

Perch Base Minutes June 14, 2025

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillons Restaurant, Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, June 14, 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 Tolling of the Boats lost in June was read by David Heighway.

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

David Heighway	George Woods	Bob Gilmore
Bob Saenz	Carol Saenz	Joe Trotter
Kirby Anderson and Axle	Don Robertson	Chris Gahan
Georgianne Gahan	Doug LaRock	Glen Posniack
Dan Marks	Paul Miller	Ken Kennedy
Governor Joy	Ed Henry	John Smith
Randy Pirkle	Brian Davis	George H Webb
James Cosgrove	Carl Miner	CC Clarke

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary-Ed Henry

Nothing to report

Treasurer-Kevin Sheehan (absent)

David Heighway gave the treasurer's report.

Perch Base Foundation Balance: \$ 6,957.82

Perch Base Operations: \$ 15,715.86 as of 6/10/25.

Past Commander– George Woods

George reminded all of the upcoming summer events, specifically the Prescott Day Parade, requesting a good turnout. The Gudgeon Base will not be holding their annual post parade picnic due to the host having surgery. He recommended those who intend to stay the night book their hotels now and provided a recommendation of the Green Tree Resorts, which offers a Military Discount.

Vice Commander – Don Robertson

Don Robertson reminded all planning to participate in the Prescott Day Parade to be aware of the ongoing construction on the 17 and be prepared for delays.

Storekeeper – John Beckett (absent)

No report. John was on the east coast attending his sister's memorial.

Chief of The Boat – Kirby Anderson

Kirby requested assistance with a working party in support of preparing the USS PHOENIX (SSN 702) float for the upcoming parade. Future Base Flash Traffic will provide base members with the date, time and address.

Communications – Chris Gahan

Chris has extended the due date for submission of new articles for the next Midwatch to June 20, 2025. He noted that in the past he has received lots of articles from base members, but this quarter has been lacking and is looking for more articles or personal stories to fill the pages.

Chris reported on an ASU initiative called Upward Bound, a group that assists veterans in starting up a new business. They provide veterans with information such as contact for lawyers, financial guidance, employee advice.

The National Cemetery will conduct its annual clean up on July 14, 2025. Any decorations, memorabilia, etc that people want to salvage must be removed before that date.

Provided Bravo Zulu to Don and Kirby for float preps in support of the Memorial Day Service at the National Cemetery, to Don for researching and sourcing a new speaker system and podium, to the Joe, Dan and Ed for their work on the new USS PHOENIX Cutaway graphic for the Float, and to all those who attended the Memorial Day Service, the largest attendance by the Perch Base for this event since he became a member..

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Dan provided some “School of the Boat” showing the group how to maneuver through the Perch Base website Navigation Menu and Web Pages to find contact information, meeting minutes, past issues of the Midwatch and important base information. Dan also showed how to get to the National Site from the Perch Base Home Page and how to navigate through the National Site to search for members and old shipmates.

Historian- Chuck Emmett (absent)

No report

Membership – Paul Miller

Membership is 163, with the addition of Brian Davis before the meeting. Paul awarded a 25-year Longevity Award to Life and Holland Club member George Williams. George was accompanied at the meeting by his daughter.

Chaplain – Governor Joy

Notified members that services for MMCM(SS) Bruce “Robie” Robinson will be on Monday, June 16, 2025.

Provided an update on Lori’s condition highlighting that she will be returning home from assisted living.

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

Events Coordinator – CC Clarke

CC emphasized that the Prescott Day Parade is the one event all should attend. It is a lot of fun and this year’s theme is “Women in Rodeo” so anything can happen.

For the Prescott Day Parade Gudgeon Base, Perch Base, and Tucson Base will be forming up in positions 80 and 81. Information is posted in the Events Section on the Perch Base Website.

National Convention, Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, FL 9/1 - 9/6

Commander – David Heighway

During the Membership update Dave spoke of the six members who despite all Paul’s efforts did not renew their membership and his desire for our members to learn more about how to recruit new members, retain current members and bring value to the meetings so they become Life Members. Dan Marks reminded all that there is guidance for these initiatives on the National Website.

Dave reminded all that this month is the 30th anniversary of the Perch Base Charter and that there is a cake to celebrate the occasion. Paul Miller gave a short history of the members present at the first Perch Base general meeting, mentioning that Steven Day is the only remaining member of the original group and is still a member of the Base. Paul is one of the original members of Perch Base joining the base in December of 1995.

OLD BUSINESS

CC extended the due date for submission of the Awards Ceremony Survey for another month to allow for more response from base members. Dan Marks provided a demonstration on how to access and fill out the form on the Perch Base Website and how to forward the survey to the Events Coordinator. If anyone has problems or questions please contact Dan and he will assist

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Trotter did a short presentation on his running for District Commander seeking support from the Perch Base Members for his election.

Biographies for both candidates were forwarded to the base membership via Flash Traffic.

The voting deadline is July 15, 2025.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Noisy Can proceeds to Perch Base Foundation at a total of. \$146.00 which included the \$60.00 donated from the 50/50 raffle.

BINNACLE LIST

Warner Howard Doyle, JR
Chuck Emmett
Curtis Morgan
Lori Joy

Mary Denzien
DeWayne Lober
Richard Simmons

James Denzien
Chuck Luna
Davy Jones

50/50

Drawing results: The 50-50 raffle (\$120.00) was won by John Smith who donated his winning to the Perch Base Foundation.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Governor Joy. The meeting adjourned at. 12:47 pm.

Submitted:

Ed Henry

Secretary Perch Base