mark Thompson - New	David Metje
Ruth Olsen	George Woods	Bruce Bradbury
Lou Reynolds	Dick Noreika	DeWayne Lober
John Wilson	Edward Gonsowski	Sharon Crider

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

The base welcomed visitors, Dene Rogers and Bruce Bradbury.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian – Chuck Luna

Chuck reported that the MidWatch has been published and encouraged the members to send him articles for the next edition.

COB – Richard Kunze

Richard announced that the base needs someone to take over the duties of the COB. The

requirements are listed on the website under the Policy & Procedure section.

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Dave read the Treasurers report.

Storekeeper – Herb Herman

Herb announced that the hats that were ordered are here and can be purchased. The Holland Club hats are on backorder. The Holland Club Coins will be available for future Holland Club members.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

The only problem during the previous month identified with moving website in November was an incorrect limit on the number of emails that could be sent per hour identified during the BOD meeting on 12/7/16. That problem was corrected the following day. Our hosting agreement allows 200 emails per hour. Since the number of members with emails is less than 200, we can send emails, such as Flash Traffics without exceeding the limit, as long as we wait one hour prior to sending another distribution. This was incorrectly set by the hosting company at a limit of 50, but promptly corrected following identification of the error. The renewal for our website Whoisguard protection was due on 1/17/2017. I renewed the Whoisguard subscription on 1/2/2017. For the minor amount of \$2.88, I will consider it a donation. (Not worth the effort of an expense statement or writing a check!)

Otherwise, there have been updates, but no major changes to the website during the past month; simply updating pages such as Christmas photos on the home page, the Event Photos for Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, editing the Glossary (blivet, oolie & Zulu time) based on feedback from website visitors, adding photos of awards, Sailing Orders, uploading Flash Traffics and meeting minutes, Lost Boat notices, and Half Staff notices. Similar updates have been maintained on the Perch Base Facebook Group. I have received emails to the webmaster from Matt Tudor (tudormatt@yahoo.com) and Jude Clark (judeclark@cox.net) that I have invited to the next meeting and their replies were positive. I spoke to Matt by phone (661-302-8903) prior to the December meeting and thought he would come to that meeting, but was a no-show. I sent Matt a follow-up email on 12/30/16.

During December, there were approximately 2,987 page views on the Perch Base website during 844 sessions by 456 users based on Google Analytics. That is a large increase in page views, but might be partly a result of my testing following the hosting change. Approximately 70% of the sessions originated in the US, 14% from Russia and 3% each from the United Kingdom and Germany. The remaining 10% were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 59% of the sessions were from locations within Arizona. The Homepage accounted for the largest (35%) percentage of the page views this month, exceeding the Photo Selection page (10%.) Glossary (9%.) the Sailing Orders page (5%.) the Veterans Day parade photos (5%.) Links page (2%.) and the Eternal Patrol page (2%).

Dan presented Robert Wright with a plank from the deck of the USS Ray SSR-271, which Robert served on the recommissioning crew.

Membership – Jim Andrews

Jim reported that since his last report in December, we have added two new members to Perch Base and USSVI. With the loss of two members in December, our membership remains at 172 members.

As of January 11, 2017, we have collected:

USSVI - \$2,640.00 - 94% of those required to pay, have paid.

Perch Base - \$1,010.00 – 93% of those required to pay, have paid.

Donations - \$3,955.00 – 75% have made donations.

The Annual Banquet is progressing smoothly. As of today, we have 64 members and significant others, plus 6 guests that have signed up to attend.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Awards Banquet – January 21, 2017

Tale of Two Cities – February 4, 2017

Western Region Roundup – April 23 – 28, 2017, in Las Vegas (Sam's Town)

RV Park – March 2017 – More details to follow.

Annual Picnic – May 13th - North Mountain Park

Memorial Day – May 29th at the National Cemetery

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

Past Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard reported that the Awards Banquet is on schedule and looking forward to seeing everyone there. He also mentioned that the Constitution and bylaws will be integrated to the base Policies/Procedures, and if any members have suggestions, to let him know.

Western District Commander – Jim Denzien

Jim reported that USSVI lost its War Veterans status, but that members can donate to the Perch Base Foundation to get tax credits. He reminded the members that the Western Region Roundup has changed location this year from Laughlin, NV to Sam's Town, Las Vegas, NV, to make it easier for members from other areas to attend. More information on the website www.WRRoundup.com for this event.

Chaplain – Mike Olsen

Mike has put together a packet for members, explaining the VA Burial Benefits.

Base Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck reported that we have a speaker for the Awards Banquet, Retired Captain Kevin Peppe, who is the VP of Raytheon.

OLD BUSINESS

Dan Moss reported that the presentation to APS was postponed to a later date. He mentioned that they have the help of two Rear Admirals, to help with this presentation. Dan also reported that he's still accepting items for the Silent Auction.

NEW BUSINESS

Chuck Emmett announced that elections are coming up for Commander, as he has decided not to run for a second term. He nominated Richard Kunze for this position. If anyone wants to run, they need to put their nomination in by February 15, 2017.

Richard Kunze reminded the members of the Perch Base Scholarship Program. We will be awarding a \$1,000.00 scholarship this year. All information is on our website, in the document section. He stated that July 31, 2017 is the deadline for all submissions. The awards will be presented at the August, 2017 meeting. Last year we had three winners. These scholarships can be awarded to those attending college, trade schools or vocational schools.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dick Norieka encouraged members, especially diesel boat sailors, to take advantage of the Veterans Heritage Project. He brought in a sign-up sheet for those interested.

Chuck brought in some business cards, for members to carry and hand out when they run into a submarine sailor, who might be interested in joining Perch Base.

The new picnic site at North Mountain, might have parking issues. Richard Kunze and Chuck Emmett drove out to check it out and were concerned that members might not find close parking spaces. Additional research will be done to determine if this is a good area.

50/50

Lou Reynolds won the raffle, which his share came to \$118.00.

ADJOURNMENT

Benediction was led by Don Unser. Meeting adjourned at 1320 hrs.

Submitted:
Marcia Unser
Secretary Perch Base