

## **Perch Base Minutes August 10, 2024**

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 12:15 hours, August 10, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Commander George Woods.

Chris Gahan gave the invocation. George Woods led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chuck Emmett read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in July read by George Woods.

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

Chuck Emmett	George Woods	Alice Woods
Dan Marks	Bob Saenz	Carol Saenz
David Heighway	Ed Henry	Chris Gahan
Georgianne Gahan	Frank Elliott	Chuck Luna
Laura Luna	Paul Miller	Elbert Huber
Mack McCreery	Vic Van Horn	Jan Van Horn
CC Clarke	Carol Culbertson	Joe Trotter
John Becket	Kevin Sheehan	W. Howard Doyle

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

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer-Kevin Sheehan**

Kevin gave the monthly report. Kevin also announced that the banking transition has been started.

#### **Communications Officer- Chris Gahan**

Chris reminded the group of the upcoming Midwatch holiday addition with a deadline of 9/20/2024. There is a need for more folks to submit articles and updates for the submarine community.

#### **Commander - George Woods**

George had no comments.

#### **Vice Commander - David Heighway**

The Vice Commander has nothing to report.

#### **Chief of The Boat - Don Robertson**

Don reported that the float will be prepped, painted, and ready for the July events in Prescott.

#### **Storekeeper - John Beckett**

John will be getting the 2025 USSVI calendars in the next few weeks.

#### **Webmaster - Dan Marks**

Activity with the website since the last BOD meeting included posting the Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Bob Bissonnette Memorial Service, USSVI National Ballot, Eternal Patrol Notices for Ed Brooks and Ed Wolf, posting the induction of Paul Miller as new Membership Chair and Kevin Sheehan as the new Treasurer, including updating the Base Officers page, and adding a link to the UAV newsletter. 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 July there were 5,442 page views on the Perch Base website during 2,855 visits by 1,991 users based on Awstats. This is typical traffic. Most of the traffic was to the home page, followed by the Glossary. Most of the page views were from the U.S., followed by the Russian Federation and China.

During July, 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 1,941, which is typical. The Facebook Post Engagement (The number of reactions, comments, shares and clicks on your posts) was 393, also typical. Our Facebook page had 3 new Page Likes for a total of 196 and 4 new followers for a total of 241. The top post was the "USS GRUNION (SS-216) Lest we forget to . . ." Eternal Patrol post with 705 Post Impressions, a Post Reach of 685, and a Post Engagement of 70.

#### **Membership – Paul Miller**

Currently there are 173 members for Perch base.

#### **Events Coordinator – David Heighway**

Dave reported on the following events:

1. Williams Day Parade will be 9/14/2024 which is the same day as the general base meeting. A decision was made to decline this event for 2024.
2. USSVI National Convention 08/19-08/24 in Cleveland, Ohio.
3. David announced that CC Clarke will become the new Evets Coordinator.

#### **Past Commander – W. Howard Doyle, Jr**

Howard had nothing to report.

#### **Base Historian-Chuck Emmett**

Chuck had nothing to report

#### **Secretary – Laura Luna**

Laura had nothing to report.

#### **Chaplain – VACANT**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. USSVI National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio coming up soon.
2. There is still a great need to fill the vacant Chaplain position as well as the soon-to-be vacant Secretary position

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. USSVI National election have begun and will continue through 08/27/2024. Members can vote online, or the base has paper ballots if you prefer.

#### **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

Davy Jones

#### **50/50**

George Woods won the drawing (\$53.50 split each). George donated his winnings to the Perch Base General fund.

#### **ADJOURMENT**

Benediction was led by Chris Gahan. The meeting adjourned at 12:45

Submitted:  
Laura Luna  
Secretary Perch Base