

## Perch Base Minutes October 12, 2024

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, October 12, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Commander George Woods.

Governor Joy 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 October read by George Woods.

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

Alice Woods	George Wood	Bob Gilmore
Chuck Emmett	Don Petty	David Heighway
John Brown	Chris Gahan	Doug LaRock
Georgianne Gahan	Randy Pirkle	Glenn Posniack
Joe Trotter	Sam Mecham	John Beckett
Governor Joy	Ken Kennedy	Paul Miller
Kevin Sheehan	Ron Perkins	Charles Tobias
Kirby Anderson	George Williams	W H Doyle Jr
Steven Stanger	Carl Miner	C C Clarke
Mark McCleary	Johnny Corbin	

The first item of business was a call for approval of the September 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 treasurer's report. Reviewed the changes required with the Base bank account resulting from the change in the Treasurer position. All accounts are up and running including the Square account to process credit card transactions.

#### Communications Officer- Chris Gahan

- Chris reminded the group of the upcoming Midwatch holiday edition with a deadline of 12/20/2024. 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

- George Woods reported that the float has been refurbished with donations of labor and materials from Kirby Anderson's local United Rentals company. Pictures are in the latest Midwatch.

#### Storekeeper - John Beckett

- John has some of the 2025 USSVI calendars in stock for \$15 each. He also has a Holland Club coffee mug available.

#### Webmaster - Dan Marks

- Dan was not present. No report given.

#### Membership - Paul Miller

- Currently there are 174 members for Perch base.
- Membership drive is underway

### **Events Coordinator – CC Clarke**

- Details for 2024 Phoenix Veteran's Day parade are on the website for the 11 November event which will run from 0930 – 1100.
- The BOD voted to not participate in the Daisy Mountain (Anthem) event due to a conflict with the monthly meeting and a new entry fee required this year.
- There is a STEAM event tentatively scheduled for the Sierra Verde Academy on 11/8/24.. Details are on the website.

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

- Howard requested the membership to actively participate in the parade and STEAM events.

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

- Chuck had nothing to report

### **Secretary – VACANT. Acting Secretary – Kevin Sheehan**

- Kevin reported that his designation as Acting Secretary was necessary to complete the establishment of the new bank account to satisfy the bank's legal requirements for the organization.

### **Chaplain – VACANT**

**OLD BUSINESS** November base meeting will be held 11/12/2024 at Dillions at Noon

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- There is still a great need to fill the vacant Chaplain position and the vacant Secretary position
- The Secretary position is a mandatory BOD spot in our policy and procedures documents.
- Alice Woods was presented with a Silver Anchor award from USSVI National for her outstanding efforts at the Convention.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Noisy Can proceeds to USSVI National.
2. Governor Joy gave a presentation reviewing the VA program associated with the PACT Act which authorizes VA Disability benefits associated with exposure to Ionizing Radiation and explained how the benefit system handles payments. Several veterans organizations have experts who can help with Disability Claims development and processing follow up.
3. It was reported that the Arizona Memorial grounds had not been properly maintained since the City of Phoenix took responsibility for maintenance from the AZ Secretary of State's office. Once the Secretary of State was notified, the grounds were cleaned and fixed up. If you see something, report it.
4. Chris Gahan reported that the VA has established a new support clinic for the blind/vision impaired members at the VA Clinic on 32<sup>nd</sup> St in Phoenix and that UAV Phoenix has opened a new shelter facility that prioritizes homeless vets and provides additional social services to vets.

### **BINNACLE LIST**

Warner Howard Doyle, JR

Mary Denzien

James Denzien

Chuck Emmett

DeWayne Lober

Chuck Luna

Curtis Morgan

Richard Simmons

Davy Jones

**50/50**

Glen Posniack won the drawing (\$62.00 each to Glen and USSVI National). He donated \$20 to the Perch Base.

**ADJOURMENT**

Benediction was led by Governor Joy. The meeting adjourned at 12:45.

Submitted:

Kevin Sheehan

Acting Secretary Perch Base