

Perch Base Minutes April 2026

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was held at the Base Picnic at 12:00 hours, April 11, 2026, National Submarine Day. 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 April was read by David Heighway.

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

David Heighway	Hila Heighway	Paul Miller
George Woods	Alice Woods	CC Clarke
Don Unser	Marcia Unser	Pete Owen
Michael Ortiz	Elsa Romie Ortiz	John Beckett
Carl Miner	Joan Miner	Bob Gilmore
Joe Trotter	Kathy Trotter	John Brown
Bob Saenz	Carol Saenz	Don Robertson
Gregg Peppler	Lynn Peppler	Tom Warder
Warner Howard Doyle, Jr.	Darlene Doyle	Jim Warder
Stan Reinhold	Jane Reinhold	John R Smith
Governor Joy	Kathy Gerardi	Mason Walker
Jim Denzien Sr	Jay Denzien	Carla Denzien
Kevin Sheehan	Nancy Sheehan	Kevin's Granddaughter
Kirby Anderson	Laura Anderson	
Ed Henry	Cheri Henry	

Commander – David Heighway

David welcomed all to the meeting and stressed the difference between the number of members attending the picnic and meetings to the full membership. He requested that all communicate with each other and use the meetings and events to foster the brotherhood and atmosphere of socializing with each other and supporting the group.

The first item of business was a call for approval of the March 2026 meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes, which were seconded and approved by voice vote.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Treasurer - Kevin Sheehan

Perch Base Operations - \$17,190.64

Perch Base Foundation – \$7,219.04

Rattle Can for March goes to Perch Base Foundation

RUST Ins. payments made through 2030 at significant savings to the base.

All Scholarship Checks have been cashed and posted.

Secretary – Ed Henry

Nothing to report.

Past Commander– George Woods

Nothing to report.

Vice Commander – Don Robertson

Nothing to report.

Storekeeper – CC Clarke

Nothing to Report.

Chief of The Boat – Kirby Anderson

Nothing to Report. Kirby, Don Robertson and Stan Reinhold provided the supplies for the picnic and took on the chore of cooking for the crew.

Communications – Chris Gahan (absent)

Nothing to report.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

The most significant activity since the last BOD meeting was the implementation of the new USSVI website resulting in the need to update 890 hyperlinks, usually on the upper-right corner of every webpage, of 445 Perch Base webpages. Other activity with the website included posting articles about the PCU Arizona (SSN-803) crew visiting the Phoenix/Gilbert area, including specific articles for the events with Perch Base members, including the "Meet and Greet" at the Commemorative Air Force Museum followed by lunch in Mesa, the Arizona Capitol House of Representatives, and the AZ Diamondback vs. Chicago Cubs game. Other postings on the website included the March Perch Base monthly meeting, the Perch Base attendance at the San Diego Padres vs. San Francisco Giants in Peoria and details for the Mary Denzien Celebration of Life. Routine updates during the past month included updating the Sailing Orders page, Flash Traffics, base correspondence and meeting minutes uploaded, Lost Boat notices and Half Staff notices posted and links updated. Similar updates have been maintained on the Perch Base Facebook page. During March, there were 14,503 page views on the Perch Base website during 9,566 visits by 7,739 users based on Awstats. The most page views were from the United States, followed by Lithuania, Japan, Vietnam, then China. Most of the traffic was to the home page, followed by the Glossary, Sailing Orders, then the Eternal Patrol page. The most downloads were mostly the usual pages: the Historic List of Submarine Classes, followed by the Hurt Feelings Chit, VA burial benefits, then the current MidWatch. During March, Facebook Views (The number of times your content was played or displayed. Content includes videos, posts, stories and ads.) was 3,373 (increased) and the Content Interactions (The number of likes or reactions, saves, comments, shares and replies on your content, including ads. Content can include formats such as posts, stories, reels, videos and more.) was 129 (also increased). Our Facebook page has a total of 255 Followers, +1 from last month. The top post was the "The new USSVI National website is now in service. ...".

Historian- Jim Denzien

Informed crew he would start creating a presentation of WWII Perch Base Members in line with Don's Boat of the Month to perpetuate the remembrance of these special base members. Also informed the group he was establishing a base library if any members want to contribute book or check them out. Once list is completed, Dan will post on the Perch Base Website

Membership – Paul Miller

Reported on the release of the new USSVI National Website. There are some bugs on the site. Membership is listed at 152, below the 162 previously reported. He is working on reporting and correcting these issues to National.

Chaplain – Governor Joy

Nothing to report.

Events Coordinator – CC Clarke

1. Western Region Roundup, Sam's Town, Las Vegas, NV, 4/15-19/2026
2. Mary Denzien Celebration of Life, Saturday, 4/18/2026 at 12:00 PM, American Legion Hall Post 29, 6822 N. 57 Drive, Glendale, AZ
3. VA Cemetery, Memorial Day, May 25, 2026
4. Prescott Frontier Days Prescott, Prescott, AZ, July 4, 2026, Tom Warner (Gudgeon Base) stated he would be hosting a post parade picnic this year.
5. National Convention, Corpus Christi, TX, September 6 – 11, 2026

Old Business

1. None reported.

New Business / Good of the Order

1. None reported

BINNACLE LIST

Binnacle List is posted as Appendix 1.

50/50

Drawing results: The 50-50 raffle (\$189) was won by Laura Anderson. Final count of \$84 went to the Perch Base Fund and \$85 went to Laura Anderson which she donated to the Perch Base Foundation.

Rattle Can

Proceeds to National Foundation at a total of \$103.85.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Governor Joy. The meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm. Members and their families were invited to stay and enjoy the park.

Submitted:

Ed Henry

Secretary Perch Base

USSVI Perch Base Binnacle List

Laura Anderson
Jim Denzien
Davey Jones

Barbara Cosgrove
Georgianne Gahan
Chuck Emmett

W. Howard Doyle Jr.
Chris Gahan
Stan Reinhold