

Perch Base Minutes March 14, 2015

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 14 March 2015. The meeting was called to order by Howard Doyle, Jr., Base Commander.

Howard Doyle gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Unser read the Purpose of the Base. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in March.

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

Richard Kunze	David Metje	Dan Moss
Jim Andrews	Don Demarte	Lou Reynolds
Dwayne Reed	Chuck Emmett	George Gillette
Dan Marks	DeWayne Lober	Ed Schafer
Douglas M LaRock	Davy Jones	Scott Strey
Herb Coulter	Bill Woolcott	Ken Meeks(Potential New Member)
Nicholas Daley	John Mosher	Walter Blomgren
Rick Simmons	Tim Moore	Mike Hinderliter
David Heighway	Robert W. Wright	Bill Maida
Don Unser	Don Schafer	Sam Mecham
Marcia Unser	Howard Doyle, Jr	Chuck Luna
Raymond Marshall	Herb Herman	George Crider
John Zaichkin	Glenn Posniack	Edward Gonsowski
Mike Dahl	George Woods	Demetrius Jones-Shargani (Guest)
Jim Denzien	Howard Casebolt (Guest)	Steve Hodgeboom (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.

Herb Coulter read the Treasurers report ending February 28, 2015. A motion was made to approve the report. It was moved, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Vice Commander - Richard Kunze

The float needs a new spare tire and would like to know if there is someone who knows a place that can give us a good deal on tires.

Storekeeper – Herb Coulter

Herb is having another dollar sale to help downsize the inventory. He has some XXXL shirts that are for sale and many varieties of hats and patches.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Pictures have been uploaded to the website for the Tale Of Two Cities Parade, the Jack O'Connor obituary and the Rogers Ranch School in Laveen visit that took place earlier today.

With initial help from Steve Leon, the “Perch Base, United States Submarine Veterans Inc.” Facebook group was launched. Recent and upcoming events have since been loaded and invitations to join have been sent to the Perch Base membership. A Flash Traffic has been sent to all members to let them know this is now available online. Approximately 29 Perch Base members have joined the group and appear to be using it, based on some event “yes” and “maybe” selections and some “likes” being posted.

During February, there were approximately 2,751 page views on the Perch Base website during 1,313 sessions by 1017 users based on Google Analytics. Approximately 70% of the visits originate in the US, 7% from the United Kingdom and the remaining 23% are widely scattered around the world. Approximately 22% of the visits are from locations within Arizona. The Glossary still accounts for the largest (37%) percentage of the visits and the homepage gets about 26%. There were 176 (6%) visits to the Hot Items page.

Communications Officer – Chuck Emmett

Chuck Emmett reported that David Heighway will be taking over the Midwatch Newsletter. The Flash Traffic still seems to be the main source of information for Perch Base Members.

Membership – Jim Andrews

Tim reported that we now have 160 active members, which includes the associates. He encourages members to wear their hats when possible to let others know about Perch Base.

OLD BUSINESS

ASSM – Dan Moss

Dan Moss brought in the model of the ASSM, which is a rendition of the completed statue. The next phase is fund raising, which they estimate \$480,000.00 will be needed to complete this project.

Membership – Chuck Emmett

There is a goal of the base to increase our membership by 10%, which we’re not near that goal. Chuck handed out a pen and pad of paper which he instructed the members to keep with them, and when they meet someone who is interested in Perch Base, to make sure they write down the information and give this to one of the Base Officers. Hats are also on sale for those members who don’t have the hat.

He also mentioned that any base member that brings in a NEW member, will get a free lunch at the next meeting. Jim Andrews will verify that the new member has completed all application information and paid dues.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

March 11 – Rogers Ranch School presentation went well. Don Unser gave the presentation in the gymnasium and afterwards, the students went outside where the Submarine Float was and asked questions. Don Unser, Richard Kunze, Dan Marks and Davy Jones attended.

March 17 – Paradise RV Park Parade – Staging at 1:00 PM and the parade starts at 2:00 PM.

March 25 – MIAP Veteran Inurnment at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona at 1:00 PM. Those attending should get there early to ensure a good parking place.

April 11 – Navy Reserve Center 100 year anniversary at Luke AFB. Don Unser will check on passes for those members that will attend, but don't have Retired ID's. This is the same day as our Perch Base Meeting.

April 27 – May 1 – Laughlin Western Region Roundup. Details in Submariner Magazine. This would be a good chance to meet other Submariners from the Western Region. Aquarius Hotel has good rates, starting at \$30.99 a night.

May 7 – Kyrene School in Ahwatukee – details later.

May 9 – The Perch Base Annual Picnic at White Tanks Park from 11 AM – 3 PM.

May 16 – Armed Forces Day in Flagstaff – Check in 7:30 -10:00 AM. Parade starts at 11 AM.

May 23 – Memorial Day parade in Flagstaff – details later.

May 25 – Veterans Memorial Ceremony – 8:00 AM

July 4 – Prescott Rodeo – details to follow.

Scholarship – Tim Moore

We have one application for the scholarship, Demetrius Jones-Shargani, Davy Jones' grandson. The last day to apply will be July 31, 2015.

UAV – Jim Denzien

Western Region Roundup in Laughlin, April 27- May 1. Very good rates at the Aquarius (\$30.99 a night, plus tax). Another Flash Traffic will be sent out to all members with this information.

Getting closer to the convention in Pittsburgh. The registration is in this issue of the Submariner.

Jim is running again for District Commander for District One, and would like everyone to vote 'for him'.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed Schafer has volunteered to take over the Base Chaplain duties. We are still in need of someone to take over either the Storekeeper or Treasurer duties. Herb Coulter will continue doing both jobs until a volunteer has been identified for either of these positions.

UAV – Jim Denzien reported that the State Senator spoke at the last meeting and introduced the Field Representative, Aaron Marquez. Jim also explained a little about what the UAV is all about, for those that don't know.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Base Secretary gave the results of the election to Howard to announce. Chuck Emmett will be the new Base Commander. The vote was 28 vs. 18 in favor of Chuck Emmett. Tim Moore thanked Howard for the work he's done these past two years.

Chuck mentioned the book raffle for a copy of The Trident Deception, which is autographed by the author. The winner will be announced at the Perch Base picnic. The proceeds go to Perch Base.

Also, there are copies of the Dex Armstrong book, for sale. The proceeds go to the ASSM.

Glenn Posniak mentioned the Vettix.Org, a non-profit organization, which has tickets to all kinds of events, free, for military personnel. He encouraged everyone to check this site out. This information is also on the Perch Base Website.

BINNACLE LIST

Mary Denzien is undergoing treatment for Cancer and doing better.

Rick Simmons will be having knee replacement March 24th.

Jim Andrews will be having thyroid surgery March 23rd.

George Crider has stage 4 kidney disease, but doing better.

50/50

DeWayne Loper won the raffle which came to \$95.00.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Chuck Emmett. Meeting adjourned at 1300 hrs.

Submitted:

Marcia Unser

Secretary Perch Base