Perch Base Minutes November 2026

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was held at Dillons Restaurant, Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, November 14, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Commander David Heighway.

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

Guests were welcomed. Russell Gill and Thomas Longerbone introduced themselves as qualified submariners. Both joined Perch Base at this meeting.

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

David Heighway	Hila Heighway	Joe Trotter
Dan Marks	W. H. Doyle, Jr	CC Clarke
John Manning	Bob Gilmore	John Brown
Thomas Longerbone	Russell Gill	Paul Miller
Kevin Sheehan	Jeff Brower	George Woods
Don Robertson	Pete Owen	Bob Saenz
Carol Saenz		

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary-Ed Henry (absent)

Nothing to report.

Treasurer-Kevin Sheehan

Perch Base Operations - $15,018.78

Perch Base Foundation – $8,092.65

There are no outstanding checks.

Still awaiting several other bases to pay for the calendars we ordered for them.

Rattle Can for November goes to Perch Base Foundation

Past Commander– George Woods

2027 Western Region Roundup, April 15 – 18, at the Denver Marriott Westminster, 7000 Church Ranch Blvd, Westminster, Colorado, hosted by USSVI Rocky Mountain Base and USSVI Southern Colorado Base. Registration opened in October and will remain open until March 15, 2027.

Chief of The Boat – Kirby Anderson (absent)

Vice Commander Don Robertson reported on behalf of Kirby Anderson. Some minor repairs have been identified on both trailers, but can be completed prior to the next time they roll in February for the Laveen Parade.

Vice Commander – Don Robertson

Nothing to report.

Events Coordinator – CC Clarke

1. Post Phoenix Veterans Day Parade reception next week.
2. Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremony, December 5, 10:55 AM.
3. Laveen Community Parade, Saturday, February 6, 2027.
4. Base Picnic, Paloma Park, Saturday, April 10, 0900 – 1700, Base has all three Cabanas and the beer permit.

CC gave a “shout out” to members who have helped with towing the trailers.

Communications – Chris Gahan (Absent)

Dave Heighway explained that due to loss of Microsoft support for Publisher, Chris will not be able to issue the MidWatch this quarter, but we intend to get an issue out by next quarter.

Storekeeper – CC Clarke

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

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Activity since the last BOD meeting included updating the Eternal Patrol Notice for CDR Harry B. Ellis, USN (ret) based on correspondence from his son, posting Jim Denzien's presentation about WW2 Submarine Veteran and POW, Robert Lents, that Jim gave at the October meeting, posting Don Robertson's presentation about the USS Guavina (SS-362), that Don Robertson gave at the October meeting, the Eternal Patrol Notice for Perch Base Life Member James Mills, adding photos for the Northern Arizona Fleet Week activities with the USS Arizona (SSGN-803) crew, the Phoenix Veterans Day parade, and the Black Mountain Elementary School Static Display. 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 October, the website SSL was renewed for the next 5 years at a cost of $34.95. An expense statement, including a donation for the same amount was filed with the Base Treasurer. The webmaster was also notified that the website hosting annual fee of $133.44 due on 11/23/2026, which will be paid in the same manner with an expense statement, including a donation for the same amount

During October, there were 20,671 page views on the Perch Base website during 12,549 visits by 10,208 users based on Awstats, which is typical. The most page views were from the United States, followed by Japan, Germany, India, the Lithuania. Most of the traffic was to the home page, followed by the Glossary, Sailing Orders page, the Eternal Patrol page, and Flash Traffics. The most downloads were the Historic List of Submarine Classes, Hurt Feelings Chit, and the new 2026 ARIZONA property tax exemption for VA 100% Disabled Veterans.

During October, the Facebook Views (The number of times your content was played or displayed. Content includes videos, posts, stories and ads.) was 530 (decreased) and the Content Engagement (The number of reactions, clicks, comments, shares and saves on your posts.) was 25 (stable.) Our Facebook page has a total of 300 Followers, +14 from last month.

Historian- Jim Denzien (Absent)

Nothing to report.

Membership – Paul Miller

Reported the base has 159 members.

33 members have required renewals and dues letters have been sent to them. Sharon Walsh at USSVI National has corrected/updated the database.

Paul discussed how membership has been increased because people see our hats or parades. Paul also passed our some cards to distribute when people ask about membership.

Chaplain – Governor Joy (Absent)

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Dave reported that Wellness Checks will start Beta testing in next month.

Boat of the Month

Vice Commander Don Robertson provided a presentation on the USS Carbonaro (SS-337), including World War II service to Mission Flexibility & Experimentation during the Cold War.

50/50

Drawing results: The 50-50 raffle ($70 total, $35 to winner) was won by Joe Trotter. Joe donated his $35 winnings to Perch Base Foundation. The Rattle Can was also passed around with $53.36 in proceeds to the Perch Base Foundation.

New Business / Good of the Order

USS ARIZONA (SSGN 803)

At the request of the USS ARIZONA (SSGN 803) Chief of the Boat, they requested additional hot sauce, as was given last year at Christmas.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Joe Trotter announced that there will be an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on the evening of November 30 in Gilbert. The event is already posted on the Sailing Orders.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by David Heighway. The meeting adjourned at 12:44 pm.

Submitted:
Dan Marks
(Filling in for Secretary Perch Base