

Perch Base Minutes October 2026

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was held at Dillons Restaurant, Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, October 10, 2026. 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 USSVI Creed was read by Bob Saenz and The Tolling of the Boats lost in September was read by David Heighway.

Guests were welcomed, Andy Denzien, Jim Denzien's son and longtime Perch Base Member John Ca\$h.

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

Jim Denzien	Andy Denzien	John Richard Smith
Ed Henry	John Brown	Bob Gilmore
Kirby Anderson	Chris Gahan	John Manning
Bob Saenz	Carol Saenz	Johnny Corbin
Paul Miller	John Beckett	John Ca\$h
David Heighway	Hila Heighway	Joe Trotter
Kevin Sheehan	CC Clarke	Don Robertson
Carol Miner	Joan Miner	Governor Joy
Randy Pirkle	Dan Marks	

The first item of business was a call for approval of the September 2026 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)

Perch Base Operations - \$15,791.45

Perch Base Foundation – \$7,984.24

Rattle Can for October goes to Perch Base Foundation

Past Commander– George Woods (Absent)

2027 Western Region Roundup, April 15 – 17 at the Westing Denver. Registration will open after the National Convention.

Western Region Roundup April 2028 will be in Portland, OR, hosted by USSVI Blueback Base

Western Region Roundup April 2029 will be in Albuquerque, NM, hosted by USSVI Bullhead Base

Vice Commander – Don Robertson

Nothing to report.

Storekeeper – CC Clarke

He has the 2027 USSVI Calendars on sale for \$10.00.

Chief of The Boat – Kirby Anderson

Nothing to report.

Communications – Chris Gahan

The Winter Mid-Watch newsletter submission deadline is December 12, 2026.

UAV is preparing for their Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, on October 23, 2026. Ticket sales for the Induction Ceremony Luncheon are now on sale. Members can purchase individual tickets or a table of ten.

Provided membership with a short update on the USS Phoenix Cold War Monument construction status and completion dates.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

An attempted fraudulent transaction was detected and rejected by authorize.net. We have a link to the FLASH TRAFFIC (1-1-2026) that advertised the Annual Banquet, including an order form. (All our Flash Traffics are archived on the Perch Base website.) The link to the order

form for buying tickets, including the dinner selection, was still active. I have deleted and removed the order form from the JotForm website. The attempt appeared to have originated from Hong Kong on September 20, 2026.

Activity since the last BOD meeting included posting the Honoring America's Veterans 9/11/2001 Memorial & Tattered Flag Retirement Ceremony. 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 September, there were 18,419 page views on the Perch Base website during 13,624 visits by 10,849 users based on Awstats, which is typical. The most page views were from the United States, followed by Japan, China, Great Britain, then India. Most of the traffic was to the home page, followed by the Glossary, Sailing Orders page, and the Eternal Patrol page. The most downloads were the Hurt Feelings Chit, Historic List of Submarine Classes, and The MidWatch Newsletters.

During September, Facebook Views (The number of times your content was played or displayed. Content includes videos, posts, stories and ads.) was 787 (decreased) and the Content Engagement (The number of reactions, clicks, comments, shares and saves on your posts.) was 22 (also decreased.) Our Facebook page has a total of 286 Followers, +12 from last month.

Historian- Jim Denzien

Update membership of the creation of the Perch Base Library and requested members bring him any books they wish to donate.

Membership – Paul Miller

Reported the base has 158 members.

Updated all that the membership drive will be via email with registration and payment online using the Perch Website. He will still send via USPS to those who require hard copy.

Chaplain – Governor Joy

Updated those present on Howard Doyle Jr.'s medical status after his recent surgery. Howard should be out of ICU and in rehabilitation this week.

Events Coordinator – CC Clarke

1. Phoenix Veterans Day Parade, November 11, 2026, 1100. Staging at 0800
2. Black Mountain School Veterans Visit, November 13, 2026, 1100 – 1300.
3. Base Picnic, Paloma Park, April 10, 1000 – 1700, Base has all three Cabanas and the beer permit.

Arizona WWII Hero

TM3(SS) Robert Lents presented by Perch Historian Jim Denzien

Boat of the Month

Vice Commander Don Robertson provided a presentation on the six war patrols of the USS Guavina (SS 362), a side launched, Manitowoc, WI built submarine.

Old Business

Dave reported that Wellness Checks will start Beta testing in November.

New Business / Good of the Order

USS ARIZONA (SSGN 803)

Bob Gilmore spoke to the group with a recommendation that with the designation of the USS ARIZONA as an SSGN, and it being the first to be so designated that follow on constructions of the new SSGN's be classified as the "USS ARIZONA Class Submarines.

BINNACLE LIST

Binnacle List is posted as Appendix 1.

50/50

Drawing results: The 50-50 raffle (\$111) was won by Carl and Joan Miner. Carl and Joan donated their winnings to Perch Base Foundation and \$55 went to Perch Base Operations.

Rattle Can

Proceeds to Perch Base Foundation at a total of \$27.41.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Governor Joy. The meeting adjourned at 1236 pm.

Submitted:

Ed Henry

Secretary Perch Base

USSVI Perch Base Binnacle List

Laura Anderson
Georgianne Gahan
W. H. Doyle Jr.
Joe Trotter

Barbara Cosgrove
Chris Gahan
Dalene Doyle

Stephanie Pirkle
Davy Jones
Jim Denzien