

Perch Base Minutes September 14, 2024

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, September 14 2024. The meeting was called to order by Commander George Woods.

Governor Joy gave the invocation. George Woods led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chuck Emmett read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in July read by George Woods.

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

Mary Denzien	Alice Woods	George Woods
Bob Gilmore	Jim Denzien	Chuck Emmett
Don Robertson	Don Petty	Bob Saenz
Carol Saenz	David Heighway	Chuck Luna
Laura Luna	John Brown	Marcia Unser
Don Unser	Chris Gahan	Doug LaRock
Georgianne Gahan	Randy Pirkle	Glenn Posniack
Joe Trotter	John Carpentier	Jim Andrews
Sam Mecham	Maddy Ball (guest)	John Beckett
Governor Joy	Ken Kennedy	Paul Miller

The first item of business was a call for approval of the August 2024 meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes, which was seconded and approved by voice vote.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Treasurer-Kevin Sheehan

- Kevin was absent, report given by Joe Trotter

Communications Officer- Chris Gahan

- Chris reminded the group of the upcoming Midwatch holiday addition with a deadline of 9/20/2024. There is a need for more folks to submit articles and updates for the submarine community.

Commander - George Woods

- George had no comments.

Vice Commander - David Heighway

- The Vice Commander has nothing to report.

Chief of The Boat - Don Robertson

- Don proposed a work party to help paint and repair the Phoenix float before the 2024 Veterans Day parade.

Storekeeper - John Beckett

- John has the 2025 USSVI calendars in stock for \$15 each.

Webmaster - Dan Marks

- Activity with the website since the last BOD meeting included posting photos of the 2024 National Convention in Cleveland, OH. Special thanks to Joe Trotter who provided the photos. A link to a video of Submarine School in Groton, CT, recommended by Vic Van Horn, was shown at the 08/10/24 meeting and a link was added to the Submarine Videos on the website to that video. Routine updates during the past month included updating the Sailing Orders page, Flash Traffics, base correspondence and meeting minutes uploaded, Lost Boat notices and Half Staff notices posted and links updated. Similar updates have been maintained on the Perch Base Facebook Page.

- During August, there were 4,348 page views on the Perch Base website during 2,247 visits by 1,592 users based on Awstats. This is typical traffic. Most of the traffic was to the home page, followed by the Glossary, and the USSVI National Convention in Cleveland, then the Eternal Patrol page. The majority of the page views were from the U.S., followed by the Russian Federation and China.
- During August, the Facebook Post Reach (The number of people who saw any of our posts at least once. Reach is different from impressions, which may include multiple views of your posts by the same people.) was 621, which is typical. The Facebook Post Engagement (The number of reactions, comments, shares and clicks on your posts) was 91, also typical. Our Facebook page had 1 new Page Like for a total of 197 and 1 new follower for a total of 240. The top post was the "USS COCHINO (SS-345) Lest we forget to perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. . . 75 years ago, on Aug. 26, 1949, the USS Cochino (SS-345),..." Eternal Patrol post with 428 Post Impressions, a Post Reach of 420, and a Post Engagement of 47.

Membership – Paul Miller

- Currently there are 173 members for Perch base.
- Advised members that 2024 USSVI dues will increase.
- 2024 Perch base and USSVI membership drive to begin in October.

Events Coordinator – CC Clarke

- Details for 2024 Phoenix Veteran's Day parade are pending

Past Commander – W. Howard Doyle, Jr

- Howard had nothing to report.

Base Historian-Chuck Emmett

- Chuck had nothing to report

Secretary – Laura Luna

- Laura had nothing to report.

Chaplain – VACANT

OLD BUSINESS

- Gudgeon Base picnic 09/20/2024
- October base meeting 10/12/2024 at Dillions at Noon

NEW BUSINESS

- There is still a great need to fill the vacant Chaplain position as well as the soon-to-be vacant Secretary position

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Noisy Can proceeds to Perch Base Charitable Foundation.

BINNACLE LIST

Warner Howard Doyle, JR
 Mary Denzien
 James Denzien
 Chuck Emmett
 DeWayne Lober
 Chuck Luna
 Curtis Morgan
 Richard Simmons
 Davy Jones

50/50

Governor Joy won the drawing (\$70.00 split each). Governor donated his winnings to the Perch Base Foundation

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Governor Joy. The meeting adjourned at 12:38.

Submitted:

Laura Luna

Secretary Perch Base