

Perch Base Minutes February 11, 2017

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 11 February 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chuck Emmett, Base Commander.

Mike Olsen gave the invocation. Chuck Emmett led the Pledge of Allegiance. Doug LaRock read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in February.

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

Dewey Reed	Dottie Reed	Richard Kunze
Robb Roberts	Matt Hayball	Dan Marks
Rick Simmons	Howard Doyle	Davy Jones
David Heighway	John St. Pierre-Visitor	Bill Woolcott
Sherry Woolcott	John Flynn-Visitor	Al Einberger-Visitor
Doug LaRock	Chuck Emmett	Ray Marshall
John Zaichkin	Glenn Posniack	John Carpentier
Don Unser	Marcia Unser	Mike Olsen
David Metje	George Woods	Don Schafer
George Gillette	Jim Denzien	Mary Denzien
Wayne Clark	Mark Thompson	Jim Andrews
Sam Mecham	Doug Newman	Dan Moss
Layne Moss	Edward Gonsowski	DeWayne Lober
Steve Stanger	Dick Noreika	Lou Reynolds
Kelly Grissom	John Wilson	Herb Herman

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

The base welcomed visitors, John St. Pierre, John Flynn and Al Einberger.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian – Chuck Luna

Chuck was not at the meeting.

Vice Commander/COB – Richard Kunze

Richard announced that he will need a headcount for the picnic, so he can order the food.

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Dave read the Treasurers report.

Storekeeper – Herb Herman

Herb announced that he has more blue hats available and the Holland Club hats are here also. He reminded the members that if they need an item, to let him know and he will order.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

There have been updates, but no major changes to the website during the past month. I added the Eternal Patrol and February inurnment notice for Dave (Flapper) Fledderjohn, presentation information for the veteran burial benefits that was distributed at the January meeting, veteran hospice care information from our Chaplain, the Event Photos for the USS Ray (SSR-271) plank presentation to Bob Wright, the Tale of Two Cities photos, updating Sailing Orders, uploading Flash Traffics and meeting minutes, Lost Boat notices, and Half Staff notices. Similar updates have been maintained on the Perch Base Facebook Group.

During January, there were approximately 1,490 page views on the Perch Base website during 637 sessions by 421 users based on Google Analytics. That is a decrease in page views, but might be partly a result of my testing following the hosting change last month. Approximately 83% of the sessions originated in the US, and 2% each from the United Kingdom and France. The remaining 13% were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 58% of the sessions were from locations within Arizona. The Homepage accounted for the largest (37%) percentage of the page views this month, exceeding the Glossary (20%), Photo Selection page (10%), the Sailing Orders page (10%), and the Eternal Patrol page (4%).

Membership – Jim Andrews

Jim reported that Perch Base membership remains at 170.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Memorial Service for David ‘Flapper’ Fledderjohn – February 15, National Cemetery

RV Park – March 17– More details to follow

Western Region Roundup – April 23 – 28 in Las Vegas (Sam’s Town)

Annual Picnic – May 13th – White Tanks Park

Armed Forces Day Parade – May 20, 2016 in Flagstaff

Memorial Day – May 29th at the National Cemetery

Frontier Days – July 1 in Prescott

Convention – August 31 – September 5, 2017 in Orlando, FL

Past Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard reported that the Tale of Two Cities in Goodyear went well, and we won for Best Adaption To The Theme.

Chaplain – Mike Olsen

Mike reminded the members of the Memorial Service and Internment this Wed., February 15, 2017, for David ‘Flapper’ Fledderjohn, at the National Cemetery. He also has more brochures regarding Burial Benefits, which he had put together for our members.

Dan Moss – ASSM

Dan reported that they had the meeting with APS and that they had requested \$100,000 be donated to the ASSM. He reported that Albertsons has donated \$5,000.00 to the ASSM. He also reported that the Silent Auction at the banquet brought in \$1,000.00, and the Seawolf Reunion gave \$500.00 for the ASSM. There will be a raffle at the Western Region Roundup, also, for ASSM.

Base Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck reported that there are many items in the back that weren’t sold at the banquet. He encouraged members to check them out and purchase, as the price is right.

OLD BUSINESS

Chuck Emmett asked the members, once again, to help with some of the jobs that need volunteers.

Western District Commander – Jim Denzien

Jim reported that he attended the UAV meeting last week, and the he had nothing to report. He reminded members that they can nominate anyone for the National Awards and to contact him with any questions. He also reported that they’re looking for nominations for the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. If they need a sponsor, to see him. Jim reminded the members about the Western Region Roundup being held April 23-28, 2017 in Sam’s Town Las Vegas.

NEW BUSINESS

Chuck Emmett announced that election for Commander will be held at the March meeting. Richard Kunze is running for this office. If anyone wants to run, they need to put their nomination in by February 15, 2017. If Richard is elected, we will have a new election for Vice Commander. We also need someone to fill the position of COB.

The Perch Base Foundation will be giving Perch Base \$1,000.00 for the Scholarship program this year.

The board has decided to have the picnic at the White Tank Mountain Park, as we have been there before and everyone knows how to get there. Don Unser asked that we thank Davy Jones and DeWayne Lober for their help in trying to find another location for this event this year.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Richard Kunze reported that the float needs to be painted and has asked for volunteers to help with this project.

Dick Norieka encouraged members, especially diesel boat sailors, to take advantage of the Veterans Heritage Project. He reported that several members have already signed up for this project.

Glenn Posniak encouraged members who have children/grandchildren or great grandchildren, between the ages of 11-18, that the Sea Cadets is a wonderful program.

50/50

Doug Newman won the raffle, which his share came to \$98.00.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Mike Olsen. Meeting adjourned at 1305 hrs.

Submitted:
Marcia Unser
Secretary Perch Base