

Perch Base Minutes August 9, 2025

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was held at Dillons Restaurant, Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, August 9, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Commander David Heighway.

Don Unser gave the invocation. The pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander Dave Heighway. The Tolling of the Boats lost in July was read by David Heighway.

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

David Heighway	Hila Heighway	George Woods
Alice Woods	Marcia Unser	Don Unser
John Beckett	John Brown	Randy Prikle
Brian Davis	Joe Trotter	CC Clarke
W. H. Doyle Jr.	Kirby Anderson	Chris Gahan
Georgiane Gahan	Dan Marks	Paul Miller
Ken Kennedy	Kevin Sheehan	John Manning
Ed Henry		

The first item of business was a call for approval of the July 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

Perch Base Operations - \$15,766.89

Perch Base Foundation – 7,103.82

Past Commander– George Woods

Nothing to report

Vice Commander – Don Robertson

Nothing to report.

Storekeeper – John Beckett (absent)

John announced USSVI, National is selling US Navy 250 Anniversary Coins, and the sign-up sheet was being passed around for those interested in purchasing coins.

Chief of The Boat – Kirby Anderson

Nothing to report.

Communications – Chris Gahan

Chris identified the final submission date for the fourth quarter MidWatch as September 12, 2025, and indicated that he was receiving articles from the crew.

The USS SCULPIN (SSN 5) is having a Crew Meet-Up this fall, Those who may know SCULPIN crewmember please pass the word forward.

He had no updates on the United Arizona Veterans group activity as they are still on Summer Standdown.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Provided a brief update of website visitors stating the #1 page visited was the “No Whiners” Chit.

Historian- Chuck Emmett (absent)

No report

Membership – Paul Miller

Membership is 164. In response to a question at the monthly Board Meeting, Paul did some research and identified that Perch Base ranks #6 in membership of all USSVI Bases. The #1 Base is the Groton Base.

Chaplain – Governor Joy (absent)

No report

Events Coordinator – CC Clarke

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

The District Commander WD1 election was won by Mike Ortiz of the Tuscon Base. He will be sworn into office 6 September at the National Convention's Annual Awards Banquet.

George Woods will be sworn in as the Assistant District Commander.

Old Business

No old Business.

New Business / Good of the Order

Vice Commander Don Robertson presented the first “Boat of the Month” presentation highlighting the accomplishments of the crew of the USS POMFRET (SS 391) which served during WWII, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. The intent is to highlight a different boat's accomplishments at the monthly General Meetings.

BINNACLE LIST

Lori Joy
Chuck Emmett
Curtis Morgan
W H Doyle Jr.

Mary Denzien
DeWayne Lober
Richard Simmons

James Denzien
Chuck Luna
Davy Jones

50/50

Drawing results: The 50-50 raffle (\$86) was won by Kevin Sheehan who donated his winning to the Perch Base Foundation. Final count of \$43.00 went to the Perch Base Fund and \$43.00 went to the Perch Base Foundation.

Rattle Can

Proceeds to USSVI National Foundation at a total of. \$34.98.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Don Unser. The meeting adjourned at. 12:42 pm.

Submitted:

Ed Henry

Secretary Perch Base