

Perch Base Minutes March 9th, 2024

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, March 9, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Commander George Woods.

Governor Joy gave the invocation. George Woods led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in February read by George Woods.

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

George Woods	Donald Robertson	Don Petty
Chuck Luna	Laura Luna	Bob Saenz
Carol Saenz	Bob Gilmore	John Brown
Randy Pirkle	David Heighway	Don Unser
Marica Unser	Joe Trotter	Chris Gahan
John Beckett	Dan Martini	Rena Martini
Governor Joy	Ed Henry	John Richard Smith
Jim Denzien	Mary Denzien	Dan Marks
Vince Degon		

The first item of business was a call for approval of the February 2024 meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes, which was seconded and approved by voice vote.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Treasurer-Joe Trotter

Joe gave the monthly report.

Communications Officer– Chris Gahan

Reminder that the MidWatch deadline is 03/15/2024. Chris also reported on some information regarding VA medical claim changes.

Commander – George Woods

George had no comments.

Vice Commander – Carl Miner

This is Carl's last meeting as he is stepping down and a new Vice-Commander will be sworn in at this meeting.

Chief of The Boat – Don Robertson

Don reported that the float will be prepped, painted, and ready for the Memorial Day event.

Storekeeper – John Beckett

John spoke with the group about the USSVI 60th anniversary challenge coins and hats. He took a poll of who would be interested and will be placing the order soon.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Activity with the website since the last BOD meeting included posting photos of the Phoenix Navy Week Proclamation Ceremony and the USS Arizona Legacy Foundation Launch at the Arizona Heritage Center. 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 February, there were 5,362 page views on the Perch Base website during 2,858 visits by 1,472 users based on Awstats. Most of the traffic was to the home page followed by the Glossary and the Sailing Orders. Most of the page views were from the U.S., followed by the Russian Federation, India, then Germany.

During February, the Facebook Post Reach (The number of people who saw any of our posts at least once. Reach is different from impressions, which may include multiple views of your posts by the same people.) was 4227. The Facebook Post Engagement (The number of reactions, comments, shares, and clicks on your posts) was 436. Our Facebook page had 1 new Page Likes for a total of

182 and a total of 215 Followers. The top post was the "PHOENIX NAVY WEEK PROCLAMATION CEREMONY . ." post with 3,658 Post Impressions, a Post Reach of 3,658, and a Post Engagement of 357.

Membership – Chuck Luna

Currently there are 164 members for Perch base.

Events Coordinator – David Heighway

Dave reported on the following events:

1. Base annual picnic 04/13/2024 at Paloma Park.
2. Western Regional Round Up April 11-13, 2024.
3. The base is all set for the Memorial Day event at the Phoenix Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Past Commander – W. Howard Doyle, Jr

Howard was not in attendance.

Base Historian-Chuck Emmett

Chuck was not in attendance,

Secretary – Laura Luna

Laura had nothing to report.

Chaplain – VACANT

OLD BUSINESS

1. Western Regional Round-UP April 11-15 in Bremerton, Washington. See Perch Base website for more details.
2. Annual Base Picnic 04/13/2024
3. Memorial Day event at National Cemetery May 27th, 2024, 0800 start time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Vice Commander

With only 1 candidate for the position, Base Commander, Geroge Woods, announces that by acclamation, David Heighway will be the new Vice-Commander for Perch Base. Former base commander, Jim Denzien, read the oath of office to David.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Noisy Can proceeds to Perch Base Charitable Foundation.

BINNACLE LIST

Warner Howard Doyle, JR
Mary Denzien
James Denzien
Chuck Emmett
DeWayne Lober
Richard Simmons

50/50

David Heighway won the drawing (\$58 split each). David donated his winnings to the Perch Base General fund.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Governor Joy. The meeting adjourned at 12:33..

Submitted:

Laura Luna

Secretary Perch Base