

Perch Base Minutes December 14, 2024

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, December 14, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Commander George Woods.

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

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

Sam Mecham	George Wood	Bob Gilmore
David Heighway	John Brown	Chris Gahan
Joe Trotter	Governor Joy	Paul Miller
John Beckett	Dan Marks	Kevin Sheehan
W H Doyle Jr.	Carl Miner	C C Clarke
Jim Paper	Don Robertson	Chuck Luna
Jeff Brower	Don Unser	Marcia Unser
Ed Henry	Gerald Bonham	George Williams
Frank Harrington		

The first item of business was a call for approval of the November 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. Perch Base Foundation Balance: \$ 8,031.63.
- Perch Base Operations: \$ 19,254.07
- Tickets are on sale for the Jan 25,2025 awards dinner for \$65 each.

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.
- He requested input from anyone who attended the USS Arizona event

Commander – George Woods

- George reported that the positions of Chaplain and Secretary are vacant and still need to be filled.
- A new Base Commander is necessary due to term limits applying to George.

Vice Commander – David Heighway

- David noted that December is the last opportunity for tax free donations this year to the Foundation.
- He noted that the election for the next Base Commander is in March 2025. Nominations are due at the January 2025 meeting. The term is for two years..

Chief of The Boat – Don Robertson

- No report

Storekeeper – John Beckett

- John has SSBN Patrol Pin stars for sale @ \$5 each. Both single and 5 patrol stars are available.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Dan reminded all that they can review upcoming events on the website.

He showed the membership distribution map and encouraged all to use it as a resource to provide carpool and transportation assistance to members.

Membership – Paul Miller

- Currently there are 174 members for Perch Base.
- Klaus Perkins won the Early Bird drawing and will have his 2026 Perch Base dues paid.

Events Coordinator – CC Clarke

- New event – Levine parade is upcoming in Feb 2025.. See website for details.
- Details for Wayne Hembree’s Celebration of Life and Luncheon have now been released:
- Services will be held on December 20, 2024 at 11:00 AM, at Gilbert Memorial Park, [2100 E Queen Creek Road, Gilbert, AZ 85297](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2100+E+Queen+Creek+Road,+Gilbert,+AZ+85297)

Immediately following service the family invites you to join them for a Luncheon at the LDS Church at:

[2700 E Galveston Street, Gilbert, AZ 85295.](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2700+E+Galveston+Street,+Gilbert,+AZ+85295)

Past Commander – W. Howard Doyle, Jr

- Howard reported that a local shop in Goodyear has donated 3 cases of Hot Sauces to the crew of the USS Arizona SSN 803 for Christmas.
- He suggested sending Christmas cards to the crew to show our support. The PCU address will be posted on the website.

Base Historian-Chuck Emmett

- Chuck had nothing to report

Secretary – VACANT. Acting Secretary – Kevin Sheehan

- Kevin had nothing to report.

Chaplain – VACANT

OLD BUSINESS January base meeting will be held 01/11/2024 at Dillions at Noon

This will be the last opportunity to purchase Award Banquet tickets in order to lock in the meal selections for the venue.

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.
- Base scholarship applications are due by 15 January 2025

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Noisy Can proceeds to Perch Base Foundation.
2. Dan Marks reported that the Cave Creek Library book sale has lots of Submarine related books available at reasonable prices.
3. The USSVI National Scholarship application process is open until March 2025. See the National website or the last edition of American Submariner for details.
4. It was reported that the recent Henry Clay reunion in Groton contained a tour of the USS H G Rickover and the SUBASE Damage Control trainer.
5. Dan Marks reported on his last visit to Davey Jones at his facility and that members could schedule visits with the facility if desired.

BINNACLE LIST

Warner Howard Doyle, JR	Mary Denzien.	James Denzien
Chuck Emmett	DeWayne Lober	Chuck Luna
Curtis Morgan	Richard Simmons	Davy Jones

50/50

Carl Miner won the drawing (\$82.00 to Carl and \$83.00 to Perch Base).

ADJOURMENT

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

Submitted:

Kevin Sheehan

Acting Secretary Perch Base