

Perch Base Minutes May 10, 2025

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillons Restaurant, Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, May 10, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Commander David Heighway.

Governor Joy gave the invocation. The pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander Dave Heighway. The USSVI Purpose was read by George Woods. The Tolling of the Boats lost in May was read by David Heighway.

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

George Woods	Alice Woods	Bob Gilmore
David Heighway	Marcia Unser	Don Unser
Don Robertson	W H Doyle Jr.	Bob Saenz
Governor Joy	John Beckett	Carol Saenz
Dan Marks	Brian Davis(guest)	Nina Davis(guest)
Kevin Sheehan	George Williams	Carol Culbertson
Carl Miner	Kirby Anderson	Joe Trotter
Randy Pirkle	Vic Van Horn	Chris Gahan
Georgianne Gahan	CC Clarke	John Brown

The first item of business was a call for approval of the April 2025 meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes, which was seconded and approved by voice vote.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Treasurer-Kevin Sheehan

- Kevin gave the treasurer's report. Perch Base Foundation Balance: \$ 6,923.29
- Perch Base Operations: \$ 16,314.97 as of 5/1/25.
- Noted Expenses: \$651 for picnic & \$745 to restock challenge coins.

Communications – Chris Gahan

Chris noted that the next midwatch due date is 15 Jun 25 for new articles. He noted that there are numerous Memorial Day and service anniversaries happening throughout the Valley in the next month and recommended participation in them if possible.

Commander – David Heighway

David mentioned that we would elect a new Vice Commander, Don Robertson, during the meeting..

Vice Commander – Vacant

Don Robertson was nominated to fill this position and he agreed to take it for the remainder of Dave Heighway's unfilled term. (March 2026).

Chief of The Boat – Kirby Anderson

Kirby requested some help before the Memorial Day service to stage and set up our site at the cemetery.

Storekeeper – John Beckett

- John discussed the restock of challenge coins and the required price increase to \$15. He will sell the old ones at the current price of \$10 until the new ones arrive.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Dan covered the new entries to the website for pictures and events.

He also noted the Eternal Patrol services scheduled for MMCM(SS) Bruce "Robie" Robinson and IC1(SS) Frank Elliot.

Membership – Paul Miller

No report

Events Coordinator – CC Clarke

- CC requested as much participation as possible for the Memorial Day service at the National Cemetery and emphasized spreading the word to more members to increase participation in future meetings, parades and other events.

Historian- Chuck Emmett

- No report

Past Commander– George Woods

George thanked all BOD members, Committee members and others who supported him during his term as Commander.

Secretary – Ed Henry/ Acting Secretary – Kevin Sheehan

Ed Henry has taken the Secretary position from Acting Secretary Kevin Sheehan

Kevin reported in Ed's absence that the election for Vice Commander would be held with only Don Robertson nominated to fill the vacant position. No one else was nominated and the elections was held.

Don Robertson was elected by the eligible member present and sworn in by Vic Van Horn.

Chaplain – Governor Joy

Requested any updates to the Binnacle List so that it can be kept current.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave informed the membership of the BOD's efforts to survey members for thoughts and ideas for changes to locations and times for the Awards Banquet and Picnic.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Trotter previewed the new information panels to be installed on the USS Phoenix float.

He also noted that he is running for election next month for the position of Western District Commander and requested members look for their ballots which will be sent by the current district administration and to vote as the margins between candidates will be tight.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Noisy Can proceeds to Perch Base Foundation. (\$34.53)

BINNACLE LIST

Warner Howard Doyle, JR	Mary Denzien.	James Denzien
Chuck Emmett	DeWayne Lober	Chuck Luna
Curtis Morgan	Richard Simmons	Davy Jones
Lori Joy		

50/50

1. Drawing results: The 50-50 raffle (\$105.00) was won by George Woods (\$52)

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Governor Joy. The meeting adjourned at. 12:45 pm.

Submitted:

Kevin Sheehan

Acting Secretary Perch Base