

Perch Base Minutes August 8, 2015

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 8 August, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Chuck Emmett, Base Commander.

Ed Schafer gave the invocation. Chuck Emmett led the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Schafer read the USSVI Creed. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in August.

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

Richard Kunze	David Metje	Mike Hinderliter
Jim Andrews	Dave Fyock	Scott Strey
Marcus Hensley	Chuck Emmett	Glenn Posniack
Dan Marks	Howard Doyle	Ed Schafer
Dale Holland	Davy Jones	William Tippett
Jim Denzien	Mary Denzien	Joe & Sharon Denzien (Guests)
Bob Saenz (Guest)	Rick Simmons	Joshua Whitmore (Guest)
David Heighway	Robert W. Wright	Edward Gonsowski
Don Unser	Don Schafer	Elizabeth Tippett (Guest)
Marcia Unser	Nathan Tippett (Guest)	Marley DeGroot (Guest)
Edward Lyons (Visitor)	Paula Coleman (Guest)	Demetrius Jones-Shargani (Guest)
Larry Speight (Guest)		

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.

Dave Heighway read the Treasurers report ending July 31, 2015. A motion was made to approve the report. It was moved, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Past Commander – Howard Doyle

Nothing to report.

Vice Commander - Richard Kunze

The framed blueprint of the USS Perch is on long term loan to the WWI Submarine Museum in Golden Valley, near Kingman, Arizona.

District Commander – Jim Denzien

Nothing to report at this time.

Storekeeper – Marcus Hensley

Everything has been inventoried and he's building a catalog of items. He will be ordering new Perch Base Challenge coins. There are polo shirts available with our insignia, which can be viewed on the website. Marcus will be ordering the Sub Vets 2016 Calendar. All items can be purchased via credit card. He also informed the group that he has been selected to be on the ASSM Committee. He has the brochures for this Memorial, which lists the prices for the pavers, now available for sale.

MidWatch Editor – Dave Heighway

Newsletter will be coming out this month. If anyone is interested in assisting with the newsletter, contact Dave.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Since the last meeting, memorials to the losses of the USS Robalo (SS-273), and the USS Grunion (SS-216) were posted to the website. Pictures have been posted to the website for the USS Scorpion model presentation by Mike Keating at MEPS. The Eternal Patrol of Herb Coulter was posted. Notification of the Half Staff proclamation for the Chattanooga shootings and the proposed challenge coin were also posted. Our Facebook page was updated for the same events.

During July, there were approximately 3,298 page views on the Perch Base website during 2,249 sessions by 1,976 users based on Google Analytics. Approximately 42% of the visits originate in the US, 19% from Russia, 2% from the United Kingdom and the remaining 37% are not specified or widely scattered around the world. Approximately 11% of the visits are from locations within Arizona. The Homepage accounted for the largest (64%) percentage of the visits, exceeding the Glossary (30%.) There were 28 (1%) visits to the Eternal Patrol page. These statistics are comparable to the last several months..

Chaplain – Ed Schafer

Herb Coulter passed away July 31, 2015. The memorial service will be held August 28, 2015, at 10:00 am, at the National Cemetery.

Membership – Jim Andrews

Letters will be going out in September to all members for their dues. The early bird deadline is Oct. 31, 2015. All dues are to be submitted by Dec. 31, 2015. Dues for Perch Base are \$10.00 and the National Dues are \$20.00. After January 2016, the National dues will be \$25.00. Through this drive, all members can also make donations to the base, which is tax deductible.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

August 22 – Gudgeon Base Picnic in Prescott Valley – A Flash Traffic will be sent to all members with details on how to get to the picnic area. This is also on the Perch Base Website in the Hot Items area.

August 28 – Memorial Service for Herb Coulter. Service starts at 10:00 AM at the National Cemetery in Cave Creek.

Sept. 7 – 12 – USSVI 2015 National Convention in Pittsburgh

October 3 – Congress Parade. Don reported that there is a waiver that everyone who plans to attend, must sign and return to him for submission. You can email Don and he will email the form to you.

OLD BUSINESS

Quilt of Valor – Chuck is looking for the sponsor of this quilt, as we need to be able to send a thank you note to Alice Woods, in Cave Creek. If anyone knows who gave this to Chuck at the last meeting, please notify him.

New Members – Chuck reminded everyone that a ‘free’ lunch will be given to a member of Perch Base, when they bring in a new recruit, only after they paid their dues. It was agreed that the money for the ‘free’ lunch will be taken out of the 50/50 drawing.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote for District Commander – Chuck gave out ballots for members to cast their ballot. Our own Jim Denzien is running unopposed.

A headcount for the Gudgeon Base Picnic in Prescott was recorded, so they know how many from Perch Base will be attending

Presentation of Scholarship Awards –

Chuck presented Elizabeth Tippett with the \$950 check for receiving the National Award Scholarship.

Jim Denzien announced that there were three applicants for the Perch Base Foundation Scholarship and that the committee decided to give scholarship money to all three. Marley DeGrootd received the \$1000.00, Elizabeth Tippett received \$500.00 and Demetrius Jones-Shargani also received \$500.00.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chuck asked for a show of hands of those planning on attending the Convention in Pittsburgh.

The Canadian counterparts are celebrating 101st birthday.

Davy Jones has 2 free tickets to the Diamondbacks game this evening. Marcus Hensley accepted one ticket.

50/50

Chuck Emmett won the raffle which came to \$103.00. He let it roll over.

ADJOURNMENT

Benediction was led by Ed Shafer. Meeting adjourned at 1300 hrs.

Submitted:

Marcia Unser

Secretary Perch Base