

Perch Base Minutes October 11, 2025

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was held at Dillons Restaurant, Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, October 11, 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 Reading of the USSVI Creed was read by Bob Wright and The Tolling of the Boats lost in October was read by David Heighway.

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

David Heighway	Hila Heighway	Chuck Emmet
Robert W. Wright	John Brown	John Beckett
Don Unser	Maria Unser	Michael Haler
George Woods	Alice Woods	Glenn Posniack
Dough LaRock	Charles Tobias	Mike Weeks
Bob Saenz	Carol Saenz	Kevin Sheehan
Paul Miller	W. H. Doyle, Jr.	Bob Gilmore
Don Robertson	Vic VanHorn	John Manning
Ken Kennedy	Governor Joy	Ed Henry

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary-Ed Henry

Reported to the group that Joe Trotter, Bob Gilmore and he attended the USS Gudgeon Base Annual Picnic in Prescott Valley. There were good food and great camaraderie in meeting members from their base. He and Joe partnered in an auction purchase that will be donated to Perch Base for auction at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Treasurer-Kevin Sheehan (absent) (Paul Miller presented)

Perch Base Operations - \$15,670.58

Perch Base Foundation – 7,203.82

Kevin updated the group on the new Digital Banking process reporting that the donations section is tested SAT and members can pay their annual dues using the web address provided in the Membership Drive Letter sent out. In the near future a link to purchase Annual Awards Banquet tickets will be added.

Kevin has renewed the Base's Wreaths Across America donation.

Past Commander– George Woods

Western Region Round-up 2026

Sam's Town Resort and Casino 14 – 16 April 2026

Future Western Region Round-up:

2027 Hawaii (if event support can be confirmed)

2028 Denver

2029 Alberque, NM

Vice Commander – Don Robertson

Reported on the American Battle Monument Commission website, www.ambc.gov, and his use in developing the Boat of the Month. He will place an article and note in the upcoming MidWatch.

Storekeeper – John Beckett

John reminded all that there is a Storekeeper's page in The MidWatch advertising the base's inventory.

Chief of The Boat – Kirby Anderson

Not in attendance.

Communications – Chris Gahan

Chris reported release of the 4Q Midwatch, praised Paul Millers article regarding the 2025 Membership Drive.

The Military Museum is scheduled to reopen in the Spring of 2026

The VA is providing free flu shots for veterans

There are two house bills proposed to support veterans:

- HB-2009 – Would exempt vehicle tax for veterans
- HB-1122 – Would exempt property tax for veterans

Tickets for the AZ Veterans Hall of Fame Induction are still available.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Not present at meeting, David Heighway provided the brief update of website visitors stating that again, the #1 page visited was the “No Whiners” Chit.

Historian- Chuck Emmett

Chuck reported having paper documents dating back 10 years in members need information from that timeframe.

Membership – Paul Miller

Membership is 164.

Reported that Membership letters have been mailed. Provided a short overview of the Membership page on the Perch Base website highlighting that members have to enter the web address as listed in the letter to access the renewal page. He will work with Dan upon his return to see if a button can be added for membership renewal. There will be an early bird membership raffle for those members responding by October 31st.

Chaplain – Governor Joy

Nothing to report

Events Coordinator – CC Clarke

CC was not present at the meeting. His update was given by David Heighway

Applications have been submitted for the upcoming parades:

1. Steam School Veterans Day Program, Sierre Verde, 11/7/2025
2. Daisy Mountain Parade (Anthem) Saturday, 11/8/2025, 10:00 start
3. Phoenix Veterans Day Parade, Tuesday, 11/11/2025
4. Perch Base Annual Banquet, Saturday, 1/17/2026
5. Western Region Roundup, Sam's Town, Las Vegas, NV, 4/15-19/2026

PCU Arizona sailors will join Perch Base for the Veterans Day Parade.

Old Business

No old Business.

New Business / Good of the Order

Vice Commander Don Robertson's "Boat of the Month" presentation highlighted the accomplishments of the crew of the USS Croaker which served during WWII, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. The intent is to continue to highlight a different boat's accomplishments at the monthly General Meetings.

Aft short discussion, the Base will send the USS PHOENIX (SSN 702) Float and those interested in participating to the Daisy Mountain Parade in Anthem. Those members not participating in the parade will muster at Dillon's for the monthly General Meeting.

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 (\$100) was won by John Manning who donated his winning to the Perch Base Foundation. Final count of \$50.00 went to the Perch Base Fund and \$50.00 went to the Perch Base Foundation.

Rattle Can

Proceeds to Perch Base Foundation at a total of. \$51.09

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Governor Joy. The meeting adjourned at. 12:51 pm.

Submitted:

Ed Henry
Secretary Perch Base