

## **Perch Base Minutes July 12, 2025**

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillons Restaurant, Glendale, AZ at 12:02 hours, June 14, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Commander David Highway.

Governor Joy gave the invocation. The pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander Dave Highway. The Tolling of the Boats lost in July was read by David Highway.

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

David Highway	Hila Highway	Don Robertson
Don Petty	Barbara Petty	Jim Denzien
Mary Denzien	Bob Saenez	Carol Saenez
Ed Henry	John Beckett	John Brown
Paul Miller	Bob Gilmore	W. H. Doyle Jr.
Chris Gahan	Dan Marks	Randy Pirkle
George Woods	Alice Woods	John Manning
John Corbin	Carl Miner	Joe Trotter
Kirby Anderson	CC Clarke	Governor Joy

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 Highway gave the treasurer's report.

Perch Base Foundation Balance: \$ 7,103.82

Perch Base Operations: \$ 15,662.89 as of 7/10/25.

#### **Past Commander- George Woods**

Nothing to report

#### **Vice Commander – Don Robertson**

Thanked all that attended the Prescott Day Parade and those who participated in the field day to prepare the USS PHOENIX (SSN 702) float for the event.

#### **Storekeeper – John Beckett (absent)**

John reported receiving the Perch Base Challenge coins and reminded all of the increase in price to \$15.00.

#### **Chief of The Boat – Kirby Anderson**

Kirby echoed Don's thanks for supporting the parade and field day. During inventory and clean-up of the storage facility Kirby noted there is equipment and displays that are beyond repair and should be considered for disposal. David reminded Kirby to forward the final inventory to Kevin.

#### **Communications – Chris Gahan**

Chris identified the final submission date for the fourth quarter MidWatch as September 12, 2025 and requested members provide him with content to include in the release.

Chris requested all who did not receive the third quarter MidWatch to review the email they have on the roster. He received 11 undeliverable messages when he forwarded the group.

## **Webmaster – Dan Marks**

Dan provided additional “School of the Boat” continuing from last month’s meeting showing the group how to maneuver through the Perch Base website with attention to the content of the article regarding the Prescott Day Parade, how to watch the video and the location in the video showing the three USSVI bases passing the parade stand.

## **Historian- Chuck Emmett (absent)**

No report

## **Membership – Paul Miller**

Membership is 164, with the addition of John Manning before the meeting.

## **Chaplain – Governor Joy**

Governor reminded all of those listed on the Binnacle List and requested those members who live nearby to reach out and make contact or possibly visit those who cannot attend a meeting.

## **Events Coordinator – CC Clarke**

CC reported on the results of the research he and John Beckett had completed to identify possible locations for the Annual Awards Banquet. They had identified locations that at a minimum were requesting \$4000.00 to rent the venue. The venue the base has been using, Pebble Creek Country Club, as a service to veterans provided their space at no cost. CC reported that the base would continue to use Pebble Creek Country Club.

August 31 – September 6: USSVI National Convention, Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando

November 11 – Phoenix Veterans Day Parade

January 17, 2026 – Perch Base Awards Banquet

## **District Commander WD1 Election**

Joe Trotter, candidate for the District Commander position, reminded all that it was the last day for those attending the General Meeting to vote in person. The other options were to email the ballot to WD1 or mail in a ballot via USPS but must be posted on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of July.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Joe Trotter reported that the USS PHOENIX (SSN 702) parade float blue side covers are missing.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Paul Miller is looking to gauge interest in a group outing to a Spring Training baseball game. He is expecting the stadium admins will require at least 20 participants to be considered a group. Paul will contact the teams regarding requirements and pricing.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Joe Trotter reported on the results of the Arizona Silent Service Memorial (ASSM) Board of Directors meeting and plan for a fall cleanup. Intentions are to paint the Submarine, chain rails and posts. Date and scope of work will be posted at a later date. There was also a pitch for brick sales, Joe identified that the ASSM website is down and is working on a new site, but the ASSM Facebook page is active. Joe has coins and pavers.

## **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 (\$93.00) was won by Governor Joy who donated his winning to the Perch Base Foundation. Final count \$47.00 went to the Perch Base Fund and \$46.00 went to the Perch Base Foundation.

## **Rattle Can**

Proceeds to USSVI National Foundation at a total of. \$62.00.

## **ADJOURMENT**

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

**Submitted:**

Ed Henry

Secretary Perch Base