

Perch Base Minutes October 8, 2016

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 8 October, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chuck Emmett, Base Commander.

Mike Olsen gave the invocation. Chuck Emmett led the Pledge of Allegiance. Glenn Posniack 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:

John Schwab - New Member	Bill Woolcott	John Carpentier
Doyle Egg	Jim Edwards	Jim Mann
Matthew Gibbons - Guest	DeWayne Lober	Herb Herman
Jim Andrews	Edward Gonsowski	Dan Moss
Scott Strey	Sam Mecham	Don DeMarte
Holly Walker	David Heighway	Richard Kunze
Bill Maida	Bill Larime	Rick Simmons
Dewey Reed	Dottie Reed	W. H. Doyle Jr.
Ray Marshall	John Zaichkin	Doug La Rock
Glenn Posniack	Anthony Christianson	Dan Marks
Chuck Emmett	Don Schafer	Ken Meeks
Don Unser	Marcia Unser	George Woods
Steven Stanger	Robb Roberts	

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian – Chuck Luna

Chuck was not at the meeting.

COB – Richard Kunze

Richard reported that the Congress 'Prade', once again, was a success. The people love having us out there every year. Don Unser reported that we won a 1st Place Ribbon. Richard mentioned that Lou Reynolds, a WWII veteran was selected to be on the Honor Flight in Washington, DC next week. Quite an honor for one of our members. He also mentioned that we need someone to step up and volunteer for the position of COB, as he's been doing this for six years.

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Dave read the Treasurers report. He also mentioned that the card reader is available today for those who want to pay their dues by credit card. You can only use the reader in person.

Storekeeper – Herb Herman

Herb announced that he has the new ball caps for sale. He also has the calendars, but most have been sold, so if you want one, to let him know and he will order more, at \$7.50 each.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

There have been numerous updates, but no major changes to the website during the past month; simply updating pages such as the Event Photos for the USS Phoenix Welcoming Event and Old Congress Days Parade, Sailing Orders, uploading Flash Traffics and meeting minutes, Lost Boat notices, and adding updates for George Crider's status, Similar updates have been maintained on the Perch Base Facebook Group.

During September, there were approximately 1,290 page views on the Perch Base website during 625 sessions by 466 users based on Google Analytics. Approximately 87% of the sessions originated in the US and 2% from the United Kingdom. The remaining 11% were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 36% of the sessions were from locations within Arizona. The Homepage accounted for the largest (36%) percentage of the page views this month, exceeding the Glossary (20%,) the Sailing Orders page (8%,) the Eternal Patrol page (4%,) and the USS Phoenix Welcoming photos (3%,)

Dan also mentioned that Governor Ducey has ordered flags be lowered to half-staff on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016 for Fallen Firefighters.

Membership – Jim Andrews

Jim reported that since his last report in September, we have added two new members to Perch Base and USSVI, which brings our membership to 172 members. There is a potential for one more new member. The annual dues renewal drive is well on its way. As of 10/5/2016 we have collected:

USSVI - \$530.00 - 32% of those required to pay, have paid.

Perch Base - \$315.00 – 33% of those required to pay, have paid.

Donations - \$1,615.00 – 26% have made donations.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Navy Ball – October 8, 2016 at the Arizona Grand Resort & Spa

Billy Moore Heritage Days in Avondale – October 22, 2016

Daisy Mountain Veterans Parade – Nov. 5, 2016

Black Canyon City Parade – Nov. 5, 2016, after the Daisy Mountain Parade.

Gilbert Veterans Day Ceremony - Nov. 10, 2016

Phoenix Veterans Day Parade – Nov. 11, 2016

Tale of Two Cities – Feb. 25, 2017

All events are available on the Website with more information for each event.

Past Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard had nothing to report.

District Commander – Jim Denzien

Jim was not at the meeting.

Chaplain – Mike Olsen

Mike reported that George Crider and Jim Denzien are recovering from their health issues.

Base Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck reiterated how some bases are closing, as they don't have people to volunteer for the positions needed to keep things going. He explained what it takes for this position and hopes someone will volunteer for the position of COB.

OLD BUSINESS

Richard announced that Perch Base received the Golden Anchor Award, at the National Convention. He strongly urged members to nominate Perch Base Members for any of these awards. Information on these awards can be found on the ussvi.org website homepage by clicking on the green AWARDS button in the left margin.

Dan Moss reported that the fund raising for the ASSM is in full swing. He mentioned that he needs items for the Silent Auction, which will be held at our Banquet in January. All items can be brought to the next meetings and he will collect them. He also has raffle tickets for the Grand Prize, which will be drawn at the banquet. The Grand Prize is a wall mounted Gato Class Submarine. He's also hoping to have a First Edition of a Lowell Thomas book, at the banquet.

The United States Submarine Veterans insurance does not cover what it's supposed to and we don't have any liability coverage for people at parades. The float is covered by the driver's liability, but people riding a float or the trailer are not covered. We are going to have a 'release' form that anyone riding on the trailer or in a Perch Base participating vehicle must sign to cover this situation.

NEW BUSINESS

The USSVI Constitution is being abolished, but the items in the constitution are being incorporated into our by-laws. Howard Doyle Jr., is looking into this issue and if you have any items you think should be changed or want to help, let him know.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Lou Reynolds on the Honor Flight in Washington, DC., which was already mentioned.

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Richard Kunze won the raffle, which his share came to \$87.00.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Mike Olsen. Meeting adjourned at 1255 hrs.

Submitted:
Marcia Unser
Secretary Perch Base