

December 2015 Base Monthly Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours 12 December 2015.. The meeting was called to order by Chuck Emmett, Base Commander.

Chaplain Mike Olsen gave the invocation, Chuck Emmett led the Pledge of Allegiance, Dewey Reed read the USSVI Creed. A moment of silence was followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in the Month of December.

New member Jim Mann was introduced.

According to the sailing list the following attended the meeting:

Richard Kunze	Jim Newman	Thomas Carrier
W.H. Doyle Jr.	Rick Simmons	David Heighway
Dottie Reed	Dewey Reed	Chuck Emmett
John Zaichkin	Ray Marshall	Glenn Posniack
Doug LaRock	David Fledderjohn	Bill Woolcott
Pete Sattig	Fred Fuller	Marcus Hensley
Don Schafer	Mike Olsen	Dan Marks
John C. Mosher	Jim Andrews	Thomas Farley
Dave Fyock	Dick Noreika	Larry Speight
Davy Jones	Jim Mann	Mike Hinderliter
David A Metje	DeWayne Lober	Tim Moore
George Gillette	Steven Stanger	Ken Meeks
Robie Robertson	Jim Denzien	Mike Dahl
\Jim Edwards		

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

The Treasurer read the Treasurer's report ending 30 November 2015. The report was accepted as read.

Officers Reports

BASE COMMANDER—Chuck Emmett

We are in need of a new Storekeeper since Marcus has resigned because he is leaving the Phoenix area due to employment.

CHAPLAIN—Mike Olsen

Made 4 hospital visits and sent flowers to a memorial for a submariner who went on Eternal Patrol who was not a member of USSVI .

PAST BASE COMMANDER—Howard Doyle

Making arrangements for our Base Awards Dinner. I am the point of contact with the facility for the Banquet, it is basically the same as last year. Specific information will be coming out in FLASH traffic. I visited by grand daughter's elementary school and was amazed at some of the questions that came from these second graders. We were very well received and received a very nice thank you letter from the school

WESTERN DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER—Jim Denzien

Attended the UAV meeting. A proposal is going to be made that next year's Navy Ball be dedicated to the Submarine Force. The interim director of the VA hospital announced that a new director has been selected to relieve him.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN—Jim Andrews

Currently we have 172 members, after the meeting we will have 173. Membership Dues Drive is still on and the deadline is 31 December. After that you are Dink and it will cost an extra \$5.00 late fee and another \$5.00 fee which is the 2016 increase in National Dues to continue your membership. As of today 75% of those required have paid National Dues and 78% have paid Base Dues. As you know the base cannot survive on dues alone. We rely on donations from members. So far this year we have received \$3600.00 in donations. Last year we received \$3700.00. We still have a ways to go and hopefully we will exceed last years total. I am also the sign up member for making reservations and paying for the your Awards Banquet reservations. To make a reservation you can either E-mail me, mail me or telephone me your reservation and dinner selections. You must have a reservation to attend the dinner. Cost is \$35.00 a person. Deadline for reservations is January 15th. You can pay me either by check or cash. NO credit cards will be accepted. Payment can to me here at the meeting or be mailed to me or made at the door. My address and phone number along with the menu and directions to the function are in the Flash message and Hot Items List on the Base Web page.

STOREKEEPER—Marcus Hensley

I still have some polo shirt, challenge coins. Sold the last USSVI calendar. Out of silver dolphin ball caps, need to order some more.

WEBMASTER-Dan Marks

The Web page has been up dated so those with smart phones and tablets can get the whole page on your screen. He pointed out the NAV MENU button in the top left part of the page which allows you to find whatever link or info you are looking for. There were about 5600 visits to our web site last month. We are also on facebook and if you want to join send me a note and I will put you on.

COB/VICE COMMANDER—Richard Kunze

December 7th we presented wreaths for USSVI of WW II and Perch Base at the Pearl Harbor Remembrance at Wesley Bolin Plaza, Downtown Phoenix. The Events Coordinator is out of town so here are the next upcoming events.

Jan 23rd Annual Awards Dinner

Feb 6th Laveen Community Parade

Feb 20th Tale of Two Cities Parade-Goodyear/Avondale
Mar 17th St. Patrick's Parade-Paradise Valley RV Park
Also we need a new Base Storekeeper. If you would like to do the job or know someone that may want to please contact the Base Commander.

OLD BUSINESS

The donation of the sale of the auto of one of our members on Eternal Patrol has been deposited into the Perch Base treasury

Remember the USSVI National Convention is in Reno, NV this August. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Information, registration form and Plan of the Day are in the latest edition of the American Submariner and can be found on the USSVI Web site.

Remember our recruitment incentive of receiving a free lunch the next meeting after a person you sponsor becomes a member of USSVI and our Base.

ASSM—Tim Moore

Financially we are on track. Our fundraising has just begun. We have \$15,500 from paver sales and donations. If anyone wants to buy a paver there is a \$50.00 discount if you order before the end of the year. Also we need a secretary since our present one is leaving the state. Our original estimate for the memorial was \$450k but with donations of materials and construction services our goal has dropped to \$100k.

NEW BUSINESS

Awards Dinner—Davy Jones brought up the suggestion of putting the awards we have received from the parades and other events on display at the Award Dinner.

Deadline for 1st quarter MIDWATCH is Dec 18TH. A Schedule of deadline for MIDWATCH submittals will be published in the future.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

We have 4 boxes of plastic submarine models that came from the USSVIWWII that we have no idea what they are for or what to do with them. Some suggestions were made and a decision will be made.

Steve Stanger announced that Black Canyon City parade committee will be donating \$100.00 for gas for our participation in their Veterans Day Parade. They really appreciate are showing up there every year.

Howard Doyle has raffle tickets for an AR-15 style semi-auto rifle that is being raffled to help offset medical costs of a Goodyear fireman who has been diagnosed with Leukemia. The Goodyear Fire Department has been and is very supportive to our base. We

originally stored our float there for a number of years and every year they provide ice for our picnic

Question was raised of if there is any reason we do not have a holiday party. You will notice all venues are more expensive and booked up. When trying to pick a date it interfered with someone's work party or visiting relatives or going out of town etc. It just did not work out. That is why we have our Awards Dinner in January.

A reminder to be sure to attend the next meeting in January as Bill Larime is planning to bring his collection of Dolphins and Submarine Pins from all over the World.

CLOSING

Binnacle List

Mike Olsen (Chaplain) reused that if you know of someone on the binnacle list to e-mail it helps me if you know what hospital and relative's names or other pertinent information.

50/50 Drawing

The winner is Tom Carrier--\$93.50

Benediction was given by Chaplain Mike Olsen

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1305 hours.

Submitted:

Richard Kunze

Vice Commander/COB