

## June 2016 Base Monthly Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of Perch base was convened at Dillon's restaurant, in Glendale AZ, at 1200 hours, 11 June 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chuck Emmett, Base Commander.

James Andrews gave the invocation. Chuck Emmett led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Hinderliter read the USSVI Creed. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in June.

According to the sailing list the following attended the meeting:

Richard Kunze	Chuck Luna	Dan Marks
Rick Simmons	Howard Doyle	Robert Falkner
Anthony Christianson	Doyle Egg	Davy Jones
Chuck Emmett	Jim Andrews	Yale Devereau
Ken Meeks	Don Schafer	Glen Posniack
Ray Marshall	John Zaichkin	Robie Robinson
Douglass LaRock	DeWayne Lober	Jimmie Dixon
Mike Hinderliter	David A, Metje	Jim Nelson
David Heighway	Dick Noreika	Jerry Strickland
Herb Herman	Tim Moore	Dan Moss
Layne Moss	Edward Gonsowski	Larry Speight
Wayne Clark		

The first item of business was a call for approval of the last Base meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded and passed by voice vote.

The following guests and prospective new members were introduced: Wayne Clark (new member), Yale Devereau, Jimmy Dixon, Tony Christianson and Doyle Egg.

### Officer Reports

ASSM-Dan Moss reported that the fund raising is still going on. He will be on the radio this Friday at 1100 am on KFMX. Camelback Toyota has purchased the Lost Boat Plaque for the USS Argonaut and Coulter Cadillac the USS Runner. Tim Moore does not have much to day today because he has spent the last two weeks at the ISA congress in Croatia. Next year's ISA will be held in S. Petersburg, Russia.

Past Base Commander-Howard Doyle mentioned the upcoming parade in Prescott and if anybody was planning to go up early that available hotel space was very limited due to the rodeo.

Storekeeper-Herb Herman has challenge coins. We are reducing our on hand inventory so if you want to order an item you can pre-order through him. We accept checks, cash, and credit cards. Credit cards can only be used at the meeting when our card reader is here.

Robie Roberts asked about the standard Perch Base ball cap. Samples so far have not been what Chuck is looking for. He will be checking with the vendors at the Convention.

Communications-Chuck Luna reported that the next quarter MIDWATCH is about to come out and that the deadline for articles or classified adds is June 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have anything to submit send it to me at [communications@perch-base.org](mailto:communications@perch-base.org).

Membership-Jim Andrews, nothing new except with the potential new members it will put us at 170 members. I know it is early but October 1<sup>st</sup> is the start of our annual membership renewal drive for 2017. You will receive a letter from me in mid to late September informing you of what you owe and instructions on submitting you renewal dues. Remember we do not survive on membership dues alone. Perch base dues are only \$10.00 a head. This does not go very far. Donations are very important. Donations to the base are tax deductible and I will send you a receipt you can use on your taxes. Please donate.

Webmaster-Dan Marks reported that events in the month of May especially photos of the Western Region Roundup, Akimiel Middle Patriots Day Program, our Annual Picnic, the Armed forces Day ;Parade in Flagstaff and Shipmate Blomgren's Eternal Patrol Ceremony have been posted.

Treasurer's Report-David Heighway read the Treasurer's Report and it was accepted as read.

Vice Commander/COB-Richard Kunze talked about the last meeting which was the Picnic at White Tanks Mountain Park. There were over 100 present. Some do not like to travel so far for the picnic. The reason we have been there is that in May there is normally a fire ban on all campfires, charcoal grills at the city parks. Only fire allowed is a propane type grill. If anyone knows of a place we can have the picnic next year (Second Saturday in May) let the officers know so we can make reservations early. Tom Warner, Gudgeon Base Commander, is going to have the Barbeque at his house after the parade and this year the Tucson Base entry will be right behind us. Voting for USSVI National officers will start June 21<sup>st</sup> on-line and by mail.

Howard Doyle reminded everyone that the National Convention is in August at Reno, NV. Get your reservations and registration in now.

Commander-Chuck Emmett announced that the University of has requested copies the American Submariner to put in their data base of Military Publications of Note. I supplied them with digital copies as far back as I could find.

### Guest Speaker

Gerald (Jerry) Strickland, a Board member of the Veterans Heritage Project, was introduced and gave a presentation describing the Veterans Heritage Project. It consists of having veterans interviewed by students at various high schools and their stories are published in an annual book which is submitted to the Library of Congress. The Veterans Heritage Program was started in 2008 after the movie "Saving Private Ryan". A history teacher questioned how much of that story was true. Veterans were interviewed and this program evolved from there. As of 2015 there has not been a submarine veteran interviewed.

### Binnacle

Roger Cousins, a past Commander of the base, is recovering from a heart attack and stroke last fall. He would appreciate anyone to contact him.

### 50/50 drawing

Total pot was \$105.00. The winner of the 50/50 was David Metje

### Benediction

Chuck Emmett gave the Benediction.

### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1300 hours.

Submitted  
Richard Kunze  
Vice Commander