

September 2015 Base Monthly Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours 19 September 2015. The meeting was called to order by Chuck Emmett, Base Commander.

Ed Schafer gave the invocation. Chuck Emmett led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill Larime read the USSVI Creed. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in September.

New members Dick Noreika, Larry Speight, Bill Larime, guests Ed Brooks and Tallen Komorous were introduced.

According to the sailing list the following attended the meeting:

Richard Kunze	Bill Larime	Ed Brooks
Chuck Emmett	Marcus Hensley	Jim Denzien
Mary Denzien	Chuck Luna	W.H.Doyle Jr.
Rick Simmons	Edward Gonkowski	Don Schafer
George Gillette	Raymond Marshall	Don Unser
Davy Jones	Richard Noreika	Ken Meeks
Glenn Poziak	John Zaichkin	Dan Marks
Ed Schafer	Mark Hinderliter	April Hinderliter
Doug LaRock	Herb Herman	Holly Walker
Dan Moss	Tallen Komorous (Rosemary, Coltyn Guests)	

The first item of business was a call for approval of the minutes of the last Base Meeting. It was moved, seconded, and passed by voice vote.

Vice Commander read the Treasurer's report ending 31 August 2015. A motion was made to approve the report, seconded, and passed by voice vote.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Event Coordinator-Don Unser

Saturday October 3rd--Old Congress Days Parade

Thursday November 5th-- Static Display, Gilbert Municipal Complex

Saturday November 7th (AM) --Daisy Mountain Veterans Day Parade, Anthem, AZ

Saturday November 7th (PM)-- Black Canyon City Veterans Day Parade

Wednesday November 11th—Phoenix Veterans Day Parade

Monday December 11th—Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Wesley Bolin Plaza, Phoenix

Western District-1 Commander-Jim Denzien

District Commanders election was held and all were reelected including myself. District 6 has a new commander, Rocky Rockers.

Base Past Commander-Howard Doyle
Nothing to report

Webmaster- Dan Marks

We had 3000 plus visits on our website last month. All of the events that Don mentioned are on the webpage and are updated as information is received, Also the information is on our facebook page. If you have anything that you think should be added to either let me know.

Storekeeper-Marcus Hensley

2016 USSVI calendars are on sale. Also I am taking pre-orders for high performance polo shirts and hoodies so I can plan on how many to order. If you do not want to fill out a form today you can send me an e-mail at storekeeper@perch-base.org. Our base challenge coins should be in by the end of next week and I should have them at the next meeting. If you need anything from the ship's store like a pins, special patches, let me know by either asking me in person, phone, text, email or however you can get hold of me.

COB/Vice Commander—Richard Kunze

Our membership chairman is not here today but our annual Dues Renewal Drive starts on October 1st. He is mailing out a renewal letter form with a self addressed envelope to every member of the base. If you are paid up there is a form to make a tax deductible donation to the base. Also on the back of the card is space to put any changes of address e-mail or phone or any other pertinent information. All you have to do is apply a stamp and put it back in the mail. If you do not receive your renewal notice by the next meeting, your profile in the National Data base is out of date. Any member that pays their dues before October 31st will be entered into the Early Bird Drawing. The Early Bird Drawing is held at our annual Awards Banquet in January. If your name is drawn the base will pay your dues the following year.

OLD BUSINESS

Chuck Emmett spoke briefly about the USSVI National Convention held in Pittsburgh, PA last week. It was better organized and run compared to San Francisco last year. The scheduling was met, food was better, hotel staff very gracious and efficient. Members from Perch Base attending were Richard Kunze W.H. Doyle Jr., Dick Noreika and Jack Messersmith. Information and ideas put out by National made us realize Perch Base is way ahead of most other bases and National in our paperwork and the everyday operation of the base. Al Singleman, USSVI National Commander announced that he will not be running for a second term as NC. The USSVI National convention for 2016 will be held in Reno, NV August 15-20 2016.

Membership recruiting incentive. Remember if you sponsor a person who joins the Base (fills out application AND pays his dues) the base will buy your lunch at the next regular base meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ASSM—Dan Moss

We are having a meeting with a professional fund raiser this Wednesday. Our official fund raising program will kick off after the meeting in October. On November 7th Luke Air Force Base is having a Veterans Affairs Day. We will have a booth out there for that event. It will be an all day affair. Pavers are available on-line and donations are welcome there too.

New Officers—Chuck Emmett

We are in need of members to step up and become base officers. Many of our current officers are presently filling two positions (Communications/Commander, COB/Vice Commander, Treasurer/Newsletter). With the number of members we have signed up in our base this should not be this way. Ed Schafer our present Chaplain has submitted his resignation. We do require someone to take over this position. If you are interested in one of these non elected positions contact that person or myself. The duties of the officers are spelled out in the Policy and Procedures manual which you can find on the perch-base.org webpage.

Good of the Order

Bill Larime told the group about his collection of 150 plus submarine insignia and pins that he has collected from countries all over the world and is building shadow boxes to display them. He plans to loan these boxes to a submarine museum for a period of one year at a time for all to see. He is still looking for an Engineering Duty Officer set of dolphins with the “E” in the center.

ATTENTION! If you are receiving Brand name maintenance medications from a retail pharmacy (CVS, Fry's, Walgreens) using Tricare or Tricare for Life the DOD is stopping supporting these as of October 1st. That means that you will have to PAY FULL RETAIL PRICE for you prescription. This does not affect those using mail order, military bases or VA. For more information contact your medical provider or Express/Script

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George Crider
Don DeMarte
Walt Blomgren
Dalene Doyle

CLOSING

50/50 drawing was won by Richard Kunze \$58.00

Benediction was given by Chaplain Ed Schafer

Meeting adjourned at 1315 hours.

Submitted;
Richard Kunze
Vice commander/COB