

## Perch Base Minutes February 14, 2015

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 14 February 2015. The meeting was called to order by Howard Doyle, Jr., Base Commander.

Howard Doyle gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert Wright read the Purpose of the Base. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in February.

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

Richard Kunze	David Metje	Dan Moss
Robie Robinson	Don Demarte	Lou Reynolds
Dwayne Reed	Chuck Emmett	George Gillette
Dan Marks	DeWayne Lober	
Douglas M LaRock	Davy Jones	
Herb Coulter	Bill Woolcott	
Pete Sattig	John Mosher	
Rick Simmons	Tim Moore	
David Heighway	Robert W. Wright	
Don Unser	Don Schafer	
Marcia Unser	Howard Doyle, Jr	
Raymond Marshall	Herb Herman	
John Zaichkin	Kelly Grissom	
Mike Dahl		
Bill Keisler (possible new member)		

The first item of business was a call for approval of the last Base meeting minutes. It was so moved, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

Herb Coulter read the Treasurers report ending January 31, 2015. A motion was made to approve the report. It was moved, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

### OFFICERS REPORTS

Vice Commander - Richard Kunze

As Jim Andrews was not present, Richard reported that we now have 172 members of the Perch Base Unit and reminded everyone that if they have changed their mailing address or email address, it needs to be updated in the National Database or send updates to Jim Andrews or Chuck Emmitt for submittal.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Feb. 7 – Laveen Parade, was another success. Our float one 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, again. The Rogers Ranch School has requested a static display and it was decided that March 11, would be a good day. This would be for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade History class. The board approved and seconded this request.

Feb. 21 – The Tale of Two Cities event in Goodyear/Avondale. Staging at 9 am, parade starts at 10 am.

March 11 – Static display at the Rogers Ranch School in Laveen Details to follow.

March 17 – Paradise RV Park Parade – Staging at 1 PM, parade starts at 2 PM.

March 25 – MIAP Veteran Internment at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, at 1300 Hrs.

April 11 – Navy Reserve Center 100 year anniversary at Luke AFB. Don Unser will check on passes for those members that will attend, but don't have Retired ID's.

April 27 – May 1 – Laughlin Western Region Roundup.

May 9 – The Annual Picnic at White Tanks Park from 11 am – 3 pm. Chuck Emmett will send out an invitation to all bases to see how many will be attending.

May 16 – Armed Forces Day in Flagstaff, details in Flash Traffic.

May 23 – Memorial Day parade in Flagstaff – details later.

May 25 – Veterans Honor Celebration – details later.

Storekeeper – Herb Coulter

Herb was having a sale on many items.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

No major changes to report for the past month. The Base Scholarship Application Form on the Perch Base website still reflects last year's deadline date of July 31, 2014. I don't know who has the source file that was used to generate the PDF file on the website, or if any other changes are warranted. If the deadline date is the only change, then I should be able to change the PDF regardless of if the source file can be found.

Pictures have been uploaded for the Annual Awards Banquet and the Laveen Parade. A link to the "Quilts of Valor Foundation" website has been added.

I made a minor update to the Eagle Scout page to document that we will only participate in Eagle Court of Honor ceremonies in the Phoenix metropolitan area after receiving a request from the Dallas/Fort Worth area. The two bases (Cowtown & Dallas) in that area and the USSVI Scouting program chairman (Dave Farran) were notified of the request. I am not aware of any other pages that might need to be updated.

In the past 30 days there were approximately 2,600 page views on the Perch Base website during 1,118 sessions by 860 users based on Google Analytics. Approximately 64% of the visits originate in the US, 7% from the United Kingdom and the remaining 29% are widely scattered around the world. Approximately 25% of the visits are from locations within Arizona. The Glossary still accounts for the largest (37%) percentage of the visits and the homepage gets about 22%. There were 217 (8%) visits to the Hot Items page.

Communications Officer – Chuck Emmett

Chuck reminded everyone that next month will be the election of the Base Commander. He will send out a Flash Traffic which will include the ballot. Members can vote online and email their ballot to the Secretary or bring the ballots to the March meeting. There are two members, Richard Kunze and Chuck Emmett running for this office.

OLD BUSINESS

ASSM – Dan Moss

The Silent Auction at the Awards Banquet brought in a little over \$1100.

There will be a meeting of the ASSM on March 5, 2014, at 11:00 AM. This will take place at Dillon's restaurant. The location of the memorial has been officially approved.

About 82 people attended the Awards Banquet last month. Howard is going to get a copy of the presentation to put out on the website. The banquet will be at the same place next year also.

Scholarship – Tim Moore

Perch Base will be offering a \$1000 scholarship for 2015. The deadline for submittal is July 31, 2015. There is more information on the Perch Base Website. He needs two volunteers to help with the selection committee.

### NEW BUSINESS

UAV – Jim Denzien not at meeting to give report.

Chuck Emmett gave a presentation explaining what the Perch Base Foundation is about and asked for volunteers to be on this committee. Many members are interested in being on the Foundation Board. Howard Doyle will get together with Bob Warner & Jim Denzien to discuss details of having additional board members then what is already in place.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tim Moore showed a project at the church he attends. Feed the Starving Children is a good charity and he will give more details.

ISA Congress will be held in England, with a tour of Normandy.

Davy Jones has copies of the book, Memories of Dex Armstrong, for sale. He suggested that we invite the members of the Phoenix crew, that live here in the valley, to the Perch Base picnic in May.

Heather Pittman is applying for duty aboard Submarines.

The Birthday Ball in San Diego will be held April 25<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are in the \$50-\$60 range.

### BINNACLE LIST

Nothing to report.

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Ray Marshall won the raffle which came to \$80.00

## ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Howard Doyle. Meeting adjourned at 1315 hrs.

Submitted:

Marcia Unser

Secretary Perch Base