

Perch Base Minutes October 11, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 1200 hrs.

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1202 hours, 11 October 2014. The meeting was called to order by Richard Kunze, Vice Commander.

Jim Denzien gave the invocation. Richard Kunze led the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Robertson read the Purpose of the Base. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in October.

Included in attendance were: New member Nicholas Daley, possible new members Robert Smith and James Niedermeyer, and guest George Gillette.

According to the sailing list 31 members, one new member, one guest and two prospective members were present.

Richard Kunze	Donald Robertson	Chuck Luna
Dave Fyock	Don DeMarte	David Fledderjohn
Dwayne Reed	Chuck Emmett	Don Schafer
Dan Marks	DeWayne Lober	Jim Denzien
Douglass M LaRock	Davy Jones	David A Metje
Lou Reynolds	Bill Woolcott	Dan Moss
Ted Hunt	John Mosher	Steven Stanger
Rick Simmons	Tim Moore	Jim Nelson
David Heighway	Edward Gonsowksi	Jim Andrews
Robert W. Wright	Reynaldo Atos	Don Unser
Marcia Unser		

The first item of business was a call for approval of the last Base meeting minutes. It was so moved, 2nd, and approved by voice vote.

Richard Kunze read the Treasurers report ending September 30, 2014. A motion was made to approve the report. It was moved, 2nd, and approved by voice vote.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Don reported that the Base participated in the parade in Congress, AZ on Saturday October 4th. Those who attended had at a great time and our float won 1st Prize this year.

Thursday November 6th we will be having a static display in Gilbert for their annual Veterans Day Patriotic Program at the Gilbert City Hall. The ceremony and program starts at 1100. We will be getting there about 0830-0900 for parking and staging the float. Maps and information will be published in a FLASH message.

Saturday November 8th we will NOT have our meeting here. Instead, we will be participating in the Daisy Mountain Veterans Day parade which starts around 1000. We will be staging around 0700. After the parade, we then go to Black Canyon City (about 15 miles N, on I-17) and set up the float for their parade which starts at 3:00 pm. Because of the two hour wait between the two parades most of us usually stop and have lunch at the Rock Springs Cafe as you enter Black Canyon City. Maps and final information will be published by FLASH message.

We are also planning to be in the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. We are waiting for more information from the city of this.

There will be a Veteran's Appreciation Day celebration on November 15th, at the Peoria Harley Davidson in Arrowhead, near the Peoria Sports Complex. Don is going to get more details and make sure that the float will be in an appropriate area for this event. More details will be posted on the FLASH email.

Perch Base will be presenting two wreaths at the National Cemetery on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7th. Don is waiting for more information on this event also.

Membership Chairman - Rick Simmons

Rick reported that 16 members have paid their USSVI dues, 17 have paid their Perch Base dues, and 25 have made donations. The re-enlistment letters have been sent out to all members, and Rick requested that the donation cards be returned along with the donation. Remember, if you get your dues in by the end of October, you are eligible for the Early Bird drawing and if you win, you do not have to pay BASE dues the next year. So far, 14 members are eligible for this

drawing.

Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober

Shirts and various other items are on sale.

Past Commander – Jim Denzien

The Western Region Director announced that they are planning to have a Western Region Submariner get together the last week of April 2015 in Laughlin, NV. This is to be a fun time, not business oriented. This is designated as a 'Spring Break' from April 27, 2015 – May 1, 2015. Chuck Emmett has asked for any suggestions on renaming this event and perhaps a prize will be given to the winner.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Pictures from the Congress parade and the Missing in America Project Ceremony have been added to the website, along with videos. He welcomes any other pictures or videos if members want to contribute.

Communications Officer – Chuck Emmett

Chuck mentioned that he will no longer be publishing the Western District Newsletter. The participation from other bases was not working as planned and as it's a lot of work to publish, Chuck has decided to go back to the MidWatch Newsletter instead. He hasn't decided if this will be a quarterly or monthly newsletter.

Chuck also wanted to thank our Webmaster, for all his work on the website.

We have placemats that Chuck has reproduced and thought that we may use them at the Perch Base Awards Banquet.

There is a legal clinic to be held at the DAV in Phoenix, on Oct. 25th, which is available to all veterans.

OLD BUSINESS

ASSM – Dan Moss

Dan reported that our original site for this memorial has been rejected and that the committee will be revisiting the site to propose a new location.

"Missing in America Project" - Several members went to this service at the National Cemetery on Oct. 9th. It was a very moving experience and there were 8 urns that were interned.

Steve Leon is now our Chaplain for Perch Base.

NEW BUSINESS – **There will be no November Meeting.**

The November Perch Base Meeting will not be held this month.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Richard Kunze reported that there is a new American Legion Post in Goodyear, which will meet at Rudy's BBQ on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM. This is a non-smoking/drinking group.

BINNACLE LIST

George Crider is still under the weather.

50/50

David Metje won the 50/50, which came to \$83.00.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Jim Denzien. Meeting adjourned at 1300 hrs.

Submitted:

Marcia Unser

Secretary Perch Base