

## Perch Base Minutes July 13, 2019

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 13 July 2019. The meeting was called to order by Commander Howard Doyle Jr.

Mike Olsen gave the invocation. Howard Doyle Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance, Rick Simmons read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in July.

The base welcomed guests Brad Seidel and Paul Mjolsness.

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

W. H. Doyle Jr.	Carl Miner	Don Robertson
Don Unser	Marcia Unser	Rick Simmons
Chuck Luna	Glenn Posniack	Chuck Emmett
Douglas LaRock	William Tippet	Jack Patterson
Don Schafer	DeWayne Lober	Wayne Clark
Davy Jones	John Beckett	David Metje
Edward Gonsowski	Mike Hinderliter	Jim Koning
Jim Denzien	Dan Marks	Jim Andrews
Tim Moore	Don DeMarte	George Woods
Richard Hicks	Paul Mjolsness	Steven Stanger
Paul Miller	Paul West	Roger Cousin
Herb Herman	Jim Cosgrove	Joe Trotter
Brad Seidel	Mike Olsen	

The first item of business was a call for approval of the June meeting minutes. There were no corrections and the minutes stand approved as posted on the website.

The Treasurer was tabled.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

#### **Communications Officer/Historian/MidWatch – Chuck Luna**

Chuck had nothing to report.

#### **Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.**

Howard had passed out ballots for the upcoming election and urged the members to vote. He will give the ballots to Jim Denzien.

Howard also welcomed past Commander Roger Cousin to the meeting.

#### **Chief of The Boat – Carl Miner**

Carl had nothing to report.

#### **Treasurer – Dave Heighway**

Dave was not at the meeting.

#### **Storekeeper – Marcus Hensley**

Marcus was not at the meeting.

### **Webmaster – Dan Marks**

Major activity with the website during the past month has been the addition of the Prescott Parade photos (We were the winning entry in the "Fraternal / Church / Non-Profit" category!) and an update to the Agent Orange information for 'Blue Water' ships (including submarines) during the Vietnam War on the homepage. Since the Submarine Service Vietnam activities were primarily 'Blue Water,' they were previously excluded from Agent Orange evaluation by the VA. (See SubVet\_News-2019-030.) Also added several items to the Glossary recommended by a visitor to the webpage. Additional updates included a pitch for help with Davy Jones' yard sale, a reminder for the Base Scholarship deadline on July 31, the District Commander election window, and an article about the Base's 24<sup>th</sup> birthday. The 3rd quarter MidWatch was added to the website and snail mailed to 8 members who do not have ability or equipment to read the issue electronically. Routine updates during the past month included updating the Sailing Orders page, Flash Traffics and meeting minutes uploaded, Lost Boat notices and Half Staff notices are posted, and links updated. Similar updates have been maintained on the Perch Base Facebook Group. During June, there were approximately 1,016 page views on the Perch Base website during 488 sessions by 302 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are typical. Approximately 83% of the sessions originated in the US, 2% from the China, and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 26% of the U.S. based sessions were from locations in Arizona, which is assumed to come from our membership. 48% of the traffic was to the home page, 21% to the Glossary, 15% to "A Profile of a Submarine POW Veteran: Robert W. Lents," 3% to the Sailing Orders page and 3% to the Eternal Patrol page

### **Membership – Jim Andrews**

Jim reported that we have 181 members.

### **Events Coordinator – Don Unser**

Don reported the following events:

August 14-20, 2019 – USSVI Convention in Austin, TX

Sept., - Gudgeon Base Picnic – When more information is available, there will be a Flash Traffic sent out.

### **Past Commander – Chuck Emmett**

Chuck is working on a flyer to hand out for Perch Base and looking for suggestions from the members.

### **Secretary – Marcia Unser**

Marcia had nothing to report.

### **Chaplain – Governor Joy**

Governor Joy was not at the meeting.

### **Western Regional District 1 Commander – Vic Van Horn**

Vic was not at the meeting.

### **Western Region Director – Jim Denzien**

Jim urged members to submit their vote for Western Regional District 1 Commander. He will gather the ballots after the meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Howard mentioned that he has received two applications for the Perch Base Scholarship. The deadline is July 31, 2019.

The MidWatch deadline is Sept. 13, 2019.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to address.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Rick Simmons brought one of the "Pin-ups For Vets" Calendars. The information to order will be on the Perch Base Website.

Tim Moore updated the base on the progress of the ASSM. The final package will be sent to the State by the end of this month, for approval. He hopes that construction can start by the end of the summer and dedication in the Fall. Howard encourage all Perch Base members to attend the ground breaking ceremony.

## **BINNACLE LIST**

Stan Reinhold

### **50/50**

Carl Minor won the 50/50, which totaled \$140.00. His share was \$70.00.

## **ADJOURMENT**

Benediction was led by Mike Olsen. Meeting adjourned at 1234 hrs.

Submitted:  
Marcia Unser  
Secretary Perch Base