

Perch Base Minutes June 2026

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was held at Dillons Restaurant, Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, June 13, 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 USSVI Creed was read by John Manning and The Tolling of the Boats lost in March was read by David Heighway.

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

David Heighway	Hile Heighway	Bob Gilmore
Don Robertson	John Brown	John Manning
CC Clarke	Don Unser	Marcia Unser
Kirby Anderson	Bill Keisler (Guest, Future Member)	Kevin Sheehan
Dan Marks	John Beckett	Joe Trotter
Johnny Corbin	Jim Denzien	W. H. Doyle Jr.
Ken Kennedy	Ed Henry	Paul Miller
George Woods	Bob Saenz	Carol Saenz
Steven Stranger	Governor Goy	Randy Pirkel
George Williams	Chris Gahan	Georgianne Gahan
Carol Culbertson		

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary-Ed Henry

Nothing to report.

Treasurer-Kevin Sheehan

Perch Base Operations - \$16,407.82

Perch Base Foundation – \$7,474.83

Rattle Can for May goes to Perch Base Foundation

Picnic expenses of \$613.84 have been paid.

Purchase of one \$300.00 paver from the USS Phoenix (SSN 702) Cold War Monument Foundation is in progress.

State Farm has processed the required changes to the bases policy. Annual Premium is \$279.00

Past Commander– George Woods

Reminded all members of the upcoming USSVI National Convention in Corpus Christi, TX.

Western Region Roundup April 2027 will be in Denver, CO

Western Region Roundup April 2028 will be hosted by the Bullhead Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Vice Commander – Don Robertson

Informed Perch Members of the Gudgeon Base invitation to the dedication of Freedom Rock in Prescott at 9:00 am on Saturday, June 27th.

Informed all of USS PHOENIX float's location and reminded all of show times for the Prescott Day Parade.

Storekeeper – CC Clarke

Nothing to report.

Chief of The Boat – Kirby Anderson

Informed the base that the float would be wrapped for UV protection and maintaining cleanliness after the 4th of July Parade in Prescott.

Communications – Chris Gahan (absent, presented by Dave)

Reported that the Mid-Watch newsletter submission deadline is June 19th, 2026.

Informed the base to beware of Phishing emails using USSVI as a front and also AI Phone Callers.

National Elections are coming soon; Voting options available are via mail in ballot contained in the [American Submariner](#) magazine and online at the USSVI.org website.

Reminded all of the upcoming Flag Day.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Activity since the last BOD meeting included posting articles about the Memorial Day and Tolling for the Boats Ceremony, USSVI chartered 62 years ago and the USS Phoenix Field Day prior to Memorial Day.

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 May, there were 20,251 page views on the Perch Base website during 13,979 visits by 10,972 users based on Awstats, which is typical. The most page views were from the United States, followed by Japan, Nepal, then Germany. Most of the traffic was to the home page, followed by the Glossary, Sailing Orders, Dolphin Anniversary page, then the Eternal Patrol page. The most downloads were the Historic List of Submarine Classes, the Anthem Solar Calculator page, the Chaplain's Manual, followed by the Hurt Feelings Chit. During May, the Facebook Views (The number of times your content was played or displayed. Content includes videos, posts, stories and ads.) was 1,895 (increased) and the Content Engagement (The number of reactions, clicks, comments, shares and saves on your posts.) was 69 (also increased). Our Facebook page has a total of 260 Followers, +3 from last month. The top post was the "Memorial Day" page.

Dan asked that all members attending the Prescott Day Parade and BBQ take pictures and forward to him for uploading to the Perch Website.

Historian- Jim Denzien

Requested information for Perch Base Members who served in WWII.

Membership – Paul Miller

Membership is 151. Three of the new members need to be entered into the USSVI Website.

Chaplain – Governor Joy

Reminded all members of the option to register their DD214 with local courts as a backup.

Governor reminded all to keep those members on the binnacle list in their thoughts and prayers.

Events Coordinator – CC Clarke

1. Prescott Frontier Days Prescott, Prescott, AZ, July 4, 2026, with Gudgeon Base BBQ following at the home of Tom Warner
2. National Convention, Corpus Christi, TX, September 6 – 11, 2026

Arizona WWII Hero

TM1(SS) Billy Grieves, Perch Base Member, Awards include two Bronze Stars and the Combat Patrol Insignia presented by Jim Denzien

Boat of the Month

USS PETO (SS 265) Ten WWII War Patrols between 1943 and 1945 presented by Don Robertson

Old Business

None

New Business / Good of the Order

Arizona Silent Service Memorial

The ASSM Will hold a Field Day for the Memorial June 22-24 in preparations for painting the boat.

International Submariners Association

Bob Gilmore reported on his attendance at the event held in Edinburgh, Scotland.

BINNACLE LIST

Binnacle List is posted as Appendix 1.

50/50

Drawing results: The 50-50 raffle (\$112) was won by Chris Gahan. Final count of \$56 went to the Perch Base Fund and \$56 went to Chris Gahan.

Rattle Can

Proceeds to Perch Base Foundation at a total of \$53.41

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Governor Joy. The meeting adjourned at 1300 pm.

Submitted:

Ed Henry

Secretary Perch Base

USSVI Perch Base Binnacle List

Laura Anderson
Jim Denzien
Davey Jones

Barbara Cosgrove
Georgianne Gahan

W. Howard Doyle Jr.
Chris Gahan