

Perch Base Minutes October 10, 2015

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 10 October, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Chuck Emmett, Base Commander.

Ed Schafer gave the invocation. Chuck Emmett led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jerry Pittman read the USSVI Creed. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in October.

According to the sailing list the following attended the base meeting:

Richard Kunze	Bill Woolcott	Dewey Reed
Jim Andrews	Bert Hoyt (Guest)	Dottie Reed
Marcus Hensley	Chuck Emmett	Glenn Posniack
Dan Marks	Chuck Luna	Ed Schafer
Ken Meeks	Davy Jones	John Zaichkin
Jim Denzien	Heather Pittman	Jerry Pittman
Bob Srenz (Guest)	Ray Marshall	Doug LaRock
David Heighway	Tim Moore	Edward Gonsowski
Don Unser	Don Schafer	Don DeMarte
Marcia Unser	Curtis Loftin	Brad Lawrence (New Member)
Thomas Farley	DeWayne Lober	Robie Robinson
Steven Stanger	Lou Reynolds	Holly Walker
Ted Hunt	Dan Moss	Herb Herman
Thomas Carrier (New)		

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

Dave Heighway read the Treasurers report ending Sept. 30, 2015.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Vice Commander/COB - Richard Kunze

Richard brought it to the attention of the members, that if they plan on attending any parades, to please bring chairs for the trailer, so everyone has a place to sit.

He explained what the Traveling Dolphins represents, which we won back from Gudgeon Base at the picnic in August.

District Commander – Jim Denzien

Jim attended the Unified Arizona Veterans meeting Oct. 3, 2015. A representative from APS discussed some of the cost savings initiatives. He has more information if anyone is interested. Acting Director of VA was there also, and Interviews are being held for a permanent Director in Washington, DC. New parking structure at the VA should be completed by end of December. Director of the National Cemetery needs volunteers for a new Public Information Center at the cemetery. There are pre-determination forms that can be filled out for all veterans & spouses who want to be buried in the National Cemetery. The Chaplain has the forms.

Jim will be giving a 5 minute presentation on Perch Base to let them know what we're doing.

Storekeeper – Marcus Hensley

Polo shirts are available online and he has a list at the back for people who want to purchase a shirt. . Calendars are available for sale. Base coins should be in on Monday. The base is looking into purchasing hats which indicate Perch Base on the back.

Mid-Watch Editor – Dave Heighway

Dave is still looking for more input for the Mid-Watch. He's received 'hints' of things to provide in the newsletter and suggestions to improve the newsletter. Any ideas or stories are welcome for input into the newsletter.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Dan presented the Hot Items page on the Website to help members navigate and find the information needed for all events, especially directions to the locations of upcoming parades.

Membership – Jim Andrews

Jim reported that there are two new members on Oct. 1, 2015. They are Larry Speight & Bradley Lawrence. This brings the total Perch Base Membership to 170. The annual dues renewal drive is well on its way. Renewal letters have been sent out to all members. So far only 32% have paid their USSVI dues, 34% of Perch Base dues, and 21% of members have made donations.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Gilbert Static Display – Nov. 5. Staging at 9:00 AM.

Anthem/Daisy Mountain Parade – Nov. 7. Staging at 7:30 AM. The parade starts at 10:00 AM.

Black Canyon City Parade – Nov. 7. The parade starts at 3:00 PM.

Phoenix Veterans Day Parade – Nov. 11. Staging at 8:00 AM. The parade starts at 11:00 AM. A Flash Traffic will be sent out with more information.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – Dec. 7, 10:30 – 12:30 AM.

RV Park Parade – March 17. More information to follow.

OLD BUSINESS

Quilts of Valor - The two quilts have been delivered to Royce Pettit.

National Awards – Chuck emphasized that the base needs to recognize its members for what they've done. Perch Base needs to be recognized more.

USSVI Calendars – Chuck encouraged everyone to buy a calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Heighway presented a check for \$1,000.00 to Dan Moss & Tim Moore for the ASSM Project. Richard Kunze also presented a check for \$178.00 from the White Mountain Base to be used for the ASSM Project.

Dan Moss gave an update on the ASSM. He has brochures for the pavers. Starting in Nov., donations for the Silent Auction at our January Awards Banquet are being accepted.

The next USSVI Convention will be in Reno, NV. The dates for the convention are from August 15 through August 20th.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jim Denzien thanked the members for voting for him for District Commander.

Davy Jones mentioned that we need some people that can tow the float/trailer for the future parades.

Binnacle List

George Crider
Walt Blomgren

50/50

Tim Moore won the raffle which came to \$105.00.

Sweatshirt Raffle

Bert Hoyt won the sweatshirt.

ADJOURNMENT

Benediction was led by Ed Shafer. Meeting adjourned at 1310 hrs.

Submitted:
Marcia Unser
Secretary Perch Base