

## Perch Base Minutes April 8, 2017

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 8 April 2017. The meeting was called to order by Richard Kunze, Base Commander.

Mike Olsen gave the invocation. Richard Kunze led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Andrews read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in April.

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

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| Richard Kunze  | Bill Woolcott   | Dewey Reed             |
| Dottie Reed    | W. H. Doyle Jr. | Rick Simmons           |
| Carol Miner    | David Heighway  | Dan Marks              |
| Don Robertson  | Steve Snyder    | Jim Andrews            |
| Chuck Emmett   | DeWayne Lober   | Don Unser              |
| Marcia Unser   | Don Schafer     | Jack Patterson - Guest |
| Tom Carrier    | George Gillette | Chuck Luna             |
| Jim Denzien    | Jim Edwards     | John Mosher            |
| Glenn Posniack | Mike Olsen      | Mark Thompson          |
| Ray Marshall   | Wayne Clark     | Jim Nelson             |
| Jim Mann       | Doug LaRock     | John Zaichkin          |
| Ken Meeks      | Herb Herman     | Lou Reynolds           |
| George Woods   | Paul Miller     | Edward Gonsowski       |
| Holly Walker   | Kelly Grissom   | Darell Keller - Guest  |
| Doug Newland   | Governor Joy    | Tim Moore              |
| David Metje    | Dan Moss        |                        |

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

David Heighway read the Treasurer's report.

The base welcomed guests Jack Patterson and Darell Keller.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

#### **Communications Officer/Historian – Chuck Luna**

Chuck reported that the Midwatch has been published.

#### **Vice Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.**

Howard thanked everyone for electing him in as Vice Commander. He also encouraged members to attend some of the events where we have the float.

### **Treasurer – Dave Heighway**

Dave reported that anyone can nominate someone for the National Awards, which must be submitted by the end of April.

### **Storekeeper – Herb Herman**

Herb reported that he has lots of items in stock. He also has more Dex Armstrong books for sale at \$25 each, which goes to the ASSM.

### **Webmaster – Dan Marks**

There has been one major update to the website during the past month. 85 additional newsletters from December 1999 through February 2009 have been added to the newsletter archive section of the website. Other routine updates during the past month included revising the Base Officer page to reflect the results of the election, and updated the webmail server for the officers. I added the Event Photos for the installation of the new officers, added a reminder for the Veterans Hall of Fame nomination deadline, added an invitation to Dick Noreika's presentation to the Desert Palms Presbyterian Men's Group, updated Sailing Orders, uploaded Flash Traffics and meeting minutes, Lost Boat notices, and Half Staff notices. Similar updates have been maintained on the Perch Base Facebook Group. During March, there were approximately 1,574 page views on the Perch Base website during 576 sessions by 381 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are higher than last month and seem to be typical. Approximately 85% of the sessions originated in the US, and the remaining 15% were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 56% of the sessions were from locations within Arizona. The Homepage accounted for the largest (52%) percentage of the page views this month, exceeding the Glossary (26%), the Eternal Patrol page (5%), and the Profile of a Submarine POW Veteran: Robert W. Lents (2%).

### **Membership – Jim Andrews**

Jim reported the total base membership to 172. The guests have applications, so when they're completed, this would bring the membership to 174.

### **Events Coordinator – Don Unser**

Western Region Roundup – April 23 – 28 in Las Vegas (Sam's Town)

Annual Picnic – May 13<sup>th</sup> – White Tanks Regional Park (\$6.00 per car load)

Armed Forces Day Parade – May 20, in Flagstaff

Memorial Day – May 29<sup>th</sup> at the National Cemetery

Frontier Days – July 1 in Prescott

Convention – August 31 – September 5, 2017 in Orlando, FL

Don reminded the members that all events are on our website. Don gave Richard Kunze, the plaque that he received from the Tale of Two Cities Parade. Perch Base was awarded Best Adaptation to the Theme.

### **Past Commander – Chuck Emmett**

Chuck reported that he attended the National Committee Mid-term meeting in Dallas. Items discussed were as follows:

2018 Convention/Cruise, the latter part of August. No other information available.

There has been a temporary hold on “new” associate members.

National Insurance is dead in the water.

Chuck asked for help with the American Submarine Magazine. He would like two people to volunteer to be a backup.

### **Chaplain – Mike Olsen**

Mike reported that he’s now the Chaplain at the Maricopa Jail, Veteran’s Unit. He also reminded members that he still has Death Benefit packets if anyone is interested.

### **Base Commander – Richard Kunze**

Richard announced that Perch Base received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Veterans Day Parade last year. He also announced that we received 1<sup>st</sup> place in our class.

### **Western District Commander – Jim Denzien**

Jim reported that he attended the UAV meeting last week, and the he had nothing to report. He encouraged members to go to the National Cemetery on Memorial Day. Jim also announced that he is the Eagle Scout Coordinator.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The deadline for Scholarships is July 31, which will be awarded at the August meeting. The base has already received two applications.

Richard reminded the members that our next meeting will be at the picnic at White Tanks Regional Park, as in the past. A headcount was taken to see how many members plan to attend.

Jim Andrews reported that he’s still trying to get information on naming a stretch of highway after Perch Base.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dewey Reed announced that at the convention in Orlando, the National Sonarman Association will also be having their convention at the same time, and anyone needing information on camping arrangements, should contact him.

Jack Patterson announced that the USO, located in Terminal 4, at Sky Harbor invites all members to stop by.

Richard Kunze announced that April 11, 2017 is the birthday of the United States Submarine Service.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

George Woods presented Ray Marshall with the Quilt of Valor. Ray Marshall was also presented a “Qualified for 75 Years” rocker patch. He qualified on the USS Porpoise SS-172 in 1941 (77 years ago).

### **50/50**

David Metje won the raffle, which his share came to \$106.00.

### **ADJOURMENT**

Benediction was led by Mike Olsen. Meeting adjourned at 1304 hrs.

Submitted:  
Marcia Unser  
Secretary Perch Base