

## Perch Base Minutes December 13, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 1200 hrs.

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillons Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1202 hours, 11 October 2014. The meeting was called to order by Howard Doyle, Jr., Base Commander.

Steve Leon gave the invocation. Howard Doyle led the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Robertson read the Purpose of the Base. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in December.

Included in attendance were guests Fei Sun & Wen Wu Zhang, who spoke about Alzheimer's.

According to the sailing list the following attended the base meeting:

Richard Kunze	Donald Robertson	Chuck Luna
Walter Blomgren	Don Demarte	David Fledderjohn
Dwayne Reed	Chuck Emmett	Don Schafer
Dan Marks	DeWayne Lober	Jim Denzien
Douglass M LaRock	Davy Jones	David A Metje
Herb Coulter	Mike Keating	Dan Moss
Ted Hunt	John Mosher	Stephen Marcellino
Rick Simmons	Tim Moore	Jim Nelson
David Heighway	Edward Gonsowksi	Jim Andrews
Robert W. Wright	Pete Sattig	Don Unser
Marcia Unser	Howard Doyle, Jr	Steve Leon
Bill Maida	George Crider	Mike Dahl
John Zaichkin	Raymond Marshall	Bill Tippet
Nathan Tippet	Kelly Grissom	Rich Womack
Jim Wall	Mike Hinderliter	Herb Herman
Glenn Posniack	Nicholas Daley	Michael Robb
George Gillette	Michael Cox	Sam Mecham
Charles Alaniva	Robie Robinson	James Niedermeyer
Mike Dahl		

The first item of business was a call for approval of the last Base meeting minutes. It was so moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and approved by voice vote.

Howard Doyle read the Treasurers report ending November 30, 2014. A motion was made to approve the report. It was moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and approved by voice vote.

### OFFICERS REPORTS

Vice Commander - Richard Kunze

Our float won 1<sup>st</sup> place in their division at the Veteran's Day Parade in Phoenix. We had a good turnout at the Phoenix Veterans parade and at the Anthem and Black Canyon parades. We also had a static display in Gilbert.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

The Western Region meeting in Laughlin, NV, will be held April 25<sup>th</sup> through May 1. No other details at this time.

We will have a speaker at the January, 2015 meeting. Tom Fenner, Military Liaison for Hospice of the Valley, who will talk about the Salute to Veterans Program.

St. Patrick's Day parade will be March 17, 2015 at the RV Park where we attended last year. Staging at 3:30 PM and the parade will start at 4 PM.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Naval Reserve will be held at Luke AFB on April 11, 2015. The Naval Reserve Center has requested our float for this event. Passes for non-retired members will be available. The Event Coordinator will make sure all arrangements are completed.

Perch Base Picnic will be at the White tanks on May 9, 2015.

Laveen parade, 7<sup>th</sup> of February.

Membership Chairman - Rick Simmons

Rick reported that 80% of USSVI members have re-enlisted. Perch Base reports 79% have paid their dues, with 34 members that are eligible for the early bird drawing. Four members of Perch Base will be eligible for induction into the Holland Club. Jim Andrews has volunteered to take over the Membership responsibilities.

Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober

Shirts and various other items are on sale.

Past Commander – Jim Denzien

Jim mentioned that members of the Canadian Submariners, will be here in February.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

In the past month, the Perch Base website had 936 visits by 785 users who looked at a total of 1,764 pages. About 59% of the 936 visits came from the US and another 6% from the UK. The rest come from a broad scatter around the world.

43% of the 1764 page visits were to the Glossary. 25% of the page visits were to the home page. 5% visited the Hot Items page. 8% viewed photos of recent events.

Communications Officer – Chuck Emmett

Chuck mentioned again, how the base needs someone to fill the positions of Treasurer & Store Keeper. Herb Coulter has volunteered to do both jobs.

## OLD BUSINESS

ASSM – Dan Moss

A meeting regarding fund raising will be sometime in January 2015. If you have something for the Silent Auction, please let Dan know.

Constitution had changes, which were updated and available for members to view online. A hand vote was done and all agreed to the changes. We're also updating policies & procedures, which will be published on the web page.

## NEW BUSINESS

The awards Banquet will be held Saturday, January 24, 2015, at Pebble Creek Country Club. The ASSM Committee will handle the silent auction. Dan Moss is in charge of the silent auction. Tim Moore is handling the reservations (\$35 per person) for this event. Reservations must be in by January 19.

Perch Base will be offering a scholarship for 2015. One board member and two Perch Base members will be appointed to make the final decision. Let Howard know if you would like to be part of the committee.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

UAV – Jim Denzien reported that the UAV has meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of every month. The December meeting was elections for the new year.

There is the Submarine Memorial in Golden Valley.

The Western Region Director announced that they are planning to have a Western Region Submariner get together from April 27, 2015 – May 1, 2015, in Laughlin, NV.

There will be a speaker in January. A member of Hospice of the Valley will speak on the Military Salute program.

TechTix.Org, a site for veterans to get tickets for some events for free.

## BINNACLE LIST – Steve Leon

Reynaldo Atos passed away and the funeral is Monday, Dec. 15.

George Crider doing better with his Diabetic issues.

Davey Jones is doing better.

Jim Andrews had back surgery, but doing well.

Billy Grieves had taken a fall and cracked 2 vertebrae, and had surgery, but also doing well.

Billy Grieves has had a stroke, but is recuperating nicely.

50/50

George Crider won the 50/50, which came to \$108.00.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Steve Leon. Meeting adjourned at 1300 hrs.

Submitted:

Marcia Unser

Secretary Perch Base