

## Perch Base Minutes September 9, 2017

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 9 September 2017. The meeting was called to order by Howard Doyle Jr., Acting Commander.

Mike Olsen gave the invocation. Howard Doyle led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rick Simmons read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in September.

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

Lou Reynolds	Tom Warner	Kelly Grissom
Warner Howard Doyle Jr.	Marcia Unser	Don Unser
Mike Olsen	Jim Andrews	Jennifer Zazueta
Darell Keller	Chuck Luna	Dan Marks
Davy Jones	George Woods	Steve Stanger
Wayne Clark	Douglas LaRock	John Carpentier
Rick Simmons	Nathan Tippet	William Tippet
Jerry McKay	Herb Herman	Robert Gilmore
Glenn Posniack	Jim Nelson	Sam Mecham
Don Schafer	Tim Moore	Carl Miner
Jack Patterson	Ken Meeks	Chuck Emmett
David Heighway	DeWayne Loper	Jim Mann
Jim Edwards	Jim Denzien	Mary Denzien
Richard Hicks	Chris Urness	David Metje
Edward Gonsowski		

The first item of business was a call for approval of the August 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 new member Richard Hicks.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

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

Don Unser reported on Chuck's behalf that the deadline for the MidWatch is Friday, Sept. 15, 2017

#### **Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.**

Howard reported since the Base Commander has passed away, he talked with USSVI regarding the protocol to be used for a new Commander. He was told that the Vice Commander would step into the position of Base Commander, and that a special election would be held for Vice Commander. The Board agreed that Howard be the Base Commander. The base members agreed

with this decision and the following members were nominated for Vice Commander and each accepted their nomination: Rich Simmons, Glenn Posniack and Chuck Emmett. A FlashTraffic will be put out for any other nominations. Don Unser announced that all Board Directors need backups and encourage members to participate. Ballots will be sent out for the election in October and the results will be announced at the November meeting, which will take place at the Veterans Parade in Phoenix. The installation will take place in December.

### **Chief Of The Boat – Carl Miner**

Carl reported that he had fixed the bolts on the trailer and inspected the float. He is also going to check the sound system on the float as there were issues during the last parade. He also checked all the decals on the boat.

### **Treasurer – Dave Heighway**

Dave had nothing more to report.

### **Storekeeper – Herb Herman**

Herb announced that he will be ordering old challenge coins and calendars and has a sign-up sheet for those who want to order any of these items. He also has vest clips for sale and Dolphin decals for cars and trucks.

### **Webmaster – Dan Marks**

The only major change to the website during the past month has been the postings related to the passing of Richard Kunze. Other routine updates during the past month included updating the Sailing Orders page, including Governor Joy's VA Death Benefits luncheon, and adding a USS Phoenix (SSN-702) shirt promotion to the homepage. Flash Traffics and meeting minutes uploaded, Lost Boat notices and Half Staff notices posted and links updated. The State Farm Insurance Policy and scholarship documentation have been archived. The 2018 National Convention Cruise dates have been added to the calendar. Similar updates have been maintained on the Perch Base Facebook Group.

During August, there were approximately 1,244 page views on the Perch Base website during 484 sessions by 314 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are comparable to last month and seem to be typical. Approximately 84% of the sessions originated in the US, and the remaining 16% were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 60% of the sessions were from locations within Arizona. Another 8% were from locations in California and 3% from New Jersey. The Homepage accounted for the largest percentage of the page views this month (55%,) exceeding the Glossary (28%) and the Eternal Patrol page (4%) and the Richard Kunze memorial (3%) in that order

### **Membership – Jim Andrews**

Jim reported that October 1<sup>st</sup>, is the start of membership dues for next year. He will be sending out letters later in Sept., to all members, reminding them that they need to pay their dues. He also reminded the members that if they paid their dues during the month of October, they would be eligible for the Early Bird Contest. The winner of the Early Bird Contest would not have to pay

their 2019 dues. He also noted that Tax Free donations are to be made to the Perch Base Foundation. Credit cards will be accepted for dues, but only during the regular meetings. Perch Base can accept donations also, but they're not Tax Free. Jim also mentioned that if any members changed their address or email address, to please notify him, so he can update National Records.

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

Don reminded the members that all events are on the website.

Gudgeon Base Picnic – Sept. 16, 2017 – Prescott Valley

Richard Kunze Inurnment – Sept. 27, 2017, at 10:00 AM at the National Veterans Cemetery

Billy Moore Days/Avondale – Oct. 28, 2017.

Anthem/Black Canyon Parades – Nov. 4, 2017.

Sierra Verde Elementary School – Nov. 9, 2017.

Phoenix Veterans Day Parade – Nov. 11, 2017.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – Dec. 7, 2017 at Wesley Bolin Plaza

### **Past Commander – Chuck Emmett**

Chuck had attended the National Convention in Orlando, FL, and reported that the National Web Page is a work in progress. He said it was run very well this year. Chuck has two discs of pictures taken at the convention, for anyone who wants to look at them. He also reported that it was decided that the convention will be held annually, as they have annual meetings, which always coincide with the convention. The 2019 convention will be in Austin TX. Chuck updated the members on Groton Base issues, which seem to be under control now.

### **Secretary – Marcia Unser**

Marcia had nothing to report.

### **Chaplain – Mike Olsen**

Mike reported that at the Memorial Service for Richard Kunze, a collection was taken and that a little less than \$400.00 was collected, which the Salvation Army is very thankful. He also said that the Salvation Army has offered their facilities for any events that Perch Base might need.

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

Jim reported that the Navy Ball will be held on October 14, 2017, at the Hilton Phoenix in Mesa. The price is \$65.00 per person. He also reported that there will be a Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Oct. 27, 2017, at the Talking Stick Resort. Registration for this is \$55.00 until end of Sept., then it goes up to \$65.00 per person.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Howard Doyle Jr., read thank you notes he received from Cameron and Jacen Millette, who both received scholarships. Nathaniel Tippet was at the meeting and thanked the base for giving him his scholarship. Chris Urness read a note from his daughter Jaid, thanking the base for her scholarship.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Tom Warner, from Gudgeon Base was at the meeting to remind the members that the Gudgeon Picnic will be next Saturday, in Prescott Valley. He asked for a headcount of those members planning to attend. He also indicated that it would be a bit cooler up there, and to dress accordingly.

Jim Denzien announced that the UAV meetings are held the first Saturday of the month, from Sept. to June, and that he would like someone to volunteer as a backup for these meetings.

Tim Moore reported on the ASSM. He handed out some flyers for everyone, to encourage members to talk with people about donating to the ASSM. He had attended a Small Business Expo and was able to talk to various people about the memorial and hopes to get more donations. He reported that Davy Jones donated \$2,000.00 to the ASSM, which are the proceeds from the Dex Armstrong book that he's been selling. Chris Urness donated \$500.00 to the ASSM.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Glenn Posniack announced that he is involved with the Sea Cadets and that they're in need of someone to teach CPR. He also reported that during the month of Sept., all veterans can get free tickets to the movies, every day, at the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema in Chandler.

Jim Nelson informed the base that his son and family, living in Florida, are in the hurricanes path.

## **BINNACLE LIST**

Dan Marks reported that Dick Noreika is home and recovering nicely.

Glenn Posniack reported that John Zaichkin had neck surgery.

## **50/50**

Lou Reynolds won the raffle, which his share came to \$82.00.

## **ADJOURMENT**

Benediction was led by Mike Olsen. Meeting adjourned at 1315 hrs.

Submitted:  
Marcia Unser

Secretary Perch Base