

Perch Base Minutes March 11, 2017

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 11 March 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 March.

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

John Mosher	Don DeMarte	Chuck Emmett
Jim Denzien	Mary Denzien	Ken Meeks
Don Unser	Marcia Unser	Jim Andrews
Glenn Posniack	Jim Nelson	Mark Thompson
David Heighway	Steve Snyder-Visitor	Angus McPherson
Herb Herman	Edward Gonsowski	Dan Moss
Layne Moss	Richard Noreika	John Zaichkin
Douglas LaRock	Tim Moore	Governor Joy
Lou Reynolds	Gene Crabb	Bill Woolcott
Sherry Woolcott	Gary Stapley-Visitor	Mike Dahl
DeWayne Lober	Kelly Grissom	W. H. Doyle Jr.
Davy Jones	Dan Marks	Richard Kunze
Dewey Reed	Dottie Reed	Bill Laramie
Matt Hayball	Chuck Luna	Tom Carrier
Mike Olsen	Don Robertson	John Carpentier
David Metje	Robie Robinson	Rick Simmons
Bob Gilmore	Carl Miner-Visitor	Wayne Clark

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

The base welcomed visitors Carl Miner, Gary Stapley and Steve Snyder.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian – Chuck Luna

Chuck reported that the deadline for the newsletter is Friday, March 17, 2017.

Vice Commander/COB – Richard Kunze

Richard announced that the deadline for Perch Base Scholarships is July 31, 2017. He also asked for someone to help with the float/trailer for the parade next Friday. Jim Andrews volunteered to help

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Dave read the Treasurers report and reported that the year-end summary was submitted to National.

Storekeeper – Herb Herman

Herb announced that he has more base hats available and lots of patches. He has some Challenge coins available, but if members need more for the roundup or convention, to let him know and he will order them.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

There have been updates, but no major changes to the website during the past month. I added the Event Photos for the Tale of Two Cities Parade, the Fledderjohn Eternal Patrol service, ASSM raffle notice, ASSM Award from the Southwest Veteran's Chamber of Commerce, 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 February, there were approximately 1,038 page views on the Perch Base website during 514 sessions by 337 users based on Google Analytics. That is a decrease in page views and I am guessing that it is because we had few events in the last month. Approximately 84% of the sessions originated in the US, and 2% each from Brazil, India and France. The remaining 10% were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 49% of the sessions were from locations within Arizona. The Homepage accounted for the largest (40%) percentage of the page views this month, exceeding the Glossary (19%.) the Sailing Orders page (12%.) the Photo pages for the Fledderjohn Memorial and Tale of Two Cities parade (5%.) and the Eternal Patrol page (4%.)

Membership – Jim Andrews

Jim reported the since the last report in February, we have gained two additional members bringing the total base membership to 172. He also reported that the Highway Naming Project is turning out to be a long process, but that he is working the issues

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

RV Park – March 17– Staging is at 9:30

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

Don reminded the members that all events are on our website.

Past Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard reminded the members of the parade at the RV Park this coming Friday. He also reported that the boat has been painted and looks great. Thanks to the volunteers who helped with this project. Howard also reminded members of the Western Region Roundup in April.

Chaplain – Mike Olsen

Mike had nothing to report.

Dan Moss – ASSM

Dan reported that they have not heard back from APS, but still encouraged that they will come through with a donation. He reported that Albertsons has donated \$5,000.00 to the ASSM. The committee had a meeting with General Dynamics and waiting to hear back from them about donating to the ASSM. There will be a raffle at the Western Region Roundup, also, for ASSM. He's also been in contact with an organization that does silent auctions, and hoping to have this also at the Western Region Roundup in April.

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.

Western District Commander – Jim Denzien

Jim reported that he attended the UAV meeting last week, and the he had nothing to report. He encouraged members to let him know if they're interested in going to these meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Items already mentioned by Board Members during their reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Chuck Emmett announced that there has been only one member nominated for Base Commander, which is Richard Kunze. At this time, he asked for a vote by acclamation, that Richard be the new Base Commander. A vote by show of hands was taken and Richard was named Base Commander. Jim Denzien did the swearing in ceremony.

At this time, Chuck Emmett turned the meeting over to the new Base Commander, Richard Kunze.

There was also a nomination for Vice Commander and Don Unser nominated Howard Doyle Jr., for this position. The members voted via show of hands and declared Howard the new Vice Commander. Jim Denzien also did this swearing in ceremony.

Richard Kunze reminded everyone that the base picnic will be the same day as our regular meeting in May. Food and refreshments will be provided, but if you want to bring alcohol, it must be in a can. No glass containers allowed. The only charge for the picnic is the \$6.00 fee per vehicle.

Jim Denzien reminded the base that submission for National Awards is 30 April, 2017. He also mentioned that nominations for Arizona State Veterans Hall of Fame is also underway, and the deadline for that is 31 March, 2017. This information will be on the Perch Base website and you can also contact Jim with any questions.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dick Norieka mentioned how he's been asked to speak at the Desert Palms Presbyterian Men's Group, on Tuesday, March 21, in the Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 8 AM, and he will be speaking about the status of the submarine Force.

Davy Jones announced that he still has Dex Armstrong books for sale at \$25.00 each. All proceeds go to the ASSM.

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John Zaichkin won the raffle, which his share came to \$113.00.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Mike Olsen. Meeting adjourned at 1300 hrs.

Submitted:
Marcia Unser
Secretary Perch Base