

Perch Base Minutes May 2026

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was held at the Base Picnic at 12:00 hours, May 9, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Commander David Heighway.

Governor Joy gave the invocation. The pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander Dave Heighway. The Tolling of the Boats lost in April was read by David Heighway.

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

David Heighway	Hila Heighway	Joe Trotter
Jerry Shannon	George Woods	Kirby Anderson
Bob Gilmore	John Brown	Chris Gahan
Georgy Gahan	Ken Kennedy	Kevin Sheehan
John Beckett	W H Doyle Jr	Stephen Day

Commander – David Heighway

David welcomed all to the meeting and introduced guest and potentially new member Jerry Shannon.

The first item of business was a call for approval of the April 2026 meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes, which were seconded and approved by voice vote.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Treasurer - Kevin Sheehan

Perch Base Operations - \$17,019.56

Perch Base Foundation – \$7,347.89

Rattle Can for May goes to Perch Base Foundation

Picnic expenses were \$613.84 and within the \$700.00 budget.

Secretary – Ed Henry

Nothing to report.

Past Commander– George Woods

The 2027 Round Up will be in Denver, CO. Date is TBD.

National Awards nominations are closed except for Newsletters.

Vice Commander – Don Robertson

Nothing to report.

Storekeeper – CC Clarke

Nothing to Report.

Chief of The Boat – Kirby Anderson

A work party will be held to prepare the float for the Memorial Day event and support is needed. See the website for details.

Communications – Chris Gahan

Next newsletter inputs are due 29 May.

Chris update several UAV & AZ Legacy items including using their websites to access their newsletters.

The new memorial is moving towards a groundbreaking in July if all permits are obtained and clearances received.

Chris has information on pavers that can be purchased.

Joe Trotter updated the status of the project to paint the Submarine Memorial. City has no special requirements. Still working on pricing and scope of the project.

Webmaster – Dan Marks(absent). Dave gave his update.

Historian- Jim Denzien

Informed crew he would start creating a presentation of WWII Perch Base Members in line with Don's Boat of the Month to perpetuate the remembrance of these special base members. Also informed the group he was establishing a base library if any members want to contribute book or check them out. Once list is completed, Dan will post on the Perch Base Website

Membership – Paul Miller(absent). No Report.

Chaplain – Governor Joy(absent) No report

Events Coordinator – CC Clarke(absent)

1. VA Cemetery, Memorial Day, May 25, 2026
2. Prescott Frontier Days Prescott, Prescott, AZ, July 4, 2026, Tom Warner (Gudgeon Base) stated he would be hosting a post parade picnic this year.
3. National Convention, Corpus Christi, TX, September 6 – 11, 2026

Old Business

1. Dave thanked all who attended the Celebration of Life for Mary Denzein.

New Business / Good of the Order

1. None reported

BINNACLE LIST

Binnacle List is posted as Appendix 1.

50/50

Drawing results: The 50-50 raffle (\$65) was won by Johnny Corbin. Final count of \$32 went to the Perch Base Fund and \$33 went to Johnny Cirbin,

Rattle Can

Proceeds to the Perch Base Foundation at a total of \$76.94

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Dave Heighway. The meeting adjourned at. 1257 pm.

Submitted:

**Kevin SHEEHAN for Ed Henry
Secretary Perch Base**

USSVI Perch Base Binnacle List

Laura Anderson
Jim Denzien
Davey Jones

Barbara Cosgrove
Georgianne Gahan
Chuck Emmett

W. Howard Doyle Jr.
Chris Gahan
Stan Reinhold