

## Perch Base Meeting Minutes - February 11, 2023

Perch Base Commander George Woods called the monthly meeting to order at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 11 February 2023.

Don Unser gave the invocation. George Woods led the Pledge of Allegiance, Carl Miner read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in February.

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

Bill Anderson	Jim Andrews	John Beckett
C.C. Clarke	Carol Culbertson	Mia Doyle
W. H. Doyle, Jr.	Chris Gahan	Doc Hawkins
Ed Henry	DeWayne Lober	Chuck Luna
Scott Martorano	Dan Marks	Carl Miner
Terry Nicholson	Bob Saenz	Carol Saenz
Joe Trotter	Don Unser	Marcia Unser
Alice Woods	George Woods	

Howard Doyle introduced his guest, his granddaughter Mia Doyle, who was present to receive her Perch Base Scholarship Award.

Several new members introduced themselves. Scott Martorano served and qualified in 1985 on the USS Minneapolis–Saint Paul (SSN-708) as a Torpedoman's Mate. C.C. Clarke qualified in 1978 on the USS Theodore Roosevelt (SSBN-600) and also served on the USS Seawolf (SSN-575) as a Sonar Tech. Doc Hawkins served and qualified on the USS Sam Houston (SSN-609) and also served on several other boats prior to his retirement as a Chief Sonar Tech. Terry Nicholson qualified in 1976 on the John Adams (SSBN-620) and also served on the USS Patrick Henry (SSBN-599)

Joe Trotter gave the Treasurer's Report. The month of January started with \$9,526. Income was \$3,073 (primarily the Annual Awards Banquet.) Expenses were \$1,129, ending the month with \$11,470.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

#### **Events Coordinator – Dave Heighway**

Dave reported our winning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Motor Vehicle Division) at the Laveen Community Parade. The upcoming events include:

- Base Picnic 4/8/23 – Paloma Community Park, Peoria 0900-1700
- Western Regional Roundup – 4/27-29 2023 – Double Tree Hotel, Sacramento, CA
- No details yet for Memorial Day.
- No details yet for Prescott Independence Day parade.
- National Convention Tucson 2023 – Website – [www.USSVI.org/2023-ch](http://www.USSVI.org/2023-ch)

#### **Communications Officer & Newsletter Editor – Chris Gahan**

Chris reported the deadline for input to the next MidWatch Newsletter is Friday, March 17, 2023. Chris emphasized that input to the MidWatch is welcome from ALL members, including articles, jokes, etc.

#### **Webmaster – Dan Marks**

Major activity with the website since the last BOD meeting included posting the Laveen Parade photos, Annual Awards Banquet photos, the Dave Wickline presentation during the January monthly base meeting and the Perch Base Scholarship Application has been updated, as discussed at the last BOD meeting. Routine updates during the past month included updating the Sailing Orders page, Flash Traffics, base correspondence 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 Page.

During January, there were 1,020 page views on the Perch Base website during 492 sessions by 354 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are slightly lower than typical. During the month, approximately 81% of the sessions originated in the US, 5% from China, 2% from the United Kingdom, and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 27% of the U.S. based sessions were from locations in Arizona, which is assumed to come from our membership. Most of the traffic was to the home page (38%), followed by the Sailing Orders (14%), Glossary (10%) and the Minutes Selection page (5%).

During January, the Facebook Post Reach (The number of people who saw any of our posts at least once. Reach is different from impressions, which may include multiple views of your posts by the same people.) was 367. The Post Engagements (The number of reactions, comments, shares and clicks on our posts.) was 155. Our Facebook page had 0 new Page Likes for a total of 154 and 170 followers. These numbers are slightly lower than typical. The top post was the ASSM cleanup page.

#### **Chief Of the Boat – Don Robertson**

Don reported on the planning for the Annual Picnic at the Paloma Community Park in Peoria. We will be serving sirloin burgers, beef franks and Italian sausages, as well as dishes that may be brought by members. He discussed that he is completing the Maricopa County Food Safety qualification to ensure we meet requirements for serving food.

Don is now keeping the “People Trailer” on his Dewey property due to Chuck Emmett being on the Binnacle List.

Don informed us that he will be issuing a questionnaire in the near future to survey the membership how the Board can serve you better.

#### **Commander – George Woods**

George noted that the National Convention Plan of the Day link to the Convention website link is posted on our Perch Base website. George noted that you can either sign up, including payment by credit card online, or there is also a downloadable registration form that you can fill out and send in with a check.

#### **Treasurer - Joe Trotter**

Joe added to George Woods’ discussion that Joe is coordinating Perch Base volunteer support for the National Convention in Tucson. He now has the volunteer sheet from the Convention Committee with the specific positions needed. The volunteer list is also linked on the Perch Base website. If you see anything that you are willing to help with, contact Joe.

Joe is also collecting names for volunteers for a separate table in the Vendor Room during the Convention that will be collecting donations for the USS Phoenix (SSN-702), USS Arizona (SSN-803) and the ASSM. Contact Joe if you are interested in helping at that table.

#### **Past Commander – W. H. Doyle, Jr.**

Howard Doyle reminded the group that the Perch Base is a 501(c)(19) organization, which is NOT tax deductible, but the Perch Base Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, which IS tax deductible.

#### **Vice Commander – Carl Miner**

Carl had nothing to add.

#### **Membership – Chuck Luna**

Chuck had nothing to add.

#### **Membership – John Beckett**

John had nothing to add.

#### **Secretary – Laura Luna**

Laura was not present.

**Chaplain – Jim Denzien**

Jim was not present.

**Base Historian – Chuck Emmett**

Chuck was not present.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

George Woods presented a Perch Base Scholarship Award to Howard Doyle's granddaughter Mia. George also noted that two additional Scholarship Awards would be presented later to Chris Urness' son Kaden and George Woods' granddaughter Kara Woods.

The "Noisy Can" was passed around. This quarter's proceeds benefit the Perch Base Foundation.

Joe Trotter noted that the Amazon Smile donation program has ended and we will no longer receive any Amazon donations.

Carol Cubertson discussed that after receiving a bachelor degree with at least a 3.6 GPA, grandchildren may apply to the Military Medical School to become a doctor in the military. Contact Rear Admiral (ret) Connie Mariano who is still a practicing doctor in Scottsdale.

**BINNACLE LIST**

- Warner Howard Doyle, Jr
- Mary Denzien
- Chuck Emmett
- Frank Hausen
- Wayne C. Hembree
- Davy Jones
- Governor Joy
- DeWayne Lober

**50/50**

George Woods won the 50/50 drawing. His share came to \$32. George contributed his winning back to Perch Base.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Don Unser led the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 1:08 PM.

Submitted by:

Dan Marks,

Filling in for Laura Luna

Secretary, Perch Base