

Perch Base Minutes October 12, 2019

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 12 October 2019. The meeting was called to order by Commander Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard Doyle Jr. gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Don Robertson read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in October.

The base welcomed guests Jack Patterson, Dennis Ottley (Tucson Base Commander), Lee Gilbert (New Jersey Egg Harbor Base Vice-Commander) and Mark Gilbert. New member John Engelmann was welcomed to the group.

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

Davy Jones	Marion Cartland	Don Petty
Chuck Emmett	Jack Patterson	Carl Miner
Joan Miner	Rick Simmons	Doug LaRock
Glenn Posniack	David Heighway	Bill Woolcott
Don Robertson	William Tippet	Joe Trotter
Jim Koning	Mike Keating	Don Schafer
W. H. Doyle, Jr.	Mike Weeks	Don Unser
Marcia Unser	Ken Meeks	Sam Mecham
Jim Andrews	Lee Gilbert	Mark Gilbert
John Engelmann	John Beckett	Dennis Ottley
Wayne Clark	Tim Moore	Herb Herman
George Woods	Jim Denzien	Mike Hinderliter
Dan Marks	Edward Gonsowsky	Jim Edwards
Lou Reynolds	DeWayne Lober	Dick Noreika

The first item of business was a call for approval of the August meeting minutes. There were no corrections and the minutes stand approved as posted on the website.

David Heighway gave the Treasurer report for September.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian/MidWatch – Chuck Luna

Chuck was not in attendance.

Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard reminded members to pay their dues.

Vice Commander – George Woods

George Woods reported that Luke Air Force Base is having a Retiree Appreciation Day, Saturday, October 26th from 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM. This is for retired military only.

Chief of The Boat – Carl Miner

Carl had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Dave had nothing more to report.

Storekeeper – Marcus Hensley

Marcus was not in attendance.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Major activity with the website during the past month has been the addition of an Eternal Patrol notice for Russ Rutowski, photos of the Gudgeon Base picnic and Tim Moore at the Oktoberfest in München (Munich), Germany. The 4th quarter MidWatch was added to the website and snail mailed to 8 members who do not have ability or equipment to read the issue electronically. Routine updates during the past month included updating the Sailing Orders page, Flash Traffics and meeting minutes uploaded, Lost Boat notices and Half Staff notices posted and links updated. Similar updates have been maintained on the Perch Base Facebook Group.

The Webmaster has also been working with Charles R. Hinman - Director of Education & Outreach, USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park, Honolulu, Hawaii, creator and manager of the On Eternal Patrol website. Every submariner on Eternal Patrol has a memorial page in the On Eternal Patrol website. For the past 3 years I have been performing genealogical research to find missing photos of sailors on Eternal Patrol from Arizona. During the past month, a photo of the last sailor, Herminio Gonzales, Ship's Cook, Third Class, lost with the crew of the USS Grampus (SS-207) on March 5, 1943 in or near Blackett Strait was found and added to the On Eternal Patrol website. Photos were previously found and provided for James Edward McGahan, Quartermaster, Third Class, of USS Snook (SS-279), and Charles Sherman Barker, Seaman, First Class, of USS Canopus (AS-9).

During August, there were 1,386 page views on the Perch Base website during 533 sessions by 274 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are typical. Approximately 82% of the sessions originated in the US, 2% from the India, and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 37% of the U.S. based sessions were from locations in Arizona, which is assumed to come from our membership. 40% of the traffic was to the home page, 11% to the Glossary, 8% to the Harold Weber Eternal Patrol page, 7% to the Sailing Orders page, 3% to the to the Gudgeon Picnic, and 2% each to the Tim Moore Germany photos page and the meeting minutes.

Membership – Jim Andrews

Jim reported that we now have 183 members. Jim also reported that the following monies have been collected:

USSVI - \$400.00

Perch Base - \$220.00, which equates to 21% of those required to pay.

Donations - \$2,295.00, which equates to 22% of members of Perch Base.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Don reported the following events:

Oct. 19, 2019 – Mesa Market Place Military Day Event

Nov. 7, 2019 – Gilbert Static Display

Nov 8, 2018 – Stem School Static Display

Nov. 9, 2019 – Daisy Mountain Veterans Parade

Nov. 9, 2019 – Black Canyon Parade is still not firmed up as of this date.

Nov. 11, 2019 – Phoenix Veterans Day Parade

Dec. 7, 2019 – Pearl Harbor Day – Wesley Bolin Plaza

Past Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck had nothing to report.

Secretary – Marcia Unser

Marcia had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Governor Joy

Governor Joy was not in attendance.

Western Regional District 1 Commander – Vic Van Horn

Vic was not in attendance.

Western Region Director – Jim Denzien

Jim had nothing to report.

Tucson Base Commander – Dennis Ottley

Dennis gave a presentation on what's happening with the 2020 Convention in Tucson. He indicated that they're about 80% done with all planning. He also mentioned that there are various opportunities for Perch Base members to volunteer to help with different areas. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Jim Denzien.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no other old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Denzien reminded members that the USSVI National/District Regional nominations are now open and that anyone interested in any of these positions should go online and review the requirements. See Jim Denzien if interested.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Howard also noted that a communication was sent out that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to a charitable organization. You can designate US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc. to have the proceeds go there.

A WWII Navy flag and a shadow box were donated to Perch Base from LuAnn Thomas, who wanted to make sure they were given to a Navy group.

Perch Base received a metal sign, as a winning award from the Prescott Parade.

Davy Jones needs help with items that he's collected for a garage sale. He needs someone to help transport and a place to store the items for the garage sale. All proceeds will go to the ASSM.

BINNACLE LIST

Ken Meeks

Chuck Luna

50/50

The raffle amount was \$152.00. Lee Gilbert won the raffle and donated \$142.00 back to the base.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Howard Doyle Jr., and adjourned at 1315 hrs.

Submitted:
Marcia Unser
Secretary Perch Base